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## Myanmar, US to further strengthen friendly ties, relations

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win received former President of the US Mr. Jimmy Carter, wife Mrs Rosalynn Carter and party at the Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

Also present at the call were Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Union Minister U Soe Thane, Union Minister Dr. Pe Thet Khin and departmental heads.

The former US

President and wife and party were accompanied by high-ranking officials.

They cordially discussed progress of reform process in Myanmar, plans for nation-wide census-taking process in 2014, poverty alleviation tasks, rehabilitation of housing, creation of job opportunities and promoting of education and health sectors for victims from the conflict-stricken areas including Rakhine State, and further strengthening of friendly ties and relations between

the two countries.

After the call, the President and wife hosted a luncheon to the US delegation led by former US President and wife.—MNA

*President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win pose for documentary photo with former President of the US Mr. Jimmy Carter, wife Mrs Rosalynn Carter.*

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## Cooperatives Minister discusses microfinance programme with PGMF

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan received a delegation led by Chief Operating Officer Mr

Fahmind Karim Bhuiya of Pact Global Microfinance Fund (PGMF), at the ministry, here, this morning. They held discussions

on Ministry's microfinance programme, PGMF's microfinance and future cooperation in microfinance.—MNA

## Maha Bandoola Park gets a facelift



**Tin Win Lay**  
(Kyimyindine)

Major repair of Maha Bandoola Park in the very heart of Yangon wound up since the end of March.

It was established since 1924 with a humble start as a mere garden on narrower ground.

The garden hosted Independence flag raising ceremony on 4 January, 1948. To mark the historic event, Independence Monument was erected since 26 September, 1950.

The park was kept open to the public in reigns

of various regimes but was subject to weak repair.

The government in office started the major repair since 2012. Lawns were replaced. Tiles were installed. The entrance roads were tarred. Water fountains and spotlights were put in place. New gateways are reported to be opened.

The park is the historic landmark in Yangon. Yangon City Development Committee designed the regenerated garden. The area of the garden is 7.5 acres.

Specific patterns of lights will be decorated during nights of significant

days. Water fountains will be controlled by a computerized system. The new look of the garden gives more prominence to the Independence Monument. The entry fee is K 300 for an adult and K 100 for a child and 1 US\$ or K 500 for a foreigner.

Parks and Playgrounds Department of YCDC will continue to upgrade Thakin Mya Park in Ahlon Township, Kanthaya Park and Kandaw Inya Park in Bahan Township.

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## Myanmar, Indonesia eye cooperation in forestry sector

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun held talks with Indonesian Forestry Minister Dr Zulkifli Hasan, focusing on cooperation in forestry sector of Myanmar, at Aureum Palace Hotel here yesterday.

The Union minister invites Indonesia's investment in Myanmar's forestry sector as the Indonesian minister describes modern production technology and capital from Indonesia and Myanmar as winning combination beneficial for

both sides.

Private sector was given permit to operate teak plantations in 2006 and so far nearly 20000 hectares of teak plantations have been established, according to the Environmental Conservation and Forestry Union Minister.

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*Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun holds talks with Indonesian Forestry Minister Dr Zulkifli Hasan.—MNA*

## Australia to assist in Myanmar's mine sector development

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung held talks with Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Nadine

Moules at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

The meeting focused on Australia's aids to drafting of mining law, rules and

regulations, implementation as an EITI member country and development of mine sector in Myanmar.

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## Yangon Mayor's Grand Prize goes to young photographer

YANGON, 3 April— Organized by Yangon City Development Committee, a photo contest-2013 entitled "Colourful Yangon City" was held with the participation of 138 photographers and 757

photos. Among contestants, young photographer Zeya Min of Myanmar Photographic Society won first prize in the category of Development around the City and he was also awarded the grand prize of


the Mayor, according to the committee for organizing the contest.

In an interview with grand prize winner Ko Zeya Min, he shared his experience in taking the award-winning photo, saying

that he had chosen a location that offers a panoramic view over Yangon City, placing Sule Pagoda in the centre, including Independence Monument, City Hall and high-rise buildings.

*Kyemon*






**World Health Day**

**7 April, 2013**

**High Blood Pressure**



**Ministry of Health**

## Son-in-law hacked to death, mother-in-law charged with murder

HTANTABIN, 3 April—A bizarre incident in which a mother-in-law hacked her son-in-law to death as she was no longer willing to see the miseries of her daughter who had been physically and mentally abused by his husband occurred at Thahtaygone village, three-mile west of Zayatgyi in Htantabin Township of Toungoo district in Bago Region on 30 March.

Maung Khin, 30, died of a single cut to the right side of his neck as he was hacked to death by Daw Kyi Hla, his mother-in-law, who lives together with him at the same house while he was having a big argument with his wife, Ma Nge Lay, 23, at about 1.30 am on that day.

Daw Kyi Hla, 52, was charged with murder by Zayatgyi police station.

*Kyemon*

## Speedster's tragic end in Myaungmya

MYAUNGMYA, 3 April — As they were informed that a motorbike plunged into a drain near Naung Yoe hall in Myaungmya at about 7.45 pm on 28 March, Police Inspector Hla Tun of Myaungmya Traffic Police Corps and members went there and made necessary investigation into the crash.

They found a motorcyclist

who suffered injuries to his head. The victim was pronounced dead while he was taken to Myaungmya people's hospital.

The motorbike driven by Thaug Aye, 38, of Mya Yadana ward in Myaungmya crashed into the wall and plunged into the drain while making a turn at speed near the hall.— *Kyemon*

## Man commits arson attack after having quarrel with his wife

KYAUKKYI, 3 April — According to information about an arson attack occurred at Kyunbinseik village, 11-mile west of Mone region in Kyaukkyi Township of Bago Region at about 7.40 pm on 29 March, Police Inspector So Win of Mone police station went there and made necessary investigation into the fire.

Investigation revealed that Po Phyu, 22, had set fire

to his house, spraying three bottles of petrol on it after he had a big argument and a fight with his wife over the failure to play a DVD player. The fire swept through the whole house including a shop attached with it and spread to an empty building in the compound, reducing them to ashes. Mone police station filed a lawsuit against Po Phyu who was charged with arson attack.

*Kyemon*

## Overtaken vehicle hurts 11 passengers, one taxi driver

YANGON, 3 April — A vehicle, Hilux, carrying passengers skidded out of control and overturned after crashing into two other vehicles on the opposite lane on Pyay Road in Mingaladon Township, here.

The passenger vehicle of No (131) Hmawby-Yangon bus line driven by Thet Naing Tun from south to north on Pyay Road in the township veered onto the wrong side of the road after skidding out of control in front of Shwe Nyaungbin Po Po Gyi shrine.

The vehicle on the opposite lane collided head-on with a taxi saloon before it hit again a stationary vehicle by roadside and turned over.

The crash caused damage to three vehicles involved and left 11 passengers on board the Hilux and the driver of the taxi wounded.

The injured were taken to Insein Hospital and they are being given medical treatment there as inpatients and outpatients.

Driver Thet Naing Tun of passenger vehicle who

## Drowning death of three young boys in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township

YANGON, 3 April — Three young boys died of drowning while swimming in Bago River in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon East District, here.

Maung Htet Min Khant, 14, Maung Aung Myat Kyaw, 13, and Maung Kyaw Ko Ko, 14, of ward-94 in Yuzana Garden City in the township drowned while they were swimming in the river at about 3.30 pm on 26 March.

As soon as they were informed of drowning of three boys, Police Sub-inspector Win Ko of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township police station and party rushed there and conducted a search for the boys along the river.

But dead bodies of three boys were found at three separate places along the river on 28 and 29 March.

is still under investigation was charged with reckless driving by Mingaladon police station.

*Kyemon*

## Waterfall near Leiktho sub-township generates hydropower



LEIKTHO, 3 April—There is a waterfall in the eastern part of Leiktho sub-township in Thandaunggyi of Kayin State. As the waterfall fell from the cliff edge, it enables local people to generate hydropower on a managerial scale.

The region draws the attention of those who are interested in generating hydropower there. "Japanese experts conducted a feasibility study in Yado three days ago. We learnt that it was also their study tour of the region

for economic prospects", says locals. If businesses for long-term benefits are set up, there will be more job opportunities in the region, thereby contributing towards economic development.

*Kyemon*



## WORLD

## UN passes historic global Arms Trade Treaty

NEW YORK, 3 April—The UN General Assembly on Tuesday overwhelmingly adopted a landmark Arms Trade Treaty that will help regulate the global flow of conventional arms for the first time, despite its failure to be adopted by consensus last Thursday.

The resolution adopting the historic treaty was approved by 154 countries. North Korea, Syria and Iran, the three countries that blocked its adoption by consensus last week, voted against the decision, saying the final text was not balanced and favoured the interests of major exporters.

Twenty three countries including the world's top

exporters, such as Russia and China, and major importers, such as India and Indonesia, abstained from casting their votes.

"This is a treaty with teeth," Australian Ambassador Peter Woolcott, who chaired the intense and lengthy negotiations that began on 18 March, told reporters. "I think it will make a difference over time, I think it is a very good framework for states to work with."

As it is necessary for 50 countries to ratify the treaty before it comes into effect, Woolcott anticipated that the implementation process could take a year or two. It opens for signature



*The UN General Assembly discusses a landmark arms trade treaty that will help regulate the global flow of conventional arms for the first time in New York on 2 April, 2013. The assembly adopted the treaty later in the day.*

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on 3 June. While there have been mechanisms to curb the proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, the international flow of conventional weapons has been poorly regu-

lated.

Hundreds of thousands of people are estimated to be killed each year by conventional weapons, chiefly in conflict-torn areas.

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## Parties carp as Italy's "wise men" seek end to political crisis



*Italian President Giorgio Napolitano (3rd R) meets the "wise men", a panel of experts he appointed to help find a way out of the political deadlock created by last month's election, at the Quirinale Palace in Rome in this picture by the Italian Presidency Press Office on 2 April, 2013.—REUTERS*

ROME, 3 April—Italian President Giorgio Napolitano expressed despair on Tuesday at fierce criticism of his latest plan to end a post-election deadlock that has

raised fears of months of instability in the euro zone's third largest economy.

Two groups of "wise men" appointed by Napolitano to try to forge a policy compromise

between squabbling parties to end the impasse since the 24-25 February election started work on Tuesday. Napolitano said they would report back in 8-10 days.

The 87-year-old head of state reacted angrily to suggestions from the centre-right of Silvio Berlusconi that his plan, which came after all other efforts to find a government failed, were a useless waste of time that the economy could ill afford.

