

Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives Minister of Infrastructure and Environment of the Netherlands and party

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun received Ms. M.H Schultz van Haegen-Maas Geesteranus, Minister of Infrastructure and Environment of the Netherlands, and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President U Nyan Tun were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and officials.

They held comprehensive discussions on water resources management, generating hydroelectricity, food safety, prevention against flood, adequate supply of drinking water, water sufficiency in rural, urban and industrial zones, technological training



courses and matters related to assistance for human resource development and prospects for mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives Ms. M.H Schultz van Haegen-Maas Geesteranus, Minister of Infrastructure and Environment of the Netherlands.—MNA

Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—According to the observation at 12.30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over

North Bay of Bengal. It is forecast to intensify further into a depression during next 24 hours, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

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Urban transport and road network of Greater Yangon Strategic Development Plan

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Greater Yangon Strategic Development Plan includes nine sectors—urban transportation, road network, rail transportation, port and goods transportation, water supply, sanitation and proper

flow of water, electricity supply and management of waste disposal—for infrastructural development.

With regard to urban transportation, priority is being given to improvement of public

modes of transportation. According to interviews with some households in 39 townships in Yangon, 71.5 per cent of interviewees expressed their wish to ensure improvement in road transport.

Regarding the road network, construction of ring roads outside the city, downtown ring roads and major roads linking between the two ring roads will be necessary to build road networks that can meet the demand of traffic sector, thereby contributing towards better public transport and urban development.

Plans are underway to bring about smooth and speedy environmentally-friendly transport system as a vision of urban transport. Moreover, as a development policy, arrangements are being made for improvement in road network including good transportation, establishment of a transport system that guarantees swift and secure flow of commodities and safety

transportation of passengers and ensuring effective formation and capacity building for sustainable transport system.

It is planned to fulfill the requirement in the ratio of passengers to buses as only 50 passenger buses are available for 1000 passenger. Furthermore, measures to increase the bus speed from 10km/hr to 25 km/hr in rush hour and arrangements for road safety will be carried out.

Short-term plans include rearrangement for passenger bus routes, upgrading of bus services, establishment of private-owned bus lines and BRT, improvement in downtown transport system, bus-stops and pavements in central economic zone in downtown, conducting talks on traffic

rules, upgrading of record system for road accidents and control system, computerized vehicle registration and licence, rules and regulations for transport management and other management sectors. Mid-term plan includes formation of public transport authority.

Construction of overhead bridges and underpasses are regarded as quick measures for road network development. Betterment of approach roads to Dagon bridge is prioritized as a short-term work and No (2) Road and No (7) Road, road section No (1) of outside ring road are on the list of short-term and mid-term plans.

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Japanese designer makes sportswear for XXVII SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May — Japanese Designer Ms. Koshino Junko designed the sweat-control sportswear which is durable and light for the XXVII SEA Games.

According to raw materials and technology, the sportswear will be manufactured at Japan and the products will be handed over to Myanmar at the end of June 2013. Japanese Designer Ms. Koshino Junko is a native of Osaka in Japan. She graduated in design course from Bunka

Fashion College. During her studies in fashion, she was awarded The Soen Award. She started her career as a designer in the international fashion world from Paris Fashion Show in 1987. She is internationally known for innovative use of Japanese traditional fabrics at international fashion shows as well as designing sportswear for international sports events.

She was appointed as an Ambassador for Tourism of Japan on 2008. — *Kyemon*



Photo shows Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe wearing sportswear donated by Japan for the XXVII SEA Games at luncheon on 26 May in Nay Pyi Taw. — *Kyemon*

Yangon bus lines to see systematic reformation soon

YANGON, 28 May — Chairman U Hla Aung of All Bus-line Control Committee (Central) said that a reconstitution would be made for bus lines which are in large numbers in Yangon Region.

He says “Some bus lines are without passenger buses. Some have one or two buses which are in operation. They cannot effectively contribute towards transport system,”

It is a move to recon-

stitute the formation of the current-running 395 bus lines in a compact one in order to bring a smooth and effective transport system in Yangon. “There is no abolition and substitution of bus line up to date.”

Under the overage vehicle substitution scheme, some passenger buses were handed over. So some buses are to replace the route of these buses for the convenience of passengers. According to a system of

Transport

distributing one million cubic feet natural gas to passenger buses, bus services in Yangon will develop and Dina and Hilux routes will be substituted with City Buses that ensure public safety and smooth and speedy transport.

He continued that there will be advantages for transport system of Yangon by taking lessons from bus services of other countries.

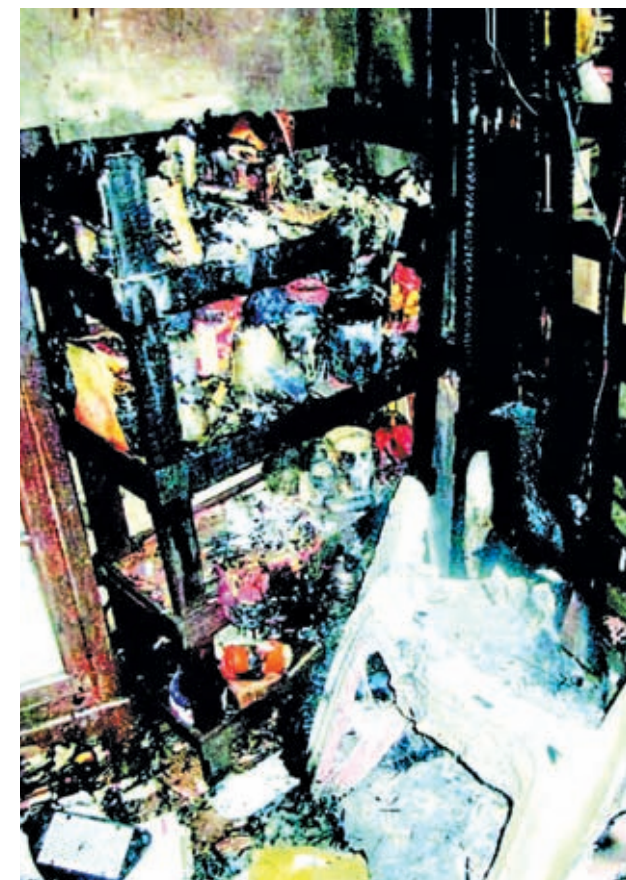
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Unattended mosquito coils blamed for two house fires in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 28 May — Mosquito coils had been to blame for two houses fires in two days in Mandalay,

local fire services department said.

A fire that started in a two-storey house on 82nd



street between 27th and 28th streets in Ale ward of Chanayethazan ward in Mandalay at about 1.50 pm on 23 May was due to an unattended mosquito coils which was put on a pile of six plastic chairs. It is said to have set other chairs and some parts of the ceiling on fire in the house of U Tin Htay. The fire did not sweep through the whole house thanks to timely arrival of fire crews and collaborative efforts of ward dwellers who joined in the fight against the fire that died down at about 2.10 pm.

In a fire occurred at a house between 36th and 37th streets and 72nd and 73rd streets in Maha Nwesin ward of Mahaangmyay Township the following day, an unattended mosquito coil was blamed for setting fire to a mosquito net. As ward dwellers put out the fire in time, only the mosquito net was reduced to ashes.

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Fire

Talks on development of fish and meat production sector held

LEWE, 28 May — Lewe Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department conducted an educative talks on development of meat and fish production sector at Nanwin-aing village in Lewe Township of Nay

Pyi Taw Council Area on 21 May.

LBVD Deputy Director Dr Soe Thein made an opening address. Next, head and deputy head of Lewe Township LBVD Dr Aung Thu Tun and Dr Ko Ko San Maung gave talks

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on dairy cattle, pig, chicken and duck breeding and infectious diseases which are common in animals. Staff Officer U Ohn Than of Fisheries Department also gave an account of fish farming.

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Building collapses, kills three during demolition

YANGON, 28 May — A sudden collapse happened to a house which was being demolished at the corner of Shin Saw Pu Street and Baho Road in Sangyoung Township, at about 9.10 on 25 May. Four workers who were cutting the handrails on the left side of the house were thrown out when the partial collapse occurred. One of them plunged onto a pile of wood and he was declared dead on the spot. Two out of the remaining three were pronounced dead

while they were transported to the hospital.

“The house went down on its left side with hacksaws. All four fell down on the ground. One was dead on the spot as he hit the pile of wood. Three others sustained serious injuries and they were sent to hospital,” says one of workers who were performing demolition together with the victims. A worker identified the victims that the young man who died in the collapse was Tun Lwin

Accident

Myo, 20 and three others in critical condition were Moe Kyaw Thu, 27, Thiha Myo Lwin, 20, and Shein Ko Ko, 21. Two of them, Moe Kyaw Thu and Shein Ko Ko died on their way to hospital.

The single two-storey building has been demolished since 28 April with the manpower of 11 workers from Wakema and two from Pyay. The fatal incident broke out after about one month.

“If you knew him, you loved him as he was very friendly towards everyone,” a woman who cooked meals for workers said of the young man killed in the accident.

There was a sudden collapse of veranda of a building on Kyaukmyaung market street in Tamway Township last year. A woman cook was dead while chunks of concrete of the veranda went down.

Kyemon



Ten-wheeled truck in blaze in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 28 May — A blaze happened to a ten-wheeled truck, Nissan, carrying pipes near Phethi upper village which is south-east of Tachilek in Shan State (East) at about 3 pm yesterday.

The fire is believed to have started from the friction between pipes that caused fire on the Nissan truck driven by U Tayoke and conductor U Lay. Although the driver tried to remove the pipes in blaze

from the truck, the burning pipes set fire to the truck and caused nearly K 20 million worth damage. The driver and the conductor did not sustain injuries in the accident.

Kyemon

WORLD

US fighter jet crashes off Okinawa

TOKYO, 28 May—A US military fighter jet crashed on Tuesday in waters off Okinawa Prefecture, with the pilot rescued uninjured, the Japanese government and local coast guard said.

The crash is likely to have occurred during training, with the cause not immediately known, the government said.

Around 9 am, the US military in Okinawa asked the local coast guard in Naha for help, saying that an F-15 crashed into the sea and the pilot was holding onto a raft after an emergency exit.

An Air Self-Defence Force helicopter rescued the pilot at around 10:10

am, the coast guard said. The coast guard dispatched patrol vessels, along with a helicopter and airplane to the area, locating an oil slick but not the crashed jet.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference in Tokyo that the jet “was in a training area” and the government is gathering further information.

Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera told reporters that Tokyo will ask the US military to prevent a recurrence.

Local residents voiced concerns as the crash was not the first of its kind in Okinawa, which is home to the bulk of US bases in



File photo shows an F-15 fighter jet at the US Kadena Air Base in Okinawa Prefecture in February 2010. The Japanese government received information that an F-15 plunged into waters east of the southwestern Japan island prefecture on 28 May, 2013. There were no casualties in the incident.—KYODO NEWS

Japan. In January 2006, an F-15 fighter jet plunged into the Pacific Ocean off Uruma.

“If the jet had fallen to the ground, people in Okinawa would have been directly hit,” said 69-year-

old Soken Machida, who lives near the US Kadena Air Base and witnessed the 1968 crash of a B-52 jet at the base. “The US military should give priority to safety,” he said.

Kyodo News

Japan to expand peacekeeping work in S Sudan despite safety concerns

TOKYO, 28 May—The Japanese government said on Tuesday it will expand the peacekeeping activities of the Ground Self-Defence Force in South Sudan at the request of the United Nations, rejecting safety concerns following a deadly ambush in April.

