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Hledan Junction Overpass Project completed by 95 per cent



YANGON, 10 March— Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Thane and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, accompanied by Region Minister for Development Affairs Mayor U Hla Myint and officials, inspected progress of Hledan Junction Overpass Project in Kamayut Township yesterday afternoon.

At the briefing hall, Managing Director U Aung Zaw Naing of Shwedaung Development Co Ltd reported on matters related to the project, progress of construction tasks and use

of heavy machinery. Union Minister U Soe Thane gave instructions on undertaking of construction tasks meeting set standard and stressed the need to complete the project on 31 March according to schedule.

The Union Minister and the Chief Minister viewed progress of approach road, flooring and installation of railings on both sides.

So far, Hledan Junction Overpass Project has been completed by 95 per cent, and concerted efforts are being made for completion of the project before 31 March.—MNA

*Union Minister at the President Office
U Soe Thane and Yangon Region Chief Minister
U Myint Swe view progress of Hledan Junction
Overpass Project in Kamayut Township.*

MNA

AFC officials make inspection tour of Stadiums in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March — With regard to AFC U-14, U-16 and U-19 football tournaments which Myanmar has proposed to host, a team of officials from AFC made an inspection tour of sports ground and stadium, here, on 7 March.

The team comprising four members—the Competition Manager, the Logistics and Event

Manager, the Media Manager and the Marketing Manager— together with General Secretary of Myanmar Football Federation U Tin Aung and Director of Logistics Department U Ko Ko Thein visited Paunglaung sports ground in Pinyinana and Wunna Theikdhi Stadium in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

where they made necessary inspection whether they are meeting set standards and took photographs of sports ground and stadium.

“They were amazed at the stadiums meeting set standards. They said that Wunna Theikdhi Stadium was too large for U-14 event”, U Ko Ko Thein recounted.

AFC U-14 football

tournament will be organized for the first time thanks to the ardent wish of MFF President U Zaw Zaw who was concurrently appointed as the chairman of organizing AFC Youth Football Tournament. Myanmar will be the first-ever country to host the AFC U-14 Football Tournament.

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Trs: YM

**Byline
Pe Myint Oo**

Redflex Traffic System in operation as of 1 April

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—Redflex Traffic System (Myanmar Mobile Traffic Radar System) will be launched as of 1 April

2013 in order to enforce the speed limit on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway and actions will be taken against the law-breakers.—MNA

Significant day temperatures (10-3-2013)

Hinthada	40°C
Chauk	43°C



Mechanized farming attracts conventional farmers

In transforming from conventional farming to mechanized one, the Agriculture Mechanization Department sells power tillers and other farming equipment in installments while providing technical help to farmers in operating farming equipment, benefitting farmers.

According to the head of Yinmabin Township Agriculture Mechanization Department, Monywa, the sales volume of power tillers in 2012-2013 FY has exceeded the sales target by over 30 units, which is attributable to farmer's growing knowledge about advantages of mechanized farming.

Those advantages include less wastage, increased output, saving time and labour than conventional farming.

Meanwhile, the

Agriculture Mechanization Department is making field trips to villages giving educative talks, exhibiting farming equipment to farmers and harvesting

summer, monsoon and winter season crops with its combined harvestors on trial.

Kyemon: 10-3-2013

Trs: TKK

Byline: Tun Ko Ko (Yinmabin)





Photo shows International Women's Day ceremony which was in progress at the meeting hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 March, attended by Honourable Patron of MAAF and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of the President. — MNA

Negligence the major cause of fire in Yangon Region

YANGON, 10 March — Of 25 fire accidents occurred in Yangon Region in the month of February in 2013, cases caused by negligence of fire were the most, reaching 14.

A total of 36 houses and buildings and one factory were reduced to ashes in the fire accidents, causing four dead, six injured and 725 displaced. Loss of property

amounted to K 86,556,500.

Insein Township where there were one stove fire and four cases caused by negligence of fire stood first in the list of fire outbreaks of the region, followed by Tamway with four fire cases, South Okkalapa, North Okkalapa and Hlinethaya Townships with three cases each, Kyauktada Township with two cases and

Globetrotter convoy makes overnight stop in Mawlamyine

MAWLAMYINE, 10 March — Under the package tour program organized by Journeys Nature and Culture Explorations, a convoy of 29 vehicles carrying 54 globetrotters led by Guido Damain Amlinger of Germany-based The Sea Bridge for Motor Home arrived in Mawlamyine at 3.15 pm on 7 March.

The globetrotter convoy entered Myanmar via the border of Tamu and Moreh on 22 February. They passed through Tamu, Kalay,

Monywa, Pakokku, Bagan, Mandalay, Kalaw, Inlay, Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon. On their arrival in Mawlamyine, the convoy made an overnight stop in Mawlamyine. On 8 March, the convoy stopped for the night in Hpa-an. Then they will proceed to Thailand via Myawady.

Along the trip, Acting General Manager U Ye Myint of Myanmar Tourism service and officials provided necessary assistance to the convoy.

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Sangyoung, Thakayta and Hline Townships with one case each.

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Untimely rain freshens Twantay Township



YANGON, 10 March — An untimely rain happened to Twantay Township of Yangon South District at about 1 pm on 6 March. As usual in the month of March, the place has experienced hot dry weather with high temperatures and the scorching heat brought the

town to a standstill, letting the people inside the house. An old woman suffering from the heat said that it was pleasant to Twantay dwellers as the untimely rain had freshened the whole town, making the town and its environs pleasant.

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Vehicle skids, overturns in Mayangon Township

YANGON, 10 March — A vehicle carrying bottles of Myanmar beer overturned due to excessive speed on Mindhamma Road in Ward-3 of Mayangon Township, on 1 March. The driver of the overturned vehicle ran away from the scene.

The vehicle of Pynmabin Myanmar Beer Factory in Mingaladon Township skidded out of

control and turned over to its right side in front of Kyaukwaing Rehabilitation Hospital near Mindhamma traffic lights, destroying goods on the car and causing damage to its windscreen.

Thant Zin Soe, 30, of Insein Township who was on board the car had got injury to his head and he was taken to North Okkalapa Hospital.

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Haul of illegal goods seized in Bago Region

WAW, 10 March — The Mobile Team-2 had seized a haul of illegal goods that failed to pay customs on two vehicles while carrying out a fight against illegal goods at mile post No (81/4) near Sathwarchon village in Bago Region on 7 March.

The team seized 30 cartons of beer, 27 cartons of soft drink, 256 drums of edible oil, five 18-litre-capacity containers of edible oil and 246 drums of edible oil and five bags of animal feedstuffs separately while conducting a search of vehicles driven by Aung Min Min from Kyaikto to Bago and by Kyaw Aung, Thein Naing and Kyaw Kyaw from Theinzayat to Bago.

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Monastery fire in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 10 March — A fire accident happened to a 20-foot long and 30-foot wide RC building in the compound of Asoka Rama monastery on Bandoola street in ward-16 of Shwepyitha Township, at about 12.30 on 6 March.

The fire is believed to have started from an overheated electricity wire

in the building. Fire crews accompanied by three fire trucks managed to bring the fire under control and it took about 30 minutes to put out the fire.

The Shwepyitha Township administrator and officials concerned

provided necessary assistance in fighting against the fire. — Kyemon



Overheated UPS causes fire in Pynmana

PYINMANA, 10 March — An electric short circuit of a UPS caused a fire at an office room of photocopiers and accessories sales centre on Yazahtani Road in Paunglaung ward-3 of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Township at about 6.45 pm on 6 March.

The fire caused by the overheated UPS at the office room of supervisor Zaw Htet Oo, 30, swept through the

whole room, destroying a computer and accessories, office documents and ceiling of the room worth about K 500,000.

Firefighters accompanied by 10 fire engines and three water bowsers put out the fire at about 7 pm. Pynmana Police Station filed a lawsuit against Zaw Htet Oo for his fire negligence.

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WORLD

Italy court rules hospitalized Berlusconi can attend tax trial

MILAN, 10 March — Court doctors ruled on Saturday that Silvio Berlusconi was able to attend a tax fraud appeal, rejecting the Italian ex-prime minister's complaint that an eye ailment prevented him leaving hospital and sparking furious protests from his allies.

The 76-year-old centre-right leader and media mogul faces a spate of trials this month as he fights for his political future following an inconclusive national election in February.

Berlusconi is appealing against a four-year jail sentence for tax fraud in connection with the purchase of broadcasting rights by his television network Me-

diaset.

Berlusconi's political allies rallied to his defence with a chorus of attacks on the judges.

"A Stalinist court sent Nazi doctors to examine Berlusconi and issue a disgusting ruling," said Fabrizio Cicchitto, a top official in Berlusconi's People of Freedom party (PDL).

Niccolo Ghedini, another lawyer for Berlusconi, said it was "extremely grave" that the doctors had accepted that his client needed medical treatment but had still not put off the hearing.

"Of course it wasn't absolutely impossible for him for him to attend, that



Former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi casts his vote at a polling station in Milan on 24 Feb, 2013. —REUTERS

would need to be a life-threatening condition, but to have a hearing put off do you have to be on a stretcher surrounded by paramedics?" he said.

After the ruling, Berlusconi's doctor told reporters he had asked him to remain in hospital until

Sunday.

Berlusconi denies all wrongdoing in the case and said on Thursday he was the victim of "judicial persecution ... which re-emerges every time there are politically complex moments in the political life of our country".—Reuters

US Senator wants hearing on new rules allowing knives on planes

WASHINGTON, 10 March — US veteran Senator John McCain on Saturday called for a congressional hearing into the transportation authority's decision to allow small knives on planes, which has been banned following the 11 September attacks. "We need a congressional hearing on the whole issue of what is a danger to the entire flight," McCain said in an interview with CNN's Piers Morgan.

The US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced on Tues-

day that travellers will be allowed to bring small knives and some other once-prohibited sporting equipment in their carry-on baggage. The change will take effect on 25 April, which marks the first loosening of restrictions for carry-on baggage since the terrorist attacks of 11 September, 2001.

Items allowed include knives that do not lock and have blades that are 6 cm or less in length and are less than 1.27 cm in width, novelty-size and toy bats, bil-

liard cues, ski poles, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks and two golf clubs. "They are obviously not making the case to the American people in a way that Americans find satisfactory," said McCain.

The senator also noted that improvements actually could be made to the entire operation. "My beef with TSA, my friend, is that our security procedures have basically not changed in the last 12 years. They are still having to do invasive body searches, we still wait in

long, long lines. Couldn't we have a fast lane? Couldn't we develop a technology where we could just walk people through?" he queried.

The transportation agency has been under fire after announcing the policy change. The Flight Attendants Union Coalition, representing nearly 90,000 flight attendants at carriers nationwide, blasted the change for endangering passengers and crew members outside the cockpit.—Xinhua

Kenyatta declared winner of Kenya's presidential vote

NAIROBI, 10 March — Uhuru Kenyatta, indicted for crimes against humanity, was declared winner of Kenya's presidential election on Saturday, but rival Raila Odinga said he would challenge the outcome in court and asked supporters to avoid violence.

Kenyatta, Kenya's richest man and son of its founding president, faces trial on charges of playing a leading role in the wave of tribal killings that followed the disputed 2007 presidential election.

His win on Saturday avoided what could have been a divisive run-off penciled in for April. In his acceptance speech, Kenyatta said he and his team would cooperate with international institutions and that he expected the world to respect Kenya's sovereignty.

"We recognize and accept our international obligations and we will continue to cooperate with all nations and international institutions—in line with those obliga-

tions." Odinga, who secured 43.3 percent of the vote, had also questioned the election process before the balloting and during the count his party officials had called for tallying to stop.

The election commission, plagued by technical problems that slowed the count, took five days to announce the result. It dismissed accusations of irregularities.

International observers broadly said the vote and count had been transparent so far and the electoral commission, which replaced a discredited body, said it delivered a credible vote.

Kenyatta, now the deputy prime minister, climbed above 50 percent by just 8,400 of the more than 12.3 million votes cast.

Both sides relied heavily on their ethnic groups in a nation where tribal loyalties mostly trump ideology at the ballot box. Kenyatta is a Kikuyu, the biggest of Kenya's many tribes, while Odinga is a Luo.—Reuters



A supporter of presidential candidate Uhuru Kenyatta celebrates on the outskirts of Nairobi on 9 March, 2013. REUTERS

Freed UN peacekeepers cross into Jordan from Syria

AMMAN, 10 March — Twenty-one United Nations peacekeepers held by rebels for three days in southern Syria crossed into Jordan on Saturday, after an ordeal which highlighted how Syria's civil war is ratcheting up tensions on its volatile borders.