"After seven years I am ending my mandate in a surreal way, finding myself the subject of absurd reactions, suspicions and incomprehensible paranoias, from the harmless to the unhinged," Napolitano was quoted as saying by *Corriere della Sera* daily.

Italy is deep in its

longest recession for 20 years and although markets have so far remained relatively sanguine about the political deadlock, the economy desperately needs a stable government to unblock decades of sluggish growth.

There are also fears Italy's borrowing costs could rise dangerously if the impasse finally starts to spook investors. Since the election, the parties have refused to budge at all from irreconcilable positions that "made one despair of the possibility of governing this country", Napolitano said.

Napolitano appointed the commissions after Democratic Party (PD) leader Pier Luigi Bersani failed to gather enough support for a centre-left led government despite a week of efforts.

The president's own attempt to dislodge the parties from entrenched positions also faltered last Friday.—Reuters

## Iran's nuclear programme entails huge costs, few benefits

DUBAI, 3 April—Iran will pursue its nuclear quest although it has reaped few gains from a totem of national pride that has cost it well over \$100 billion in lost oil revenue and foreign investment alone, two think-tanks said on Wednesday.

A report by the Washington-based Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Federation of American Scientists said Iran's atomic work could not simply be ended or "bombed away" and that diplomacy was the only way to keep it peaceful. "It is entangled with too much pride—however misguided

— and sunk costs simply to be abandoned," the report's authors, Ali Vaez of the International Crisis Group and Carnegie's Karim

Sadjadpour, said of Iran's five-decade-old nuclear programme, which began under the US-allied shah.

Reuters



*A general view of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, some 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran on 26 Oct, 2010.—REUTERS*

## Reactor-scraping research facility to be built in Fukushima Prefecture

TOKYO, 3 April—The Japanese government said on Tuesday it will build a research facility for decommissioning reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant in the town of Naraha, some 25 kilometres south of the crippled nuclear power plant.

The government's panel on decommissioning the reactors at the disaster-hit complex will set up a real-size model of a reactor container there and use remote-controlled robots to develop the technology needed to identify damaged reactor parts and repair them.

The government plans to conduct geological surveys of the candidate site in Fukushima Prefecture and to launch the operation of the facility around March 2015, officials said.

There were three candidate sites for the facility in Naraha where the dosage of radiation is relatively low, and the one chosen by the panel is some 2-3 km away from a port and an expressway exit. The dosage

of radiation at that site stands at 0.3 microsievert per hour, the officials said.

If the geological survey shows that the picked site is not suitable for the research facility, the panel will look at the remaining two candidate sites, they said.

The government has earmarked about 85 billion yen in its fiscal 2012 supplementary budget for establishing the research facility and also a separate facility aimed at analyzing samples of melted nuclear fuels. Tokyo Electric Power Co, the operator of the Fukushima Daiichi power station, has said it will decommission four of the six reactors at the plant.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said during a Diet session last Friday that it would not be easy to re-start the two reactors at the disaster-hit plant and four reactors at the Fukushima Daini plant, all of which are currently shut down, considering the strong opposition among residents and local governments.

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*The new submarine Zuiryu is deployed at the Maritime Self-Defence Force base in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture, near Tokyo on 2 April, 2013. The 2,950-ton Soryu-class sub was commissioned in March 2013.*

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## Argentina asks Britain for talks on disputed islets

BUENOS AIRES, 3 April—Argentine President Cristina Fernandez on Tuesday proposed talks with Britain on the fate of the Malvinas Islands, which are known to the British as the Falklands.

"Peace and diplomacy are the only paths," said Fernandez. "The Malvinas are an unwavering cause, not just a national cause, but also a regional cause for sovereignty and a global fight against colonialism."

Fernandez spoke in

Puerto Madryn, south of the capital Buenos Aires, at a ceremony marking the 31st anniversary of the 74-day Malvinas War, which ended with Argentina's defeat after it failed to recover the islands from British control.

London has steadfastly refused to hold talks on the Malvinas, arguing that the islanders, mainly descendants of English settlers, want to remain under the British rule.

To support its stance,

Britain helped organize a 10-11 March referendum in which 99.8 percent of islanders voted to preserve their status as a British Overseas Territory.

Argentina did not recognize the referendum, saying the referendum does not reflect legitimate self-determination.

The 1982 Malvinas War led to the deaths of 649 Argentinean soldiers, 255 British fighters and three islanders.—Xinhua



## Ethnic groups in Myanmar

### The eight major races of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the official list of their ethnic groups

(Continued from yesterday)

The Chin race comprises of 53 ethnic groups: **Chin, Anu, Anun, Asho, Awa Khami, Dai (Yindu), Dim, Gunte, Gwete, Haulngo, Kalin Kaw, Kaung Saing, Kaung So, Khami, Khawno, Kwangli (Sim), Kwei Shin, Lai, Laizao, Lawthu, Laymyo, Lhinbu, Lushay, Lyente, Magun, Malin, Matu, Meithei, Mgan, Mier, Miram, Naga, Ngorn, Oo Pu, Panun, Rongtu, Saing Zan, Saline, Sentang Tais-hon, Tangkhul, Tapong, Tay Zan, Thado, Tid-dim Chin (Hai Dim), Torr, Wakim, Za How, Zahnyet, Zizan, Zo, Zo pe, Zotung.**

The Kayah State is a comparatively small area but it makes up for it with stunning scenery as well as a wealth of natural resources. Their land is mountainous but fertile because of the many rivers and streams and most are farmers or breeders of cattle. They are proud of their traditions in the same way that the other



races value their own culture and they are known to be excellent silversmiths and metal workers.

The Kayah race comprises of 9 ethnic groups: **Kayah, Bre (Ka Yaw), Gheko, Kebar, Manu Manaw, Padaung (Ka Yun), Yin Baw, Yin Talai, Zayein.**

Outside of the Kayah State, this race with 11 ethnic groups lives in the delta and in Yangon. They are Buddhists, Christians or animists. Their biggest festival is the New Year which falls in December or January according to the Lunar Calendar. In rural regions they are mostly farmers, and also breed pigs and raise chickens and ducks

for eggs. Kayah living in the cities are mostly Christians and are extremely devout.

The Kayah race comprises of 11 ethnic groups: **Kayin, Bwe, Kayin Pyu, Monne Pwa, Mon Pwa, Pa Le Chi, Paku, Pwo (Shu), Sar Pyu (Mon Kayin), Sgaw, Ta Lay Pwa.**

The Mon people may not have any other ethnic groups but they are proud of their rich and ancient civilization that goes back many centuries. They value their tradition of being devout Buddhists with a gentle



and gracious lifestyle of art and music. The Mon monarch of the commonly known as Queen Shin Saw Pu (r.1453-1473) was the first to gild the spire of the Shwedagon Pagoda with the amount of gold equal to her body weight, 90 lbs.

The Rakhine race is as old as the Pyu, the lost civilization that flourished in Myanmar since the 2 century BC. They inhabit the narrow and rocky strip of the western coastline bordered by mountain ranges to the east. Their land was once among the richest in SE Asia and further archaeological surveys would give ample proof. Most Rakhine are Buddhists and there are many Beautiful temples constructed of stone. They are famous as seafarers and skilled fishermen.

The Rakhine race comprises of 7 ethnic groups: **Rakhine, Daingnet, Kamein, Kwe Myi, Mara Magyi, Mro, Thet.**

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### A sort of shellfish disappears near Japan's crippled nuclear plant



TOKYO, 3 April—Japanese researchers announced recently that a sort of shellfish called *Thais clavigera* disappeared in a 30-km coastal area near Japan's crippled Fukushima Daiichi

nuclear plant.

Researchers from Japan's National Institute for Environmental Studies and National Institute of Radiological Sciences conducted the study last April

on shellfish's living status in 43 places from Japan's Chiba to Iwate Prefectures for four months.

The team found that the *Thais clavigera* was extinct in eight of ten places within the 20-km-radius alert zone of the nuclear plant, which was damaged by tsunami in March 2011 and triggered the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl in 1986.

Other shellfish species, such as *Cellana grata*, were found in the alert zone but the amount of them declined, with high dose of radioactive materials inside their bodies, according to the researchers.

*Thais clavigera*, a kind of shell that widely lives across Japan, was found in most places that had been surveyed, including 25 of

33 places outside the alert zone, said the researchers.

Toshihiro Horiguchi, a researcher from the environmental institute and the head of the team, said that it is a rare occurrence that *Thais clavigera* entirely disappeared from a 30-km long area, adding the extinct was probably caused by the nuclear crisis.

The link between the disappearance and the catastrophic tsunami was excluded as the shell was also found in other areas that affected by the disaster, according to the team.

The researchers made the report in an annual meeting of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Science last Wednesday and will further study links between the extinct and nuclear crisis.

Xinhua

### Microsoft co-founder to open investment office in Silicon Valley

SEATTLE, 3 April—Paul Allen, the billionaire co-founder of Microsoft Corp, is opening an office in Silicon Valley to make new investments in emerging technology and internet

companies. The Palo Alto office, set to open in the next few weeks, will operate under the name of Vulcan Capital, the investment arm of Allen's Seattle-based Vulcan Inc, which manages

his personal fortune, valued at about \$15 billion.

Allen, 60, co-founded the world's largest software company with Bill Gates in 1975, but left in 1983 after a bout with cancer. The riches

he amassed through his large stake in the company, plus successful investments in sports and real estate, have made him the world's 53rd richest person, according to *Forbes* magazine.—Reuters

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Ukraine conducts test run of high-speed train

KIEV, 3 April—Ukraine conducted a test run of a domestically built high-speed train in southern Crimea peninsula, officials said on Tuesday.

The EKp1 train, built by the Krukov railcar plant in central Ukraine, is designed with a maximum speed of 200 km per hour to compete with imported high-speed trains, the National Committee on Transport and Communications said in a statement.

The EKp1 train, unveiled in Simferopol, Crimea, will be tested on

Crimean rail lines until 1 May, and then it will be put into commercial use, the statement said.

The nine-car train uses wear-resistant, environment-friendly and slow-burning materials and meets global railway safety standards, added the committee. The EKp1 train is equipped with first- and second-class coaches, dining rooms and places for the disabled. Ticket prices are expected to meet the demands of people with different levels of income.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 2 April, 2013 shows the Raffles Lighthouse on Singapore's southern island of Pulau Satumu. The Maritime Port Authority (MPA) of Singapore organized a visit for the media to the Raffles Lighthouse as a preview of the upcoming Singapore Maritime Week which will be held from 7 to 12 April.