Some 330 GSDF troops are currently engaged in road reconstruction and other work in the capital of Juba and surrounding areas in the African country, which became independent from Sudan in 2011 after decades of civil war.

Their expanded mission will cover the Equatoria region, made up of three states in the country’s south, including one where the capital is located. Tokyo is also considering increasing the number of troops, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference.

Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera issued an order for the GSDF to change its mission areas on Tuesday.

“We have received a request from the United Nations to expand the areas of SDF activities, and as a result of some coordination it became clear that there is a demand for reconstructing main roads and runways,” Suga, top government spokesman, said.

Kyodo News

Indonesian president Yudhoyono to receive statesmanship award in New York

JAKARTA, 28 May—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is scheduled to receive the World Statesman Award from US-based Appeal of Conscience Foundation (ACF) in his upcoming visit to New York.

The award is given in recognition of Yudhoyono’s significant contribution to democracy, world peace and human rights promotion.

The award would be handed over by the ACF,

a prestigious organization founded in 1965 that promotes coalition of business and religious leaders in enhancing peace, tolerance and resolution of ethnic conflicts around the world through democratic means and protecting human rights. The awarding ceremony will be held during Yudhoyono’s upcoming visit to New York after his official visit to Sweden that started on Monday. The president would be in New York from

29 to 30 May to attend the UN High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

“As a nation we should be proud as there is an international credible institution that is scrutinizing us on several aspects for quite a long time and eventually gives us an award for our nation through its president,” the president told the press at the airport on Monday before his departure to Stockholm.

Xinhua

France’s Le Monde says chemical weapons used in Syria

PARIS, 28 May—Syrian forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad have repeatedly used chemical weapons against rebel fighters in Damascus, according to first-hand accounts in France’s *Le Monde* newspaper.

The newspaper, in a report issued on its website on Monday, said one of its photographers had suffered blurred vision and respiratory difficulties for

four days after an attack on 13 April on the Jobar front, just inside central Damascus.

Assad’s government and the rebels fighting to oust him have accused each other of using chemical weapons. UN investigators have been ready for weeks, but diplomatic wrangling and safety concerns have delayed their entry into Syria.

Undercover in and

around the Damascus area for two months alongside Syrian rebels, a *Le Monde* reporter and photographer said they had witnessed battlefield chemical attacks and had also talked to doctors and other witnesses of their aftermath.

They describe men coughing violently, their eyes burning, their pupils shrinking.—Reuters



A civilian walks on rubble as he inspects the damage after what activists said was shelling by forces loyal to Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad in Arbaeen, near Damascus, on 23 May, 2013.

REUTERS

Chile, Argentina order evacuation around stirring southern volcano

SANTIAGO/BUENOS AIRES, 28 May—Chilean and Argentine authorities on Monday declared a red alert and ordered the mandatory evacuation of a 25-km (15.5-mile) radius around the active Copahue volcano, which straddles the border between the two Andean nations.

The volcano — located some 500 km (310 miles) south of capital Santiago, between Chile’s Bio Bio region and Argentina’s Neuquen province — has seen increasing seismic activity in recent weeks but has not erupted, Chilean authorities said.

“This doesn’t necessarily mean the volcano will start erupting. But according to the Sernageomin (National Geological and Mining Service), the volcano is now in a process that could culminate in an eruption, for that reason we’ve issued a red alert and the evacuation,” Chilean Interior Minister Andres Chadwick told a nationally televised news conference.

Authorities estimated that some 2,240 people will be evacuated in Chile.

In Argentina’s Neu-

quen Province, authorities also declared a “red alert,” and ordered the evacuation of some 900 people in tourist-haven Cavihue-Copahue. The Argentine municipality had previously ordered the cancellation of school classes.

Close to the Chilean side of the volcano, in Bio Bio region, power generator Endesa Chile operates the Ralco and Pangu hydroelectric dams, which have not been affected by the evacuation order.

Endesa Chile is monitoring the situation, a company source told Reuters. Water levels at the dams are at technical lows, which would avoid the possible need to open the floodgates, and the dams’ walls are designed to withstand earthquakes, the source said.

In mid-2011, ash from a volcano in Chile’s Puyehue-Cordon Caulle chain that erupted after decades of lying dormant forced the sporadic cancellation of hundreds of flights, especially in neighbouring Argentina and Uruguay.

Reuters



Smoke and ash rising from the Copahue volcano are seen from “Alto Biobio” place some 770 km (479 miles) southwest of Santiago in this 22 Dec, 2012 file picture.—REUTERS

India to develop nuclear energy sector

BEIJING, 28 May—With India suffering a major national power shortage, the country is moving towards the development of its nuclear energy sector.

Urgent electricity demands.

According to the International Energy Agency, more than a third of India’s population had no access to electricity in 2010. Rapid economic growth calls for sufficient supplies of power.

However, the country’s thermal, hydroelectric and renewable resources are

unable to meet these needs.

As early as 2009, Prime Minister Singh announced a plan to supply a quarter of India’s electricity from nuclear power by 2050. In 2009, nuclear power generated 4 percent of the nation’s electricity. Now India is looking to further develop its nuclear sector.

India’s first nuclear power plant was built in 1969 with the help of the US. In 1974, India conducted its first nuclear test, leading to a nuclear embargo on the country.

In 2005, the US began

talks on civil nuclear energy systems with India and signed an agreement of cooperation three years later. With the 34-year embargo lifted, India has received help on nuclear energy development from France, Russia and Canada.

Japan’s sales of nuclear equipment to India have been hampered by sensitivity in Japan over India’s past atomic tests and its refusal to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



First-ever successful stem cell transplant in Vietnam

HANOI, 28 May — Vietnam has successfully conducted the country's first-ever haploidentical stem cell transplant for a 21-year-old man, state-run *Vietnam News* reported on Tuesday. Specifically, doctors from southern Ho Chi Minh City-based Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion have conducted the haploidentical stem cell transplant for 21-year-old Cao Xuan Hiep from southern Dong Nai Province in late April, and he was discharged from the hospital late last week after 28 days.

According to the hospital director Phu Chi Dung, Hiep was hospitalized in early April with symptoms of exhaustion, high fever and anemia. With tests, the doctors diagnosed him with acute myeloid leukemia, a cancer of the myeloid line of blood cell. Hiep's older sister, who half-matches his

human leukocyte anti-gen (HLA) tissue type, agreed to donate a stem cell to her brother (HLAs are proteins found on most cells in the human body).

Doctors had to preserve the donated stem cells in a chamber at minus 196 degrees Celsius for 20 days before conducting the transplant procedure on 25 April. Hiep left the hospital on 24 May. Doctors are still monitoring Hiep for any side effects that could affect his liver, heart or lungs, and they said he would fully recover after six months to one year. His treatment cost 300 million VND (14,388 US dollars), of which 70 percent was paid by health insurance. Haploidentical stem cell transplantation is said to be a treatment option for about 70 percent of patients who do not have an HLA-identical sibling donor.—*Xinhua*

Hon Hai, Mozilla to launch mobile device running on Firefox

TAIPEI, 28 May — Taiwan's Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd will team up with Mozilla and launch a mobile device that runs on the US company's Firefox operating system, a Mozilla spokeswoman said, as Hon Hai looks to diversify its client base away from Apple. The Taipei-based Mozilla spokeswoman declined to provide details on the device that the companies plan to unveil on 3 June, but Focus Taiwan, citing an "industry insider", reported that it would likely be a tablet.

Hon Hai and Mozilla declined to comment on the report. Hon Hai, a contract electronics maker that draws an estimated 60 percent of its revenue from assembling gadgets and other work for Apple Inc, saw its net profit ease last

quarter as sales of iPhones and iPads slowed. Most of the mobile devices that Hon Hai manufactures run on Apple's iOS and Google's Android systems. Hon Hai said it would add Firefox to its product line for clients.

Mozilla, the non-profit organization that evolved from Netscape, said at Barcelona's Mobile World

Congress in February that it was working with manufacturers Alcatel (TCL Communication Technology), LG Electronics and ZTE Corp to build the first Firefox OS devices, with Huawei Technologies to follow later in the year, all powered by the Qualcomm Snapdragon mobile processors.—*Reuters*



A security guard patrols at Hong Hai headquarters in Tucheng, Taipei county, on 8 June, 2010.—*REUTERS*

SkyVision to showcase new services at South Africa's "Satcom 2013" exhibition

JOHANNESBURG, 28 May — SkyVision Global Networks Ltd, a leading global provider of IP connectivity over satellite and fiber optic systems, announced on Monday that it will be showcasing a host of new products and services at the Satcom 2013 exhibition

and conference scheduled for 28-29 May in Johannesburg. To consistently reinforce its leading position in Africa, SkyVision is dedicated to continuous development of new solutions and services to meet the increased demand for reliable connectivity, the company said in a statement issued here. "Today's African market presents a clear need for robust and efficient telecommunication services," comments Doron Ben Sira, SkyVision CEO. "We are proud to extend our services offering throughout the continent, and the ability to provide a wide range of enterprise solutions. It's SkyVision's experience and expertise in Africa that enables us to deliver reliable

and competitively priced connectivity solutions," he added. The company's intensive efforts and corporate strategy have led to its reputation of delivering superior solutions across the continent.

SkyVision's success in the African market is also a result of its comprehensive network of local partners and representatives, and dedicated SkyVision offices in Nigeria, South Africa, Senegal, Guinea, and Burkina Faso. SkyVision Voice services, Mobile Satellite services, Managed Firewall services, and the SkyVision Active, which are the company's business continuity series, are amongst the company's most recent launches.—*Xinhua*

The world's tallest tower swing ride, which sends those foolhardy enough to get on-board a whopping 400 feet up in the air, officially opened on Saturday at the Six Flags Over Texas amusement park in Arlington, US. The Texas SkyScreamer allows up to 24 riders to sit in open-air swings while spinning in a 124-foot circle at speeds up to 35mph. —XINHUA



The new tech palaces: visionary HQs, or cursed trophies?

SEATTLE/ SAN FRANCISCO, 28 May— While much of corporate America is retrenching on the real estate front, the four most influential technology companies in America are each planning headquarters that could win a Pritzker Architecture Prize for hubris. Amazon.com this week revealed plans for three verdant bubbles in downtown Seattle, joining Apple's circular "spaceship," Facebook's Frank Gehry-designed open-office complex and a new Googleplex on the list of planned trophy offices.

"It signals a desire, a statement, to say that we're special, we're different. We have changed the world and we are going to continue to change it," said Margaret O'Mara, associate professor of history at

the University of Washington, who has written about the building of Silicon Valley. "It's also a reflection of robust bank accounts. They have a lot of cash." Historically, however, when a company becomes preoccupied with the grandeur of its premises, it often signals a high point in its fortunes. These fantastical buildings may end up as little more than costly monuments to vanity and a loss of focus on the core business that made for success in the first place.

"I've been thinking the Apple spaceship is going to get nicknamed the 'Death Star' because the project is so big and the timing is so bad," said hedge fund manager Jeff Matthews of Ram Partners. The building is coming to fruition just as Apple's product cycles may be maturing, he



The proposed Google corporate headquarters in Mountain View, California, is pictured in this artist's rendering courtesy of NBBJ. REUTERS

explained. "It is such a classic contrary indicator that you just get the shakes." He no longer holds Apple stock.