The Filipino peacekeepers—part of the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) that has been monitoring a ceasefire line between Syria and Israel in the Golan Heights since 1974—were seized by the Martyrs of Yarmouk rebel brigade on Wednesday.

They were taken by the rebels on Saturday to the Jordanian border, about 10 km (6 miles) south of the village of Jamla where they had been held since being captured. "They are all on

the Jordanian side now and they are in good health," said Abu Mahmoud, a rebel who said he had crossed over into Jordan with them.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the release of the peacekeepers but called on "all parties to respect UNDOF's freedom of movement and the safety and security of its personnel", Ban's spokesman said.

The peacekeepers had been held in Jamla, a village one mile east of the Israeli-occupied Golan and 6 miles north of the Jordan border. After their capture insurgents described them as "guests" and said they would be freed once President Bashar al-Assad's forces withdrew from around Jamla and stopped shelling.—Reuters



United Nations peacekeepers put on protective gear before driving through the Kuneitra border crossing between Israel and Syria, in the Israeli occupied Golan Heights on 8 March, 2013. —REUTERS

Egypt protesters torch buildings, target Suez Canal

PORT SAID (EGYPT/CAIRO), 10 March—Egyptian protesters torched buildings in Cairo and tried unsuccessfully to disrupt international shipping on the Suez Canal, as a court ruling on a deadly soccer riot stoked rage in a country beset by worsening security.

The ruling enraged residents of Port Said, at the northern entrance of the Suez Canal, by confirming the death sentences imposed on 21 local soccer fans for their role in the riot last year, when more than 70 people were killed.

But the court also angered rival fans in Cairo by acquitting a further 28 defendants whom they wanted punished, including seven members of the police force, reviled across society for its brutality under deposed autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

Security sources said two people, a man in his 30s and a young boy,

had died in Cairo from the effects of tear gas and rubber bullets. A total of 65 people were injured.

Saturday's protests and violence underlined how Islamist President Mohamed Mursi is struggling—two years after Mubarak's overthrow—to maintain law and order at a time of economic and political crisis.

Islamist groups and parties backing Mursi warned against a looming security breakdown and

called on their followers to form popular protection committees to guard the streets and public property should police fail to do so.

MNA / Reuters

Protesters, who oppose Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi, face riot police during clashes along Qasr Al Nil bridge, which leads to Tahrir Square in Cairo on 9 March, 2013.—REUTERS



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Sony's board chairman and ex-CEO Stringer to retire



Howard Stringer speaks at a function to launch the Sony Media Technology Centre at a film school on the outskirts of Mumbai on 4 March, 2011.—REUTERS

TOKYO, 10 March—Sony Corp's board chairman Howard Stringer, who headed the company as chief executive for six years until last April, will retire from Japan's struggling consumer electronics giant in June, the *Financial Times* reported. The departure of Stringer, who last year handed the top post to Kazuo Hirai, would

officially mark an end to a period in which Sony, under Stringer, struggled to revive its creative edge and ceded ground to rivals such as Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics.

Stringer, once a rare foreign CEO at a top Japanese company, said his retirement would let him pursue "new opportunities", the *Financial Times* quoted him as telling a Japan Society lecture in New York on Friday.

He will step down at a shareholders' meeting in June, the paper said. Sony could not be reached for comment immediately. Stringer, a Welshman and a former journalist who later ran US broadcaster CBS, became Sony's CEO in 2005. He is known for cost cuts and restructuring but the company was unable to make game-changer products while he was at helm.

Reuters

EA's botched launch of latest "SimCity" leaves gamers fuming

WASHINGTON, 10 March—Electronic Arts Inc's launch of the newest game in its signature "SimCity" franchise this week was marred by a series of technical faults that shut out some gamers for days, triggering an outcry on social networks and Internet forums.

Players of the city-building simulation, now hosted wholly online rather than stored on personal computers, were plagued by constant error alerts when trying to log in. EA blamed "server instability" caused by too many players.

The company has been in damage-control mode since the game's North American launch on Tuesday, and has scrambled to bring additional servers online. But the botched launch is a black eye for EA and a 24-year-old franchise that has proven one of the company's most reliable cash cows. While EA acknowledged that it had more to do, it said the situation had improved since Tuesday, when it expanded the game to



Electronic Arts' video game SimCity is seen in a handout photo.—REUTERS

Europe and elsewhere.

"As we continue launches in Europe, we've seen positive feedback where the additional server capacity has already shown improvement to the service levels," said Lucy Bradshaw, general manager of EA's Maxis label, which makes the game. "We have more work to do, but tens of thousands of new players are logging in, building their cities, and enjoying the game." The classic city-building game first came out in 1989 and became one of Electronic Arts' biggest hits. The new, \$60 game was given a modern-day look and feel, and received positive

THE HAGUE, 10 March—After a series of flights between Schiphol and Paris, Dutch airlines KLM operated its first transatlantic flight on used cooking oil to New York on Friday.

The flight between Amsterdam and New York is scheduled to fly on every Thursday in the coming 25 weeks.

The Dutch company began to test flights using biofuels in 2009. KLM started with 200 flights between Amsterdam and Paris. Last year, KLM operated its first intercontinental flight on used cooking oil to Rio de Janeiro.

The aviation industry, policy-makers and producers of agrarian commodities view agrofuels as the solution to growth of the sector. They plan to use about two million tonnes of bio-kerosene per year by 2020 in Europe, compared to almost none now. This means that about

KLM operates first flight on biofuels to New York



The former Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende (2nd L) presents the launching ceremony of the newest transatlantic flight on used cooking oil of KLM at the Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on 8 March, 2013. After a series of flights between Schiphol and Paris, Dutch airlines KLM operated its first transatlantic flight on used cooking oil to New York on Friday.—XINHUA

three percent of all the kerosene in Europe could be bio-kerosene by 2020.

"Our ambition is to fly with 1 percent of bio-kerosene by 2015," KLM

corporate director Camiel Eurlings told *Xinhua*. "That may seem like nothing at all, but I can tell you that this is a big step within the world of the aviation industry."

Many Dutch corporations linked their name to the KLM biofuels project by offering to pay a percentage of the flight tickets for their clients.—*Xinhua*

Google to pay \$7 million to settle 'Wi-Spy' case

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 March—Google will pay a \$7 million penalty to settle a US multistate investigation into the Internet search leader's collection of emails, passwords and other sensitive information sent over wireless networks several years ago in neighbourhoods scattered around the world.

The resolution will close a joint investigation by attorneys general in about 30 states, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person asked not to be identified because the settlement isn't expected to be announced until early next week.

The \$7 million will be shared among all the states, the person said. Google's revenue this year is expected to surpass \$61 billion. At that pace, Google brings in an average of \$7 million in revenue per hour.

The case dates back to 2010 when Google revealed that company cars taking street-level photos for its online mapping service also

had been vacuuming up personal data transmitted over wireless networks that weren't protected by passwords. Google blamed the snooping, which started in 2007, on an overzealous engineer who installed an intrusive piece of software on equipment that the company said was only supposed to detect the location of wireless networks.

That explanation didn't placate outraged privacy

watchdogs or government regulators in the US and other countries who opened investigations into the company's surveillance of Wi-Fi networks that were operating mostly in homes and small businesses.

The multistate inquiry in the US initially was being led by Connecticut, which is now part of an executive committee overseeing the matter.

PTI



Google in 2010 revealed that its Street View cars had been vacuuming up personal data from Wi-Fi networks.—PTI

Lava launches quad-core 4.5-inch Xolo Q800 at Rs 12,499, will compete with Micromax Canvas HD



NEW DELHI, 10 March—Xolo, a sub brand of Lava International, has announced its first quad-core Android phone, called Xolo Q800. The Android 4.1 Jelly Bean based phone has a 4.5 inch IPS panel display with qHD (540 x 960 Pixels) resolution.

Lava launches quad-core 4.5-inch Xolo Q800 at Rs 12,499, will compete with Micromax Canvas HD

Though it's not a HD display like the one in Micromax Canvas HD A116, but due to the small screen size, Xolo Q800 has a decent 245ppi pixel density compared to 293 ppi of the Micromax handset.

Xolo Q800 comes with a 1.2 GHz quad core Mediatek chipset and 1 GB RAM as Micromax Canvas HD. The Q800 has 4GB ROM. It has an 8 megapixel autofocus camera

with backside illumination CMOS sensor for better low light photography at the back, which sounds better than the camera of Micromax Canvas HD. Q800 has a 1.2 megapixel camera in the front.

Besides, the Xolo Q800 has 3G (up to 21 Mbps speed which is again much higher than almost all other phones from Indian brands), WiFi, Bluetooth, A-GPS, Proximity

sensor, and Accelerometer. The Xolo smartphone has a 2100 mAH battery with claimed 16 hours of talk time which is definitely great as Micromax Canvas HD provides only 5 hours of talktime.

Xolo Q800 is very well placed to take on the Micromax Canvas HD A116, and would appeal to the people who want a smaller phone.—PTI

BUSINESS & HEALTH

B vitamins might help some with schizophrenia

NEW YORK, 10 March— Possessing one or another version of a gene key to metabolizing the B vitamin folate may make a big difference in who responds to vitamin supplements intended to treat negative symptoms of schizophrenia, according to a new study.

Researchers tracked 140 people with schizophrenia for 16 weeks and found that those with the so-called high-functioning FOLH1 gene variant had a greater response to folic acid and B12 supplements, compared to those with the low-functioning FOLH1 variant.

“That’s a gene that actually controls the digestion of folate (or folic acid) into the bloodstream,” said Dr Joshua Roffman, the study’s lead author from Massachusetts General Hospital in Charlestown. Folate, one of the B vitamins, is used in the manufacturing of neurotransmitters, which send signals throughout the

brain and body, and it’s found in leafy vegetables, citrus fruits, beans and fortified grain products. Since the 1960s, Roffman told *Reuters Health*, folate deficiencies have been tied to the development of schizophrenia, and researchers have observed spikes in cases of the mental disorder after famines in China and the Netherlands, for example.

But this new study, he said, is the first to look at the effects of folate supplements in a large population of people with the condition—at several medical centres in Massachusetts, New York and Michigan.

The researchers, who published their findings in *JAMA Psychiatry*, were targeting so-called negative symptoms in schizophrenia patients, which include apathy, withdrawal and an inability to display emotion.

Those are less severe than the more well-known symptoms of schizophrenia

—including hallucinations, delusions and paranoia—but still lead to significant impairment, because they are unaffected by traditional antipsychotic drugs, experts said.

“There’s nothing that’s widely accepted that’s demonstrated to help. So there is a big need for this kind of work,” said Dr Scott Stroup, a professor of psychiatry at New York’s Columbia University who was not involved with the research.—*Reuters*

Is the swine flu H1N1 virus evolving?

MUMBAI, 10 March— North India has borne the brunt of the swine flu virus this year. New Delhi has reported the maximum cases, with 1,150 cases in two months alone.

Rajasthan has reported 549 cases but the highest number of casualties, with 115 swine flu deaths. Gujarat has reported 260 cases and 49 deaths, followed by Haryana which has 294 cases and 36 deaths. These figures are after a two-year lull.

CNN-IBN spoke to the National Institute of Virology which said that prolonged winter may be a factor.

But the question is how the H1N1 virus is evolving. It’s a well known fact that all viruses—even the common flu virus—are notorious for their ability to evolve quickly. Dr SM Sapatnekar, a virologist, says, “We need to study this but looks like the virus has changed its character. Initially, the virus had more of spreading power, it spread through the continents in very short time but did not cause so many deaths whereas now the number of deaths... reported deaths is high.”

The National Institute of

Virology is looking for reasons to explain the apparent shift in the epicentre of the disease from Maharashtra to Delhi and Rajasthan. Every year from 2009, Maharashtra has been severely hit from swine flu cases and deaths but has had a quiet 2013 with only 150 cases and 13 deaths. Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka were hit heavily in the past but this year there are less than 100 cases in all three states combined. Dr Sapatnekar says, “Some states have more herd immunity than the others but that’s just the obvious. Honestly, the research is required and it won’t be easy and the flipside is by the time we find out... the research finds out something, the virus may change character again. Experts say it is hard to predict when the virus will die down. Internationally, scientists are studying the H1N1 pattern but since it’s a new virus, seven to eight years of research is needed to map its course. But in the past pandemic, viruses wipe out only after 80 per cent of the population gets infected.—*PTI*



College students are seen during a job fair specially held for females in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 9 March, 2013. A job fair for female college students were held here on Saturday, providing more than 3,000 positions from some 100 employers.