XINHUA

### Chinese mobiles phones to get Beidou access

BEIJING, 3 April—China is promoting the civilian use of its indigenous Beidou Navigation Satellite System and plans to apply it in public mobile phones services, an official said on Tuesday.

The Beidou system has been performing well, with its navigation precision improving steadily since it began providing services to users in the Asian-Pacific region on 27 December last year, said Yang Qiangwen, a leading scientist with the China Satellite Navigation Office in an interview with Xinhua.

"We are seeking favourable policies and attracting investment to promote the technology for public use," he said. "It will not be long before mobile phones adopt the Beidou system."

China started to build up its own space-based Positioning, Navigation and Timing system in 2000. So far, China has successfully launched 16 navigation satellites and four other experimental ones for the Beidou system. Beidou has so far mostly provided licensed services for China's government and military users in transport, weather forecasts, fishing, forestry, telecommunications, hydrological monitoring and mapping.

As the public interest in Beidou is rising, the fourth China Satellite Navigation Conference, to be held in Wuhan City of central China's Hubei Province in May, will focus on the opportunities and challenges for the system's application, Yang added.

Xinhua



## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## WHO says notified by H7N9 bird flu infections in China



GENEVA, 3 April—China's National Health and Family Planning Commission on Sunday notified the World Health Organization (WHO) of three cases of human infection with H7N9 bird flu in China, the WHO stated on Monday.

The WHO's statement said that the cases were confirmed on Friday by Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Laboratory testing for influenza A (H3N2), A (H1N1) pdm09 and A (H5N1), as well as for novel coronavirus were negative.

According to WHO, the cases were reported from Shanghai and Anhui

### Oman expects six percent GDP growth in 2013

DUBAI, 3 April—Omani Minister of Finance Darwish bin Ismail bin Ali Al-Balushi said here on Tuesday that his country's real GDP would grow 6 percent this year, despite Oman suffered a budget deficit in 2012, which was estimated 1.2 billion Omani riyal (3.1 billion US dollars). Speaking to *Xinhua* on the sidelines of an annual summit of Arab finance ministers, Al-Balushi said that increases of oil prices and expenditure would continue to boost the Gulf Arab sultanate's economy. Al-Balushi noted the government would continue to increase expenditures to spur growth and create job opportunities until 2015.

The next five-year plan will be designed for the period starting from 2016 to 2020, he said. The minister said that any oil price above 85 dollars per barrel would help Oman to reduce its deficit. Al-Balushi, however, warned that the country would face another budget deficit this year. The black gold is currently trading around 96 dollars per barrel, up 7.46 percent month on month and down 7.68 percent year on year.—*Xinhua*

Province. Respiratory tract infection with progression to severe pneumonia and breathing difficulties has been found in all three cases. Disease onset was between 19 February and 15 March 2013. The two patients in Shanghai did not survive, and the third one from Anhui is currently in critical condition.

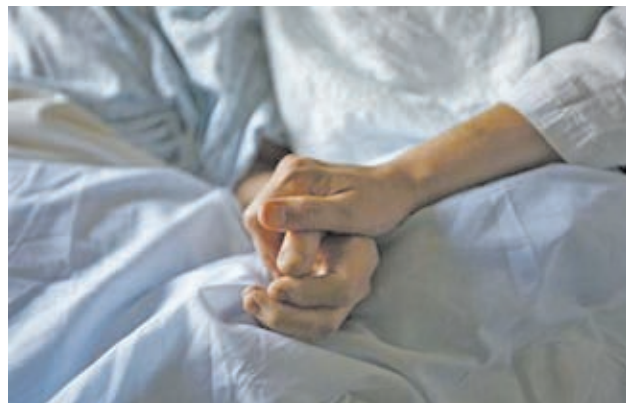
The WHO said there was

so far no epidemiological link between the cases that have been identified. Up till now, no further cases have emerged among the 88 identified contacts under follow-up. The source of infection and the mode of transmission are under investigation.

The health organization said the Chinese government was engaged in an active investigation and had instituted enhanced surveillance, laboratory strengthening and training of healthcare professionals for detection, reporting and treatment.

WHO said it was in close contact with the national authorities to follow up the event, and updates would be issued as soon as new information becomes available.—*Xinhua*

## End-of-life talks lacking between doctors, patients



A woman holds the hand of her mother who is dying from cancer during her final hours at a palliative care hospital in Winnipeg on 24 July, 2010.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 3 April—Although many older patients in Canada have thought about end-of-life care and discussed it with family members, a new study suggests fewer have spoken with doctors and had their wishes noted accurately in their medical record.

Many elderly people

prefer to die at home instead of in the hospital—but that's not always the way it works out, researchers said.

Dr Daren Heyland from Kingston General Hospital in Ontario said a lack of discussion about patients' wishes is often what leads to very aggressive care at

## Chrysler posts best monthly sales since December 2007

DETROIT, 3 April—Chrysler Group said its vehicle sales in March were the best since December 2007, and estimated the industry's annual sales rate last month was 15.6 million.

Chrysler, a unit of Italian automaker Fiat SpA (FIA.MI), said March sales totaled 171,606 vehicles, up 5 percent from 163,381 a year earlier. The Fiat, Dodge and Ram Truck brands all posted increases.

Chrysler's estimate of the industry's seasonally adjusted annual rate in March is in line with an average SAAR of 15.3 million from

a group of analysts polled by Thomson Reuters. Chrysler's total includes about 300,000 heavy-duty vehicles, while the Thomson Reuters poll excluded such vehicles.

Ram Truck sales rose 24 percent in March, reflecting strong demand for the full-size Ram pickup, which received an extensive makeover for the 2013 model year.

Dodge sales were up 15 percent, led by double-digit increases for the Avenger, the Challenger and the Durango.

Sales of the compact Dodge Dart sedan topped

## GM recalls some 2013 Buick Encores for loose steering wheel

DETROIT, 3 April—General Motors Co is recalling a small number of 2013 Buick Encores because the steering wheel could come loose or separate from the steering column, federal safety officials said on Tuesday.

The recall affects 144 Encores equipped with heated steering wheels and built between 9 and 28 December, GM said in a filing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Encore, a new compact crossover vehicle introduced in January by Buick, is built by GM Korea. A companion model is sold by GM in Europe as the Opel Mokka.

GM in its filing said a steering wheel fastener on the Encore may not have

been properly installed. In a statement on Tuesday, GM said "there are no known injuries or crashes related to the issue." The company said it had contacted 59 customers who had taken delivery of Encores with heated steering

wheels "and their vehicles are being inspected."

GM said the other 85 unsold vehicles were being inspected at Buick dealerships "and none have been found to have the issue."—*Reuters*



The new 2013 Buick Encore crossover is displayed on the final Press preview day for the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Michigan, on 10 Jan, 2012.—REUTERS

## German inflation reaches two year low in March

BERLIN, 3 April—German annual inflation rate in March reached a two-year-low level of 1.4 percent, preliminary data showed on Tuesday.

The Federal Statistical Office (Destatis) said in a statement that the provisionally calculated consumer prices index in March 2013 increased by 1.4 percent year on year, which was the lowest since December 2010. On a monthly basis, German consumer prices index rose by 0.5 percent in March.

Calculated by a harmonized method for the purpose of comparing with other European Union countries, German consumer prices increase by 1.8 percent in March 2013 year on year, below European Central Bank's medium-term

inflation maintenance target of 2.0 percent, and remained as the lowest since November 2010. Monthly harmonized inflation rate of Germany eased to 0.4 percent in March.

According to the Wiesbaden-based Destatis, final results for March 2013 German inflation would be released next Thursday.

Despite a shrink of 0.6 percent in the last quarter of 2012, German economy was expected to return to its growth track this year. German central bank Bundesbank had forecasted the annual inflation rate to be 1.5 percent in 2013 and 1.6 next year. The low inflation rate, as well as stable labour market, has offered reasons for German people to stay optimistic about the outlook of their financial situation.

*Xinhua*



A Chrysler logo is seen on the wheel of a new car at a dealership in Vienna, Virginia on 26 April, 2012.

REUTERS

8,000 for the first time since the car was introduced last summer. Sales of the Fiat 500 rose 3 percent to 3,807.

Jeep sales dropped 13 percent in March. Chrysler phased out the Jeep Liberty last fall and won't start ramping up production of its replacement, the 2014 Cherokee, until this summer. The automaker also began phasing in production of the 2014 Grand Cherokee, which has undergone a facelift.

Chrysler brand sales fell 2 percent, with the biggest decline posted by the full-size Chrysler 300 sedan.

*Reuters*



## WORLD

## Tsunami-hit railway partially reopens, gets cars with Kuwaiti aid

MORIOKA, 3 April—A Sanriku Railway Co line crippled by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster partially reopened for service on Wednesday, with new carriages bought with the help of the Kuwaiti government.

A special train to mark the partial reopening of Minami Riasu Line after some

two years will run along a 21.6 kilometre stretch between Sakari and Yoshihama stations in Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture.

After the tsunami washed away station buildings and rail tracks, destroying three of four rail cars serving the line, the firm purchased three new carriages with financial aid from Kuwait and painted

cherry blossoms on the sole remaining car.

The firm plans to reopen other currently closed segments — a 15-km stretch between Yoshihama and Kamaishi stations on the Minami Riasu Line and a 10.5-km stretch between Omoto and Tanohata stations on Kita Riasu Line — in April next year.

*Kyodo News*

*A special train departs Sakari Station in Iwate Prefecture on the Minami Riasu Line on 3 April, 2013, as the Sanriku Railway Co line crippled by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster partially reopened for service. New carriages were bought with the help of the Kuwaiti Government.*

KYODO NEWS



## Armed men attack Baghdad newspaper offices over story on cleric

BAGHDAD, 3 April—Men armed with pistols, knives and steel pipes stormed into three Baghdad newspaper offices, beating employees and smashing computers after publication of an article about a Shi'ite Muslim cleric, police and editors said on Tuesday.

Monday's attacks illustrated the stubborn influence of hardline Islamist militias in Iraq, where Sunni and Shi'ite insurgents often imposed their own fundamentalist vision on the streets during the height of sectarian war a few years ago.

