

IMF, WBG Heads stress the need of stepping up structural reforms for ensuring inclusive growth in all countries

By Ye Myint in Washington DC

WASHINGTON, DC, 11 April — The International Monetary Fund Managing Director Ms. Christine Lagarde and World Bank Group President Mr. Jim Yong Kim were interviewed about poverty eradication among other pressing issues by journalists from the IMF Journalism Fellowship Programme at the Spring Meetings 2014 Opening Press Conferences on Thursday morning.

During the IMF-World Bank press briefings separately held at the conference hall-2 in IMF Headquarters-2 in Wash-

ington, DC, both chiefs of the two world leading institutions stressed the focus on structural reforms in all countries, advanced, emerging and low-income countries, for ensuring inclusive growth.

Against market instability in the emerging market economies, urging them to make their macro and prudential policies stronger. Ms. Lagarde said bold actions are needed for rapid, stronger, sustainable and more inclusive growth requires structural reforms that need to step up in all countries.

Responding to a Tunisian journalist during the Q and A session, she said the domestic development program in Tunisia, called a democracy startup by its Prime Minister, will be a success story as the Tunisian government matures into this program that attracts FDIs in growth sectors.

Taking the stage together with his Communications Advisor Mr. John Donnelly, the World Bank Group President also stated that the organization's twin goals of eradicating extreme poverty by 2030 and sharing the pie of prosperity to all will not be easy, pointing out that those living on less than \$ 1.25 a day will have to lift themselves out of poverty by one million people each week, despite the fact that

But he expressed his belief that the goal of ending extreme poverty can happen as the world is in a time when growth in high-income countries is accelerating, and growing in many developing countries. He warned, however, that even a small setback can result in leaving millions of poor families destitute rather than breaking the cycle of poverty. He stressed the need to escalate the pace of reforms in the countries that seem to have seen mass migration of people moving from poverty to prosperity. He pointed out the fact that ensuring inclusive growth, job creation and direct assistance to the poor are needed for reaching the target.

Responding to a question about the WB's continued support for Paraguay's poverty eradication scheme, Mr. Kim pointed out the next great question after lifting the people out of poverty, saying that job creation is a big issue for enabling those people to enter into the formal labor market. He indicated the WB's Development Report from two years ago that revealed more than 90 per cent of all Jobs are created in the private sector. The World Bank is focusing on helping SME sector in the country, he added.—NLM



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Accompanied by First Deputy Managing Director Mr. David Lipton and IMF Communications Department Director Mr. Gerry Rice, the IMF Managing Director admitted that global unemployment re-

against market instability in the emerging market economies, urging them to make their macro and prudential policies stronger. Ms. Lagarde said bold actions are needed for rapid, stronger, sustainable and more inclusive growth requires structural reforms that need to step up in all countries.

Responding to a Tunisian journalist during the Q and A session, she said the domestic development

the number of the global poorest is expected to be down to one billion in 2014 from 1.2 billion people in 2010.

Completion of National Census 2014 clarified to media

YANGON, 11 April —2014 Myanmar Population and Housing Census was taken from 30 March to 10 April.

Regarding the completion of census taking activities across the country, Chairman of Central Census Committee Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi met with the press at Region Immigration and Na-

tional Registration Department in Yangon on Friday.

The Union minister clarified successful completion of nation-wide census taking campaign at 6 pm on 10 April and answered the queries raised by the media.

At 6 pm on Friday, the nation-wide census taking process concluded peacefully.

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Accommodation arranged for local and foreign media for 24th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—The 24th ASEAN Summit will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, on 10 and 11 May.

For ensuring convenient accommodation, the local and foreign media that will cover the summit news may contact afom@skyplace.asia and 067-422122~129 of Sky Palace Hotel and mannmyanmarhotel@gmail.com and 067-422131~134 of Mannmyanmar Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone to enquire price of room and number of room at the hotels.

Shuttle buses will be arranged from the hotels to the venue of summit.—MNA

NLM moving to Yangon, no publication from April 15-21

The New Light of Myanmar is moving to Yangon, with the last issue before the move to be published on April 14. The first issue after the break will be published on April 22.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win leaves for Malaysia



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win being seen off by officials.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—At the invitation of the Chief of Army of the Malaysian Armed Forces, General Datuk Raja Mohamed Affandi Bin Mohamed Noor, a Myanmar military delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win left Yangon for Malaysia on Friday.

The Vice-Senior General was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Hsan Oo and senior military officers of Yangon Station.