Walter Price, who runs technology investment funds at RCM Capital Management LLC, shares the outlook: "When companies build big headquarters it's usually when they're doing really well and

have strong outlooks, and that often coincides with a peak in their stock." Apple, Amazon, Google and Facebook are battling to recruit tech talent, and attractive campuses help with that, he added, but Apple's plan has not gone down well with investors. RCM's tech funds no longer hold shares.—*Reuters*

Scientists, officials call for attention on brain diseases

DUBLIN, 28 May — European scientists and healthcare officials gathered here on Tuesday to exchange research progress and recommend policy changes on brain health-care.

The two-day conference, Healthy Brain: Healthy Europe, was held in Ireland, which currently holds the presidency of the European Union (EU).

"Around 165 million people in Europe are affected every year by some form of brain-related disorder.

This means that almost every family in Europe is likely to be affected," said Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, European commissioner for research, innovation and science. Irish Minister for Health James Reilly estimated one third of European population aged above 65 suffer dementia.

"When we drill down into the causes of brain disorders and poor ageing of the brain we frequently find the usual culprits—smoking, too much alcohol, and obesity," said the minister. Professor Adriana Maggi from University of Milan said with genetics and molecular imaging, doctors are making progress on treatment of brain diseases.

The conference served as one of the steps to coordinate healthcare efforts in Europe in the area of brain disorders.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Shares higher, Bunds dip on central bank pledges

LONDON, 28 May—European shares rose on Tuesday and German bond prices dipped as investors drew support from signals of ongoing central bank stimulus. Investors turned cautious after the US Federal Reserve cast doubt on the future of its stimulus plan last week. But both the Bank of Japan and the European Central Bank have since reaffirmed that their expansive policies will stay in place.

“I expect the major markets to test resistance levels of last week as investors are still seeking

higher highs and new record levels in the near term, whilst the central banks are continuing their quantitative easing operations,” Tom Robertson, senior trader at Accendo Markets, said. In early trading the FTSE Eurofirst 300 index .FTEU3 of top European shares rose 0.8 percent. That followed on from a gain of 1.4 percent in Japan’s Nikkei .N225, which tumbled 3.2 percent on Monday.

The recovery in Tokyo stocks spurred further yen selling, leaving the dollar up 1.2 percent against the Japanese currency at



Traders work at their screens in front of the DAX board at the Frankfurt stock exchange on 7 May, 2013. REUTERS

101.86, off a two-week low of 100.66 yen. German Bund futures dipped as traders made way for Dutch and Belgian debt supply

later in the day. The June Bund future was 20 ticks down at 144.06 compared with 144.26 at Monday’s close.—Reuters

Drugmaker Valeant to buy Bausch & Lomb for \$8.7 billion

TORONTO/WINNIPEG, 28 May —Valeant Pharmaceuticals International (VRX.TO) said on Monday it agreed to buy Bausch & Lomb Holdings Inc from Warburg Pincus LLC for \$8.7 billion, a cash deal set to vault the Canadian company into the upper ranks of the global pharmaceutical sector. The purchase strengthens Valeant’s offerings in ophthalmic pharmaceuticals, contact lenses and lens care products, along with adding ophthalmic surgical devices and instruments to its portfolio.

Valeant shares rose nearly 8 percent in Toronto to C\$93.71, touching an all-time high. It had gained 13 percent on Friday following reports a deal was in the

said, adding that the deal will boost Valeant’s 2013 earnings. Talks with Bausch & Lomb have been going on and off for a few years but intensified in recent weeks, Pearson said, adding that ophthalmology is attractive for its growth prospects and Bausch & Lomb’s large proportion of sales directly to consumers is also appealing. Laval, Quebec-based Valeant plans to keep all three of Bausch & Lomb’s segments of contact lenses, pharmaceuticals and surgical instruments, said Pearson, putting to bed some market speculation from Friday that the company may seek to sell the surgical instruments arm.

The Bausch & Lomb



A contact lens is seen in Somerville, Massachusetts on 10 June, 2008.—REUTERS

works. The company’s stock has multiplied six times over in about three years, with Valeant racking up some 60 deals since 2008. Bausch & Lomb is by far Valeant’s biggest acquisition to date, and will place it roughly among the 15 largest global pharmaceutical companies, said Valeant Chief Executive Michael Pearson in an interview with Reuters.

“This is a 160-year old company and brand name. I think we’ll be able to really leverage that,” he

deal also gives Valeant the large scale of operations that it lacked in China and emerging markets like the Middle East, Pearson said. “We are thrilled about the deal,” said James Telfer, a portfolio manager at Caldwell Investment Management. “We are invested in Valeant right now, because we want something exposed to the US and emerging markets and this definitely just beefs up that thesis.”

Reuters

ICBC kicks off yuan clearing bank services in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 28 May—Banking giant Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) kicked off its yuan clearing services in Singapore on Monday, marking a milestone in Singapore’s development as an offshore yuan hub. In separate developments, HSBC and Standard Chartered both said on Monday they are offering offshore Renminbi bonds to raise 500 million yuan (81.7 million US dollars) and 1 billion yuan (163.4 million US dollars), respectively. These are Singapore’s first dim sum bonds.

Singapore Exchange said on the same day that it is launching its depository services for renminbi-

denominated bonds. Standard Chartered said its three-year senior unsecured issuance is priced with a coupon of 2.625 percent, after generating over 3 billion yuan in orders from 75 investors across Asia. The bond will be settled on 31 May. HSBC priced its two-year fixed rate notes at 2.25 percent. Both bonds will be cleared through Central Depository Pte, a unit of Singapore Exchange. Standard Chartered said its bond will be settled through ICBC Singapore.

ICBC Singapore, which was designated as the yuan clearing bank in Singapore earlier this year, said 49 banks from Singapore

and elsewhere opened accounts with it to become participating banks. It cleared 53 transactions worth a total of 1.61 billion yuan (263.1 million US dollars) on Monday. Singapore is the first regional financial center outside China to have a yuan clearing bank. In China’s Hong Kong and Taipei, the local units of the Bank of China had been picked to clear yuan transactions in 2004 and 2012, respectively. The local units of the Bank of China and the ICBC were both granted qualifying full bank licenses in Singapore last year, which allow them to open up to 25 outlets in the city state.

Xinhua

EU duties on Chinese solar panels losing member-state support



Employees examine newly-made solar panels before boxing for shipment at a factory of Yingli Solar in Baoding, Hebei Province on 2 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

BRUSSELS, 28 May —A majority of EU governments oppose a plan to impose hefty duties on solar panel imports from China, a survey of member states showed on Monday, undermining efforts by Brussels to pressure Beijing over its trade practices. The European Commission, the EU’s executive, accuses Chinese firms of selling solar panels at below cost in

Europe — a practice known as “dumping” — and plans to impose duties, making it far harder for China to gain market share.

The duties, averaging 47 percent, will come into force from 6 June for a trial period and could be withdrawn if both sides reach a negotiated settlement. It is the largest trade case the Commission has undertaken, with about 21 billion euros of China-

made solar panels sold in the EU. The duties are being proposed by the EU’s trade commissioner, Belgian lawyer Karel De Gucht, who met with Chinese Vice-Minister of Commerce Zhong Shan for an informal meeting in Brussels on Monday.

The Chinese side described the meetings as “constructive” and said the pair discussed solar duties as well as an EU threat to open an investigation into mobile telecom equipment makers Huawei and ZTE.

But Zhong said that either EU move would lead to a definitive Chinese response. “Such practices of trade protectionism are not acceptable to China,” a spokeswoman for the Chinese mission to the European Union said in a statement, and would “seriously sour the climate on bilateral trade and economic engagement.”—Reuters

H1N1 flu outbreak kills 17 in Venezuela

CARACAS, 28 May—An outbreak of H1N1 flu has killed 17 people in Venezuela and infected another 250, private media and local authorities said on Monday. H1N1, often referred to as swine flu, was a flu strain that swept around in the world in a 2009/2010 pandemic.

“We’re suffering a tail-end of the pandemic,” a former Venezuelan health minister, Rafael Orihuela, told a local TV station, commenting on the widespread reports of 17 deaths in the South American nation of 29 million people. Most of the cases were in border states near Colombia.

Venezuela’s government has not confirmed the figures given by media and local health authorities. But officials said high-risk groups had largely been immunized, with 3 million vaccinations carried out so far this year.—Reuters

Patient communication has room to grow

NEW YORK, 28 May — There’s room — and need — for improvement in the discussions between doctor and patient that go into medical decision-making, according to research out on Monday. In four studies and a commentary published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*, the authors look at various aspects of doctors’ dialogue with patients about prognoses, options and treatment preferences and find little consistency.

And though not all patients want the responsibility of making treatment decisions, medical

organizations have long promoted the idea of patient-centered care through shared decision-making, and the 2010 Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act that goes into effect next year incorporates the idea into law.

What’s more, “When physicians reach out and communicate to patients that their views are welcome, patients really like that a lot,” said Floyd Fowler, senior scientific advisor for the Informed Medical Decisions Foundation in Boston. But research in the past decade showed that US patients with

common medical conditions were not being adequately informed about their treatment options, so Fowler and his colleagues wanted to see if anything had changed recently.

They surveyed 2,718 US adults who were over 40 years old in 2011 and had seen a doctor for any of the five most commonly treated medical conditions — high blood pressure and cholesterol, prostate and breast cancer screenings and back and knee problems — during the previous two years.

Reuters

IAEA opens nuclear emergency response training centre in Fukushima

FUKUSHIMA, 28 May—The International Atomic Energy Agency on Monday opened a nuclear emergency response training centre in the city of Fukushima.

The Capacity Building Centre, where a Japanese IAEA official has been stationed, will train Japanese and foreign experts on the handling of nuclear accidents, based on the lessons learned from the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant disaster.

It will also serve as the base for the IAEA's cooperation with Fukushima

Prefecture in such operations as radioactive decontamination, as agreed in December.

"We would like to make utmost efforts to revive Fukushima Prefecture in cooperation with the IAEA," the prefecture's Deputy Gov Masao Uchibori said at a ceremony to open the centre.

IAEA Incident and Emergency Centre head Elena Buglova told the ceremony the UN agency will pursue nuclear safety through operations in Fukushima.—*Kyodo News*



(From L to R) Shin Maruo, ambassador for science and technology cooperation of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, Elena Buglova, head of the IAEA Incident and Emergency Centre, and Masao Uchibori, deputy governor of Fukushima Prefecture, attend a ceremony in the city of Fukushima on 27 May, 2013, to open the International Atomic Energy Agency's nuclear emergency response training centre in the northeastern Japan city.—*KYODO NEWS*

More than 70 killed in wave of Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 28 May—More than 70 people were killed in a wave of bombings in markets in Shi'ite neighbourhoods across Baghdad on Monday in worsening sectarian violence in Iraq.

No group claimed re-

Japan, US to beef up cooperation over space debris

TOKYO, 28 May—Japan and the United States have agreed to strengthen cooperation over space debris by sharing information on the trajectories of rapidly moving satellite and rocket fragments, Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said on Tuesday.

"It is meaningful, in that it represents a concrete case of progress in Japan-US space cooperation in the security area," Kishida told reporters.

"This arrangement is expected to contribute to safe operations of Japan's satellites by enabling the United States to share information on space debris with Japan in a more extensive and expeditious manner."