"A group of men armed with steel pipes and knives attacked three newspaper offices in Baghdad. Some of the employees were wounded and we have arrested two

of the assailants," a police source said. Yasir Tallas, an editor at *Addustour*, told *Reuters* that around 50 men in civilian clothes broke through the doors of the newspaper and smashed computers, furniture and printers. "A group of men attacked us and set ablaze to the paper's archives. They threatened to kill us if the paper publishes any insults to those they are loyal to. This group is well known to the government," Tallas said, without mentioning names.

*Addustour* published a front-page editorial on Tuesday showing photos of damage to its offices and said the attack followed an article on plans by a Shi'ite cleric to hold a mass prayer in the holy city of Kerbala.

An editor working for another of the targeted newspapers said a group of men armed with pistols and blades attacked its offices in northern Baghdad, accusing journalists of having insulted their cleric. "We were

shocked after seeing men carrying pistols and blades breaking into the paper offices, beating and cursing employees for what they said were insults," the editor said on condition of anonymity, fearing reprisal.—*Reuters*



*An Iraqi journalist walks past the archive newspapers burned after attack by an armed group at the newspaper's headquarters of Addustour newspaper in Baghdad on 2 April, 2013.—REUTERS*

## Senior US diplomat to attend Boao Forum for Asia in China

WASHINGTON, 3 April—Robert Hormats, US Under-Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and Environment, will attend the annual Boao Forum for Asia to be held this weekend in China, the State Department said on Tuesday.

Before participating in the 6-8 April Boao Forum for Asia, to be held in Boao of Hainan Province in southern China, Hormats will first travel to Vancouver of Canada, where he is to address the Pacific Energy Summit and to meet with government and business leaders from Canada and the Asia Pacific region, the Department said in a statement.

The US diplomat then

will arrive in Boao on Friday to attend the Boao Forum for Asia, an event which will attract government and private sector participants from China and the region.

After that, Hormats will travel to Beijing from 8 to 9 April for holding bilateral consultations with Chinese officials and to deliver the keynote address at the US-China Internet Industry Forum. On the final leg of his tour, Hormats will visit Tokyo of Japan from 10 to 11 April, where he will engage Japanese government officials and private sector representatives on a wide range of economic, energy and environment issues, the statement said.—*Xinhua*

## Food poisoning at Egypt's Azhar University triggers public outrage

CAIRO, 3 April—Mass food poisoning at Egypt's al-Azhar University on Tuesday led to the hospitalization of more than 500 students and triggered public outrage against the slack food safety practice at the institute. As many as 561 Egyptian students have been poisoned by the university's cafeteria food while no death has been reported in the incident so far, spokesman for the Ministry of Health Yahia Moussa told *Xinhua*.

The incident occurred in the dormitory of Al-Azhar University in Nasr City, east of the capital Cairo, where the students felt spasms in the stomach and vomited after eating the lunch food from the cafete-

ria. They were immediately taken to several local hospitals for treatment.

In the wake of the incident, hundreds of angry students stormed Mashiakhet al-Azhar (the administra-

tion building of al-Azhar), demanding the dismissal of University President Osama al-Abd. The interior ministry had to send security forces to contain the protests. The angry students

claimed the real number of the poisoned topped 1,000.

The al-Azhar University Student Union's representative Marwan Alaa was quoted by state-run *al-Ahram* online as saying "Food poisoning happened more than once at this university." "Two weeks ago, we saw some worms in our food and told the university president about it but he took no action." Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi visited the students being treated at Medical Insurance Hospital. According to a presidential statement, Medical Insurance Authority affirmed that all of the cases are under control and that most of the students have left the hospital.

*Xinhua*

## Israeli troops return fire into Syria

JERUSALEM, 3 April—Israeli tanks fired into Syria on Tuesday after shots were fired at troops in the occupied Golan Heights, a military spokeswoman said, in a further spillover of the Syrian civil war.

"Shots were fired at an IDF (Israel Defence Forces) patrol on the border. No injuries or damage was caused. In response, IDF forces returned precise fire at the source and reported a direct hit," the spokeswoman said.

The UN Security Council voiced concern last week about the increasing spillover into the Golan Heights of the civil war being fought between forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and rebels trying to topple him.

Earlier on Tuesday a mortar shell fired during fighting between Syrian



*Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (3rd L) and Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon (2nd L) speak during the swearing-in ceremony, at the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, in Jerusalem on 18 March, 2013.*

REUTERS

forces and rebels landed in the Israeli-controlled territory of the Golan Heights, military sources said.

It was unclear whether the gunfire or the shell were deliberately aimed at Israeli forces and the spokeswoman said it was not known whether they were fired by Assad's forces or the rebels.

The shell landed in an open area near an Israeli settlement and caused no injuries, a military source said.

Shells have fallen several times inside Israeli-controlled territory and some incidents have drawn Israeli return fire.

*Reuters*

## Japan gov't relieved of responsibility for cancer drug-linked deaths

TOKYO, 3 April—The Supreme Court on Tuesday relieved the Japanese government of responsibility for damages for deaths caused by a side effect of the lung cancer drug Iressa.

The top court decided not to hear an appeal against a Tokyo High Court ruling that found the government bore no responsibility for the deaths from interstitial pneumonia, developed as a side effect by some cancer patients taking the drug.

However, the Supreme Court did decide to receive that portion of the appeal, filed by relatives of patients who had died, seeking dam-

ages from the Japanese importer of the drug made by the British drugmaker AstraZeneca PLC. The top court said it would hand down its ruling on 12 April, and is expected to relieve the Japanese importer, AstraZeneca KK, of liability as well.

In July 2002, Japan became the first country in the world to approve the drug Iressa. The plaintiffs argued that AstraZeneca failed to provide sufficient explanations about the potential side effect and the government failed to give appropriate administrative guidance to the company regarding such explanations.—*Kyodo News*



*The photo taken on 2 April, 2013 shows the entrance of the dormitory area of al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt.—XINHUA*



LOCAL NEWS

### Primary students to be fed with milk in 2013-2014 academic year

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—With the aim of ensuring physical and IQ development of new generation children, a three-year plan is being implemented for feeding milk to primary students.

With the assistance of a company based in Sweden,

the milk feeding plan will be implemented for the students as of 2013-2014 academic year. A plan has been set to feed milk to about 40000 primary students three successive years. Milk will be given to 17500 primary students from Yangon Region, 17500

students from Mandalay Region and 10000 from Nay Pyi Taw.

Primary students will have the opportunity to consume 200 ml of milk each daily as of opening the school days in 2013-2014 academic year.—*Myanma Alinn*

### Burning of crop lands cause air pollution in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 3 April—Due to smoke from reckless burning of crop lands, sky of Tachilek was covered with smog, causing air pollution.

Especially, smoke from burning the crop lands causes impact on aviation in Tachilek region.

“On 22 March, some flight schedules were cancelled due to bad weather. Today, Sun Far airlines cancelled two of four flight schedules. Likewise, Air Kanbawza postponed its schedules. Smog in the air may cause danger to the pilots,” said in-charge of Air Kanbawza



Airlines Daw Khin Soe Win.

Tachilek in Shan plateau is rounded with hills. In open season, the authorities warn the local people not to set the crop lands on fire. However,

some of them do not abide by the rules and regulations, causing air pollution. That is why it is necessary to disseminate advantages of abiding by the rules and to take action against the offenders.—*Myanma Alinn*

### Anti-human trafficking activities organized in Bago

BAGO, 3 April—Under the supervision of Vice-Chairman of Bago Region Anti-Human Trafficking Committee Commander of Bago Region Police Force Police Col Mya Win, the anti-human trafficking min-concert programme was organized as fund-raising activity of Bago Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee at the car park of Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago on 23 March evening.



presented songs on anti-human trafficking to the accompaniment of Lazy Club Band.

In-charge of Bago Anti-Human Trafficking

Squad Police Major Win Aung and party distributed pamphlets on knowledge about trafficking in person to about 5000 people.

—*Myanma Alinn*

### Vehicles with illegal commodities confiscated

WAW, 3 April—Mobile Team-2 based at the strategic junction of old and new Sittoung River in Waw Township of Bago Region checked vehicles whether commodities without custom duty were loaded or not at 9.20 am on 21 March.

According to the information, U Ba Than and party of the team discharged duties at the detours. They

searched five vehicles with the loads of illegal goods on the Abya Village detour. When the authorities searched the vehicles, three of two vehicles escaped from the scene. The team seized two vehicles but could not arrest drivers.

Arrangements are being made for managing the confiscated goods under the law.—*Myanma Alinn*

### Rural earthen road commissioned into service

MINBU, 3 April—Yedwington-Hsinlangyirurla earthen road was inaugurated in Minbu (Sagu) Township on 24 March morning.

Executive Officer U Tint Lwin Oo of Township

Development Affairs Committee explained construction of the road.

Local authorities formally opened the earthen road.

—*Myanma Alinn*



### Kayah State govt donates K 10 million to fire victims at relief camp

LOIKAW, 3 April—Kayah State government donated K 10 million to fire victims at No 2 Kayinni relief camp in Khunyon of Thailand on 23 March.

In addition to cash donation, the Kayah State government handed over blankets, mosquito nets, clothes donated by local people and 500 bags of rice by Nippon Foundation to the fire victims through Myanmar Peace Centre.

Local people and peace groups plan to donate more cash and kind to the fire victims. Kayah State government offers the national people from the relief camps in Thailand to

return home and will provide basic needs to them when they arrive in the native regions.

Four wards comprising over 1000 houses each are located in No 2 Kayinni relief camp in Khunyon Township of Thailand.

At 4 pm on 22 March, outbreaks of fire caused at Ward 1 and Ward 4, destroying over 400 houses. The incident left over 30 people dead and over 100 wounded.

The majority of the victims at the relief are Myanmar nationals from Pasawng Township of Kayah State.

—*Myanma Alinn*

### Advanced mobile phone technology shared at MICT Park

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—The mobile phone (UMTS/LTE) technological course, organized by Shwepyi Tagun Telecom Public Company Ltd, concluded at Room 205 at MICT Park in Yangon, on 22 March afternoon.

Altogether 31 trainees attended the course from 18 to 22 March.

Mobile phone technician from UK U Than Htaik Aye and Mr Jean-Marc Phan Van of France gave training to the enthusiasts.

Chairman U Lwin Naing Oo of Shwepyi Tagun Telecom Public Co made a concluding remarks and presented certificates to the trainees.—*Myanma Alinn*

### Vocational, tailoring courses conclude in Loikaw

LOIKAW, 3 April—The basic vocational course No 55/2012 and the advanced tailoring course No 34/2012 concluded at the Vocational Training School in Loikaw on 22 March.