The Vice-Senior General was accompanied by senior military officers of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Aung Lin Dway and officials.—Myawady

Myanmar, ADB discuss cooperation in existing and possible future activities

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Country Director for the Asia Development Bank's Myanmar Resident Mission Mr Winfried F. Wicklein at his office, here, on

Friday.

During the meeting, they discussed existing relations and possible activities on future course of cooperation between Myanmar and the Asia Development Bank (ADB).

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New school building, hospital building put into service in Leshi

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—Chancellor of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (SIBA) Ashin Nyanissara, Union Ministers U Hla Tun and Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials attended merit sharing ceremony for new school building at No (1) Basic Education High School and opening of hospital building in Leshi Township in Naga Self-Administered Zone in Sagaing Region on 10 April.

The wellwishers handed over documents related to the new school building to the Ministry of Education and officials from the Ministry of Border Affairs, documents related to the

Ministry of Health. Then, Sitagu missionary group presented 300 school uniforms to the students.

The Union ministers, officials and wellwishers formally opened the new school building and hospital building and provided the patients with cash assistance. The new school building and hospital building were constructed at a cost of K 100 million contributed by U Tin Oo+Daw Hla Myint (Shwesin Jewelery) and one 10 KVA engine, 25 sets of computer and 300 school uniforms by Sitagu missionary group and K 100 million by the Ministry of Border Affairs.—MNA

Dam, hydropower plant of Nancho Hydropower Project opens in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—A ceremony to open dam and hydropower plant of Nancho Hydropower Project implemented by Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power took place at the

plant, about sixteen miles east of Pyinmana in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Friday. Deputy Ministers U Aung Than Oo, U Maw Tha Htwe and U Myint Zaw, and party cut the ribbon to open reservoir and hydropower plant of Nan-

cho Hydropower Project.

Then, Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe pressed the button to open signboard of the hydropower plant and the region chief minister, stone inscription of the plant. After that, they viewed round genera-

tors, power control room and reservoir.

The newly-inaugurated Nancho Hydropower Plant is installed two generators with a capacity of 20 megawatts each capable of generating 152 million kWh per year.—MNA

Recruitment notice for post of AIBD programme manager

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—Kuala Lumpur based Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) invites applications for the recruitment of the post of Programme Manager.

AIBD limits applicants who must get a university degree preferably in broadcast journalism, professional qualifications in TV production, content creation, documentary or a related subject area and skills and experi-

ence in conducting and organizing training and consultancy activities.

The applicants must also be good in English written and spoken skills, analytical, organizational, interpersonal communication and personnel management skills and motivated team player who can work independently.

The applicants of under 45 who have minimum 10-year working experience in TV programme production

in any relevant field in television broadcasting may join the AIBD not later than 16 May.

The curriculum Vitae with copies of the latest degree/s, passport sized photograph taken within last six months, number of dependants and details of dependants who will reside in Kuala Lumpur if the applicant is appointed and letters of recommendation may be included with the application.

For further information, contact the Director of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Department at PO Box 12066 in 50766 Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia and admin@aibd.org.my.

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Union Minister U Win Tun poses for photo after receiving honorary PhD degree (Public Administration).—MNA

Korea's Yeungnam University confers PhD degree on Union Minister U Win Tun

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—The Korea-Myanmar Forestry Cooperation Committee formed in 1999 has been holding its meetings once every two years in the Republic of Korea and Myanmar alternatively.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun attended the 8th meeting of

the committee in Daejun of Korea on Tuesday.

The Union minister received the director-general of Korea's Forest Research Department in Seoul. At the National Assembly, the Union minister met the chairman of agriculture, fisheries and rural development committee of the National Assembly of Korea

and exchanged views on cooperation in forestry sector of two countries, more investment in forest sector and further cooperation in rural region development.

On 9 April, the Union minister accepted honorary PhD degree (Public Administration) conferred by Yeungnam University of Daegu.—MNA



Myanmar to host 9th South East Asian Youth Athletics Championships on 27-28 April

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—The 9th South East Asian Youth Athletics Championships will be held at Wunna Theikdhi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 27-28 April 2014.

Thailand hosted the 1st

South East Asian Youth Athletics Championships in 2006 and the event was annually held in the region since then.

Over 200 athletes from South East Asian nations including Myanmar will participate in the event.—NLM

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NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—Vice-President Dr. Sai Mauk Kham visited healthcare facilities in central Myanmar region on Friday.

Dr. Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Health Dr. Daw Thein Thein Htay, arrived in Magway Township, Magway Region, at 9 a.m.

Together with regional ministers, they visited Magway Township's 200-bed-People's Hospital and witnessed healthcare activities at the respective medical wards.