As part of the arrangement, Tokyo is considering providing Washington with space observation data held by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

Kishida and US Ambassador to Japan John Roos are expected to seal the deal later in the day.

The amount of space debris has grown sharply in recent years. More than 21,000 pieces of debris are estimated to be orbiting the Earth.—*Kyodo News*

sponsibility for the blasts. But Sunni Muslim Islamist insurgents and al-Qaeda's Iraqi wing have increased attacks since the beginning of the year and often target Shi'ite districts.

More than a dozen blasts tore into markets and shopping areas in districts



Residents gather at the site of bomb attacks in Baghdad on 27 May, 2013.—*REUTERS*

across the Iraqi capital, including twin bombs just several hundred metres apart that killed at least 13 people in the capital's Sadr City area, police and hospital officials said.

"A driver hit another

car and left pretending to bring traffic police. Another car rushed to take him away and right after his car exploded among people who had gathered to see what was happening," said bystander Hassan Kadhim. "People were shouting for help and blood covered

their faces." Tensions between the Shi'ite leadership and the Sunni Muslim minority are at their worst since US troops left in December 2011, and the conflict in Syria is straining Iraq's

fragile communal balance.

More than 700 people were killed in attacks in April, according to a UN count, the highest monthly toll in almost five years. So far in May more than 300 have died.

Thousands of Sunnis began staging street protests last December against Shi'ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, whom they accuse of marginalising their sect since the fall of Saddam Hussein after the 2003 invasion.

The latest surge in violence began in April after a raid by the Iraqi army on a Sunni Muslim protest camp in the town of Hawija led to clashes with the security forces and more attacks.

Bombings on Shi'ite and Sunni mosques, security forces and Sunni tribal leaders over a month-long surge in violence are heightening worries Iraq risks returning to the level of sectarian violence that killed thousands in 2006-2007.—*Reuters*

Fire on Royal Caribbean cruise ship cuts short Bahamas trip

FREEPORT, 28 May—Fire aboard a Royal Caribbean cruise ship forced it to dock at Freeport, Bahamas, on Monday, with all passengers and crew safe but the rest of the trip cancelled, the cruise company reported.

Grandeur of the Seas, operated by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd, was on a seven-night trip that left Baltimore on Friday. The 916-foot-long (280-metre) ship was en route to Coco Cay, Bahamas, when a fire occurred in its mooring area

early on Monday, the company said in a statement.

The fire was extinguished in about two hours and the 17-year-old vessel was redirected to Freeport, the company said. As a result of the damage, the rest of the trip was cancelled and passengers were refunded their fares and offered a free cruise in the future.

"Royal Caribbean International is deeply sorry for this unexpected development in our guests' vacation," the company said.



Damage on the Royal Caribbean ship Grandeur of the Seas is pictured as the ship is docked in Freeport on 27 May, 2013.—*REUTERS*

The incident was the latest in a string of bad news for the cruise industry. In March, 108 people fell sick with a gastrointestinal ill-

Money laundering distorts Colombia's economic comeback

PUERTO NUEVO, 28 May—Rotting wooden planks heave as dozens of barefoot Wayuu Indians carry washing machines, fans and stereos on their backs from the hull of a cargo ship docked on the tip of northern Colombia.

Throughout the night, they unload thousands of boxes piled 30 feet (10 meters) high and haul them down the battered ramp to waiting trucks.

By torchlight, Customs director Claudia Gaviria rips open a box at the makeshift wharf at Puerto Nuevo on the La Guajira peninsula. She counts the number of fans against documents supplied by the ship.

"If there's more than the paperwork says, we will seize the merchandise and investigate because it could

nesses, undermining Colombia's bid to reinvent itself as a thriving economy after decades of political and drugs violence.

In complicated schemes, Colombian traffickers receive drug money from overseas dealers in the form of goods, often shipped along with legitimate merchandise. Once the goods are sold and a sales receipt given, the drug money is clean.

The amount of money laundered from the trafficking of drugs, arms and human beings in Colombia is estimated by experts to be as much as \$17 billion a year — more than 5 per cent of the economy's total value and more than total foreign direct investment last year.

Much of the mer-



Motorists drive past containers of smuggled petrol placed along a roadside in Maicao, near La Guajira region, which is closed to the border with Venezuela on 15 Aug, 2012.—*REUTERS*

be contraband or even money laundering," said Gaviria, taping the box up and reaching for another. "We found some doctored papers on this ship."

Contraband smuggled into Colombia is part of multi-billion-dollar money laundering operations that damage legitimate busi-

nesses unloaded by the Wayuu —the bulk of it legitimate — will make its way to the desert town of Maicao, a Wild West type of place that sells cheap designer perfumes and whiskey at half the retail price, alongside knock offs of Prada and Giorgio Armani label goods.—*Reuters*



Damage on the Royal Caribbean ship Grandeur of the Seas is pictured as the ship is docked in Freeport on 27 May, 2013.—*REUTERS*

ness on a Royal Caribbean Cruises ship. In February, thousands of passengers spent nearly five days on a disabled cruise ship operated by

Carnival Corp in the Gulf of Mexico, after an engine-room fire knocked out power and plumbing throughout most of the ship.—*Reuters*

LOCAL NEWS

Cooperative Business Centre to be opened soon



YANGON, 28 May—Central Cooperative Society Limited will soon open an international-standard Cooperative Business Centre at the building formerly known as Saya San Plaza the corner of Saya San street and University Avenue as a proof of the united efforts of cooperative societies.

To enable tourists buy Myanmar traditional souvenirs at one place, a Cooperative Souvenir Shop will be opened in the centre. The building has five-storey and two-storey

parts which will house Cooperative Bank, Central Cooperative Society office, the cooperative souvenir shops, restaurants, company offices, meeting halls, National Insurance Public Company, Bayintnaung Construction Company and Shwe Myanmar Airways. Century Bright Gold Services Co Ltd will open a automobile showroom on ground floor.

Information officer of the centre U Htay Aung Kyi said, "It is at the very heart (of Yangon) and there are

arrangements to enable local and foreign businessmen and tourists go shopping conveniently. We will lease out office rooms to local and foreign companies at a cheap fee."

The opening ceremony of Cooperative Business Centre will be held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony of fourth sculpture contest.

The building which dates back to 1993-1994 is owned by 268 cooperative societies.

Myanma Alinn

Respects paid to teachers at Mandalaylan BEPS

NYAUNGLEBIN, 28 May—A ceremony to pay respects to teachers was held at Mandalaylan Basic Education Primary School in Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region at 9 am on 24 May.

It was attended by departmental officials, teachers, members of the

organizing committee, Headmaster U Aung Zaw Win and old students, totalling about 200. Township Education Officer Daw Naw Chit May made a speech. Chairman of the organizing committee retired teacher U Maung Tun explained the purpose of paying respects to old teachers. Then, old

students paid respects to teachers.

Next, the teachers were served with refreshments.

The old students presented K 60,000 each to the teachers of above 60 years and K 50,000 each to those of above 50 years. Altogether 30 teachers attended the ceremony.—NLM

HEALTH

Sittway Health Department providing healthcare at relief camps

SITTWAY, 28 May—Head of Sittway Township Health Department Dr Naing Lin and Dr Kyaw Tha Sein led a team of township health staff, township Red Cross members, graduating trainees of midwifery training school visited relief camps in Sittway Township and provided healthcare to victims there on 26 May.

The split teams

compiled lists of children under one, children under five, children under 15, expectant mothers, the elders above 65. They provided treatment at designated focal points.

"We the township health department will take care of health of victims in relief camps. We would like to contact us as regards the health problems of victims in the camps. In-charge nurses will open dispensaries

here. I would like to call for cooperation with our staff," Dr Kyaw Tha Sein said at Setyonsu Camp No. 2 on 26 May.

The Sittway Township Health Department provided healthcare to 112 patients including 39 mothers-to-be on 26 May.

The department says it will continue to provide healthcare services to all the victims regardless of race or religion.—Myanma Alinn



Health Department of Sittway Township provides healthcare services to victims at relief camps in the township.

Fire breaks out in Myittha

MYITTHA, 28 May—A fire broke out at TEC Tuition of U Thein Han in west Myoma ward in Myittha Township in Kyaukse District in Mandalay Region at 5.15 am on 25 May.

The fire was started by heat from slaked lime lake in the building.

The fire spread to a primary school in the ward and burnt its windows, amounting the estimated loss to K 2,750,000.

The firefighters put out the fire within 15 minutes and the police station has filed a lawsuit against U Thein Han.—Myanma Alinn

FIRE

Overheated regulator causes fire outbreak in Mawlamyine

MAWLAMYINE, 28 May—An overheated voltage regulator caused a fire outbreak at Than Cho's house in Wutgyi Pagoda road in Sittaegon village in Mawlamyine in Mon State on 21 May evening.

Firefighters and local residents managed to extinguish the fire about 5 minutes after the outbreak.

Myoma Police Station has filed a lawsuit against the owner of the house Than Cho.

Myanma Alinn

CSCs issued in Muse Township

MUSE, 28 May—Muse Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to eligible citizens in urban areas in Muse in northern Shan State under Moe Pwint-5 campaign. Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Min Swe and

eight staff issued CSCs at Tawywet Youth rest house on 25 May. Shan State Hluttaw Representative Daw Nan Ngwe Ngwe contributed the photograph costs for 56 citizens.

Local people responded to the MP and the department with thanks for giving photo costs and issuing the cards in one day.—Myanma Alinn

Zingyaik hydropower plant to be privatized

MAWLAMYINE, 28 May—Mon State Electricity and Industry Minister U Nai Lawi Aung and officials of state Electricity

Supply Enterprise met Thaton District Electrical Engineer U Tint Lwin, Township Administrator U Myint Naing, State Hluttaw Representatives U Maung Lan and U Chan Myint, Township Electrical Engineer U Mai Aung Nay Tun, and village development support group members at the hall of Zingyaik Village small-scale hydropower plant on 22 May morning.

The state minister said the hydropower plant would be privatized and called for repair to make it up and running.

Thaton District Electrical Engineer U Tint Lwin reported that one 100-KW turbine could no more be

operated again and another 64-KW could be repaired. He said 8-inch diameter water pipes.

The private company that would take charge of the plant has set to charge K 15 per unit.

U Yan Lin Aung of village development support group explored viability of opening a guest house in the yard for funding the development efforts.

The fund would be used to repair the plant.

Village-tract administrator U Aung Min Naing sought help from the state government to get rid off shops near the waterfall to keep the environment in good shape.

Myanma Alinn

Han Golf Classic Golf Tourney (Yangon) concludes



NATIONAL SPORTS

YANGON, 28 May—Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd organized the Han Golf Classic Golf Tournament 2013 at Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club in Mingaladon Township on 25 May morning.

U Min Thein and U Sein Lwin secured the nearest to the pin awards and U Tint Oo, Ko Win Thaw and Ko Kyaw Zin Latt, the longest drive awards.

Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation

U Aung Kyi presented first to fifth awards to winners in the division B (handicap 15-24) event.

Vice-President U Zaw Min gave first to fifth prizes to winners in division (A) (handicap 0-14) event.

Patron of MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) awarded the first prize to Maung Maung Oo with 73 strokes and Col San Aung with 75 in the singles' scratch event.

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PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 29 May, 2013

Put in place a good investment climate

The economic potential of the country is a source of hope for Myanmar people, and it is a responsibility for the incumbent government. The country's strategic location in the region should also provide our international partners with ample business opportunities. Thus, the government is committed to setting in motion solid foundations for a market economy to thrive and an investment climate that makes a clear business case for overseas companies.