Deputy Speaker of Kayah State Hluttaw U Aye Maung, Advocate-General U Kyaw Lin Maung of Kayah State, state ministers and departmental officials attended the ceremony.

Kayah State Minister for Security and Border

Affairs Col Tin Soe made a speech.

Officials presented prizes to outstanding trainees and certificates to those of both trainees. After the ceremony, those present viewed works of the trainees.

—*Myanma Alinn*

### Vehicle fire costs K 2.5 million at Pyinmana Bawgathiri Bus Terminal



PYINMANA, 3 April—Short circuit from the main battery block broke out fire at a 10-wheeled vehicle in Bawgathiri bus terminal in Pyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 25 March morning.

According to the information that a fire broke out at a vehicle in the bus terminal at 3 am on 25 March, SIP Hsan Thein of Pyinmana Police Station and party, Assistant Director U Win Myint of District Fire Services Department, Head of Township FSD U Myo Min Thein and party, Pyinmana Township Administrator U Kyaw Tint inspected

outbreak of fire at the vehicle that stopped in front of Lin Brokerage between Pa-90 and Pa-60 of the terminal.

Members of Fire Services Department, auxiliary fire brigade and local people put out the fire with the use of three fire engines of Pyinmana Fire Station.

Property worth K 2.5 million lost in the fire.

Pyinmana Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Chit The, 22, of Thitkhaukhwa Village in Lewe Township, who guarded the vehicle at night, for his negligent act, under the law.—*Myanma Alinn*

**Take fire preventive measures**



## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 4 April, 2013

## Lower cost, better services

Myanmar is seen by many— if not all— international telecom service providers as a huge and still untapped market. Only about 5% of the 60 million population have access to mobile services.

Despite a series of dramatic cuts of SIM card prices, they were still expensive for a large piece of population who live on meagre earnings. Recently, the government announced the sale of low-cost SIM cards. The price—K 1500 (approximate to 2 US\$) for one SIM card of CDMA 800 MHz—is announced Wednesday as the President in a coordination meeting for sale of low-cost mobile SIM cards said the responsible organization would release information as necessary.

The President in his fourth radio message on 1 April said SIM cards would be distributed “equitably” to each regions and states after considering such details as demands and capacity of telecom facilities.

He promised to build new mobile telephone towers to increase “infrastructural capacity” through cooperation with local and foreign companies to enable the adequate supply of SIM cards each month.

If 350,000 SIM cards are sold each month as planned, Myanmar’s mobile density will be doubled within a year. If the government has no thorough plan to develop the country’s telecom facilities, the mobile subscribers may suffer more disruptions in the future.

There are complaints over higher service charges of the mobile services. The ministry should also pay attention to reducing service charges to prevent losing out their subscribers to emerging private peers.

The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology is due to allow two international telecom service providers this year, privatizing the state-monopolized industry for the first time in decades. The competitiveness in the industry is expected to be seen which means the general public would enjoy lower cost and better services.

## Singaporean guests visit National Museum



Mrs Mary Tan, wife of Singaporean President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, visits National Museum.—MNA

## NATIONAL

## Committee for implementation of Report of Investigation Commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project meets

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— Work coordination meeting of the committee for implementation of Report of Investigation Commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project, was held at the meeting hall of President Office, here, this evening, with an address by Committee Chairman Union Minister at President Office U Hla Tun.

Vice-Chairman Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo discussed implementation of projects and environmental conservation, employment of local people and upgrade of houses, education, health, water supply and power supply and roads and bridges.

After that, committee members Union Ministers Dr



Work coordination meeting for the Committee for Implementation of Report of Investigation Commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project in progress.—MNA

Myint Aung and U Win Tun reported on implementation of Commission’s reviews and suggestions; Deputy

Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, peace and

stability and the rule of law. The Chairman gave a supplementary report.

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## Indonesia-Myanmar Business Forum and One on One Business held



YANGON, 3 April— Indonesia-Myanmar Business Forum and One on One Business, jointly

organized by Indonesian Embassy and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), was held at

UMFCCI in Lanmadaw Township, here, this morning.

After that, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and Indonesian

Commerce Minister Mr Hatta Rajasa extended the greetings.

Myanmar entrepreneurs held talks with Eleven Indonesia State-owned Co., Ltd and Indonesian Companies on oil and gas, lubricants, construction, banking, ICT, mining, cement, agricultural produces, air line services. Indonesia stands at 14 (241.5 million) among foreign countries that make investments in Myanmar. Trade between the two countries has reached 472.76 million USD in 2011-2012 financial year.

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18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-Country Coordinating Mechanism held

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— The 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-Country Coordinating Mechanism (M-CCM) Meeting took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said, in his speech, that M-CCM members need to confirm medical reports compiling concept notes in fighting AIDS, TB and Malaria under the New Funding Model of the Global Fund. Besides those three major diseases, maternal and

child care and health system strengthening tasks need to be carried out as well. At present, UNOPS is greatly assisting the health ministry in obtaining allocation of funds from the Global Fund. The Health Ministry needs to prepare for doing financial management of the Global Fund in future.

Next, Deputy Ministers Dr Win Myint and Dr Thein Thein Htay, officials concerned from Save the Children, UNOPS and UNAIDS participated in the discussion.—MNA

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NATIONAL

## Recent incidents in Meiktila clarified to diplomats

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin gave a briefing to the diplomatic corps based in Myanmar on the recent incidents that occurred in Meiktila Township,



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin giving briefing to diplomatic corps based in Myanmar on recent Meiktila incidents.

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## U Aung Khin Soe appointed as Ambassador to India

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Aung Khin Soe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of the Philippines, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India.—MNA

## Myanma Posts and Telecommunications' SIM card sales programme

Here is the plan of how Myanma Posts and Telegraphs will sell low-priced SIM cards.

1. The sales will start on 24 April, 2013 under the programme of region/state governments.
2. The unit price is K 1,500 with a presented pre-paid top-up of K 300. Monthly, 350,000 SIM cards will be distributed to regions and states.
3. The type of the SIM card on initial sale will be CDMA-800 MHz system serviceable both for local and foreign calls. GSM (2.75 G), WCDMA (3G) will be sold in coming months and the sales programme will be announced later.
4. For regions and states without CDMA-800 MHz communication facilities, WCDMA 3G SIM cards will be sold at the same unit price of K 1500.
5. The telephone subscribers are to fill at least K 5000 top-up within 15 days from the date of purchase before the presented K-300 top-up expires, as the SIM cards are sold for end users at low price. To prevent the transferred sale to another person, SIM card that is not used within 15 days will be invalidated.
6. Mobile phone subscribers are at least to spend K 2500 a month for the equipment and installation costs are set to be covered by service charges from the users. The failure to spend the K-5000 top-up within two months is subject to automatic cut to zero top-up. The failure to recharge within 15 days after the expiry of prepaid card is subject to invalidation.
7. SIM cards will be sold without any restrictions after adequate infrastructures are extended by Myanma Posts and Telegraphs and other licensed operators.

Mandalay Region and in Bago Region (West) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, today.

In the briefing, the Union Minister clarified about the true facts of the recent incidents and answered the queries raised by the diplomats. Later on, the guests viewed the exhibit photos and charts sheets displayed in the briefing hall.

The Briefing Session was attended by Ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, UN agencies based in Myanmar, Ministries concerned deputy ministers and high ranking officials, Bago Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs as well as officials from the Myanmar Police Forces also attended the session.

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## Myanmar-Australia to promote bilateral ties

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin held talks with Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Nadine Moules and party at Maykhala Hall of the ministry, here, at 11 am today.

They cordially discussed matters related to child development, women's affairs, experience in social welfare, relief and resettlement tasks, opportunities for technological, assistance for capacity building, and further strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Karatedo Japan Cup Championship concludes

YANGON, 3 April—The Final matches of 4<sup>th</sup> Karatedo Japan Cup Championship, organized by Myanmar Karatedo Federation, took place in conjunction with an awarding ceremony at Aung San Gymnasium, here, on 29 March.

At the awarding ceremony, Mr Shigaro Hana of JCCY presented Men's Best Player Award to Kyaw Kyaw Tun (Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry) who bagged two gold

## UEC Chairman meets former US President Jimmy Carter



Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye meets former US President Mr Jimmy Carter and wife.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye met a delegation led by former US

President Mr Jimmy Carter and wife, at his office here this noon. Also present at the call were UEC members, the commission secretary and officials of the commission office. The two sides had a wide-ranging discussion on

actions for greater development of electoral process, and sharing electoral experience and technical knowledge for making 2015 general elections free and fair.

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Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin meets Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Nadine Moules.—MNA

## Myanmar junior golfers win prizes in international golf competitions

YANGON, 3 April— Myanmar youth golf team took part in the 12<sup>th</sup> True Visions International Junior Golf Championships 2013 held at Windsor Park & Golf Club in Bangkok of Thailand from 26 to 29 March.

The Myanmar youth team comprising 12 male golfers and six female golfers participated in the competitions that cover a wide range of age level. Among 248 participants from the US, England, Japan, South Korea, India, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Philippines,

Indonesia, Guam, Malaysia, Vietnam, Germany, Finland, Ireland and Myanmar, Thin Wai Khine came in first in the consolation event (Girl Class D), Pyae Win Shein and Phyo Zan stood fifth in the consolation event (Boy Class B) and (Boy Class D) respectively.

Phu Pwint Yati Khine was awarded first prize in the Flight B event of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Thailand Ladies Amateur Open held at Bangsai Country Club from 21 to 22 March. The Myanmar youth golf team arrived back here on 30 March. — NLM

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## Four face manslaughter charges for Brazil nightclub fire

SAO PAULO, 3 April—Prosecutors charged four people with manslaughter on Tuesday for their roles in the 27 January nightclub fire that killed 241 people in southern Brazil, saying they overlooked grave safety irregularities.

The Kiss club's two owners, as well as two members of a band who lit a flare that ignited a sound-proofing ceiling foam, will stand trial for manslaughter while four others face lesser charges, including for false testimony.

"They ignored what

could have happened to these people for financial reasons," prosecutor Joel Dutra said of the accused.

He said the band knowingly used a cheap firework for a risky special-effects show. Police have said the crowd was over capacity and the club, in the wealthy college town of Santa Maria, should have had more exits. Most of the deaths were caused when victims inhaled toxic fumes trying to escape from the building.