The Vice-President said, "Our visit to this hospital is aimed at providing the required assistance after witnessing the actual situations such as the healthcare facilities, medical equipment and the number of medical staff."

He also discussed to fulfill the requirements of

hospital staff.

Magway hospital started its operations before 1964 as the 25-bed township health centre, and it was upgraded to a 200-bed hospital. Its 352 medical staff are now treating 91 out-patients and 245 in-patients each day.

Dr. Daw Khin Oo Kyi, medical superintendent of the hospital, reported to the Vice-President about the needs to upgrade the hospital into a 300-bed-healthcare facility, and explained healthcare services to the residents.

The Deputy Minister pledged the government's assistance to the hospital.

The Vice-President also visited the University of Medicine (Magway) in the afternoon. He congratulated the professors, the members of respective faculties and staff of the university for winning the award of Oxford Summit of Leader 2013.—MNA

Vice-President visits healthcare facilities in central Myanmar



Vice-President Dr. Sai Mauk Kham hears reports on academic matters by faculty members at lab of Magway University of Medicine.—MNA

Vice-President calls for reforms to ensure Bagan cultural zone separate from hotel zone



Vice-President U Nyan Tun cordially meets farmers of Pakokku and Gangaw Districts at the ceremony to return confiscated farmlands.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—Vice-President U Nyan Tun on Thursday urged officials and personnel from government and private sectors related to culture and tourism to proceed with the necessary reforms to ensure success of the re-demarcation of the cultural zone in Bagan, with the hotel zone, civilian zone and cultural heritage zone to be in separate areas.

During his inspection tour of Bagan, Vice-President U Nyan Tun also stressed the need for cooperation of all responsible

bodies in conserving the ancient pagodas in accordance with the rules and regulations for the conservation of the cultural heritage as part of the effort to promote tourism.

The vice president also urged personnel from the tourism sector to assist in establishing small and medium enterprises with the participation of local people while conserving the cultural heritage in the cultural zone.

Bagan is the one of the key tourist attractions of Myanmar and attracts thou-

sands of foreign visitors.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun went to Pakokku on Friday to attend a ceremony to hand over confiscated land to owners.

During the ceremony, over 1900 acres of land confiscated by local army units were handed over to 487 farmers in the presence of the vice-president.

The government has formed land management committees in regions and states to deal with the land grabbing issues and it takes time to settle the issue as the committees has to carry

out the tasks in accordance with the existing rules and regulations, the vice-president said. The committees can grant certificates of land ownership to farmers who can show proof that they are previous owners of grabbed land, he added.

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Chairman of the China's National People's Congress Zhang Dejiang greets Union Parliament Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.—MNA

Myanmar, China sign MoU to promote cooperation between two parliaments

BEIJING, 11 April— Myanmar and China signed MoU on promotion of friendship and cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries on Friday.

Before signing the MoU, Zhang Dejiang, Chairman of the China's National People's Congress, and Thura U Shwe Mann, the Speaker of the Union Parliament of Myanmar held talks over cooperation and promoting understanding between the

two peoples.

Zhang Dejiang said China attached great importance to the relations with Myanmar and stressed the need to promote bilateral cooperation in economic, social and cultural sectors.

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann reaffirmed Myanmar's support for China's One China Policy and One Country Two Systems.

He also expressed thanks to China's support for Myanmar's reforms.

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Mahlaing residents enjoy potable water

MAHLAING, 11 April—Locals from Muyoe Village enjoy availability of potable water from a tube-well donated by wellwishers from Mandalay under the arrangement of the Union Government.

The village is situated

in Mahlaing Township of Mandalay Region. A total of 1450 people from 270 households reside in the village.

The 900 ft deep and 4 inches diameter tube-well is located in the centre of the village. The construction work began on

22 March and ended on 8 April. It produces 3000 gallon per hour.

A plan is underway to build a 5000-gallon tank and to install motors for supply of safe water.

Aung Htay (Mahlaing)

Transport smooth for locals in Myingyan

MYINGYAN, 11 April—Three conduits were built between Dula-bo and Meepauk Villages of Myingyan Township in Mandalay Region funded by Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Livestock,

Fisheries and Rural Development.

Each conduit with 3 feet diameter and 25 feet wide constructed by KENETIC ART Company through tender cost K 1 million and it was completed in March.

The locals are satisfied with construction of three conduits because they can go Dulabo and Mepauk Villages through these conduits smoothly in rainy season.

U Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

Inter-school Basic Hockey Course concludes



YANGON, 11 April—Under the instruction of the Ministry of Sports and the leadership of Myanmar Hockey Federation, concluding of 25-day Inter-school Summer Basic Hockey Course for 2014

and prize awarding ceremony took place at Theinbyu artificial turf hockey pitch in Yangon on Friday.

President of MHF U Htin Zaw Win and the executives presented first,

second and third prizes to the winners.—Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan)

Victims from relief camps in Rakhine State provided with health care services

SITTWAY, 11 April—A medical team led by Assistant Director Dr Tun Tin

from the Ministry of Health

provided health care services to the families who

are taking shelter at Setyonsu, Hsetyoekeya, Datsedan, Aungmingala, Darpain, Thetkalpyin, Sanpya (West), Sethamagyi, Ohn-tawgyi, Khaungdokka and Bawdupha relief camps in Sittway Township and Hsintetmaw, Anaukye, Kyeinnipyin and Hngetchaung relief camps in Pauktaw Township in Rakhine State recently.

It is learnt that the team provided 3657 victims from the relief camps in Sittway and Pauktaw Townships with health care services and necessary medicines from 9 March to 8 April.

Rakhine State IPRD

Stake driven to construct new school building in Myingyan Township

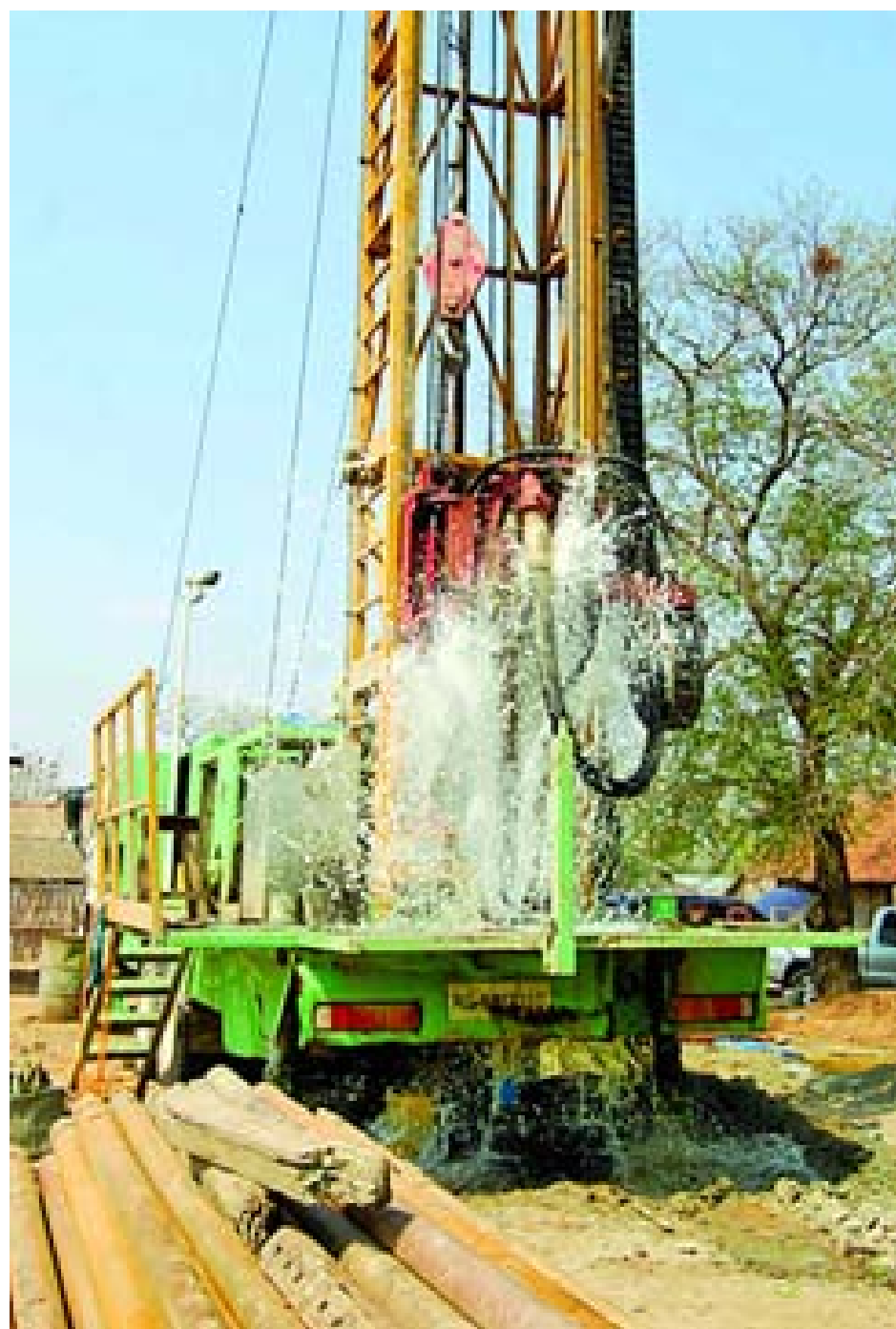
MYINGYAN, 11 April—A stake driven ceremony for construction of a new school building took place at Basic Education Primary School in Kyar-taing Village, Myingyan Township in Mandalay Region on 9 April.