XINHUA

Food price increases drive China’s inflation to 10-month high



A customer selects fruits at a market in Changchun, capital of northeast China’s Jilin Province, on 9 March, 2013. China’s consumer price index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, grew 3.2 percent year on year in February, the highest level in ten months, the National Bureau of Statistics announced on Saturday.—*XINHUA*

BEIJING, 10 March— China’s annual consumer inflation rebounds to a 10-month high of 3.2 percent in February on accounts of rising food prices during the Spring Festival season, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) data showed on Saturday.

On a month-on-month basis, February’s CPI gained 1.1 percent from the previous month, according to the NBS statement.

Food prices, accounting for nearly one-third of weighting in China’s CPI, remained a key driver of inflation in February as the Spring Festival season, which fell within that month,

pushed up demands. The NBS statement said food prices jumped 6 percent last month from the same period last year, propelling the CPI up by 1.98 percentage points.

But the upward trend is unlikely to sustain as the holiday effect fades off and the warming weather will help supplies, the NBS said, suggesting the CPI growth will ease this month. In Tuesday’s government report, Premier Wen Jiabao said China aims to hold this year’s consumer price growth to around 3.5 percent.

In 2012, China’s CPI grew 2.6 percent, well below the year’s 4-percent control target.—*Xinhua*

PARIS, 10 March— Stentys said on Saturday that a study has shown its self-expanding stents for keeping blood vessels open have lower mortality rates than other conventional devices.

The French medical technology firm said the study paves the way to new markets for its tiny mesh tubes—which unlike conventional stents fit into the contours of blood vessels, change shape and adapt their diameters as vessels dilate and initial clots dissolve.

“The next step is to open other markets in Europe and in the Middle East, Latin

America and maybe Asia,” Chief Executive Gonzague Issenmann told *Reuters*.

Stentys said it also aims to break into the \$3 billion US market, the world’s largest for stents. Data from a study of 1,000 heart patients showed the Stentys device had lower rates of major cardiac events, including death, than conventional stents, Stentys said.

These rates were 9.3 percent for self-expanding stents compared with 11.1 percent for conventional stents, according to the study presented at the American College of Cardiology con-

gress in San Francisco.

Average cardiac death rates were 2 percent compared with rates of 3.9 percent for conventional stents from other published studies.

Stentys is starting a new clinical trial in the United States in the next few weeks with the aim of getting U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval as early as 2015.

The company would seek a partner to market the device in the United States if it gets approval, Issenmann said. It already sells its devices in several European countries including France,



Stentys Chief Executive Officer Gonzague Issenmann speaks to Reuters on 1 June 2011 ahead of a Biotech Forum in Paris.

REUTERS

Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Italy and Spain.—*Reuters*

Wall Street looks for Fed to continue asset purchase through 2013

NEW YORK, 10 March— Wall Street expects the Federal Reserve to continue its programme of debt purchases through 2013 in an effort to prop up the economy despite evidence of an improved job market, according to a *Reuters* poll conducted on Friday. All of 15 primary dealers—the large financial institutions that deal directly with the Fed—said they expect the central bank to continue buying debt until at least late this year, and nine of the 15 expect the buying to continue into 2014.



A Wall Street sign is seen in front of the New York Stock Exchange in New York’s financial district, on 4 March, 2013.—*REUTERS*

236,000 workers to their payrolls in February and the jobless rate fell to a four-year low of 7.7 percent. The median of forecasts from the 15 primary dealers was for the Fed to buy a total of \$1 trillion of assets under its latest stimulus programme. Currently the central bank is buying about \$85 billion of mortgage-backed securities and Treasuries per

month under the open-ended programme. Forecasts for the size of the programme ranged from \$750 billion to \$2.3 trillion.

Of the 15 primary dealers who answered the poll, 13 expect US unemployment to dip to the Fed’s target level of 6.5 percent in 2015, while two expect it to reach that level in the fourth quarter of 2014. The median of forecasts from the 15 primary dealers was for the automatic government spending cuts that began on 1 March, known as “sequestration,” to subtract 0.5 percentage from gross domestic product this year. Estimates ranged from 0.2 percent to 0.55 percent.

Reuters

WORLD

Nigerian forces say they have killed 52 militants, arrested 70

KANO, 10 March—Nigerian security forces said on Saturday they had killed 52 militants over 10 days of fighting in the northeastern Borno state, at a cost of only two of their own men, with no civilian deaths. The announcement came a day after President Goodluck Jonathan paid a visit to the state in which he rejected the idea of an amnesty for the Islamist sect Boko Haram, which has killed hundreds in gun and bomb attacks in the past two years.

The militants are seen as the main security threat to Africa's top energy producer, although their sphere of influence is far from the crucial oil fields in the south.

Lieutenant Colonel Sagir Musa, spokesman for



Nigeria's President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan attends the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos on 23 January, 2013.

REUTERS

the mixed military and police joint task force (JTF) in Borno state, said in a statement that a series of operations had been conducted against militants over the past 10 days.

"During these operations under the period stated, there were exchanges of fire that led to the death of

52 Boko Haram terrorists including 10 commanders of the sect," he said.

"Seventy terrorists were also arrested." He said the JTF had also seized a number of weapons.

It was not possible to verify the claims independently. Nigerian forces often claim substantial successes against Boko Haram militants but rarely admit to significant losses on their own side or civilian casualties during their operations.

Residents of Maiduguri, Borno's largest city, say dozens of civilians die in military raids against Boko Haram, and rights groups accuse the JTF of heavyhandedness and extrajudicial killing.

Reuters



Wang Shengjun, president of the Supreme People's Court (SPC), delivers a report on the SPC's work during the third plenary meeting of the first session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 March, 2013.—XINHUA

Colombian 'Nevado del Ruiz' volcano remains active

BOGOTA, 10 March—Colombian Caldas department emergency committee reported on Saturday that the 'Nevado del Ruiz' volcano tends to currently increase its activity, as the alert level remains at yellow (III).

Guido Echeverri Piedrahita, chairman of Caldas emergency committee, said the Volcanic and Seismological Observatory of Manizales only reported an increase of seismic activity in the area. However, he added that the emergency committees in the municipalities of Villamaria, Chinchina and Palestina, the volcano's influence area, are activated and ready to handle any emergency.

Meanwhile, the National Disaster Risk Management has requested the monitoring of the volcano's activity and asked the local communities to stay away from the area and report any unusual situation.—Xinhua

Algeria's new hydrocarbons law comes into force

ALGIERS, 10 March—A new Hydrocarbons law in Algeria came into force on Saturday.

The new law is aimed to attract more foreign investments to increase oil and gas output, featuring a set of tax incentive measures that encourage exploration and exploitation in rugged areas, energy analyst Abderrahmane Mebtoul told Xinhua.

The law maintains the 51/49 rule, which gives state-owned energy giant Sonatrach the majority stake in investment project with foreign partners.

Professor Mebtoul noted that the tenders launched between 2008 and 2012 failed to attract big international companies.

Algeria intends to explore non-conventional gas to diversify its hydrocarbons outputs. Sonatrach discovered in 2011 the first shale gas wells in the basin of Ahnet in In Salah in the province of Tamenrasset, 1,981 km south of the capital Algiers.—Xinhua

Iran's army starts military drills in southwest

TEHRAN, 10 March—The Iranian Army Ground Force started military exercises in the southwestern province of Khuzestan on Saturday, semi-official Fars news agency reported.

Earlier Saturday, Army's Ground Force Commander General Ahmad-Reza Pourdastan said that the first stage of the drills, code-named Khatam ol-Anbia, will last three days.

"All the units stationed in southwestern Iran, including the mechanized, armoured and artillery units, will take part in the exercises," said the Iranian commander.

The ongoing military

exercises aim to test cooperation between the command and its control units in an operational condition, Pourdastan said on Saturday.

"One of our problems in the past was that when the enemy parasitized and jammed the (operational) space, we couldn't communicate; however, the army has overcome the problem thanks to the our experts' efforts," he said. The Army Ground Force also plans to stage a missile exercise in the central part of the country following the Khatam ol-Anbia exercises, said the Iranian commander.

Xinhua

Turkish PM urges PKK to lay down weapons

ANKARA, 10 March—The Turkish government will act as interlocutor during the ongoing peace process only if the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) laid down weapons, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday.

Erdogan made the remarks in the Kurd-dominated Province of Siirt in southeastern the country, according to local newspaper *Hurriyet Daily News*.

The government-promoted peace negotiation was launched in late October last year, aiming to disarm the PKK which has

been in conflict with the government for decades. However, a local daily's report on the content of the meeting between jailed PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan and three Kurdish deputies put a damper on the process.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Since then, over 35,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the group.

Xinhua

Three people killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 10 March—Three people were killed and seven wounded in separate attacks in central and eastern Iraq on Saturday, the police said.

Two people were killed and two wounded when a roadside bomb ripped through a residential area in the town of al-Madain, some 30 km southeast of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala, a soldier was killed and three policemen injured when two roadside bombs went off simultaneously near a joint Iraqi army and police patrol in the town of Kanaan east of the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad,

a provincial police source anonymously told Xinhua.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb detonated in a village near Baquba, wounding two people, the source said.

Meanwhile, Iraqi security forces in the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, captured a suspect alleged to be responsible for terror activities of al-Qaeda in southern Baghdad, a local police source said.

The Iraqi security forces also arrested three suspects who were accused of rising al-Qaeda flags during the demonstrations of the Sunni community in the city of Fallujah, the source said.

Also Saturday, Brig. Gen Hadi Erzeij, police chief of Iraq's western

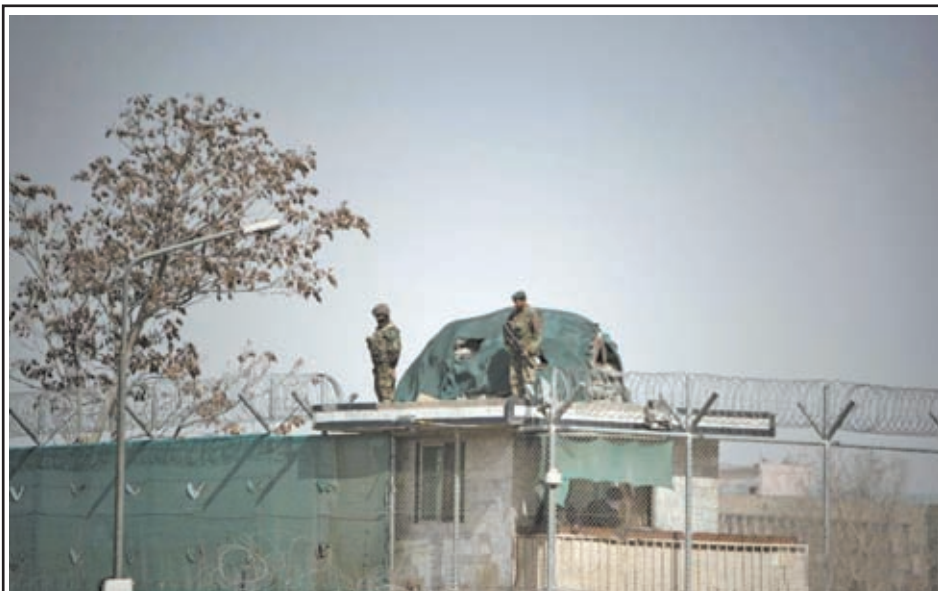
Province of Anbar, warned at a Press conference that the protest sites in Fallujah and Ramadi had become a "safe haven for some terrorists and killers."

"As security forces, we do not allow such presence under any pretext or excuse," Erzeij said.

For more than two months, Sunni Arabs have been carrying out demonstrations against Baghdad Shiite-led government in the Provinces of Anbar, Nineveh, Kirkuk, Salahuddin and Diyala, as well as in Baghdad's Sunni districts.

They complained of being marginalized and claimed that the Shiite-dominated security forces were indiscriminately arresting their sons and torturing them.

Xinhua



Afghan soldiers keep watch on a control tower at the site of blast in Kabul, Afghanistan on 9 March, 2013. A suicide bomber blew himself up near the Afghan Defence Ministry compound in the capital city Kabul on Saturday, leaving nine people dead and injuring ten others, police confirmed.—XINHUA

WORLD

Mexican state's tourism minister shot to death in ambush

MEXICO CITY, 10 March —The new minister of tourism in one of Mexico's biggest states was shot and killed on Saturday afternoon in an upscale neighbourhood of Guadalajara, the country's second most populous city, local officials said.

Jose de Jesus Gallegos, tourism minister for Jalisco, the home of tequila and Mexico's mariachi music, was stopped in his vehicle by armed men and gunned down with a pistol, state Interior Minister Arturo Zamora told reporters.

Gallegos had been in office only a week in the state, which President

Enrique Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party recaptured in a 2012 election after 18 years in opposition. The new state government took office on 1 March.