We are now in the process of implementing an economy that is equitable, fair and based on a level playing field that develops our abundant natural wealth but in a way that protects our natural environment. At the same time we are engaged in a political dialogue process and national reconciliation.

Since our economy is mostly relied on agriculture, tremendous changes in rural and agricultural sectors are now demanding. Therefore, steps are being taken to accelerate public private partnership in agricultural sector with the participation of agriculturalists at home and abroad.

As periods of transition are always fraught with risk, all the people are to understand the need for compromise, tolerance and patience and exercise restraint. The transition is not taking place in a vacuum, and it is central to have the institutions that will help us cope with threats old and new and forge a new resilience.

Although democracy means rivalry and competition, we must try to find ways to work together while nurturing policy-based political parties. But at this critical juncture, we must also rise above partisan politics and set our aims towards a greater nation-building and state-building agenda. With peace to be rooted in the broadest possible participation of public support, the people of our country will surely learn how to steer the country well towards to democracy, exploring every avenue for national development.

Chairman of UCSB deserves high praise by Sehan University

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May— At the invitation of the UN-APCICT and Sehan University of the Republic of Korea, U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the Union Civil Services Board left for Seoul on 21st May 2013, and arrived back in Yangon by air on 26th May evening after receiving an Honorary Doctorate in Public Administration awarded by Sehan University, meeting with high ranking officials from the United Nations Asia-Pacific Centre for Information and Communication Technology (UN-APCICT), Ministry of Safety and Public Administration, Central Officials Training Institute

(COTI) and Sooam Biotech Research Foundation.

The Honorary Doctorate was awarded in honour of U Kyaw Thu's remarkable achievement and dedication as the Chairman of the Tripartite Core Group (TCG) which was established with equal representation from the Government of Myanmar, the ASEAN and the United States, with a view to coordinating, facilitating and monitoring the flow of international assistance in the Cyclone Nargis-affected regions and to assisting the Government's relief and recovery activities.

Chairman U Kyaw Thu cordially discussed matters aiming at delivering capacity

NATIONAL
Union Peace-making Work Committee Vice-Chairman meets townselders, national race leaders in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May— A peace-making group led by U Aung Min, Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee and Union Minister at the President Office, met with townselders and national race leaders at Madira Hotel in Myitkyina, Kachin State, on 26 May.

The peace-making group comprises Union Ministers U Ohn Myint, U Win Tun, Lt-Gen Myint Soe of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and departmental officials.

Also present at the meeting were State Chief Minister U La Jun Ngan Sai, Commanders Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Khet Htain Nan, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Dwe Bu, townselders, national race leaders, religious leaders and officials.

First, Union Minister U Aung Min said that the two peace groups are working together to be able to bring peace to Kachin State and to reach ceasefire agreement. Besides, the two sides held negotiations in the past and could announce the agreement between the two sides, reaching ceasefire.

The two sides are obliged to sign a bilateral agreement and to work together from the ceasefire to gaining eternal peace, he said. He also pledged to continue to work to bring equal rights for national races and self-administration to national races and

building programs for civil service personnel through a variety of modules such as high-level policy dialogue, leadership development seminars and workshops covering good governance, public administration and communications technology (ICT).

Moreover, the Myanmar delegation visited the Central Officials Training Institute, Gyeongbokgung Palace, Jogyesa Temple, Cheongwadae Presidential Office (Blue House) and Sooam Biotech Research Foundation in Seoul.—MNA



Union Minister U Aung Min and party meet townselders, local people.—MNA

holding political dialogue with all national races.

The government has been making efforts for participation of all national races in development tasks, giving priorities to unity of all national races, equal rights and national reconciliation as the president strongly believed that equitable development across the country could be achieved only through cooperation between the governmental bodies and all national races, he said.

He also called on local people in Kachin State to participate in peace process

without doubt.

Lt-Gen Myint Soe stressed the importance of mutual trust, understanding and respect to win the goal of both sides, urging the people to cooperate in peace making process without doubt.

Afterwards, participants at the meeting focused on equal rights for national races.

On 27 May, Vice-Chairman Union Minister U Aung Min, accompanied by Union Ministers U Ohn Myint, U Win Tun, Chief Minister U La Jun Ngan Sai, Amyotha Hluttaw

Rep U Khet Htain Nan and officials welcomed KIO Peace-making group led by USwan Luk Gam at Nan Won Yang Village of Waingmaw Township.

On the way to Majwei Hall near Manaw Ground in Myitkyina, local people welcomed the two peace-making groups, waving miniature flags of Kachin State, shouting slogans of supporting the peace talks and success of the peace talks in Kachin language.

In the afternoon, the peace makers from both sides enjoyed a luncheon at Majwei Hall.—MNA

In leaps and bounds!

Well, Myanmar is lagging behind in every aspect when compared with developed countries.

Right! But, you see, we can take lessons even from this backwardness and it also has a brighter side.

You mean....

Yes, keen international cooperation we are enjoying now is the best proof.

So, it's not too late. What we just need is cohesive effort, right?

Exactly! We will be in leaps and bounds and overtake other Southeast Asian nations if we make bold and harmonious moves in cooperation with our good friends.

Cartoon Tha Byay

LOCAL NEWS

HRD

Bago No. 3 BEHS organizes school enrollment activity



BAGO, 28 May—No.3 Basic Education High School of Bago organized school enrollment activity for 2013-2014 academic year at its YMBA Hall this morning.

Members of school board of trustees and Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, parents and well-wishers, totaling 150

were present at the event.

The Bago Township Administrator furnished the school with notebooks, stationery and cash assistance. Township Education Officer Daw Tin Shwe accepted the contribution of notebooks, cash and stationery worth K 188,615,800.

Kyemon

'Sympathy' donates water to rural people

TOUNGOO, 28 May—The 'Sympathy' water donor group led by U Win Naing Shein, Secretary of Toungoo District USDP and Amyotha Hluttaw Representative, on 24 May distributed about 20,000 litres of purified drinking water, donated by the party members of Toungoo Township and donors, to 2360 households of 18 villages in Kyaukpadaung Township in Mandalay Region.—Kyemon



One dead in motorcycle-car collision in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 28 May—A collision involving a motorcycle left a 16-year old woman dead on 24 May on Yangon-Mandalay Road near Tawwi Village in Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Region.

Ma Sandar Win, 16, who was on the motorcycle,

sustained serious injuries to her forehead and died on the way to Nyaunglebin Hospital. She was between Than Soe Oo, 24, who drove the motorcycle, and Ma Zin May Hlaing, 16, at the time of the collision, which occurred around 3 pm on 24 May.

The motorcycle driven

by Than Soe Oo, 24, lost control and plunged to the left side of the road after its left handle collided with the right front wheel of Nissan 12-wheel truck driven by Tin Zaw Moe, 42, while the two tried to pass a car parked roadside.

The motorcyclist got

TACHILEK, 28 May—A combined team comprising IP Kyaw Thu of Tachilek Anti-Drug Special Squad, Lt Than Naing Oo of No 359 Light Infantry Regiment, SIP Wai Lin Htet of Tachilek District Police Force, Cpl Kyaw Lin of Tachilek Police Station, customs and immigration officials, together with witnesses, searched the Hino driven by Aung Naing Oo leaving Tachilek for Lwedawkham Village at the checkpoint in Tachilek of Shan State (East) at 4.30 pm on 25 May.

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122 bags of caffeine weighing 3050 kilos seized



DEVELOPMENT

Yoechaung bridge put into service in Padaung Township

PADAUNG, 28 May—The opening of Yoechaung RC Type Bridge was held at the bridge on 25 May morning. On the occasion, Region Hluttaw Representative U Than Zaw of No. 2 Constituency in Padaung Township clarified the purpose of constructing the bridge and Kyaukphu Village Administrator U Tin Win spoke words of thanks. Then, Padaung Township Administrator U

Win Zaw Htwe and Region Hluttaw Representative U Than Zaw formally opened the bridge.

It was attended by Executive Officer U Soe Myint of Township Development Affairs Committee and departmental heads, village administrators, members of ex-combatants, members of Red Cross society, auxiliary fire brigade and USDP and local people totaling over



500.

The 15 ft long, 14 ft wide and 12 ft high bridge was built at a cost of K 9.5 million contributed by Bago

Region Government and local people. The bridge links Ottshtipin and Binga Villages.

Kyemon

Beautifying tasks being undertaken in Pakokku

PAKOKKU, 28 May—Sanitation works are being carried out for proper drainage in Pakokku by Staff Officer U Aung Min Kyaing and Deputy Staff

Officer U Htay Win under the guidance of Executive Officer U Soe Than of Township Development Affairs Committee. On 25 May, rubbish and silt in drains in front of No. 2 BEHS on Myoma Street were cleared by 30 staff. The population town of Pakokku lies on the west bank of Ayeyawady River and is populous town with nearly 300,000 people, said U Aung Min Kyaing. Myoma and Bogyoke Streets were under water in rainy season yearly, said U Htay Win. Pakokku Township Development Affairs Committee is daily undertaking beautifying tasks along the streets in the town. We are carrying out



sanitation task daily from Shwechaung Roundabout to Hsinpaukhla Bridge with the use of 6 garbage collector

vehicles and 30 staff," said an official of the Township Development Affairs Committee.—Kyemon

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office

of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).

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CRIME

Rockets hit south Beirut after Hezbollah vows Syria victory

BEIRUT, 28 May—Two rockets hit a Shi'ite Muslim District of Beirut on Sunday, driving home the risk of spillover from Syria's civil war, after the head of Lebanese Shi'ite movement Hezbollah said it would keep fighting on the Syrian government's side until victory.

It was the first attack to apparently target Hezbollah's stronghold in the south of the Lebanese capital since the outbreak of the two-year conflict in neighbouring Syria, which has sharply heightened Lebanon's own sectarian tensions.

The United States and Russia have proposed an international peace confer-

Moualem said during a visit to Baghdad on Sunday.

But in an apparent rebuff of Western calls for President Bashar al-Assad to cede power as part of any deal on transition, Moualem said: "No power on earth can decide on the future of Syria. Only the Syrian people have the right to do so."

The US and Russian foreign ministers, striving to refloat a plan for a political transition in Syria, were due to meet in Paris on Monday to work out the details.

Whether the exiled Syrian civilian opposition will take part in the envisaged peace talks — and be able to negotiate effectively, given their internal



Two men inspect their damage house after two rockets hit their area in a Beirut suburbs on 26 May, 2013. Two rockets hit a Hezbollah-controlled district in the southern part of Lebanon's capital on Saturday, residents said, wounding several people.—REUTERS

ence to douse a civil war that has killed more than 80,000 people, driven 1.5 million Syrians as refugees abroad and raised the spectre of sectarian bloodshed in the wider region.

Syria's government will "in principle" attend the talks tentatively set for June in Geneva and believes it will be an opportunity to resolve the crisis, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-

divisions and shaky rapport with rebels inside Syria — remains in doubt.

The United States has been prodding Assad's opponents to unite before the conference. But the Islamist-dominated coalition has been hamstrung by power struggles during talks going on in Istanbul aimed at broadening its representation and electing a cohesive leadership.—Reuters

Basilea antifungal wins coveted US drug status

ZURICH, 28 May — Swiss biotech group Basilea has clinched "orphan" drug status from US health authorities for antifungal treatment isavuconazole, progress on a product that analysts estimate could be worth up to 150 million francs annually. Sector analysts forecast potential peak annual sales of isavuconazole at 530-600 million Swiss francs (\$623.47 million), of which Basilea could receive up to 25 percent in royalties.