Wellwisher U Khin Maung, Rainbow Motorcycle Spare Parts Store in Mandalay donated K 12

million for construction of new school building.

It was attended by Region Minister for Planning and Economics U Aung Zan, the township administrator, members of ward/village development supportive committee, ward/village administrators and locals.

U Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)



Refresher course for agriculturists opens in Labutta

LABUTTA, 11 April—A refresher course for the staff from Agriculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was opened at the hall in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Region on 10 April. On the

occasion, Labutta District Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Khaing Soe and Head of Region Agriculture Department Director U Myint Thein made opening speeches. Then, Staff Officer Daw Shu Yi of District Agricul-

ture Department explained matters related to the course.

The course is being attended by 44 staffs from Labutta, Mawlamyinegyun and Pyinsalu Townships.

Win Myint Kyaw (Labutta District IPRD)



WORLD

Portugal sets to make decision on bailout exit strategy in May

LISBON, 11 April — Portugal is to make a decision on its bailout exit strategy by 5 May, in time for the country's scheduled Eurogroup meeting, the Portuguese government announced on Thursday.

The debt-laden country is nearing the end of the bailout programme it signed with its international creditors three years ago, but divisions have emerged within the government as to what strategy it should follow. Portugal is scheduled to follow Ireland's footsteps and end its bailout programme on 17 May, but it seems unlikely to manage a "clean exit," according to the announcement.—Xinhua

Egypt's Tahrir Square dream fades as Sisi builds power

CAIRO, 11 April — In a courthouse near Cairo, a peremptory message hangs above the judge presiding over one of a series of trials involving Egypt's briefly powerful and now almost impotent Muslim Brotherhood.

"In the name of God the Merciful", it reads, "Allah commands you to render trust to whom it is due, and when you judge between people to judge with justice".

The chaotic scenes in the court do not appear to measure up. A metal cage held 33 members of the Brotherhood — outlawed as a terrorist organization after the army last July deposed Mohamed Mursi, the elected president who ruled in the Brotherhood's name for one tumultuous year.

Among them was Mohamed Badie, supreme



Supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood and ousted President Mohamed Mursi, standing trial on charges of violence that broke out in Alexandria last year, react after two fellow supporters were sentenced to death, in a court in Alexandria in this on 29 March, 2014 file photo. — REUTERS

guide of the Brotherhood. It is the most influential mainstream Islamist organization in the world and its confrontation with the

army-backed authorities in Cairo has created a country more divided than at any time since the group was founded in Egypt in 1928.

Dressed in white robes and facing a string of charges, some of which carry the death penalty, the Brothers kept up a barrage of chants,

from Allahu Akbar (God is Greatest) to "Down, down with military rule".

The judge, heavily moustached and wearing black sunglasses, looked bored as he scornfully dismissed pleas from lawyers asking for more respectful treatment of their clients.

The judge brusquely ordered defendants and lawyers to be shut up. Scuffles broke out. A phalanx of policemen separated the caged Brothers from lawyers and journalists.

Badie then rose to proclaim that "the people will not accept an army tyrant", referring to Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, the general who carried out last July's coup after mass protests against the divisive Mursi and who recently resigned from the military to contest a presidential election on 26-27 May.—Reuters

Venezuela's Maduro and opposition talk as death toll hits 40

CARACAS, 11 April — Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro hosted opposition leaders on Thursday at the start of mediated talks intended to stem two months of political unrest that has killed dozens in the OPEC nation.

The meeting, brokered by foreign ministers from the Unasur bloc of South American governments, took place at the Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas and was broadcast live on TV.

"The road here was long and complicated, but it was worth it ... we are going to listen patiently,

and with respect and tolerance, to the compatriots of the opposition," Maduro said in lengthy opening comments.

He cautioned against unrealistic expectations.

"There are no negotiations here. No pacts. All we're looking for is a model of peaceful coexistence, of mutual tolerance."