Zamora said the initial investigation suggested the killing was related to Gallegos' business activities and had nothing to do with his government post.

Gallegos was the founder of Legal Project and Construction Management, which developed expensive resorts and luxury towers across Mexico, according to the company website.

Home to 7.5 million people and dominated by



Investigators and members of a forensic team gather around a car where the new tourism minister of Jalisco state Jose de Jesus Gallegos was shot dead at a crime scene between Guadalajara and Zapopan limits on 9 March, 2013.—REUTERS

Guadalajara, Jalisco is Mexico's fourth most populous state, accounting for roughly 6.5 percent of gross domestic product. Jalisco's government has not named

any suspects in the killing of Gallegos, which Pena Nieto condemned in a statement from his Twitter account, pledging to investigate the crime.—Reuters

Four killed, eight injured in car accident in Egypt

CAIRO, 10 March—At least four people were killed and eight others injured Saturday in a car accident in Giza governorate of Egypt, official MENA news agency reported.

The accident occurred when two cars collided on the Masr-Asiut agricultural highway in Manial Sheiha District of the governorate.

"The injured people were sent to Hawamdeya and Qasr al-Nil hospitals," MENA quoted Health Ministry spokesman Yahia Moussa as saying, adding that six of them in minor conditions have left the hospitals.

Egypt's Transportation Minister Hatem Abdel-Latif recently said that road accidents in Egypt kill about 10,000 people every year. The lack of highway monitoring system, poor road maintenance and the negligence of traffic rules are behind the high rate of road accidents.

Xinhua



Venezuela's Acting President Nicolas Maduro (L front) meets with Zhang Ping (R front), head of the National Development and Reform Commission and special envoy of Chinese President Hu Jintao, in Caracas, on 9 March, 2013.—XINHUA

Greek privatization fund head, Finance Ministry official resign after prosecution for breach of duty

ATHENS, 10 March—Greece's privatization fund head and a Finance Ministry General Secretary resigned on Saturday after being charged for breach of duty over management choices made during their previous terms as board members at the country's public power company PPC.

"Mr Takis Athanasopoulos submitted his resignation from the presidency of the Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund (HRADF) to Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras ... Professor Yorgos Mergos submitted his resignation from the General Secretary ... Both resignations have been accepted," said a Press statement issued from the Finance Ministry.

An Athens prosecutor charged Athanasopoulos and Mergos, among other nine former PPC board members, for breach of duty over a loss-making deal in 2007.

The former officials are prosecuted for sealing a 250-million-euro (325

million US dollars) agreement with a local firm for the construction of a power plant in central Greece, despite previous knowledge that it could not be linked in time to the natural gas network, as planned.

The deal is estimated to have cost PPC and Greek taxpayers about 100 million euros in losses.

In written statements issued on Saturday, Athanasopoulos expressed confidence that he will prove that he served the public interests, while Mergos said his prosecution is unfounded.

The case follows a string of high-profile prosecutions and sentences of former top ranking officials over corruption scandals recently.

Within two weeks a former Defence Minister was sentenced to eight years in jail for tax evasion, a former mayor to life imprisonment for embezzlement and three former ministers were charged for false tax declarations.

The pressure on former officials suspected of

involvement in scandals has increased to match the anger of the average Greek who suffers from an acute three year financial crisis which has crippled living standards.

Corruption is considered as a key cause behind the current crisis which brought the debt-laden country to the brink of default.

Greece struggles to exit the crisis through a painful austerity and reform programme which includes the privatization of multi-billion euro state assets. (1 euro = 1.30 US dollars)

Xinhua

House fire kills five children and two adults in rural Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, 10 March—Five children and two adults died in a house fire in rural Knox County, Kentucky, on Saturday, in a blaze that was reported by a neighbor who saw smoke but was unable to reach the home's occupants, police said.

The two adults who died lived in the house with their three children, said Kentucky

Falklands votes in sovereignty referendum rejected by Argentina

STANLEY, 10 March—Residents of the Falkland Islands vote on Sunday in a sovereignty referendum aimed at countering Argentina's increasingly assertive claim over the British-ruled territory.

Diplomatic tension between Britain and Argentina has flared up more than three decades since they went to war over the South Atlantic archipelago, and that has unsettled some of the roughly 2,500 islanders.

With patriotic feelings running high, Falklands-born and long-term residents will cast ballots in the two-day referendum in which they will be asked whether they want to stay a British Overseas Territory.

Officials are expected to announce the result at

about 8 pm (2300 GMT) after polls close on Monday. A near-unanimous "yes" vote is likely, prompting Argentina to dismiss the referendum as a meaningless publicity stunt. A high turnout is expected, however, as islanders embrace it as a chance to make their voices heard.

"We hope the undecideds, or the uninformeds, or those countries that might otherwise be prepared to give the nod to Argentina's sovereignty claim might have pause for thought after the referendum," said John Fowler, deputy editor of the islands' weekly newspaper, *the Penguin News*.

"This is an attempt to say 'hang on a minute, there's another side to the story'."—Reuters



A "Yes" sign formed with cars is seen on a hill as a car decorated with Union Jack flags passes by in Stanley, on 9 March, 2013.—REUTERS

State Police Sergeant Jackie Pickrell. The other two children were visiting the home, Investigators are seeking to find the cause of the fire at the brick and timber home in Gray, a small community near Corbin, Kentucky, 130 miles southeast of Louisville.

"A neighbour had noticed the smoke and respond-

ed and tried to get them out," Pickrell said.

But the seven people inside the home are believed to have already died when the neighbour responded. Investigators suspect they succumbed to smoke inhalation, although the cause of death will be determined at an autopsy.

Reuters

China to continue promoting ties with Venezuela

CARACAS, 10 March—China is willing to continue to strengthen and deepen the development of bilateral relations with Venezuela, Chinese President Hu Jintao's special envoy said here on Saturday.

Zhang Ping, head of the National Development and Reform Commission and special envoy of Hu, made the remarks during his meeting with Venezuela's Acting President Nicolas Maduro.

The Chinese govern-

ment and people expressed deep condolences on the death of the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Zhang said. He recalled that during his 14-year mandate, Chavez had visited China six times and accelerated the bilateral relations since its establishment 40 years ago.

The Chinese government attaches great importance to the bilateral relations and focuses on their long-term development, Zhang said, adding that

China is willing to continue to promote ties between the two countries in order to comfort the soul of the deceased President.

Maduro said the late President Chavez had deep feelings for China and had been committed to building bilateral strategic cooperation, as well as expanding bilateral ties in different fields, so the best way to pay tribute to Chavez is to continue strengthening and deepening these ties.

Maduro thanked China

for sending special envoys to participate in the funeral of Chavez at the most tragic moment for the Venezuelan people. He said Venezuela will always be a loyal friend to China.

The Venezuelan government expressed appreciation for China's achievements in various fields and is well prepared to continue deepening and accelerating the strategic cooperation between the two countries in various fields, Maduro noted.—Xinhua

NATIONAL

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 11 March, 2013

Genuine will and desire

We all know that without internal peace and unity between all the national races, we cannot have progress and prosperity which we are trying to achieve through the adoption of democracy as aspired by the entire nation.

As we are a Union, amity and coherence among all the national races is essential as it is the real force behind every development and success the country is eager to have. It is a common knowledge that the government in office has been in pursuit of internal peace and unity since its inauguration. And it is making progress to a considerable degree as peace has been restored in a number of places especially in the eastern and southern parts of the nation.

Recently, our country founded the Myanmar Peace Centre with the generous financial and technical support of European Union-EU to serve as a focal point for all peace related activities in the whole Union.

The most important thing here is that we must find extra ways of addressing long-standing grievances and discuss and work towards a new and more inclusive Myanmar citizenship and a new and more inclusive Myanmar.

We strongly believe that peace and national integration process can be implemented as quickly as possible thanks to trust building with leaders of national races armed groups and the strong desire of the government, the parliamentarians, political parties, economic and social forces, civil society organizations, the Armed Forces and the entire country.

Current success and progress in the peace process stems from genuine will and desire of all Myanmar people for peace. To move from ceasefires to lasting peace, we must establish an inclusive framework for political dialogues with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders and individuals.

Supply of electricity launched in Bago Tsp

BAGO, 10 March—A ceremony to launch electricity was held in Shwepan Village of Kamanat Village-tract in Bago Township of Bago Region on 5 March morning. Chief Minister of the region U Nyan Win launched the supply of electricity. The Chief Minister then conversed with the local

people. The region funded K 14.4 million on supply of electricity and local people K 15.4 million. *Myanma Alinn*

Practising good agriculture pattern generates more incomes

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—As the role of agriculturalists is crucial for improvement of the agricultural sector and generating the farmers' incomes from their crops, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing called for practicing good agriculture pattern theoretically and practically to generate more incomes, in meeting with the principal and faculty members and students of

the Institute of Agriculture (Pynmana) and ten faculty members of the University of Agriculture (Yezin) at the 3000-acre model mechanized farm in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri Township, this morning.

The Union Minister then looked into the plantations, warehouses and farm equipment there.

Next, he urged the students to work harder to be good and able citizens of the country. —MNA

Myanmar, Japan eye closer cooperation in science and technology

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo held discussion with Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Minister of Japan Mr Hakubun Shimomura on cooperation in science and technology at higher education level and joint researches at the latter's office while visiting Japan from 4 to 7 March.

The Union minister and rector of Chiba University, Niigata University, Kanazawa University, Okayama University, Nagasaki University and Kumamoto University coordinated joint researches, provision of learning and research aids and organizing

training programmes and scholarships for Yangon and Mandalay technological universities at Kasumi Gaseki Building in Tokyo.

The Union minister also visited Chiba University, Research and Development Centre of Terumo Medical Equipment Company and J-Power Company. *MNA*

MCC displays goods of 101 Japanese Cos

YANGON, 10 March—Japan Festival 2013 kicked off at MCC here yesterday, with greetings by Executive Vice-President Mr Soichi Yoshimura of JETRO (Tokyo).

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mikio Numata and Mr Soichi Yoshimura formally opened the festival. A total of 106

companies will be running 135 booths exhibiting Japan-made electronics, machines, motorbikes, motor vehicles, interior decorations, cosmetics and foodstuffs until 11 March.—MNA

PSM Governing Body back from Philippines

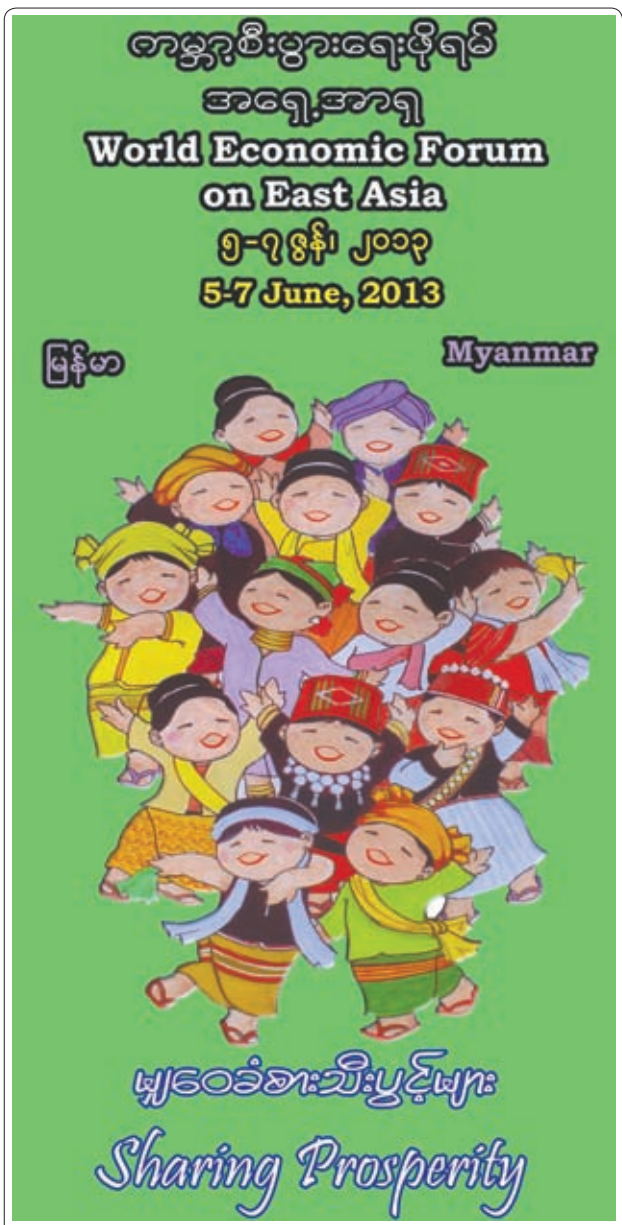
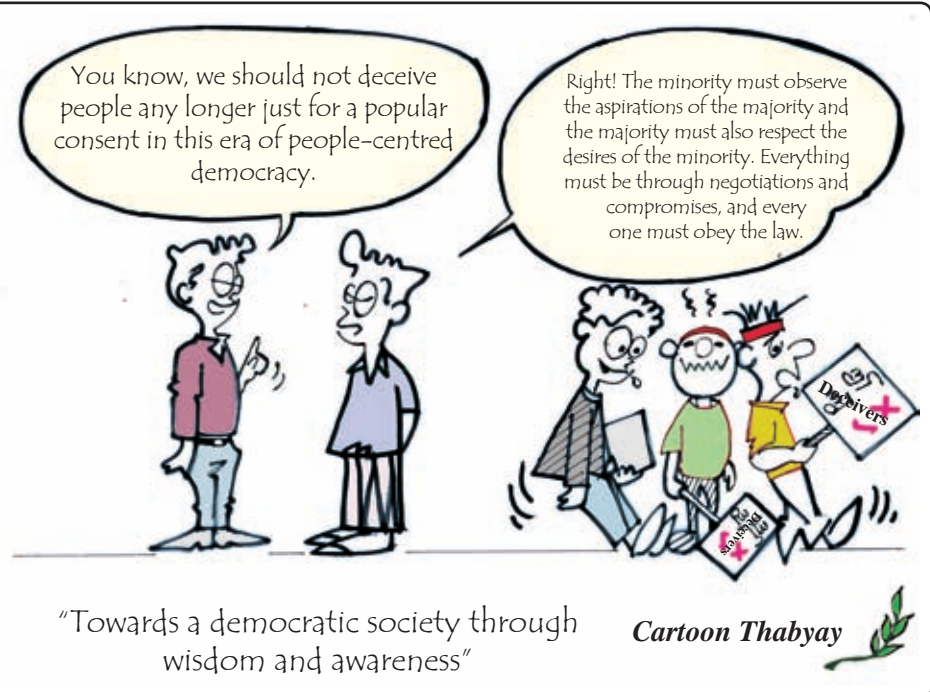
YANGON, 10 March—A Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of Public Service Media Governing Body U