Orphan status is granted to drugs that treat conditions or diseases that affect fewer than 200,000 people in the United States. The designa-

tion usually comes with a seven-year marketing exclusivity period if the drug is approved for sale. "The granting of orphan designation for isavuconazole in the US reflects the high medical need and is an important regulatory milestone for Basilea and our partner Astellas," chief Basilea medical officer Achim Kaufhold said in a statement. Isavuconazole, which treats both mould and yeast infections such as candida infections, is being developed with Japan's Astellas. Bank Sarasin called the drug backing a significant win for Basilea.—Reuters

Suspected killer of British soldier was held in Kenya

LONDON/NAIROBI, 28 May—One of two men arrested over the murder of a British soldier in a London street was detained in Kenya in 2010 on suspicion of seeking to train with an al-Qaeda-linked group in Somalia, Kenyan police said on Sunday. Confirmation that Michael Adebolajo was held in Kenya and deported to London will intensify calls for Britain's spy agencies to explain what they knew about the suspect and whether they could have done more to prevent Lee Rigby's killing on Wednesday. The British parliament's security committee will next week investigate the security services' actions in the run-up to a killing that has put pressure on Prime Minister David Cameron to take a harder

line on radicals. The Nairobi government initially said Adebolajo had never visited Kenya. But on Sunday, Boniface Mwaniki, head of Kenya's anti-terrorism police, said Adebolajo was arrested in November 2010 and deported to Britain.

"He was arrested with a group of five others trying to travel to Somalia to join militant group al Shabaab," he told Reuters.

The Islamist force, which is linked to al-Qaeda, wants to impose a strict version of Islamic law across Somalia. A Foreign Office spokeswoman in London confirmed the arrest and said consular officials had provided assistance.

Adebolajo, 28 and Michael Adebowale, 22, are under guard in hospital after



A woman sits close to the scene of the killing of Drummer Lee Rigby, of the British Army's 2nd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, in Woolwich, southeast London on 24 May, 2013.—REUTERS

being shot and arrested after the murder of the 25-year-old Afghan war veteran. They have not been charged. Spy agencies have come under scrutiny after uncorroborated allegations by a friend of Adebolajo on Friday that intelligence officers tried to recruit him six months ago.

Asked whether the se-

curity services had contacted the men, Home Secretary (interior minister) Theresa May told the BBC: "Their job is about gathering intelligence. They do that from a variety of sources and they will do that in a variety of ways. And yes, they will approach individuals from time to time."—Reuters

Pirates free crew kidnapped from ship off Equatorial Guinea

ABIDJAN, 28 May—Four crew members kidnapped from a container ship off the West African nation of Equatorial Guinea in April have been released, the vessel's management company said.

Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea region, which includes Africa's biggest oil producer Nigeria, is pushing up costs for shipping firms operating there. Many experts believe the region's pirate gangs grew out of insurgent groups involved in oil theft in Nigeria's restless Delta region.

Pirates raided the Liberia-flagged ship, the *Hansa Marburg*, on 22 April.

"The four seafarers, who were taken from the vessel by armed men 130 miles (210 km) southwest of Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, and held hostage, have now been released," Hamburg-based shipping firm Leonhardt and Blumberg said in a statement.

The company said the crew — two Ukrainians, one Russian and one from the Pacific island nation of Kiribati — were in good spirits, but gave no further

details of their release to "avoid encouraging further criminal acts of this kind".

The region is an important source of oil, cocoa and metals for world markets. International navies have not launched counter-piracy missions in the Gulf of Guinea, unlike in Somalia, where piracy was once rampant and has been largely brought under control.

Many vessels are forced to anchor off regional ports with little protection, making them soft targets for criminals.

Reuters

Birth rate in S Korea continues to fall amid delayed marriage

SEOUL, 28 May—Childbirth in South Korea continued to fall in March amid the delayed marriage and the postponement of having children, a government report showed on Monday.

The number of babies

born in March was 38,800, down 10.2 percent from a year earlier, according to the Statistics Korea. For the first three months of this year, childbirth cases decreased 6.4 percent from the same period of last year.

The March figure post-

ed the third consecutive monthly fall following a 0.4 percent decline in January and a 9.1 percent drop in February each.

The low birthrate was attributable to the continued reduction in marriages. The number of marriages dropped 16 percent from a year earlier to 23,600 in March, declining for five straight months.

Young people with the marriageable age tended to delay marriage and put off having children in South Korea amid the growing costs for rearing a child and daily livelihood.

The delayed marriage and chronically low birthrate boosted concerns over a fall in working age population and its consequent low growth as well as rising welfare expenses.

Xinhua



Workers repair electric generators at a workshop in Peshawar, northwest Pakistan, on 26 May, 2013. Power shortfall across the country has reached over 5,500 megawatts.—XINHUA

Venezuela deports 3 Colombian drug traffickers

CARACAS, 28 May—The Venezuelan government on Monday deported three alleged drug traffickers wanted by Interpol (International Criminal Police Organization) to Colombia, local media reported.

The surrender of the suspects, who are alleged members of "Los Urabenos" criminal band for drug trafficking and homicide, to the Colombian authorities took place on Monday by Venezuelan Minister of Interior and Justice Miguel Rodriguez at Simon Bolivar international airport, 25 kilometres north of Caracas.

"We are here to begin a deportation act of three Colombian citizens who were captured in our territory and who are wanted by Colombia for drug trafficking and homicide," said Rodriguez at the airport.

The deported Colombians are Gildardo de Jesus Escalante Villegas, Juan Carlos Pena Silva and Rigoberto Arias Castrillon, who were nicknamed "Escalante", "Mi Yerno" and "Castrillon Rigoberto" respectively.

"Los Urabenos" is allegedly one of the most dangerous criminal bands in Colombia. It is involved in drug trafficking, kidnapping and blackmailing in the 22 Colombian provinces.—Xinhua

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A staff member arranges vegetables at a supermarket in Xingtai, north China's Hebei Province, on 27 May, 2013. Prices of edible farm produce in 36 major Chinese cities declined for five consecutive weeks, the Ministry of Commerce said on 27 May. XINHUA

Indonesia, Malaysia to have joint military exercise in June

JAKARTA, 28 May—Indonesia and Malaysian militaries are to jointly conduct military exercise in North Sumatra of Indonesia from 7 to 12 June, a senior Indonesian military official said here on Tuesday.

Vice Admiral Widodo, deputy assistant for Indonesian military commander said that the exercise was aimed at boosting professionalism of military officers from both countries.

Officers from the two countries are expected to exchange their expertise

and experience, he said.

"Carry out the exercise well to reach the goal of the event," Widodo told Indonesian participants here.

"Use the momentum of Indonesia-Malaysia joint exercise to share knowledge, as an effort to boost skill and professionalism," he said.

Military in the region, including those from Indonesia and Malaysia, face great challenges, such as terrorism and transnational crimes, he noted.

Xinhua

Australia named world's happiest nation

SYDNEY, 28 May—Australia has once again topped the world as the happiest industrialised nation, according to a report by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) released on Tuesday.

The OECD Better Life Index compares the well-being of 34 developed and emerging countries based on eleven categories including housing, income, jobs, education, life satisfaction and work-life balance.

In an update launched on Tuesday morning at OECD Week 2013 in Paris, the Better Life Index found that 84 percent of Australians are satisfied with their lives — better than the OECD average of 80 percent.

Participants said they have more positive experiences, such as feelings of rest, pride in accomplishment and enjoyment, in an average day than negative ones.

Australians' happiness was even greater than that of Canada and Sweden, also known for high stand-

ards of living.

The survey also found that Australians are living longer, with life expectancy at almost 82 years — two years higher than the average.

Employment levels are also stronger — at 73 percent compared with an average of 66 percent for people aged 15 to 64.

Australia also performed well in the areas of civic engagement, with a strong sense of community and high levels of civic participation, and health, having achieved "remarkable progress" in reducing the number of smokers in the population.—Xinhua



Workers of the Zhoushan Maritime Safety Administration rescue the sailors on an overturned cargo ship in Zhoushan, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 28 May, 2013. Altogether 9 people on the ship were rescued and one was missing after the three-hour rescue. XINHUA

Japan, Singapore to promote small business in Southeast Asia

SINGAPORE, 28 May—Two major Japanese banks and the Singapore government concluded a deal on Monday to help Japanese small and medium-sized businesses do business in Southeast Asia.

The Japanese government-owned Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Mizuho Corporate Bank and SPRING Singapore, an agency under Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry which supports the development of small businesses, agreed to promote Japanese small and medium-sized businesses in the region by working together with Singapore small businesses.

The memorandum of understanding signed on Monday is meant to "promote Japanese companies' investments in SMEs in Singapore and also to accelerate their joint business opportunities in Singapore and other ASEAN countries," Hiroshi Suehiro, Mizuho's managing executive officer, said in a statement.

"We are pleased that JBIC and MHCBC have identified Singapore SMEs as potential key partners to Japanese SMEs," Choy Sau Kook, assistant chief executive at SPRING Singapore, said in a speech at the signing ceremony.

"There is huge poten-

tial to be unlocked in the ASEAN region, especially in emerging markets such as Myanmar," she said.

Both sides hope the deal will bring together the advantages of Singapore's infrastructure, workforce and intellectual property regulations and Japan's technological innovation capabilities.

Collaboration may take the form of co-developing innovative technologies and products, setting up joint ventures to launch new businesses into other ASEAN markets or tapping into one another's knowledge and networks to facilitate expansion.

Kyodo News

English to be upgraded to official course at elementary school

TOKYO, 28 May—A government panel on education reform on Tuesday proposed upgrading English to an official course at elementary schools, as part of an effort to better prepare students for an internationalized business environment.

While a one-hour-a-week English course has been introduced for fifth and sixth graders since the start of the 2011 academic year in Japan, the panel headed by Waseda University President Kaoru Kamata said the class hour should be extended and younger children in and below fourth grade should learn English.

While the Central Education Council, an advisory body to the education minister, will examine the proposals, submitted to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, they will still face challenges, such as how to secure teachers who can teach English at elementary level.—Kyodo News



Farmers harvest the early summer-autumn rice crop in Vi Thuy District of Hau Giang Province, southern Vietnam, on 27 May, 2013. The Mekong Delta is considered as the largest rice granary in Vietnam, contributing nearly half of Vietnam's total rice output and about 90 percent of rice export volume. The Mekong Delta's total rice output is expected to reach 9.3 million tons in the 2013 summer-autumn crop, said the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD).—XINHUA

Cambodia marks ancient royal plowing ceremony in eastern province

KAMPONG CHAM, 28 May—Cambodia on Tuesday observed the ancient royal plowing ceremony, a ritual to mark the annual start of agricultural season in this Southeast Asian nation, where about 80 percent of the population are farmers.

The ceremony, held in Kampong Cham provincial town, was presided over by King Norodom Sihamoni

and attended by President of the National Assembly Heng Samrin. Officials and representatives from the diplomatic corps and several hundred spectators were also present.

At the event, royal oxen were used to plow and predict crop yields and weather in the year.

King Sihamoni designated Lun Limthai, governor of Kampong Cham Province, as the King of the plowing ceremony and the governor's wife, Sun Nang as the Queen of sowing ceremony.