Lawyers for the club owners and band members have maintained their in-



A woman kneels next to the Boate Kiss nightclub, in the southern city of Santa Maria, 187 miles (301 km) west of the state capital Porto Alegre, on 29 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

nocence. Brazil is facing sharp international scrutiny over safety and security issues as it prepares to

host the World Cup soccer tournament in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016.

Reuters

## Presidential election campaign kicks off in Venezuela

CARACAS, 3 April—The electoral campaign in Venezuela, heading for the upcoming presidential elections on 14 April, officially started on Tuesday and will run for 10 days, during which the candidates will present their proposals to the entire country.

The National Electoral Council (CNE) confirmed that the campaign will close on 11 April and called for political organizations to respect the rules of publicity and undertake their activities with respect to the other candidates and the people of Venezuela.

"This campaign will be developed in a delicate emotional context, so we demand all the parties to avoid unnecessary exacerbations and delete expressions that

The candidate of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), Nicolas Maduro, who is also the acting president after the death of Hugo Chavez, was listed as the favourite in all surveys conducted so far, with a wide margin of nearly 20 percentage points.

According to results released on Monday by local pollster company Hinterlaces, Maduro would get 55 percent of the vote against 35 percent for Capriles, who was defeated by Chavez in last year's election.

Maduro started his campaign in the central state of Barinas, the birthplace of the Bolivarian Revolution leader, Hugo Chavez.

The PSUV has explained that the task of the former Foreign Minister is



Supporters of Venezuelan opposition Presidential candidate Henrique Capriles attend a rally in Maturin, Venezuela on 2 April, 2013.—XINHUA

can affect election environment," said the CNE President Tibisay Lucena.

In that regard, she recalled that all parties involved in the electoral campaign should know there is no room for improvisation and excesses. "This process requires extra effort to maintain favourable conditions for the development of the event," she said.

to symbolically replicate the path taken by Chavez last year — "From Sabaneta de Barinas to Miraflores (the presidential palace)."

For his part, opposition leader Henrique Capriles, the right-wing candidate with the support of the so-called Democratic Unity Roundtable, began his journey in northeastern Monagas state.

Xinhua

## Tanzania mudslides kill 13 after heavy rain

DAR ES SALAAM, 3 April—Mudslides after torrential rains have killed 13 people at a quarry in the northern Tanzanian town of Arusha, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Tanzania's buoyant economy has fuelled a building boom, especially in the centre of the tourist town but high demand for construction materials has led to a proliferation of new quarries, raising concern for safety standards.

"A heavy downpour on

Sunday caused mudslides and flooding in some parts of Arusha. This resulted in the deaths of 13 people at a quarry," Arusha Regional Commissioner Magesa Mulongo told Reuters by telephone.

Television footage showed rescue workers in army uniform using stretchers to carry the bodies of victims out of the quarry. Several trucks were buried under the muddy morass in the Moshono area on the outskirts of Arusha.

Mulongo said two people were rescued from the mudslides before the search and rescue operation ended late on Monday. The quarry was temporarily closed to allow police investigations.

In an indication of shaky safety standards in the building industry, at least 36 people were killed in the collapse of a multi-storey building under construction in Tanzania's biggest city Dar es Salaam on Friday.—Reuters

## Obama unveils \$100 million human brain research project

WASHINGTON, 3 April—US President Barack Obama on Tuesday proposed a new research project, dubbed the Brain Initiative, aimed at gaining a better understanding of the human brain, with \$100 million allocated in the budget for fiscal 2014 starting October.

The brain initiative will give "scientists the tools they need to get a dynamic picture of the brain in action and better understand how we learn and how we remember," Obama told a Press conference

at the White House.

The National Institutes of Health will be a key organization in the research project, with private research institutions expected to participate.

Obama had indicated in his State of the Union address in February that his administration would invest in a human brain research project to better deal with brain-related illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease.

"The Brain Initiative will accelerate the development and application of new

technologies that will enable researchers to produce dynamic pictures of the brain that show how individual brain cells and complex neural circuits interact at the speed of thought," the White House said in a statement. "These technologies will open new doors to explore how the brain records, processes, uses, stores and retrieves vast quantities of information, and shed light on the complex links between brain function and behaviour," it said.

Kyodo News



A boy visits the National Museum of Scotland during the Edinburgh International Science Festival held in Edinburgh, Scotland, Britain, on 1 April, 2013. The 25th Edinburgh International Science Festival was held from 23 March to 7 April.—XINHUA

## Dozens evacuated after fire on ferry off Istanbul

ISTANBUL, 3 April—Dozens of passengers were evacuated from a tourist ferry off the coast of Istanbul on Tuesday after a fire started on the vessel, but there were no immediate reports of serious injuries.

Turkish television showed smoke pouring from the back of the vessel, several hundred metres (yards) from the shore, as two other ferries drew up to rescue the stranded passengers. The cause of the fire was unknown.

State-run news channel TRT said all passengers were safely evacuated from the ferry, which was travelling between Istanbul and the popular Princes' Islands in the Sea of Marmara. It said some were taken to hospital after inhaling smoke.

Reuters

## Japan to set up top-level task force to bolster farm industry

TOKYO, 3 April—The government plans to set up a top-level task force to strengthen the agriculture sector, which is feared to suffer heavy blows when Japan joins the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade framework, government and ruling party sources said on Tuesday.

The ministerial-level task force, to be headed by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and launched around May, will discuss how to promote farm product exports and preserve farm land, according to the sources.

Japanese farmers fear their livelihoods will be devastated by an influx of

cheap imported products once Japan joins the TPP.

As farmers have been traditional supporters of Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, the party apparently sees a need to set up the task force before the upper house election this summer.

The task force will also discuss how to stabilize farmers' earnings and how to train their successors.

Last month Japan announced its intent to join the TPP trade liberalization negotiations now involving 11 nations, including the United States.

The task force is expected to include farm minister Yoshimasa Hayashi,

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga and TPP Minister Akira Amari, according to the sources.

The government has already decided to set up a working-level task force on TPP issues headed by Amari. The government estimates that 3 trillion yen of Japan's current 7.1 trillion yen worth of agricultural produce would be lost if the country abolishes all tariffs in joining the TPP.

On the other hand, the framework is expected to boost Japan's industrial exports and push up its gross domestic product by 3.2 trillion yen in a decade.

Kyodo News



## REGIONAL

## Japan, Mongolia hold new round of FTA talks after Abe's visit

ULAN BATOR, 3 April—Japan and Mongolia launched their third round of free trade negotiations on Tuesday in Ulan Bator just days after Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited the fast-growing nation in the hope of securing supplies of mineral resources.

During the four-day meeting, the two sides are scheduled to deal with more specifics in such areas as investment rules and customs regulations, seeking the early finalization of what

would be Mongolia's first free trade agreement.

The meeting comes after Abe met with Mongolian President Tsakhia Elbegdorj and Prime Minister Norov Altankhuyag on Saturday and agreed to accelerate bilateral FTA talk and strengthen cooperation on developing Mongolia's rich mineral resources and dealing with Asia's security affairs.

While Mongolia has remained a small trading partner for Japan, its dou-

ble-digit economic growth rate and diplomatic ties with North Korea, among other factors, make it an important country for Japan. The latest trade liberalization talks follow the two countries' first round of negotiations in June and the second round in December.

Mongolia's export to Japan totaled 2.06 billion yen in 2012, while Japan's export to Mongolia stood at 27.53 billion yen, according to Japan's Finance Ministry.—*Kyodo News*



The Tommy kaira ZZ, an electric sports car, is unveiled by its developer, Green Lord Motors, an electric vehicle venture firm in Kyoto, in the ancient Japanese capital on 2 April, 2013.—*KYODO NEWS*

## Honda to resume construction of 2nd auto plant in India

NEW DELHI, 3 April—The Indian subsidiary of Honda Motor Co said on Tuesday it will resume construction of its second auto plant in India, suspended since the 2008-2009 global financial crisis.

Honda Cars India Ltd aims to complete the plant in the western Indian state of Rajasthan next year, and to boost its annual vehicle production capacity in India to 240,000 vehicles.

The new plant will produce vehicles for sale in the growing Indian mar-

ket and for export to Africa and Europe.

Honda Cars India President Hironori Kanayama said the plant will produce diesel engine vehicles to expand Honda's product lineup in India. "We will meet customers' diversifying demand."

Honda will invest a total 25 billion rupees (about 42.7 billion yen) on the assembly plant and adjacent diesel engine and component factories.

The Honda subsidiary plans to employ 2,200 workers at the Rajasthan plant.—*Kyodo News*

## Malaysian PM to dissolve parliament to set stage for elections

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 April—Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak is expected to dissolve the parliament on Wednesday, setting the stage for a closely-fought election.

Najib's staff told the press that the prime minister is expected to make an announcement that would be telecast live from his office at 11:30 am local time. The election is expected to pile pressure on Najib, who is tasked to help the ruling coalition National Front recover from its worst ever showing in the previous election. The National Front had ruled the country since independence 56 years ago.

In 2008, the National Front won 140 of the 222 seats in the parliament, which was less than two-thirds of the majority, and lost five out of 13 states to opposition People's Alliance. Parliamentary and state elections would be held simultaneously and must be called by June, the election commission said. Failure to improve the 2008's election result would cost Najib his job.—*Xinhua*



BM-21 rocket launchers are fired during a live fire drill at a military exercise base in Kampong Speu Province, about 70 kilometres west of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, on 2 April, 2013. Cambodia on Tuesday conducted a live fire drill in order to strengthen capacity for the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces in defending territory integrity.—*XINHUA*

## Report shows New Zealand moving from feeding Westerners to feeding Asians

WELLINGTON, 3 April—Demand from Asia, particularly China, is feeding a boom in New Zealand's food and beverage sector, according to a government-commissioned report out Wednesday.

The Investor's Guide to the New Zealand Food & Beverage Industry 2013 showed that Asia was New Zealand's largest export destination region, accounting for more than 40 percent of food and beverage export value in 2011.

China was the single largest export destination country, buying 2.9 billion NZ dollars (2.43 billion US dollars) worth of products, followed by Australia and the United States, each taking 2.1 billion NZ dollars, said the report from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

"The New Zealand primary sector is in the middle of a fundamental transition from feeding Westerners to feeding the Asia-Pacific region," Economic Develop-

ment Minister Steven Joyce said in a statement.

The report suggested that growth in the sector was being driven largely by East Asia, followed by solid performers such as the Australia-Pacific and Southeast Asia regions, and smaller but fast-growing export markets like South Africa and South Asia, while traditional markets like North America and Europe were growing slowly. The report made a strong, factual case for investment in the New

Zealand food and beverage sector, said Joyce.