Ye Tint, members U Tin Kha and U Kyaw Zaw Naing who observed the media field in the Republic

of the Philippines from 4 to 9 March, arrived back here by air this evening. *MNA*



Chairman of Public Service Media Governing Body U Ye Tint and party arrive back at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



LOCAL NEWS

First-ever free Internet center attracts growing number of users

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—Myanmar-Korean Information Access Center is kept open at General Post Office in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, attracting Internet users.

The center was opened there October last year. NIS has opened similar centers in over 30 countries for raising

information technology of the local people.

The free Internet center is established with 57 computers from 9.30 am to 4 pm daily. Most of the Internet center are office staff, computer staff and Internet enthusiasts. The number of Internet users are increasing day by day. They have to draw

membership cards free of charge. "We have opened this center for five months with the aim of raising information technology of Myanmar people. We plan to open training room, seminar room, software and hardware courses free of charge," said Daw Nyein Nyein, in-charge of the center.—*Myanma Alinn*

Traditional medicine clinic team gives health care services

SAGAING, 10 March—A combined team comprising Chairman of Sagaing Thisa Specialist Traditional Medicine Group U Hla Han Myint, in-charge U Win Myat and party gave talks on health knowledge to ranks and files of No 16 Police Battalion of Myanmar Police Force on 4 March morning.

Chairman of the group U Hla Han Myint lectured disadvantages of alcohol drinking and in-charge of the clinic U Win Myat, matters related to injuries.

Deputy Commanding Officer Police Major Hla



Win spoke words of thanks.

Next, the medical team provided health care services to over 100 policemen and

families.

Commanding Officer of the police battalion Police Lt-Col Tin Moe and wife Daw San San Myint viewed health care services and attended to the needs.—*Myanma Alinn*

Reproductive Health Care Course in Emergency State conducted

SITTWAY, 10 March—The Reproductive Health Care Course in Emergency State was opened at Maha Pynnyakyaw Hall of Basic Education High School No 4 in Sittway on 1 March.

Rakhine State Minister for Economic and Planning U Mya Maung and Chairman of Rakhine State Red Cross Supervisory Committee Head of State Health Department Dr Aye Nyein made speeches at the opening ceremony.

Staff of Township

Health Department, representatives of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross Society and Women's Affairs Organization and personnel of Township General Administration Department attended the two-day course.

Similar training courses will be conducted in Kyauktaw, Mrauk U, Minbya, Pauktaw, Myebon, Kyaukpyu, Yanbye, Buthidaung and Yathedaung townships.—*Myanma Alinn*

Work proficiency course opened for ward administrators

KAWLIN, 10 March—The ward administrator proficiency course No 1/2013 for Kawlin, Pinlebu and Wuntho townships of Sagaing Region was opened at the hall of Kawlin Township General Administration Department on 4 March.

Deputy Commissioner of the district U Thet Lwin made a speech. Next, township administrators gave lectures to the ward administrators.

Altogether 53 trainees

from Kawlin, 54 from Pinlebu and 42 from Wuntho townships, totalling 149 are attending the four-week course.—*Myanma Alinn*

Kite Show and Contest 18-23 March

YANGON, 10 March—Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation under the Ministry of Sports will organize the 9th Myanmar Traditional Kite Contest 2013 at Kyaukkasan Sports Grounds in Tamway Township from 18 to 23 March.

The contest will be

categorized as singles, inter-club events and kite beauty contest. Those wishing to take part in the contest are to register at the federation, not later than 11 March. For further information, anyone may contact the federation during office hours.

MNA

Monastic education school gets new building

SINGAING, 10 March—The new school building built by Myitta Arwatha Cetanashinmyar Group led by Mandalay Government Technical Institute-GTI students was handed over to No 27 Monastic Education School in Chaungmagyi Village of Mingun Hill on 3 March morning.

In the past, the monastic education school did not have adequate accommodation for the students.



The new school building is now adequate accommodation for the students. and 15 feet in width and it
Myanma Alinn

Zalun Pyidaungpyan Pagoda Buddha Pujaniya 20-27 March

ZALUN, 10 March—Buddha Pujaniya of Manaungmyin Pyidawpyan Pagoda will be held at the pagoda in the month of Tabaung in Zalun of Hinthaza District in Ayeyawady Region from 20 to 27 March.

At the ceremony, wellwishers will donate alms to members of the Sangha, offer gold foils to the pagoda and rice to members of the Sangha.

Those wishing to perform festivities such

as theatrical drama performances and open shops may contact the administration committee.

For further information, anyone may contact 044-35086 and 044-35468.

Myanma Alinn

Cash donated to supply of water on Mingun Hill

SAGAING, 10 March—Under the aegis of Chancellor of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Ashin Nanissara, a water tank with a storage capacity of 50000 gallons will be built on Htutkaung mountain of Minwun

mountain range to supply water to those from the mountain ranges.

U Ba Myint-Daw Nyo Nyo of Nay Pyi Taw Press and Shwehintha Lacquerware Broker, daughter Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Ye (Ye Bamar

Robe House) and family of U Ba Tin-Daw Khin Myint and family of Miba Myitta mosaic industry donated K 10 million each for the project recently.

The Suitagu Sayadaw shared merits gained from the donations.—*Myanma Alinn*

Advanced highway bus terminal completed by 30% in Muse



Scale model of advanced highway bus terminal in Muse.

MUSE, 10 March—An advanced highway bus terminal is under

construction near the old airport in Homon Ward of Muse, Muse District, Shan State (North).

Thein Than Chi Co is building the terminal that has been completed by 30 per cent. A plan is underway to complete the construction tasks within one and a half years. The company is undertaking construction of 170 three-storey buildings, one three-star hotel, lodgings, recreation halls, meeting

hall, fire station office, traffic rule enforcement committee office and water supply of the terminal on 12.23 acres of land near the bank of Shweli River. "Upon completion, the terminal will be symbol of the town and it will be a big car park. From the terminal, people can enjoy a panoramic view of the bank of Shweli River," said U Maung Maung Soe (Muse) from the construction site.

Myanma Alinn

Over 2 million Pseudo-ephedrine tablets seized in Kalay

KALAY, 10 March—A total of 2.32 million pseudo-ephedrine tablets worth K 232 million were seized in Kalay of Sagaing Region.

The stimulant tablets can be used as main materials in refining narcotic drugs.

A combined team comprising Kalay District Crime Reduction Squad led by Sub-Police Inspector Soe Naing and members, those of Kalay Anti-Drug Special Squad and Bureau of Special Investigation searched a Surf driven by La Byan Hsan on Letpachaung-Taharn Road in Region 10 of Kalay at 10 am on 4 March.

The authorities of the squad seized 2.32 million pseudo-ephedrine tablets packed in polyethylene bag.

Action is being taken against the drug possessors under the law.

Myanma Alinn

WORLD

Obama calls for ending govt spending cuts to grow economy

WASHINGTON, 10 March—One week after the federal government spending cuts took effect, US President Barack Obama on Saturday called on Congress to end the spending cuts to bolster the country's economic growth and job creation.

"We learned that our businesses added nearly 250,000 new jobs last month. The unemployment rate fell to 7.7 percent, still too high, but now lower

than it was when I took office," Obama said in his weekly address.

US unemployment rate edged down 0.2 percentage point to 7.7 percent, the lowest since December 2008, but governments of all levels slashed 10,000 posts in February due to government outlays cuts, US Labour Department reported on Friday.

"Our businesses have created jobs every month for three years straight—

nearly 6.4 million new jobs in all. Our manufacturers are bringing jobs back to America. Our stock market has rebounded. New homes are being built and sold at a faster pace. And we need to do everything we can to keep that momentum going," Obama said.

"At a time when our businesses are gaining a little more traction, the last thing we should do is allow Washington politics to get in the way," he noted.

Obama has reached out to Republicans earlier this week to find smarter ways to grow US economy and reduce the government's budget deficits than the arbitrary spending cuts.

Roughly 85 billion US dollars of spending cuts started to hit various governmental departments this year starting on 1 March, as agreed by Democrats and Republicans in January to resolve the so-called "fiscal cliff".—Xinhua



Photo taken on 9 March, 2013 shows the sunset glowing after a dusty and windy day in Binhai New Area, Tianjin, north China.—XINHUA

China-Arab relations make progress despite regional changes

BEIJING, 10 March—The relations between China and the Arab world have made further progress amidst political changes of some countries in West Asia and North Africa, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said on Saturday.

There have been changes in political situations in this region, but what has remained unchanged is the deep traditional friendship between the Chinese people and the people in this region, he told a Press conference on the sidelines of the annual session of the national legislature.

China understands the

wishes for change and the aspirations of the people in the region and supports them in exploring the path of development on their own, he said.

"We will continue to provide economic, technological and humanitarian assistance to relevant countries with the best of our ability," he added. "The relations between China and the Arab states will continue to forge ahead."

On the Syrian crisis which has been going on for more than two years, Yang said China is deeply distressed and concerned about the people who are still bleeding and suffering.

"What China bears in mind is the peace and stability of this region and the fundamental interest of the Syrian people," he said.

"We respect the wish and choice of the Syrian People and we do not patronize any particular side. We will respect and support any solution that can be accepted by all the relevant parties in Syria."

"The international community has increasingly come to recognize that military means are not an option, only dialogue and negotiations can provide the way out," he said.

Xinhua

Spain's King Juan Carlos leaves hospital after back operation

MADRID, 10 March—King Juan Carlos of Spain left hospital on Saturday just six days after undergoing an operation to remove a double distal hernia.

Juan Carlos had the operation on the hernia, which was discovered in a routine check-up, in the Clinica La Milagrosa last Sunday and the three hour operation was immediately declared a success allowing him to start rehabilitation in the hospital and leave just after midday local time. "Thank God, I am fine and my back doesn't hurt at all," said the 75-year-old Monarch on Spanish television network RTVE.

The Royal household also confirmed that although the rehabilitation process will last between two and six months, he will still continue with some of his duties, such as next week's meeting with Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy. The hospital director Gaspar Palet read the King's medical report to the press, confirming Juan Carlos had "satisfactorily completed the post-operative process."

This comes despite part of the hospital needing to

be evacuated on Tuesday after an exploding oxygen cylinder caused a fire in the hospital's boiler room. That in turn led to power cuts in part of the building and three people needed to be treated for smoke inhalation.