Some hardline opposition groups, including the party of jailed protest leader Leopoldo Lopez, boycotted the talks while dozens of demonstrators remain in jail.

Pollsters say approval levels for both Maduro and

the opposition have fallen during the crisis, while an already slowing economy has suffered a further drag from the impact of violent clashes on businesses and transport.

Authorities said on Thursday that a policeman was shot dead in western Barquisimeto city while dispersing a demonstration, bringing the official death toll to 40.

Since protests began in early February, about 650 people have been injured, officials say. More than 2,000 people have been detained, and 174 are still behind bars.—Reuters



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro (R) and opposition leader and Governor of Miranda state Henrique Capriles (L) attend a meeting with representatives of the opposition, the Roman Catholic Church and Union of South American Nations' (UNASUR) at Miraflores Palace in Caracas on 10 April, 2014. —REUTERS

UN Security Council OKs peacekeepers for Central African Republic

UNITED NATIONS / BANGUI, 11 April — The United Nations Security Council on Thursday authorized the creation of a nearly 12,000-strong UN peacekeeping force in the Central African Republic in a bid to end violence between Christians and Muslims that has threatened to spiral into genocide.

The mainly Muslim Seleka seized power a year ago, perpetrating abuses on the majority Christian population that triggered waves of revenge attacks, leading to thousands of deaths and displacing hundreds of thousands of civilians.

At least 13 people were killed when Christian militia forces, known as the 'anti-balaka,' attacked a

town held by Muslim Seleka rebels in a rural area of Central African Republic this week, residents said on Thursday. The 15-member Security Council au-

thorized a UN force, to be known as MINUSCA, of up to 10,000 troops, 1,800 police and 20 corrections officers. It also authorizes French troops in the

landlocked former French colony to support UN peacekeepers.

The UN operation will assume authority on 15 September from the African Union's 5,600-strong MISCA force, which was deployed in December. The council wants the UN force to include "as many MISCA military and police personnel as possible."

"I'm happy for the arrival of the blue helmets because their presence here will give back hope to the population," said sociology student Jean Felix Keinam, 31, in the capital, Bangui. "We have seen the MISCA and (the French troops) try to restore security here, but they have failed."

Reuters



The United Nations Security Council votes on a resolution approving UN peacekeepers for the Central African Republic at the UN headquarters in New York, on 10 April, 2014.— REUTERS

Road accidents claim 14,000 lives in S Africa annually

CAPE TOWN, 11 April — Road carnages claim about 14,000 lives in South Africa every year, Transport Minister Dipuo Peters said on Thursday.

She was speaking at the launch of the 2014 Easter Arrive Alive Road Safety Campaign in Kimberley, Northern Cape Province.

Traffic accidents also cause huge economic losses as the country spends 14 billion rand (about 1.35 billion US dollars) annually on accident victims, Peters said. As huge Christian pilgrimages travel to various places of worship during the Easter Holiday, the country's roads become pitfalls of tragic loss of human life, said Peters.

"When we take to the roads in un-roadworthy vehicles, it is sign of disrespect to others' lives and our own, and so it is also when we fail to buckle up or fail to use child-restraints while driving," the minister said.

Overtaking at clearly marked barrier lines and other prohibiting road signals is another major cause of road carnages, according to the minister.

"That is a gross disregard for the law of the country and its citizens who may die as a result of your recklessness and negligence, and so it is when we drive at high speed in total disregard to legal speed limit," Peters said.—Xinhua

G-20 may cite Ukraine crisis as risk to global economy

WASHINGTON, 11 April — Group of 20 finance chiefs may issue a warning of the geopolitical risks stemming from the Ukraine crisis in a communique to be released after their two-day meeting in Washington from Thursday, sources close to the matter said, underscoring concerns it could stifle the global economy down the road.

Ahead of the G-20 gathering, the Group of Seven countries — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States — also held an emergency meeting in the US capital and exchanged views on “the situation in Ukraine, its financing needs and the international response,” the G-7 said in a statement.

Earlier Thursday, US Treasury Secretary Jack Lew told Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov during bilateral talks that Washington is “prepared to impose additional significant sanctions” on Moscow if Russia escalates its involvement in Ukraine, the US Treasury Department said.

Reflecting the tough US stance, G-7 finance ministers and central bank governors touched on whether and how to ramp up pressure on Russia, other sources familiar with their gathering said.

The G-20 met for the first time since Moscow annexed the Crimean peninsula last month, intensifying a Cold War-style confrontation between Russia and Western nations that have supported the new anti-Moscow government of Ukraine.