In 1990, North America and Europe had accounted for 22 percent and 30 percent of New Zealand food and beverage exports respectively, but the figures had dropped to 12 percent and 16 percent in 2011, according to the report.

Meanwhile, East Asia and Southeast Asia had risen from 19 percent and 8 percent respectively to 26 percent and 13 percent.

—*Xinhua*

## Australia's trade deficit narrows in February

SYDNEY, 3 April—Australia's trade deficit narrowed to 178 million AU dollars (186.24 million US dollars) in February, according to data released on Wednesday by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

The result was less than economists' forecasts of a 1 billion AU dollar deficit.

The ABS said the balance on goods and services

was a deficit of 178 million AU dollars in February, a fall of 1,037 million AU dollars on the deficit in January.

Exports of goods and services rose 3.0 percent to 25,642 million AU dollars in February while imports of goods and services fell 1.0 percent to 25,820 million AU dollars in the month.

—*Xinhua*

## Singapore Airlines' girls give up bright blue eyeshadow for new look

SINGAPORE, 3 April—The Singapore Girl, the flight attendant that has been featured in the advertisements of Singapore Airlines over the decades, is getting a more subtle and modern look, local daily *Straits Times* reported on Wednesday.

She has now given up

her bright blue eyeshadow, and the colours on her face are less striking, though she is still immaculate in her body-hugging signature kebaya—a traditional blouse-dress combination that is worn by women in Southeast Asia—with her hair nicely done.

She is sticking to blue,

green, plum and brown eye make-up, and red lipstick to complement the colours of her kebaya. But the tones and shades are more subtle than before and trendier, said Marvin Tan, the airline's head of cabin crew.

"We took into account feedback from some customers that the previous colours

seemed to be on the strong side," the newspaper quoted Tan as saying. Alex Wong, a 53-year-old businessman, said, "I'm glad the SIA Girl is moving towards a softer look. I do think some of them are too heavily made up, especially when compared with girls from other carriers."—*Xinhua*



Children read books at an book exposition in Bangkok, Thailand, on 2 April, 2013. A book exposition was held here on Tuesday, the International Children's Book Day, attracting lots of local children to read their favourite books.—*XINHUA*





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**Meat Loaf says he really is on his final tour**

LONDON, 3 April—After more than 35 years of touring, American rocker Meat Loaf is quitting the road.

Meat Loaf, whose 1977 "Bat Out Of Hell" remains one of the biggest selling albums, said his "Last At Bat" tour starting in Britain this week and heading through Europe, would be his last, after struggling with health problems in recent years.

While other ageing rockers like the Rolling

Stones are returning to the lucrative tour circuit, Meat Loaf said he has had enough.

"This is really it ... I just don't want to travel anymore," the portly singer told Reuters TV in an interview before his tour through Britain, Germany and the Netherlands.

"I outweigh (Mick) Jagger by about 100 pounds (45 kgs) and that counts for something. He hasn't seen the wear and tear."

Meat Loaf, whose real

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*US singer Meat Loaf performs during the German game show "Wetten Dass" (Bet it...?) in the southern German town of Friedrichshafen on 3 Dec, 2011.*

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**Psy to turn  
"Gentleman"  
in new song,  
rapper says**

SEOUL, 3 April—South Korean rapper Psy plans to follow his "Gangnam Style" YouTube megahit with a single called "Gentleman" and a new dance, but is playing coy about everything else ahead of the song's release, which was moved up a day to 12 April.

The song will be available for Korean fans then, but Psy will perform it in



*South Korean rapper Psy attends a news conference before a free concert at the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore, in this on 1 Dec, 2012 file picture.*

Reuters

public for the first time at an 13 April concert.

"The new song is extremely fun and ... what I can tell you is the song title is 'Gentleman'", Psy told local television late on Monday.

"I can't tell you about the dance but all Koreans know this dance — but (those in) other countries haven't seen it", Psy added, hinting at a takeoff on a traditional dance.

The music video for "Gangnam Style", which featured the chubby Psy doing what has become his trademark 'invisible horse' dance in a succession of garish jackets, is now YouTube's most-watched clip, and has made the 35-year-old a global celebrity.

Reuters



*File photo shows Japanese film director Kaoru Ikeya.*

*His film "Senzoninaru" (Becoming an Ancestor), with the English title "Roots," about an elderly man's struggle following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami received the top award in the documentary category at the 37th Hong Kong International Film Festival on 2 April, 2013.*

KYODO NEWS

**March 2011  
disaster  
documentary  
wins top  
award at HK  
film festival**

TOKYO, 3 April —A film about an elderly man's struggle following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster received a top award in the documentary category at the 37th Hong Kong International Film Festival on Tuesday, its director Kaoru Ikeya said.

The film "Senzoninaru" (becoming an ancestor), with the English title "Roots," follows the post-quake life of Naoshi Sato, 79, until he eventually succeeds in rebuilding his home, half of which was destroyed in the disaster. Sato, a resident of Rikuzentakata, Iwate Prefecture, lost his son in the tsunami.

"Many members of the audience told me that they were cheered up (by the movie)," Ikeya said. "It is because the efforts by Naoshi were accepted in Hong Kong as well," he said of winning the Firebird Award, a top division prize.

At the 63rd Berlin International Film Festival earlier this year, the movie received a special mention by the Ecumenical Jury, which gives awards independently from the film festival's secretariat.

Kyodo News



## Heskey elects to stay on in Australia for another year

SYDNEY, 3 April—Former England striker Emile Heskey has signed up for another year at Australian club Newcastle Jets after scoring nine goals in 23 appearances in his debut A-League campaign.

The Jets, who are owned by financially troubled mining mogul Nathan Tinkler, failed to reach the playoffs this

year after finishing eighth in the league.

"I'm pleased to be extending my stay in Newcastle for another year," Heskey said in a statement on Wednesday.

"Everyone has made me feel very welcome here and I've really enjoyed my first season playing for the Jets.

"I'm looking forward to getting a full pre-season

under my belt and helping the team push for a finals place next season."

The 35-year-old former Leicester City, Liverpool, Birmingham City and Wigan Athletic player won 62 caps for his country, scoring seven goals and playing at two World Cups, but moved to Australia after being released by Premier League Aston Villa last year.

Along with former Juventus and Italy forward Alessandro Del Piero and Japanese standout Shinji Ono, Heskey had helped considerably boost the A-League's international profile—*Reuters*



Algeria's Rafik Halliche slides for the ball as England's Emile Heskey looks on during a 2010 World Cup Group C soccer match at Green Point stadium in Cape Town on 18 June, 2010.

REUTERS

## Matsuyama to debut as pro at Nagoya this month

NEW DELHI, 3 April—Top Japanese amateur Hideki Matsuyama will make his professional debut at this month's Token Homemate Cup, the 21-year-old golfer said on Tuesday.

"I had many top-10 finishes last year in professional competitions, and this gave me the confidence that I can make it," the 2010 and 2011 Asian amateur champion said in a statement.

"I want to become a player who can win around the world," added the golfer, whose 2011 Taiheiyo Masters triumph made him only the third amateur to win on the Japan Golf Tour. The 130,000,000 yen (£915,196.21) Token Homemate Cup gets underway at Nagoya's Token Tado Country Club on 18 April. Currently ranked fourth among the amateurs,

Matsuyama finished tied 27th to win the low amateur title at the 2011 US Masters tournament and followed that up with a tied 54th finish 12 months later.

He will compete at the British Open at Muirfield in July after he came through the international qualifier in Asia last month.—*Reuters*



Amateur Hideki Matsuyama of Japan hits his tee shot on the third hole during final round play in the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 8 April, 2012.

REUTERS



Japanese mountain climber Yuichiro Miura, 80, speaks during an interview with Reuters in Kathmandu on 30 March, 2013.

REUTERS

## Octogenarian Japanese climber aims for Everest record

KATHMANDU, 3 April—An 80-year-old Japanese mountain climber who has had heart surgery four times is heading to Mount Everest to try for a third ascent of the world's highest peak and will become the oldest person to reach the top if he succeeds. Yuichiro Miura climbed to the summit of the 8,850 metre (29,035 ft) mountain in 2003 and 2008. He skied down Everest from an altitude of 8,000 metres (26,246 ft) in 1970.

Miura and a nine-person team will climb up the standard southeast ridge route, pioneered by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay when they became the first people to reach the summit in May 1953. "The record is not so important for me," the white-haired Miura told *Reuters* in the Nepali capital, Kathmandu, before setting out for the mountain.

*Reuters*

## Mourinho defends decision to leave Casillas out again

Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho walks on the pitch during a training session at the club's training grounds in Madrid on 2 April, 2013.

REUTERS



MADRID, 3 April — Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho has defended his decision to leave 2010 World Cup-winning captain Iker Casillas out of his squad again for Wednesday's Champions League quarter-final first leg with Galatasaray.

The Spain goalkeeper is fit to train after recovering from a broken finger but will not feature against the Turkish team, having also been omitted for Saturday's 1-1 draw at Real Zaragoza in La

Liga.

Mourinho, who according to media reports has a strained relationship with Casillas, named three goalkeepers for the first leg — Diego Lopez, bought in January as cover, and youth team products Antonio Adan and Jesus. "(Casillas) is training well. He needs to carry on doing so and wait his opportunity," the Portuguese told a news conference at the Bernabeu on Tuesday.

*Reuters*

## Bayern hurt Juventus on Buffon off night

MUNICH, 3 April—Bayern Munich tore Juventus apart on a rare off night for Andrea Pirlo and Gianluigi Buffon but had to settle for a 2-0 win after missing a hatful of chances in Tuesday's Champions League quarter-final first leg.

Italy World Cup winners Pirlo and Buffon were both at fault as David Alaba put hosts Bayern ahead inside 30 seconds, a goal which set the tone of the first half as the Bavarians, who hit nine past Hamburg SV on Saturday, exposed the Juve defence.

Goalkeeper Buffon should also have done better with Luiz Gustavo's

shot in the run-up to Thomas Mueller's second goal just after the hour in the meeting of the German and Italian league leaders.

Twice European champions and five-times runners-up Juventus were back in the quarter-finals after a seven-year absence and coach Antonio Conte said beforehand it was a chance to see how much they lagged behind the likes of Bayern.

The answer appeared to be an awful lot as the run-away Bundesliga leaders ripped into a ragged, disorientated Juve in a match so one-sided it at times resembled their 7-0 win over FC Basel last season.