However, the wing of the building where Juan Carlos was recovering was unaffected by the incident and although he was kept up to date with events, he didn't need to be moved. This is the 12th operation Juan Carlos has needed during his lifetime and the fourth in the past year after he broke his hip in a fall while controversially elephant shooting in Botswana last year. That fall saw the King need two operations and a subsequent hip replacement and set the tone for what has been a difficult year for the Spanish royal family which has found itself caught up in corruption allegations surrounding the King's son in law, the former handball player, Inaki Urdarain, who stands accused of fraud related to his Noos Foundation. Of which the king's daughter, Cristiana, is a director.—Xinhua



"Carpets" made of petals are on display at Osaka Station in Osaka on 9 March, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

Two cops shot as more evacuations in deadly Sabah standoff

LAHAD DATU, 10 March—Two policemen were injured in gunfights with militants on Sunday as more than a week long of deadly clashes between police and the Filipino intruders in Malaysia's Sabah state takes its toll on civilians.

Authorities said the policemen were shot by gunmen in overnight skirmishes as militants showed no signs of backing down.

The militants had come in a group of more than 180

who arrived in the east coastal town of Lahad Datu in Sabah from southern Philippines on 9 February to claim territorial rights to the land.

They were followers of a self-proclaimed Sulu Sultan Jamalul Kiram III who insisted Sabah belongs to his sultanate.

Police on Sunday raised the number of people they arrested under suspicion of sympathizing with the militant to 85 from 79 last night.

File photo taken in March 2011 shows San Onofre nuclear power plant in California. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd and a local utility in California were aware of a design flaw in Mitsubishi-made steam generators for a reactor at the plant before a radiation leak in January 2012, according to a document released by the US nuclear regulator.

KYODO NEWS



Lebanon denies Gulf states' withdrawal of large deposits from its banks

BEIRUT, 10 March—Lebanon's Central Bank Governor Riad Salameh on Saturday denied reports that the Gulf countries have withdrawn large deposits from the country's local banks. Salameh said that "deposits in local banks

increased during January," saying such reports are "mere rumors."

In a related remark, Finance Minister Mohammed al-Safadi denied as well that the Saudi investors have drawn deposits from Lebanese banks.

"The Lebanese banking system guarantees the free circulation of capital and its confidentiality," Safadi said, adding there are no financial, security or political fears that threaten the Saudi deposits in Lebanese banks.—Reuters

China convicts 5 million criminals in five years

BEIJING, 10 March—Chinese courts convicted and punished 5.24 million criminals from 2008 to 2012, up 25.5 percent over the period from 2003 to 2007, said the country's top judge here on Sunday.

Among them, 1.86 million were convicted of felony charges, including murder, robbery, kidnap, planting bombs, human trafficking and organizational crimes, said Wang Shengjun, president of the Supreme People's Court

(SPC), when delivering the work report of the SPC at the first session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC).

According to the work report of the Supreme People's Procuratorate, about 2.97 million suspects were charged in felony cases.

About 20,000 criminals were convicted of crimes related to the production and distribution of unsafe foods and substandard commodities, Wang told nearly 3,000 national lawmakers, who will deliberate the report.

The courts have been cautious about delivering the death penalty and the supreme court strictly reviewed these sentences, he said.

"We have ensured the capital punishment to be imposed on a very small number of people convicted of extremely serious crimes," he said.

Over the past five years, the SPC closed 49,863 cases and local courts closed 55.26 million cases.

Xinhua

REGIONAL

Pedestrian in thick clothing walk on a snow-covered sidewalk in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, 10 March, 2013. Temperature in Harbin significantly dropped to minus 19 degrees Celsius due to cold air on 10 March.



XINHUA

Philippines welcomes release of 21 Filipino peacekeepers

MANILA, 10 March — The Philippines on Sunday welcomed the release of 21 Filipino UN peacekeepers seized by Syrian gunmen last week.

“The Philippine Government and its people express deep appreciation to the Jordanian Government and military officials on the successful safe passing over to the Jordanian side of all our 21 Filipino Peacekeepers,” a Department of Foreign Affairs statement said.

It also thanked those who have exerted and contributed to the collective

efforts to effect the safe release of the Filipinos who are members of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). The Philippines stresses the impartiality of UNDOF and its mandate to monitor the Disengagement of Forces Agreement between Israel and Syria as it strongly reiterated its call on all parties to respect the freedom of movement and safety and security of peacekeepers there, the statement said.

“Indeed, this respect of freedom of movement and safety and security of

peacekeepers must be extended to all United Nations peacekeeping missions consistent with commitments and obligations under international law,” it said.

The Filipinos, who are part of the UN mission monitoring the armistice line in Golan Heights between Syria and Israel following the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, were seized by Syrian rebels on March 6 in Al-Jamla. There are 333 Filipino military and police contingent in Golan Heights.

Xinhua

Japanese city commemorates quake, tsunami victims

TOKYO, 10 March— The municipal government of Rikuzentakata city in northeastern Japan on Sunday held a memorial event to commemorate more than 1,500 residents who lost their lives in the quake-triggered tsunami on 11 March, 2011.

The ceremony was held at an elementary school in the city in Iwate Prefecture,

one day ahead of the second anniversary of the disaster. More than 800 people including Mayor Futoshi Toba attended the event.

According to the prefectural government, 1,556 people from Rikuzentakata city were confirmed dead in the disaster while 217 were still missing as of the end of February.— Xinhua



A tourist and her child pose for photo with a conductor of the Hong Kong Police Band as they visit the garden of the Government House on its open day in Hong Kong, south China, on 10 March, 2013.— XINHUA

Cultural activities feature coffee production in Vietnam

HANOI, 10 March — A coffee exhibition and promotion fair is held in Buon Ma Thuot City in Vietnam's central Dac Lac province Saturday on the sidelines of the Fourth Buon Ma Thuot Coffee Festival scheduled from 9 to 12 March.

Over 200 enterprises from Vietnam and other countries displayed their products in 725 booths, showcasing coffee prod-

ucts, coffee producing equipments, technology and other handicraft items.

During the exhibition, Trung Nguyen Coffee Group, one of Vietnam's leading coffee producers, introduced items relating to coffee production and procession in Vietnam and other parts of the world.

Those exhibits are among over 8,000 items from Germany, which

is collected by Dang Le Nguyen Vu, chairman of Trung Nguyen, to prepare for the project of the World Coffee Museum in Vietnam.

On the same day, a coffee street carnival, themed “Coffee of the world, the world of coffee”, is also being held in the city with the participation of over 500 artists, featuring unique coffee cultures of Vietnam

and other coffee-producing countries worldwide including Indonesia, Brazil, Colombia and Peru.

In 2012, Vietnam became the largest coffee exporter in the world. Its coffee products have been exported to over 80 countries and territories worldwide, bringing an average turnover of 500-600 million US dollars per year.

Xinhua

Vietnam always supports promotion of ASEAN-EU trade: PM

HANOI, 10 March — Working as a coordinator for economic cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Union (EU), Vietnam always supports the promotion of trade and investment cooperation between the two blocs, said Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung here on Saturday.

Dung made the statement when he addressed the opening ceremony of the Third ASEAN-EU Business Summit held in the framework of the 19th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Retreat and the 12th AEM-EU Trade Commission Consultations.

The Summit attracted participation of the EU Trade Commissioner Karel de Gucht, ASEAN General Secretary Le Luong Minh, ASEAN members' ambassadors in Vietnam, and more than 700 representatives of ASEAN and EU

businesses.

The event is seen as an opportunity for businesses from the two blocs to expand cooperation and linkages, exchange viewpoints and recommend initiatives to relevant ASEAN and EU economic management agencies.

It is of more significance in the context that ASEAN is approaching its goal of building an ASEAN Community by 2015, and amid strong economic de-

velopment of ASEAN and EU.

Building an ASEAN Community, of which the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) as the central pillar, is ASEAN's foremost objective at present, stressed the Vietnamese prime minister, adding that this is also the area where notable achievements have been recorded and highly applauded by the business community.

Xinhua



People gather inside a mosque at the blast site in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 9 March, 2013. At least six people were killed and 28 others injured when a bomb went off inside a mosque in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar on Saturday afternoon, local media reported.—XINHUA

Singapore announces new public housing measures to benefit first-time married couples, single buyers

SINGAPORE, 10 March — Singapore will implement some new public housing measures to better benefit first-timer married couples, single buyers, second-timer buyer, divorcees and the seniors, the city-state's National Development Minister Khaw Boon Wan said in Parliament on Friday.

Singapore had announced a set of measures to encourage marriage and parenthood in late January, including providing affordable and available public housing, assisting reproduction, as well as incentives of healthcare and paternity leave.

Khaw detailed in the Parliament that the scheme that gives priority allocation for new public housing flats to first-time married

couples with a citizen child below the age of 16, will be extended to pregnant mothers from May this year.

Meanwhile, the scheme that give affordable and lower-than-market-price rentals to couples who are waiting for the completion of their own public houses, will be extended to couples who are married but without children, sometime next year.

Khaw also released that the government will provide 25,000 new public flats this year, 2,000 more than he announced earlier.

For single buyers, the government will give their right to buy new public houses, considering the increasing resale prices. But they are still required to buy only small-sized houses and earned less than 5,000

Singapore dollars (4,013 US dollars) a month. The single buyers should be aged 35 and above, who are previously allowed to buy only resale public houses. Khaw said about 4,000 do so each year.

The second-time buyers, especially those divorcees or widowers with children below the age of 16, will also enjoy benefits from the new measures. The second-timer quota for 2- and 3-room flats in non-mature estates will be doubled to 30 percent.

The government also introduced measures for the elderly, to let them live near where their married children live.

In addition, the government also revealed that they are considering to cap the ratio of foreign tenants in each public housing flat. This includes those here on work passes as well as permanent residents, but excludes Malaysians as they face less integration issues, said Khaw, local paper Straits Times said.

Xinhua



Architect Tadao Ando tours Ando Museum, a museum dedicated to his works, on Naoshima, an island in Kagawa Prefecture, on 9 March, 2013. KYODO NEWS

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Two police officers escape assassination in Yemen's Aden

ADEN, 10 March — Two police officer survived an assassination in an armed attack in Yemen's southern port city of Aden on Friday evening, which left two bodyguards injured, a government official told *Xinhua*.

The two police officers of anti-terrorism unit escaped an assassination when gunmen with automatic rifles attacked their military vehicle in Aden, injuring two of their bodyguards, the local official said on condition of anonymity. "Masked gunmen intercepted the officers' car while they were coming back from their workplace in Aden's District of Tawahi, but they escaped unscratched. But two bodyguards were injured by gunshots," the government source said. On Wednesday, unknown gunmen on motorbikes shot dead a security officer in the southeastern Province of Hadramout.

Xinhua

Ministry of Information

Invitation to open tender to purchase FM Transmitters for Myanma Radio and Television

1. Open tenders are invited to purchase FM Transmitters to be installed at 13 retransmission stations of Myanma Radio and Television of Ministry of Information.

(A) FM Transmitters & Accessories

Harris (USA)

13 Lots

2. Open tender forms may be drawn from Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) from 9:30 am to 16:30 pm during the office days as of 9-3-2013.

3. Open tender forms are to be submitted in the presence of the Tender board members at Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) from 9:30 am to 16:30 pm on 18-3-2013. Overdue tender forms will not be considered.

4. The open tender forms disciplines and detailed information are available at the following address.

5. Verification of purchasing items' quality and price will be held at Office No.7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw at 9:00 am on 22-3-2013.

Purchasing Committee

Myanma Radio and Television

Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon)

Ministry of Information

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Dutch police training mission in Kunduz stops earlier than planned

THE HAGUE, 10 March — The Netherlands will transfer its police training centre in Kunduz to the Afghan authorities on 1 July this year, the Dutch Foreign Ministry said on Friday. "The Afghans are now, earlier than planned, ready to own the full responsibility for police training in Kunduz," said a Foreign Ministry Press release.

The police training mission began in June 2011 and was planned to last until the

middle of 2014 when all foreign troops are supposed to leave. All Dutch troops will now, according to the government, after the transfer of responsibilities, have left the German base in Kunduz by 1 November. The Dutch departure was prompted because the number of people to train continued to drop. Also, the earlier departure was partly a consequence of the reduction in the number of German troops in Afghanistan.—*Xinhua*

Scottish gov't pays tribute to women volunteers

IT'S OUR DAY!



EDINBURGH, 10 March — The Scottish government on Friday paid tribute to thousands of women volunteers in Scotland every year to mark the International Women's Day.

The statement was released after a recent focus on volunteering as it was revealed record numbers had applied to help at the Commonwealth Games to be on 23 July to 3 Aug, 2014 in Scot-

land's largest city Glasgow, with about 61 percent being women.

Around 33 percent of women regularly provide unpaid help to organizations or groups, compared to 27 percent of men, according to the 2011 Scottish Household Survey.