If the situation remains deadlocked and Western countries continue to impose sanctions against Moscow over violating its neighbour’s sovereignty, foreign investment inflows to Russia would fall and its currency, the ruble, would plunge, hurting the Russian economy.

There are fears a slump in Russia’s economy would weigh on the European economy, which has close trade relations with Russia, and could in turn cast a shadow over the global economy.

Kyodo News



Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda answers reporters’ questions prior to a meeting of the Group of 20 finance chiefs in Washington on 10 April, 2014.

KYODO NEWS

Ship ready to destroy Syria’s chemical arms at sea

ON BOARD THE CAPE RAY, 11 April — Experts on board a cargo ship transformed into a multi-million dollar chemical weapons destroyer said on Thursday they were ready to start working on Syria’s stock of toxic arms in the middle of the Mediterranean as early as May.

Now they just have to hope the weather holds and Damascus delivers on time.

Former container vessel Cape Ray, docked in southern Spain, has been fitted out with at least \$10 million of gear to let it take on about 560 metric tonnes of Syria’s most dangerous

chemical agents and sail them out to sea, said officials.

The Damascus government, fighting rebels for three years, agreed to hand over its stockpile, which include precursors for deadly nerve agents sulphur, mustard and sarin gas, under an international deal backed by Washington and Moscow.

On the Cape Ray, the specialised crew will transform much of it into a much less poisonous soup of chemicals, ready for disposal back on land.

The process, say officials on the hulking grey,

MOSCOW/WASHINGTON, 11 April — President Vladimir Putin warned on Thursday that Russian gas supplies to Europe could be disrupted if Moscow cuts the flow to Ukraine over unpaid bills, drawing a US accusation that it is using energy “as a tool of coercion”. In a letter to the leaders of 18 European countries, Putin made clear that his patience would run out over Kiev’s \$2.2 billion gas debt to Russia unless a solution could be brokered urgently.

Russia has nearly doubled the gas price it charges Ukraine, whose economy is in crisis, since pro-Moscow President Viktor Yanukovich was overthrown two months ago. Russia then annexed the Ukrainian region of Crimea, provoking the biggest confrontation with



Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) chairs a meeting at the Novo-Ogaryovo state residence outside Moscow, on 10 April, 2014.—REUTERS

the West since the Cold War. Putin said Russian exporter Gazprom would demand advance payment for gas supplies to Ukraine and “in the event of further violation of the conditions of payment will completely or partially cease gas deliveries”.

That could have knock-on effects for European Union countries, much of whose Russian gas flows in pipelines across Ukraine. “We fully realize that this increases the risk of (Ukraine) siphoning off natural gas passing through Ukraine’s

territory and heading to European consumers,” the letter said. Russia meets 30 percent of Europe’s natural gas demand and half of this goes through Ukraine.

The United States accused Moscow of using its vast energy reserves to pressure the former Soviet republic. “We condemn Russia’s efforts to use energy as a tool of coercion against Ukraine,” State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said. US President Barack Obama, in a phone call on Thursday with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, “underscored the need for the United States, European Union and other global partners to be prepared to meet further Russian escalation with additional sanctions,” the White House said.

Reuters

Australian PM says searchers confident of position of MH370’s black boxes

PERTH/SHANGHAI, 11 April — Search and rescue officials in Australia are confident they know the approximate position of the black box recorders from missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Friday.

At the same time, however, the head of the agency coordinating the search said that the latest “ping” signal, which was captured by a listening device buoy on Thursday, was not related to the plane.

“We are confident that we know the position of the black box flight recorder to within some kilometres (miles),” Abbott said in a speech in the Chinese commercial capital Shanghai.

“Still, confidence in the approximate position of the black box is not the same as recovering wreckage from almost four and a half kilometres beneath the sea or finally determining all that happened on the flight.”

The mystery of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, which disappeared more than a month ago, has sparked the most expensive search and rescue operation in aviation history. The search was focusing on a small patch of the Indian Ocean on Friday, after the latest “ping” seemed to lend credence to four previous “pings” detected by a US Navy “Towed Pinger Locator” (TPL) towed by Australia’s Ocean Shield vessel.