However, Conte was not writing his side off despite a comprehensive defeat which cost them their three-year, 18-match unbeaten run in European competition.

"We still have the second leg and in football, you play until the end before drawing conclusions," he told a news conference. "I'll tell you after the second leg.

"It's a tough result. Bayern proved they are a really strong team, one of the favourites," he added.

Juventus had won their last five games in the competition without conceding a goal but that record quickly fell.—*Reuters*



Juventus' Stephan Lichtsteiner (L) fights for the ball with Bayern Munich's David Alaba during their Champions League quarter-final first leg soccer match in Munich, on 2 April, 2013.

REUTERS



GENERAL

**China Navy kicks off visit to Algeria**

ALGIERS, 3 April—The 13th Escort Taskforce of the Chinese Navy arrived on Tuesday in Algiers, capital of Algeria, beginning a four-day visit to the country.

The visit by the escort taskforce, composed of two frigates and one supply ship, is the first of its kind made to the nation by a Chinese naval fleet, said Li Xiaoyan, commander of the escort taskforce.

During the visit, Rear Admiral Li will meet with Commander of the Algerian Navy Malek Necib and

other Algerian navy officers, and introduce the Chinese Navy's anti-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and the waters off Somalia.

The Algerian military will organize a delegation to visit the Chinese fleet. Some cultural and sport activities, including a basketball game and a deck reception, are planned to be held during the visit.

The 13th Escort Taskforce has undertaken China's convoy tasks for a four-month period in the Gulf of Aden and waters off

Somalia before it departed the region on 18 March for nation-visiting tasks.

Algeria is the second leg of the fleet's nation-visiting agenda. The fleet visited Malta on 26-30 March, and will later visit Morocco, Portugal and France.

Chinese warships have undertaken anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia since December 2008. To date, the Chinese Navy has succeeded in escorting more than 5,000 merchant ships.

Xinhua

*Chinese naval soldiers stand on the frigate at the harbour of Algiers, Algeria, on 2 April, 2013. The 13th naval escort squad, sent by the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy, arrived at Algiers of Algeria on Tuesday for a four-day visit after finishing its escort missions.—XINHUA*



*A working staff dressed up like a spider-man interacts with audience in the opening ceremony of the Canton Tower Spider Walk in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 2 April, 2013. The 1,000-metre-long Spider Walk locates at the 168-metre to 334.4-metre height of Canton Tower, with a transparent floor made up of 90 pieces of glasses.—XINHUA*

**New evidence frees US man 42 years after deadly hotel fire**

TUCSON, 3 April—An Arizona man was set free on Tuesday after serving four decades for murder in connection with a 1970 hotel fire that killed 29 people, after new evidence emerged throwing his conviction into question.

"It's good to feel Mother Earth under my feet again," Louis Taylor, 58, told reporters seconds after leaving the prison grounds in a car with members of his legal defence team.

Taylor was freed after a Pima County Superior Court judge agreed there was

sufficient evidence to grant a new trial.

During the same hearing, Taylor pleaded "no contest" to each of 28 counts of murder and accepted a plea agreement in which he would not admit guilt.

He was immediately sentenced to time served and agreed to seek no compensation for his time behind bars. He will not be required to pay restitution.

Paul D'Hedouville II, whose father, Paul D'Hedouville, died in the fire, read a statement to the court. He listed a few life

moments his father — a 31-year-old attorney in 1970 — missed over the years. There were Christmases, anniversaries and weddings, soccer games, trips to the beach and camping trips, D'Hedouville said, at times choking back tears.

"He was never able to go to Ireland to meet my future bride," he said. D'Hedouville, who flew in from Washington, DC for the hearing, harbours no ill will toward Taylor and observed that the man convicted of his father's murder can now do as he wants.—Reuters

**UNICEF hails adoption of Arms Trade Treaty**

UNITED NATIONS, 3 April—UNICEF on Tuesday welcomed the adoption of the Arms Trade Treaty by the United Nations General Assembly as a crucial step toward protecting children by regulating the transfer of weapons from one country

to another. The lack of any consistent global oversight of the arms trade has allowed weapons to be misused on a mass scale, resulting in the widespread killing and maiming of civilians, UNICEF said in a Press release issued here.

"The fact that the treaty makes specific reference to children and women is especially heartening," said Susan Bissell, UNICEF's chief of child protection in New York.

The 193-nation General Assembly has approved a global arms trade treaty that

failed to achieve unanimous support last week but which garnered the support of a majority of member states when put to a vote on Tuesday. The treaty regulates the multi-billion-US dollar international arms trade.

Xinhua

**Messi and Mascherano add to Barca injury woes**

*Barcelona's Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring goal against Paris St Germain during their Champions League quarter-final first leg soccer match at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris, on 2 April, 2013. REUTERS*



PARIS, 3 April—Barcelona forward Lionel Messi injured his hamstring and defender Javier Mascherano sustained a more serious knee problem in Tuesday's 2-2 Champions League quarter-final first leg draw at Paris St Germain.

World Player of the Year Messi limped off at halftime and was replaced by Cesc Fabregas.

"Messi sustained an injury to his right hamstring," Barca said on their Twitter feed. "He will undergo further tests on Wednesday to determine the extent."

Argentine compatriot

Mascherano left the pitch on a stretcher later in the game.

"Mascherano has a tear on the internal lateral ligament of his right knee," the club added. "The approximate time out will be six weeks."

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injury deprived Barca of their most influential player and after he had given them the lead in the first half, PSG twice came

back to level.

"We will try not to be influenced by the loss of these big players but I'm sure those on the pitch will do their best," said assistant coach Jordi Roura.

"With Mascherano out it is obvious (Gerard) Pique will now have a huge role in defence," he added, referring to Barca's only fit centre back.

Coach Tito Vilanova is already missing injured captain Carles Puyol and Adriano Correia while the versatile Eric Abidal has just returned after a year out since his liver transplant and has yet to play a competitive match.

Vilanova may be forced to turn to the youth team or perhaps convert midfielders Sergio Busquets or Alex Song into central defenders for the second leg at the Nou Camp on 10 April.—Reuters



*Residents take a closer look at a two-seater Cessna 125 plane that crashed in the middle of a rice field in Bulacan Province, the Philippines, on 2 April, 2013. The student pilot and his instructor were injured in the crash and were immediately rushed to a nearby hospital.—XINHUA*

**Swine flu expected to wane in Georgia**

TBILISI, 3 April—New swine flu infections are expected to decrease in the coming weeks as the flu season has already passed in Georgia, a health official said on Tuesday.

So far, the South Caucasus country has registered 28 fatal cases caused by the (A)H1N1 virus, commonly referred to as swine flu, and 323 cases of infection in total, according to the Georgian national centre for disease

control. The centre's chief, Paata Imnadze, said swine flu infections are expected to reduce as the flu season has already passed in the country.

The first case of A(H1N1) infection in Georgia was registered in 2009. During the flu season between 2010 and 2011, the virus claimed 33 lives and infected 1,800 people in the country.

Xinhua



# Coordination meeting for implementation of Visa Policy in Myanmar held

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—“Smooth issuance of visa to foreigners is crucial as Myanmar will take ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014,” said Vice-President U Nyan Tun at a coordination meeting for implementation of Visa Policy in Myanmar, at the Ministry of Immigration and Population, here, this afternoon.

The Union Government has designated Ministry of Immigration and Population as focal ministry. Myanmar issues six kinds of visa to foreigners. Visa on Arrival has been granted for citizens from 50 countries till now. The Vice-President called for a change in visa system of the country, restating the instructions of the President on cooperation between the Immigration and Population Ministry and personnel

concerned on border security, foreign relations, and border trade.

He stressed the need for systematic tracking of disobedient foreigners to preserve the national cultural characteristics and protect the sovereignty of the State as well as the simple and systematic visa procedures for foreign technicians and tourists that can help improve economic performance of the country.

He invited recommendations from various aspects of those present. Union Minister U Khin Yi then explained plans for adoption of visa policy, followed by colourful suggestions of those present. Then the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the Vice-President. The coordination meeting was



also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Wunna Maung Lwin

and U Tin Naing Thein and officials.

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*Vice-President U Nyan Tun speaking at coordination meeting for implementation of Visa Policy in Myanmar.—MNA*

## Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw holds talks with former US President



*Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets former US President Mr Jimmy Carter at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by former US President Mr Jimmy Carter and wife at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today.

They discussed matter related to practising

democracy.

Present at the call together with the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees, members of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment

Commission and officials from Hluttaw Office. The visiting delegation was accompanied by officials of US Embassy. After the discussion, they posed for documentary photo along with the visiting delegation and party.

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### Republic of the Union of Myanmar Committee for implementation of report of investigation commission on Letpadaungtaung copper mine project Press Release No. 1/2013 8<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabaung, 1374 ME (3 April, 2013)

1. The committee for implementation of report of investigation commission on Letpadaungtaung copper mine project is following “ways to continue the project by fixing flaws in the findings and laying down plans to fully serve the national interest, the interest of local people and the interests of the future generation”.
2. As the committee is undertaking various tasks simultaneously, here is the progress of its undertakings till 3-4-2013.
3. Land survey squads of a scrutiny team formed to vet whether the project confiscated farmlands more than necessary could made the following conclusion:-
 

(a) Originally confiscated land	7867.78 acres
(b) Least area of land to implement the project	6965.54 acres
(c) Area of land that could be withdrawn from the project	902.24 acres
4. In granting compensation to local people whose farmlands were confiscated, 570 farmers have received the compensation of K 17856.75 million for 1753.71 acres of land as suggested in the final report of the investigation commission. The granting of compensation will continue.
5. We have received 177 complaints over hierarchy of lands and types of lands from local farmers. The committee formed land dispute scrutiny team which has settled 33 cases while others are being handled.
6. The committee is dealing with environmental conservation, development of relocated villages, employment, and regional development. The committee will continue to act on suggestions of the investigation committee and will issue press release occasionally.

**Committee for implementation of report of investigation commission on Letpadaungtaung copper mine project  
3 April, 2013**

## Singaporean delegation arrives in Yangon

*Singaporean President Mr Tony Tan Keng Yam being welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe at Yangon International Airport.*

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YANGON, 3 April—A goodwill delegation led by Singaporean President Mr Tony Tan Keng Yam and wife Mrs Mary Tan arrived here by special flight from Mandalay this morning.

They were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe

and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and wife and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Embassy of Singapore.

Next, the Singaporean President and party laid a wreath at the Martyr’s Mausoleum.

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