"The rate of women that have applied to be volunteers for 2014 is very striking, and International Women's Day is the perfect opportunity to draw attention to this remarkable statistic, and the individuals involved," said Scottish Minister for Youth Employment Angela Constance.

Xinhua

Conclave to elect new pope to kick off on Tuesday: Vatican

ROME, 10 March — The secret papal election process, or conclave, to elect the next pope after Benedict XVI's resignation will kick off on Tuesday, a statement from the Vatican press office said on Friday. One hundred and fifty three cardinals voted to establish the date during the Friday's congregation, including all the 115 cardinal electors who will be participating in the conclave, as those under 80 are eligible to vote.

Two cardinals with a right to participate in the conclave have declined to present themselves. Indonesian archbishop emeritus of Jakarta, Julius Riyadi Darmaatmadja, was too ill

to attend, while Cardinal Keith O'Brien, archbishop emeritus of St Andrew's and Edinburgh, cited personal reasons for his decision.

Benedict XVI changed the rules for the conclave in his final days as pontiff to make it possible for it to be held before the 15-20 days after the end of the previous papacy, given that he had stepped down and not died.

The next pope will have to win the votes of at least 77 of the 115 cardinals taking part in the upcoming conclave, the Vatican press office director Federico Lombardi said.

Benedict XVI, or pope emeritus, resigned at the age of 85 after announcing on 11 February that he no longer had the mental and physical strengths to continue his office.—*Reuters*

Five police injured in rioting in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, 10 March — Five police officers were injured on Friday night in the worst rioting for weeks in Belfast in a dispute over the flying of Irish flags near a predominantly pro-British area, officials said. A crowd of more than 100 youths threw bricks and bottles at police officers in Newtownabbey on the northern outskirts of Belfast and at least one car was set on fire, a police spokesman said.

Security sources said the trouble started when pro-British youths tried to remove Irish tricolour flags on lampposts and were challenged by police. A 1998 peace deal largely ended more than three dec-

ades of tit-for-tat killings in the British-controlled province between mainly Catholic Irish nationalists seeking union with Ireland and predominantly Protestant loyalists who want to remain part of the United Kingdom.

But Belfast remains a city divided along religious lines and British flags are flown from lampposts in some Protestant areas, while some Catholic streets are lined with Irish tricolors. Loyalists held near-nightly riots in December and January after a vote by Irish nationalist councilors to end a century-old tradition of flying the British union flag every day over Belfast City Hall. There have been a series of bomb alerts in Newtownabbey in recent days. A hoax bomb was found outside a Catholic Church on Thursday night and earlier in the week what police described as two "crude but viable devices" were found at a local business.

Reuters



A fox is chasing after a leopard which sprints off.—XINHUA

Oil prices rise amid positive employment data

NEW YORK, 10 March — Crude prices gained on Friday as US jobless rate in February dropped to 7.7 percent. US employment rose 236,000 in February after a revised 119,000 gain in January, which is far more than market expectation, data from the

Labor Department showed in Washington. The jobless rate fell to a four-year low of 7.7 percent. Wholesale inventories in January rose 1.2 percent, the biggest gain in over one year, the US Commerce Department announced on Friday.

The strong economic

data sent the Dow Jones Industrial Average to all-time intraday highs for four days, hitting 14,400 points for the first time, thus boosting investors' appetite. Oil prices were also underpinned by rate decisions from major central banks.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has pledged to continue to buy bonds until labor market improves. Both the European Central Bank and Bank of Japan decided to keep their key interest rates at the lowest level this week.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Sarah Jessica Parker



Sarah Jessica Parker fan of Hillary Clinton

LONDON, 10 March—‘Sex and the City’ star Sarah Jessica Parker says she is a fan of former US secretary of state Hillary Clinton because she is cultured and very curious.

The 47-year-old actress said that she wants 65-year-old Hillary to run for President elections, reported Showbizspy.

“I’m a huge fan of Hillary Clinton. Her curiosity is so compelling to me, her desire to listen and learn and travel,” Parker said.

PTI

Will definitely be part of Mr India 2: Sridevi

NEW DELHI, 10 March—Having made a successful comeback on the big screen last year with English Vinglish after a gap of 15 years, actress Sridevi is now excited to be part of the sequel to her 1987 hit film Mr India. The superhero film was directed by Shekhar Kapur and starred Anil Kapoor in the title role, with the 49-year-old actress playing his romantic interest. Late actor Amrish Puri played the role of Mogambo, one of the best-known villains of Bollywood. Mr India was produced by Sridevi’s husband Boney Kapoor.

“Of course, I will be part of Mr India 2. But right now it is too early to talk about it. I don’t know what my role is going to be in the

sequel. My husband is now going to start shooting No Entry Main Entry. So only after he finishes this film, we can talk about Mr India 2,” said Sridevi. Post the success of English Vinglish, which was directed by first time director Gauri Shinde, the actress, said she was overwhelmed to see women relate to the film. “English Vinglish was the right kind of film and I had a great character. It was one film which every woman could identify with, be it wife or sister. Gauri conveyed the message so well.

“Post the release of the film, many

women came up to me and said that they were inspired by my character Shashi and have started learning English,” said Sridevi, who was in the capital last night for the launch of Fiona, a digital RO water purifying technology. Sridevi looked elegant in a lemon colour Sabyasachi Mukherjee sari, which she teamed up with a pink sleeveless blouse.

When asked what she feels most comfortable in, the actress said, “I love track pants. I know I cannot wear them all the time. I feel that whatever you wear, you should be to be comfortable in.

PTI



Sridevi made a successful comeback with Gauri Shinde’s English Vinglish last year.—PTI

John Abraham will be seen in ‘action’ once again

MUMBAI, 10 March—After Force, actor John Abraham is looking to capitalise on the action genre and would be doing another film in that space. He will be teaming up with filmmaker Sanjay Gupta for an action flick. “I did Force and that worked for me. The audience appreciated me in the action space. I am doing another film with Sanjay Gupta and it happens to be an action film,” John told PTI.

Nishikant Kamath’s 2011 directorial venture Force brought the Jism actor in the action space. “For

me, coincidentally, the action space is open... the space for a raw action hero. I am not one of those heroes

who jump on cables... I do raw action. I think the last guy who did it was Sunny Deol in Ghayal. So I want

to occupy that space,” the 40-year-old maintained.

It will be for the third time that John will work with Gupta, after Zinda and Shootout at Wadala. John has expressed his desire to work with Akshay Kumar, another actor hero, again. “I would love to work with Akshay. With Akshay the film that we should do together should be like Garam Masala or Desi Boyz. I feel Akshay and I share same positive energy. We get along very well. So whatever we do I guarantee it will work,” he said.

PTI



John Abraham’s will next be seen in Shootout At Wadala.—PTI

Ashley Judd to run for US Senate

NEW YORK, 10 March—Actress-social activist Ashley Judd is reportedly all set to announce her candidacy for US Senate this spring.

The 44-year-old actress has told key advisers and political figures about her plan to announce her run for the Democratic nomination for the

2014 race, reported Huffington Post.

“I know she knows she has to declare soon. But she could always change her mind. But as of now it is a done deal,” a source said.

PTI



Actress-social activist Ashley Judd

Beatles’ secretary, “Good Ol’ Freda,” breaks silence in film



A visitor looks at a guitar signed by The Beatles at an exhibition in Buenos Aires, on 4 Oct, 2011.

REUTERS

AUSTIN, 10 March—For Freda Kelly, secretary to the Beatles and head of the band’s fan club, work sometimes involved trailing the Fab Four to the barber shop, sweeping their locks from the floor and mailing strands of hair to adoring female fans. Kelly, one of the Beatles’ longest-serving employees, worked for the British band for more than a decade but had never shared her stories publicly until now. She breaks her silence in a new documentary, “Good Ol’ Freda,” which had its world premiere on

Saturday on the second day of the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin.

“It’s such a classic Cinderella story: Girl picks the job of a lifetime,” director Ryan White told Reuters. The tale is sure to delight fans of the Beatles, but White seeks to tell a story that transcends that audience, a story about an amazing decade in an otherwise ordinary life. The film features four Beatles songs, which required the permission of many people, including the two surviving Beatles.—Reuters

Hangover 3 poster spoofs Harry Potter: Deathly Hallows 2

LOS ANGELES, 10 March—The Hangover Part III poster has taken on Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows 2 featuring a face-off between Zach Galifianakis and Ken Jeong.

Warner Bros has unleashed the first poster for the third part of Hangover, which parodies the poster of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II, reported Aceshowbiz. The promo image for the comedy movie features Zach

Galifianakis and Ken Jeong face-to-face and the tension looks high.

The tagline on the poster reads, “It all ends,” while the background shows buildings in flames. The third Hangover movie wrapped the production in November 2012. The cast of the film also includes Bradley Cooper and Ed Helms. Todd Phillips returns as the director for the last instalment of the comedy film.—PTI



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SPORTS

Seedorf still adapting to Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 March—Clarence Seedorf is yet to adapt to Brazilian football more than eight months after his arrival at Botafogo, according to the Rio de Janeiro club's coach Oswaldo de Oliveira. The former Inter Milan, Real Madrid and AC Milan midfielder has played 33 matches and scored 13 goals for Botafogo in an unfamiliar attacking role just behind the strikers.

"Seedorf is very harsh on himself. He says that he still hasn't fully adapted and makes a big effort to reach the high standards that he sets himself," Oliveira said on Saturday. "He puts pressure on himself so I try to help him by making sure that his teammates understand his way of thinking and vice versa. He has made a big effort to adapt." Oliveira says

Seedorf has improved with every match this season and cites the 36-year-old as key to the team's hopes against rivals Vasco da Gama in Sunday's Guanabara Cup final at the Engenhao Stadium.

"There has been a difference in his development in the first couple of games this season and he's going to be even better on Sunday," Oliveira said. "It's a question of time and something he is still getting used



The former Inter Milan, Real Madrid and AC Milan midfielder Seedorf.

to." Botafogo advanced to the final after defeating Flamengo 2-0 while Vasco overcame Fluminense 3-2 in the other semifinal. Seedorf said he would not settle for anything less than victory in his first attempt at silverware in Brazil.

"I am motivated because very competition is important," Seedorf told the Botafogo website. "It's always better to win than to lose. If you get used to winning, it can be very important. I don't have butterflies in the stomach, but we are focused on trying to replicate or even improve on the form we showed against Flamengo." Seedorf joined Botafogo in July last year after ending a 10-year spell with Italian giants AC Milan. He won 87 international caps for the Netherlands between 1994 and 2008.

Xinhua

Sizzling Woods takes commanding lead at Doral



Tiger Woods hits his approach shot into the 18th green during third round play in the 2013 WGC-Cadillac Championship PGA golf tournament in Doral, Florida on 9 March, 2013.—REUTERS

MIAMI, 10 March—An on-fire Tiger Woods will take a four-stroke lead over Graeme McDowell into Sunday's final round of the WGC-Cadillac Championship after shooting a five-under-par 67 at Doral on

Saturday. Woods, searching for his 76th PGA Tour victory, finished his third round in fine style with a 16-foot birdie putt on the 18th, highlighting his outstanding work on the greens so far in the tournament.

The 14-times major winner finished the day at 18-under for a 198 total, while McDowell's three-under par 69 put him on 14-under at 202. The debate over whether Woods is "back" will not be over until he wins a major championship again, but on this display he will be the favorite, on form and not just reputation, at the Masters next month.

Woods, who won in January at Torrey Pines, has made 24 birdies through 54 holes -- a personal record at this stage in a tournament and he has never lost a final round where he has led by three or more strokes. "He putted fantastically today," said playing partner McDowell. "He controlled every part of his game very well, very few loose shots. He's going to be a tough man to catch tomorrow."—Reuters

Azarenka, Stosur and Kerber advance

INDIAN WELLS, (California), 10 March—Australian Open champion and top seed Victoria Azarenka recovered from a sluggish start to beat Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova 6-4, 6-1 in the second round of the BNP Paribas Open on Saturday. Trailing 1-4 in the opening set, the pony-tailed Belarusian seized control by winning 11 of the next 12 games and improved her perfect record this season to 15-0. Azaren-

ka clinched the first set with an ace, then broke Hantuchova for a sixth time in the seventh game of the second when the twice former cham-

then played good tennis at the important moments." Azarenka, who demolished Russian Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-3 in last year's final at Indian Wells, will next face Belgian Kirsten Flip-

kins, who earlier scraped



Samantha Stosur of Australia celebrates winning a point against Madison Keys of the US during their match at the BNP Paribas Open WTA tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 9 March, 2013.

REUTERS

pion dumped a backhand into the net.