The designated King plowed the rice field by using royal oxen and the appointed Queen sowed seeds on the furrow as the symbol of planting.

After three rounds of plowing across the field, the oxen were offered 7 plates of food: rice, corn, green

S Korea shuts down two more nuclear reactors

SEOUL, 28 May—South Korea's nuclear safety commission said on Tuesday it has halted the operation of two reactors in the country's southeast after finding that substandard parts supplied under fake quality warranties were used in their construction.

The Korea Nuclear Safety and Security Commission identified the two reactors as the Shin Gori 2, located near the port city of Busan, and the Shin Wolseong 1, built near the coastal city of Gyeongju in North Gyeongsang Province. The commission also put off the scheduled resumption of operation of the Shin Gori 1 reactor, which had earlier been shut down for regular maintenance, while it likewise decided not to put the new Shin Wolseong 2 into operation until all substandard parts have been replaced.

The latest reactor shutdowns and suspensions give rise to concerns that South Korea may face a power shortage during the peak summer months.

South Korea has 23 nuclear power reactors, which can generate some 35 percent of the country's electricity needs, but 10 of them are currently not in operation.—Kyodo News

beans, sesame, water, fresh-cut grass, and wine.

Customarily, if the oxen eat a lot of the offered food, a bumper harvest is expected in the year, but if they eat little, it is believed that the yields will be low.

If the oxen eat grass and wine, it will be predicted that cattle will be plagued by epidemics, and if they drink a lot of water, plenty of water is expected.

At the event on Tuesday, the oxen ate only corn. A court soothsayer predicted that corn crops would give good yields this year.

"This is just the prediction based on the custom of the royal plowing ceremony in the ancient time," Kang Keng, chief of the soothsayers at the Royal Palace, said at the event. "This event is to announce that the agricultural crop planting season has come."—Xinhua

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A man runs away from the wave in Yantai City, east China's Shandong Province, on 27 May, 2013. Shandong will witness frequent thunderstorms and downpours from Monday to Tuesday, according to the local meteorological authority.

XINHUA

Japan to strengthen efforts to pitch its foods abroad

TOKYO, 28 May—Japan will soon adopt an action programme as part of its "Cool Japan" strategy that will focus on efforts to promote its foods abroad, government sources said on Tuesday. The 19-member government panel on the Cool Japan strategy for exporting Japanese culture and foods, chaired by State Minister Tomomi Inada, will adopt the action program at its meeting later in the day, the sources said.

The action programme will be included in Japan's

growth strategy to be finalized in June.

Various related events will be held during the fifth session of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, which is scheduled to open in Yokohama on Saturday for a three-day run. During the Yokohama events, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will announce the government's intention to cooperate more closely with the private sector in promoting Cool Japan, the sources said.

Kyodo News

Japan's net external assets at record 296 trillion yen at 2012 end

TOKYO, 28 May—The net external asset balance held by Japanese companies, government and individual investors reached a record 296.3 trillion yen as of the end of 2012, up 11.6 percent from a year earlier, the Finance Ministry said on Tuesday.

The second straight year of rise came mainly because the yen equivalent

value of the assets grew under the yen's depreciation.

Japan is believed to have become the world's largest holder of overseas net assets for the 22nd straight year, exceeding 150.3 trillion yen held by China and 121.9 trillion yen held by Germany.

Japan's external assets came to 661.9 trillion yen, up 13.8 percent, due to in-

creases in investment in foreign stocks and bonds, as well as in mergers and acquisitions of foreign companies.

External liabilities held by Japan, meanwhile, rose 15.7 percent to 365.6 trillion yen, as prices of Japanese stocks owned by foreign investors moved upward.

Kyodo News

Peacekeepers cannot protect civilians in South Sudan's east

JUBA, 28 May—The United Nations peacekeeping force in South Sudan lacks sufficient troops and aircraft to protect civilians affected by fighting in an eastern region, the UN envoy said on Monday.

Tens of thousands of people have been uprooted by clashes between the army and rebel forces in Jonglei state.

Almost all of the 10,000 residents of Pibor town in Jonglei have fled

their homes, aid agencies say, following looting by the state security forces and rebel threats to attack it.

The head of the UN mission, Hilde Johnson, said she has doubled the number of peacekeeping troops in Pibor.

"We cannot sustain a presence with the logistical capacity that we have, with the problems we have with air transport and by road. So we can not protect civilians in big, big numbers," Johnson told Reuters.

The UN mission has 6,560 troops to cover a country the size of France with barely 300 km (200 miles) of paved roads.

Reuters



A woman prepares food in Jamam refugee camp in Upper Nile, South Sudan, on 2 July, 2012.—REUTERS

ENTERTAINMENT

Selena Gomez "drove away" with fans



Selena Gomez

BEIJING, 28 May — Selena Gomez once "got into trouble" after driving away with four of her fans who had turned out to greet her at an airport. The 'Come and Get It' singer was greeted by some of her young supporters at an airport, but she panicked when paparazzi arrived so "took off" with the group.

She admitted: "I got in trouble one time I had like 12 paparazzi and they were at the airport and I put my head down because I don't really like them that much and there were about four of my fans so when I got in the car I grabbed the four girls and put them in the car with me and just took off." Selena — who has an on/off relationship with Justin Bieber — is always astonished by the dedication of her fans.

She added: "It blows my mind. I have the sweetest most compassionate fans." Selena loves spending time with her friend Taylor Swift — who has dated stars including Harry Styles, Jake Gyllenhaal and John Mayer and knows her pal will always support her when she has a problem. She said: "I love Taylor, she's the best. I just love her because she's so cool, she just normal down to earth, awesome defiantly the girl you want to call if you're going through heart ache."

Xinhua

Angelina Jolie's aunt dies of breast cancer

SAN DIEGO, 28 May — Angelina Jolie's aunt died of breast cancer on Sunday, a hospital spokesman in California said, nearly two weeks after the actress wrote about electing to have a double mastectomy after learning she had inherited a high risk of breast cancer. Debbie Martin, the younger sister of Jolie's mother, died at age 61 at Palomar Medical Centre in Escondido, near San Diego. Her husband, Ron Martin, told Britain's Sky News that his wife had the same defective BRCA1 gene as Jolie.

Jolie's mother, Marcheline Bertrand, died of breast cancer in 2007 at age 56. On 14 May, Jolie, the Oscar-winning film star, revealed she had a double mastectomy in an article in the *New York Times*, saying she hoped her story would inspire other women fighting the life-threatening disease. Jolie, 37, is raising a family with fellow actor and fiance Brad Pitt. She wrote that she went through with the operation in part to reassure her six children that she would not die young from cancer, as her own mother did.—Reuters



Angelina Jolie



The manuscripts were donated to the library by biographer Hunter Davies. PTI

The Beatles' lyrics are going to the British Library

LONDON, 28 May — Shakespeare, the Magna Carta and now some of John Lennon's finest lyrics. The august British Library has added substantially to its already formidable collection with handwritten lyrics to Strawberry Fields Forever, She Said She Said

and In My Life.

The manuscripts and a number of John Lennon's letters were donated to the library by Hunter Davies, a Beatles biographer with longtime connections to the Fab Four.

Davies says he is pleased the unique collec-

tion will be kept together and put on public display. In exchange for the gift, Davies will receive a reduction in his tax liability. Handwritten lyrics by the band have recently sold for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

PTI

Sana Khan not required for current schedule of Mental

MUMBAI, 28 May — Actress Sana Khan is reportedly in hiding after getting embroiled in a controversy surrounding an alleged kidnapping of a 15-year-old girl, but her

problems are sorted out and her life returns to normal." Sana participated in reality show Bigg Boss 6, which was hosted by Salman and according to a source, she doesn't have a major part in the film.

"The main female roles are played by Tabu and Daisy Shah. Salman had made an implicit promise to cast her, and he did. And unless absolutely necessary Salman and Sohail won't replace her. But if they have to, it's no big deal because she has hardly shot for the film," said a source. News of the actress' involvement in the kidnapping of a minor girl emerged. According to reports, she has been declared absconding after she was charged with alleged attempted abduction of the girl, who reportedly rejected a marriage proposal by Sana's cousin Naved Khan.

PTI



Sana Khan



Victoria Beckham

I will never sing live again: Victoria Beckham

LONDON, 28 May — Singer-fashion designer Victoria Beckham has further distanced herself from a future Spice Girls get together after insisting she never wants to sing in public again.

Beckham, 39, who reunited with the girl power pop group for a world tour in 2007 and 2008, said she will not be returning to the stage with her former bandmates, reported Contactmusic.

"I will never do it again in a professional way," she said.—PTI

SPORTS

China's Li, Sharapova and Nadal all reach second round at French Open



Seven-time champion Rafael Nadal and women's title holder Maria Sharapova

PARIS, 28 May—Seven-time champion Rafael Nadal fought back from one set down to get past Daniel Brands of Germany while women's title holder Maria Sharapova and the 2011 champion Li Na both booked their berths in the second round with easy victories at the French Open here on Monday. Nadal, the third seed bidding for a record eighth title here, suffered an early scare but managed to go through with a 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, 6-3 win over the world number 59.

The Spaniard trailed 0-3 in the second set tie-break and was plunging to the brink of a disaster like his last match at Wimbledon last year, where Lukas

Rosol caused one of the biggest upsets in tennis history by beating Nadal in the second round. But he found his form and took the set with powerful forehand winners down the line and went on to take the following two sets comfortably. "Sometimes, when you feel you are hitting not a bad shot and every time comes back a bomb and a winner from the beginning, sometimes that's frustrating," Nadal said.

"At two sets to love, I don't say that I wouldn't have a chance, because I always hope that there is a chance and I will keep fighting," said Nadal. "But you have to play under a lot of pressure the rest of the match. So I found the

solution at the right time." Nadal will play Martin Klizan, the world number 35 from Slovakia, in the second round. World No 2 Sharapova breezed past 42-ranked Hsieh Su-Wei of Chinese Taipei 6-2, 6-1 in just 55 minutes. "It's nice to come back to a place where you feel like you're part of its history, where your name will always be ingrained somewhere on the wall or on the trophy. It's a really nice feeling."

China's Li, who became the first Asian player to win a Grand Slam champion here, beat Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain 6-3,

6-4. Li, the sixth seed, who held a 1-4 record previously, won 6-3, 6-4 in one hour and 44 minutes over the 61st-ranked Spaniard. Local player Gael Monfils, ranked 81st in the world, upset fifth seed Tomas Berdych of Czech Republic in a marathon first round match at Court Philippe Chatrier.

"There was the adrenaline and the match and the crowd, but I didn't think I would do this well," said Monfils. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, also from France, brushed aside Aljaz Bedene of Slovenia 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 to advance to the second round. The sixth-seeded Tsonga, the last French man to reach a grand slam final at the Australian Open in 2008, will take on either compatriot Paul-Henri Mathieu or Finn Jarkko Nieminen in the next round.—Xinhua

2011 champion Li Na



Woods to play in new \$7 million Turkish Open

NEW YORK, 28 May—World number one Tiger Woods is to compete in the inaugural Turkish Open in Antalya in November, the European Tour said on Tuesday. The \$7 million event at the Montgomerie Maxx Royal course in Belek will form part of the new Final Series on the Race to Dubai, Europe's

lucrative end-of-season equivalent of the US Tour's FedExCup competition.