"First round matches are never easy and Daniela is such a great player," Azarenka said courtside at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. "She always manages to play well, especially here. "It wasn't easy for sure but I am glad I adapted and

past Romania's Monica Niculescu 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In other matches, former US Open champion Samantha Stosur eased into the third round with a commanding 6-3, 6-4 victory over American teenager Madison Keys while fourth-seeded German Angelique Kerber swept past Romania's Irina Begu 6-3,

6-2. Australian Stosur, seeded seventh in the elite WTA event at Indian Wells, broke her opponent's serve once in each set to win the first match of the day on the showpiece Stadium Court after an hour-and-a-quarter.

In bright desert sunshine, Stosur sealed victory on her first match point when wildcard Keys netted a forehand from the baseline and will next meet China's Peng Shuai, a 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 winner over Romania's Alexandra Dulgheru. "I'm happy with the way I played," Stosur, who won her only grand slam singles title at the 2011 US Open, said. "I thought I served very well. "As soon as I put a little bit of pressure on her early on in her service game ... I really took a bit of a stranglehold on the match."

Stosur was lavish in her praise of the 18-year-old American, who reached her first WTA quarter-final in Sydney earlier this year.

Reuters



Daria Mukhina of Canada competes during the 2013 Elite Canada Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in Richmond, Canada, on 8 March, 2013.—XINHUA

Hewitt blunts the power of Isner in upset win

INDIAN WELLS, (California), 10 March—Former world number one Lleyton Hewitt served very well. "As soon as I put a little bit of pressure on her early on in her service game ... I really took a bit of a stranglehold on the match."

Stosur was lavish in her praise of the 18-year-old American, who reached her first WTA quarter-final in Sydney earlier this year.

a welcome confidence boost by upsetting big-serving American John Isner 6-7, 6-3, 6-4

early in the second set and late in the third to claim victory in two hours 23 minutes. "It's nice to beat a big name," Hewitt told reporters after ousting Isner, who reached last year's final at Indian Wells where



Lleyton Hewitt

in the second round of the BNP Paribas Open on Saturday. Australian Hewitt, champion here in 2002 and 2003, made the most of the few chances that came his way after losing a closely contested opening set on a tiebreak at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

The 32-year-old, who has played a limited schedule in recent years, broke the 15th-seeded American

he was beaten by Roger Federer in straight sets.

"John's obviously a tough match for anyone to play, and especially coming off a good result here last year. "The last couple of years I haven't played that much, I guess. I missed this tournament through surgery last year but in the past I have always played pretty well here. I felt pretty comfortable today."—Xinhua



Victoria Azarenka

Knicks forward Stoudemire to miss regular season

NEW YORK, 10 March—New York Knicks forward Amare Stoudemire will miss the rest of the regular season for right knee surgery next week, the NBA franchise announced on Saturday.

Stoudemire, who is averaging 14.2 points and 5.0 rebounds a game, will undergo an operation to remove loose debris in the knee and will miss approximately six weeks. The NBA playoffs are set to open in six weeks and the Knicks,

who began the season 37-22 to top the Atlantic division, are already missing star playmaker Carmelo Anthony with a sore right knee.

Stoudemire underwent surgery on his left knee before the season began and was rehabilitating the knee until returning to the court for the Knicks in January. An MRI exam on Saturday revealed the extent of Stoudemire's latest injury after he missed practice because of sore knees.—Xinhua



New York Knicks forward Amare Stoudemire

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15 militants killed in Afghan operations: gov't

KABUL, 10 March—Fifteen Taliban militants have been killed in operations in two Afghan Provinces, the Interior Ministry said on Sunday. "The Afghan National Security Forces backed by the NATO-led coalition troops launched several cleanup

operations in Helmand and Nangarhar Province, killing 15 armed Taliban insurgents over the past 24 hours," the ministry said in a statement. Some 12 insurgents were wounded and one was arrested, it said. The Taliban, which has been waging an insurgency for

more than one decade, has yet to make comment. On Saturday, the Taliban carried out two suicide bombings, killing 21 people including a policeman and injuring over a dozen others in the Afghan capital of Kabul and eastern Khost Province. *Xinhua*

China assured of All-England Open women's doubles title

BIRMINGHAM, 10 March—Yu Yang/Wang Xiaoli and Cheng Shu/Zhao Yunlei beat their respective rivals at the All-England Open here on Saturday to set up an all-Chinese final and secure the women's doubles title for their country in advance. Yu and Wang, world No1 seed, faced Japan's Maeda Miyuki and Suetsuna Satoko for the fifth time. In their previous encounters, the Chinese pair enjoy a 4-0 victory record.



China's Yu Yang (L) /Wang Xiaoli compete against Japan's Miyuki Maeda/Satoko Suetsuna during their women's doubles semifinal match at the All England Open Badminton Championships in Birmingham, Britain, on 9 March, 2013. The Chinese pair won 2-0 to advance to the final.—XINHUA

Yu and Wang looked dominant on the court from the beginning with smooth cooperation and sharp attacks, winning the first game with an emphatic 21-11. They recovered from 0-2 down in the second game to pull away from their tenacious opponents by maneuvering the shuttle to all four corners of the court. Their 21-16 victory didn't seem really difficult. Both Yu and Wang were satisfied with their performances. "We are getting better and better," Yu said to *Xinhua*. "With the progression of the All England Open, the opponents are getting stronger and we slowed down. We haven't competed for a while and

the match today helped us find our form."

Before flying to Birmingham, Yu had said she wish to meet her teammates in the final and bring back both gold and silver for the Chinese team, who have won the women's doubles title 11 times in the last 12 years. Now her dream came true. Yu and Wang started to pair up from 2009 and won almost all major events in 2011. But their brilliant career was overshadowed as they were disqualified from the London Olympics last

August for match-throwing along with three other pairs from South Korea and Indonesia.

In retrospect, Yu said, "the unhappy memories belong to the past, but we chose to stay on the court any way. We are at a new starting point and will keep working for a better result." Meanwhile, Chinese veteran pair Chen Shu and Zhao Yunlei beat their teammates Ma Jin and Tang Jinhua 21-18 and 21-7. They will be fighting Yu and Wang on Sunday.—*Xinhua*

Australia blow as Pocock ruled out of Lions series



Australia Wallabies' David Pocock attends a news conference in Auckland on 10 Sept, 2011.—REUTERS

SYDNEY, 10 March—Australia suffered a hammer blow in their preparations for this year's tour of the British and Irish Lions when flanker David Pocock was ruled out for

the season with a knee injury on Sunday. Openside Pocock's ability to turn over ball at the breakdown would have made him one of the first names on the team sheet for three tests against the Lions in June and July and he was also a contender to captain the hosts. The 24-year-old ACT Brumbies forward injured his left knee in a Super Rugby match on Saturday, coming off the pitch early in the first half after being tackled by Adam Ashley-Cooper of New South Wales Waratahs.

Scans later confirmed an anterior cruciate ligament injury, which will require surgery and six months out of the game, an ACT Brumbies

spokesman said on Sunday. The Zimbabwean-born flanker will miss the rest of the Super Rugby season, the Lions tour as well as the southern hemisphere's international Rugby Championship.

Pocock, who has played 45 tests since his debut in 2008, was one of four players to captain Australia last season as the Wallabies were hit by a catalogue of injuries. Incumbent captain James Horwill has still not played since last May because of injury but the lock is expected to make his return for the Queensland Reds over the next few weeks. Waratahs flanker Michael Hooper is the most likely replacement for Pocock in

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McIlroy's confidence back from "lowest it's ever been"

MIAMI, 10 March—World number one Rory McIlroy said his confidence was returning from its lowest point ever after shooting a one-under round of 71 at the WGC-Cadillac Championship on Saturday. McIlroy made six birdies as he recovered from a poor start with a bogey on the

third and a double-bogey on the next hole, where he found water. Having failed to make below par this year until Friday's second round, another scorecard in the red was clearly pleasing to the Northern Irishman as he tries to get his swing back in order and his confidence with it.

reporters after finishing his round on the Blue Monster course at Doral. "Even the bad shots are coming out of the middle of the clubface. I'm excited about my game, coming into this week, I was a bit down about it. But after these few days and seeing some shots that I've hit on the course, I'm a lot



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy looks at his putt on the ninth green during the third round of play in the 2013 WGC-Cadillac Championship PGA golf tournament in Doral, Florida on 9 March, 2013.—REUTERS

"It was probably the lowest it's ever been. But I guess putting in the hard work and knowing what I'm doing is the right thing, and that I'm going in the right direction, gives me confidence going into the next few weeks," he told

happier going forward." While McIlroy has never been even close to being in contention this week, he has managed to put aside the controversy that surrounded his mid-round walkoff at the Honda Classic last week.—*Reuters*

Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) nearing completion



Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin yesterday inspected the construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) being implemented by special project group No.4.

The bridge is reported to be put into service in the second week of coming April.

The Union Minister

looked around the roadwork on Migyaungye-Thityakauk asphalt road being undertaken by special group No.5 and maintenance of Daungnay Creek Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Magway Road.

He proceeded to the construction of 720 feet wide Pinchaung Bridge by special group No.3 and he instructed superintending engineer U Han Soe and officials to meet

set standard.

He also inspected Magway-Yenanchaung-Kyaukpadaung road section being upgraded by Kaungmon Co with BOT system, Kyaukpadaung-Meiktila road section by Myatnoe Thu Co with BOT system, Sagaing-Shwebo road section by Shwe Taung Co under BOT system.

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Kayay Street, bailey bridge put into service

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—Kayay asphalt street and bailey bridge in Bawgawady Ward of Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinman were commissioned into service this morning. Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Col Myint Aung Than briefed on development undertakings in the township.

Director of Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee U Aung Moe explained works carried out

for opening of Kayay asphalt street and a townselder Daw Win Win Thi spoke words of thanks.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Col Myint Aung Than, Pinyinman Township A my o t h a H l u t t a w Representative U Hmat Gyi and Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee member U Kyaw Myint formally opened the street.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Kan Chun, Nay

Pyi Taw Development Committee member U Myo Aung formally inaugurated the bailey bridge.

Kayay street was tarmacked at a cost of K 93.5 million and is now 5350 feet in length and 12 feet in width. The bailey bridge spanning Ngalai Creek on the street cost K 33.5 million, serving as link between Ahayathuka Market and Pinyinman downtown area.—MNA

Objectives of the 68th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2013

1. To uphold the national policy namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty
2. To play the leading role in the national politics by the Tatmadaw joining hands with all national races with Union Spirit and the true patriotism in line with the Constitution
3. To crush all destructive elements at home and abroad through the strength of State, People and Tatmadaw
4. To build up a strong, competent, modern, patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard the security and sovereignty of the nation

Union Health Minister tours Shan State East

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin accompanied by Shan State Social Affairs

Minister Dr Myo Tun visited Dhamma Thiri Hospital. On his arrivals at Talaw sub-township Hospital and Mongphyat Township hospital, the Union minister left

supplanted matters about the Dhamma Thiri Hospital. The Union minister together with the state social affairs minister, director-general Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department and director-general Dr Than Zaw



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin comforts patients at the hospital.—MNA

Hospital in Tachilek and met with service personnel at Tachilek Hospital on 4 March.

The Union Minister paid homage to Nagar Hnakaung Sayadaw the following day and

necessary instructions and met with service personnel at Kengtung Hospital.

On 6 March, the Union minister visited Kengtung Nursing and Midwifery Training School where he met with trainees.

Myint of Medical Science Department drove stakes at designated places at the stake-driving ceremony of construction of two-storey building for Kengtung Nursing and Midwifery Training School.—MNA

MMA (Women's Chapter) on field trip of health care services

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A team of Myanmar (Women's Chapter) Medical Association comprising physicians and

specialists made a field trip to Farmers' Hospital (25-bed) on Yangon-Pathein Road in Samalauk Village of Nyaungdon Township of Ayeyawady Region on 24 February.

The physicians and specialists of the team gave health care services to local people and children from over 20 villages.

Chairperson of MMA (Women's Chapter) Dr

Daw Khin Mar Aye and Secretary Dr Daw Myat Lay Kyin led 32 physicians and specialists in performing medical checkups at 548 patients and provided health care services and medicines to the patients.

Chairperson Dr Daw Khin Mar Aye explained that physicians and specialists gave free healthcare services to the patients who could not afford to receive medical

treatment in urban areas due to various reasons, and that it was one of the tasks of MMA (Women's Chapter).

The physicians in various fields and specialists performed surgical operation at eight patients and provided health care services to 540 patients.

On the field trip, Medical Superintendent Dr U Kyaw Zaw and staff of the Farmers' Hospital

of Samalauk Village, rural health assistant U Zaw Naing and staff, members of Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Dr Yin Tun and party of Healthcare Service Group (Yangon) provided assistance to the physicians' works.

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