Fourteen-times major winner Woods also featured in last year's unofficial World Golf Final in Turkey played at the nearby Antalya Golf Club. That invitational eight-man tournament was won by Justin Rose who claimed a first

prize of \$1.5 million after he defeated fellow Briton Lee Westwood by one stroke in the final. "I had a great time during my first visit to Turkey," Woods said in a news release. "The fans who came to watch made it a really special event and I'm looking forward to playing there once again."

The Turkish Open is to be held from November 7-10 and will have a 78-strong field. The European Tour's inaugural Final Series also comprises two events in Shanghai, the \$7 million BMW Masters from 24-27 October and the \$8.5 million WGC-Champions Tournament from 31 October - 3 November. The series offers a combined prize fund of \$30.5 million and ends with the \$8 million DP World Tour Championship in Dubai from 14-17 November.

Reuters



Tiger Woods of the US tees off on the second hole during the third round of The Players Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida on 11 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Superstitious Djokovic hopes to avoid French Open mishap

PARIS, 28 May—A day after Rafa Nadal suffered a first-round scare at the French Open, world number one Novak Djokovic will look to avoid any mishap as he starts his Roland Garros campaign against Belgium's David Goffin on Tuesday.

The Serbian top seed will be second on Court Philippe Chatrier after local favorite Marion Bartoli, the 13th seed, opens proceedings against Belarussian Olga Govortsova. Perhaps because of superstition, Djokovic has requested his team and reporters to make no mention of future rounds.

There will be a veterans' day feeling as the 42-year-old Kimiko Date

Krumm takes on Australian ninth seed Samantha Stosur on Court One and German 12th seed Tommy Haas, 35, is up against France's Guillaume Ruffin on Court Suzanne Lenglen, where all four matches feature French players.

Marathon man Nicolas Mahut, who played the longest professional tennis match at Wimbledon in 2010, is scheduled on Court Philippe Chatrier against Serbian eighth seed Janko Tipsarevic. Last on centre court will be Belarussian Victoria Azarenka, the third seed, who is looking to clinch a third grand slam title after winning the last two Australian Open titles.

Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia signs autographs after a training session for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 25 May, 2013.

REUTERS

Spurs sweep into NBA Finals

LOS ANGELES, 28 May—Tony Parker delivered a season-high 37 points as the San Antonio Spurs completed a sweep of Memphis on Monday with a 93-86 victory that booked a trip to the NBA Finals. The Spurs started fast and finished

and eight rebounds in the clinching game.

San Antonio has earned an extended rest period as they now await the winner between Miami and Indiana in the East for a championship matchup that does not begin until 6 June. Having



San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (L) celebrates after the Spurs eliminated the Memphis Grizzlies to win the NBA Western Conference final playoff basketball series in Memphis, Tennessee on 27 May, 2013.—REUTERS

strong as they seized the Western Conference Finals with a 4-0 best-of-seven triumph that put them back in the NBA finals for the first time since 2007. Parker was sensational in making 15 of his 21 field goal attempts and Tim Duncan added 15

squandered a 2-0 series lead in last season's West finals, San Antonio were determined to finish the job this time around. The veteran squad took a 24-14 lead after the first quarter and did not blink when the Grizzlies made a late push.—Reuters



Retired Ukrainian pole vaulter Sergey Bubka

Former pole vault champ Bubka to run for IOC top job

SAINT PETERSBURG, 28 May—Former Olympic pole vault champion Sergey Bubka will announce his bid for the presidency of the International Olympic Committee on Tuesday, a source close to the Ukrainian has told Reuters.

"He will be making his announcement later today," the source told Reuters on Tuesday.

Bubka joins Germany's Thomas Bach, Singapore's Ng Ser Miang, CK Wu of Taiwan, Puerto Rican Richard Carrion and Swiss Denis Oswald in a six-way race for one of the biggest jobs in world sport.—Reuters

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In ever loving memory of our dearest May May and Phwa Phwa who passed away four years ago on Friday, 29 May 2009.

A very inspirational, simple, kind and loving mother and grandmother who had no pretence and pomp and was a real exemplary and extraordinary person and we still reflect almost daily on your life, Metta to all and forbearance to the vicissitudes of life.

May you be able to share the Kutho for meritorious good deeds performed especially today and be reborn in a higher plane of existence.

Gone but never ever forgotten

Deeply mourned and sadly missed by two surviving sons Maung Win Tin (Bernie)-Lu Lu and Maung Nyan Lin (Sandow)-Yu Yu and seven grandchildren

Six killed in brothers' fight in southern Turkey

ANKARA, 28 May—Six people were killed and another injured on Monday evening when two brothers' quarrel turned into an armed fight in a southern Turkish village, private *Dogan news agency* reported.

The incident occurred

in Catak village in Osmaniye Province, where the brothers opened fire on each other after their argument turned wild and the gunshots killed six people, local vigilantes was quoted as saying.

Turkish gendarmerie

teams have taken extensive security measures in the region, the report said, adding the injured is being treated at Duzici State Hospital and the security forces have launched an investigation into the incident.

Xinhua

Monfils still the entertainer as he downs Berdych



Gael Monfils of France reacts during his men's singles match against Tomas Berdych of Czech Republic at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 27 May, 2013.—REUTERS

PARIS, 28 May—Wild card Gael Monfils confirmed there is never a dull moment when he takes part in the French Open by upsetting Czech fifth seed Tomas Berdych in a first-round marathon at Roland Garros on Monday. The Frenchman, whose career has been recently plagued by a knee injury, prevailed 7-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 7-5 in front of

an ecstatic Court Philippe Chatrier after four hours three minutes.,

The result marked a spectacular reverse in fortune for Berdych, who reached the Madrid Masters last four by beating world number one Novak Djokovic in the quarter-finals. Former world number seven Monfils, who started his freefall in the ATP rankings

when he pulled out of last year's French Open, is no stranger to upsets and prolonged ties at his home slam. In 2010, the Parisian played into the night, until almost 10 o'clock against Italian Fabio Fognini in a second-round match which he lost the following day after more than four hours of tennis.

Two years ago, Monfils toyed with David Ferrer's nerves and beat him 8-6 in the fifth set to reach the last eight. In 2009, it was Andy Roddick who lost his temper, complaining to the umpire that it was too dark to play and, after both were forced to continue playing, Monfils sealed a fourth-round win in straight sets as dusk settled. On Monday Monfils did not wait for the dark. "It's magical here, it's a place where I feel good, where I manage to transcend myself," Monfils, who saw off four break points in the decider, told a news conference.

Asked how he pulled it off, the Frenchman said: "My only answer is

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People attend the Ducasse de Mons or Doudou celebration in Mons, Belgium, on 26 May, 2013. The popular festival, originating in the Middle Ages and depicting the combat between Saint George and a dragon, is recognized by UNESCO as one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. XINHUA

Renowned Japanese climber Kono goes missing on Mt Dhaulagiri

KATHMANDU, 28 May—Renowned Japanese climber Chizuko Kono is one of three people missing after an avalanche on M Dhaulagiri in Nepal, officials at the country's tourism agency and a climbers' association in Tokyo said on Monday.

Kono, 67, is believed to have been caught in the avalanche on Friday, along

with a Spanish climber and a Nepalese guide, at the seventh-highest mountain in the world, the officials said.

Kono, who became a serious climber since in her 50s, is known as a "seven summiter," an honorific title given to those who have successfully scaled the highest mountain peaks on the seven continents.—Kyodo News

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May — A peace talks between a delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee U Aung Min and a KIO delegation led by U Swan Luk Gam was held at Majwei Hall near Manaw ground in Myinkyina this morning.

It was also attended by committee members Union Ministers U Ohn Myint and U Win Tun, Kachin State Chief Minister U La Jun Ngan Sai, Lt-Gen Myint Soe of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Dwe Bu, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Khet Htain Nan, Representatives of

national race armed groups, Peace Talk Creation Group and Myanmar Peace Center, townsenders and local people.

Union Minister U Aung Min acknowledged better outcomes brought about by a series of dialogues between the two sides.

He expressed his belief that the agreements would be reached to be able to ensure a lasting peace for the sake of the people by effectively utilizing the already-achieved outcomes of the today's meeting.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Soe, Union Ministers U Ohn Myint and U Win Tun, and the Kachin State Chief Minister stressed the need to seek ways and means to build an understanding and peace between the two sides through mutual respects and frank and honest discussions.

They called for bilateral talks in order to reduce tensions between

Union Peace-making Work Committee holds talks on peace process with KIO delegation



Peace talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and KIO delegation in progress.—MNA

the two sides, thereby moving towards a perpetual peace inspired by the entire people.

Both sides held

discussions on opening of monitoring offices in the conflict areas, matters on armed forces, opening of liaison offices, ceasefire,

formation of a monitoring group, resettlement of IDPs in Kachin State, rehabilitation, education and health care services.

It is learnt that more talks will continue to yield a lasting peace and political dialogues will be held.

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Japan, Myanmar to cooperate in agricultural sector



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and party hold talks with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited Tokyo and Kyoto Cities of Japan from 20 to 27 May. They met officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and held talks on development of agricultural sector and ground observations.

During the visit, the Union Minister and party discussed providing of human resource and technical assistance, opportunities for

cooperation in agriculture sector, exportation of Myanmar's agricultural products to Japan, mutual assistance, ongoing cooperation measures, Japan's assistance for the use of high quality SATAKE new rice mills, market sharing and agricultural cooperation between the two countries, reform undertaking in agricultural sector of Myanmar, the Head of State's guidance on agricultural sector and cooperation for amity between Japan and Myanmar. On 22 May, the Vice-President of JICA provided machinery for development of agricultural sector.

The Union minister and

party observed production of agricultural machinery and various kinds of over 700 equipment in YANMAR Co Ltd and run of advanced rice mill whose capacity is 160-tons per day in Zen-Non Pearl Rice Best Japan Corporation. They also observed evolution of various kinds of diesel engines displayed in YANMAR Museum and production of engines in YANMAR Engine Plant.

During his study tour, Myanmar and Japan focused on further inter-governmental cooperation and improvement in production and export of value-added agricultural produce.

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Materials, books on making arms seized in Tachilek



Driver Sai Kyaw Zan, 22, son of U Sai Kan.

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—Materials that can be used as parts of arms and books on making arms were seized on

a van yesterday at Maeyan checkpoint about five miles north of Tachilek, Shan State at 14 hr yesterday.

Sixty steel pipes each has 3-foot and 10-inch in length and 1.4 cm in diameter which can be used as gun barrels hidden in a bag and 709 books in various subjects in English including 91 books on making arms, catalogue for arms, on tanks and science placed in 12 paper boxes were discovered on a van from Shan Aung Lan bus line driven by Sai Kyaw Zan, 22, of Kunhing, son of U Sai

Kan, on way from Tachilek to Kunhing.



Photo shows books on various subjects including books on making arms in English version.

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Authorities concerned found that Sai Kyaw Zan had to transport the materials and books from U Sai Laung Khe of a car from Lwenannkon (Tachilek-Kengtung-

Taunggyi) bus line with No plate 8-Nya/4442 to Shan Aung Lan Bus Terminal in Karli Sub-township.

Police found Sai Laung Khe on the vehicle at the

foot of Pankwe Mountain in Kengtung Township around 8.15 pm and he is under investigation at Myoma Police Station in Kengtung.—MNA



Photo shows steel pipes that can be used as gun barrels.—MNA