All five acoustic signals

were detected in this small area. But Angus Houston, head of the Australian agency supervising the search effort, said on Friday that

analysis of acoustic data confirmed that the latest signal was unlikely to be related to the missing plane’s black boxes.—Reuters



Gunner Richard Brown (L) of Transit Security Element looks through binoculars as he stands on lookout with other crew members aboard the Australian Navy ship HMAS Perth as they continue to search for missing Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 in this picture released by the Australian Defence Force on 10 April, 2014. — REUTERS

Piracy reduced in Indian Ocean off Somalia

OSLO, 11 April — The number of piracy attacks on ships in the Indian Ocean has come down as no ships were hijacked in almost two years, said an official of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry. No ships on the international sea routes in the Indian Ocean off the African coast has been hijacked nearly 24 months thanks to successful preventive measures at sea, said Norwegian State Secretary Baard Glad Pedersen.

“The reduction in the number of attacks on ships in the Indian Ocean is a positive development. At the same time there are

still attacks on shipping. Norway will continue its efforts to prevent piracy at sea and support the efforts to apprehend the perpetrators in Somalia,” said Pedersen. Norway will continue to cooperate with Somalia and Somalia’s neighbouring countries to get a definitive end to piracy, said Pedersen in a press release.

Piracy in the Indian Ocean increased in 2008.

Norway holds that pirates should be brought to justice and serve their sentences in their home country — Somalia.—Xinhua



A US MV Cape Ray ship staff member wearing personal protective equipment is seen at the naval airbase in Rota, near Cadiz, southern Spain on 10 April, 2014.—REUTERS

WORLD

S Korea denies report on seeking MOU on military secrets with US, Japan

SEOUL, 11 April — The South Korean government on Friday denied a news report that it is seeking a memorandum of understanding on sharing military secrets and protecting them with the United States and Japan.

"It is necessary for South Korea, the US and Japan to basically exchange (military secrets) to cope with North Korea's nuclear and missile threats, but with Japan, an atmosphere is not yet created with many pending issues remaining to be settled and popular sentiments," Defence Ministry spokesman

Kim Min Seok said during a Press briefing.

His remarks were in response to news reports the three countries are likely to sign the MoU in a meeting of senior defence officials set for next Thursday and Friday in Washington.

"The issue is not included as an agenda at the meeting set to be held in Washington," Kim said. Relations between South Korea and Japan remain frosty due to divergent perceptions of shared history and a dispute over a pair of tiny islets controlled by South Korea but claimed by Japan.—Kyodo News

Lebanon to draw new policy on Syrians refugees

BEIRUT, 11 April — Lebanon will issue new policy to address the high influx of Syrian refugees to the country, social Affairs Minister Rashid Derbas said on Thursday.

After a meeting on Syrian refugees headed by Prime Minister Tammam Salam, Derbas said that "the government is about to take clear positions on the issue of Syrian refugees in order to be able to face this plight."

He said that Lebanon is receiving about 50,000 displaced Syrians every month, or one for every minute. "According to the UN Higher Refugees Commission report on Wednesday, there are more than one million Syrian refugees registered officially in Lebanon," Derbas said that his country had decided to confront this issue "from different perspectives used in the past, as Lebanon

cannot carry the burden any more on itself, neither economically nor socially, and especially not from the demographic, educational and health perspectives."

But the minister declined to reveal the guidelines of the new policy, only saying that "the ideal solution for Lebanon is that those refugees return to their homeland, but since most of them have lost their homes because of the ongoing military action, probably erecting safe camps for them will be a feasible solution."

He added that "this solution cannot be applied without the consent of the Syrian government or if the refugees refuse to return in the current circumstances."

Lebanon has adopted so far the policy of "open border" with the Syrians fleeing the ongoing violence in their homeland.

Xinhua



Israel Defence Forces (IDF) Chief of Staff Benny Gantz steps off a Super Hercules C-130J after visiting at Nevatim Air Base near Beer Sheva, southern Israel, on 9 April, 2014. The Super Hercules C-130J was inaugurated into the ranks of the Israeli Air Force (IAF) on Wednesday. Plane number 661, which touched ground at the Nevatim Air Base after a 12-hour flight from the United States, is the first of three J-model aircrafts that Israel ordered from the Lockheed Martin Corporation. Equipped with Israeli-made electronic warfare, defense and other systems and custom-built according to the IAF's specifications, the Super Hercules, which the IAF has named "Samson" in tribute to the biblical hero of the ancient Israelites, is designated for a variety of missions: transporting troops and equipment, air-dropping supplies, parachute jumps, aerial refueling, maritime patrol and covert missions. —XINHUA

UN renews call for human rights monitoring in Western Sahara

VIENNA, 11 April — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday renewed his appeals for sustained human rights monitoring in the disputed territory of northern Africa's Western Sahara and warned against unfair exploitation of the region's natural resources.

The comments were included in Ban's latest report on Western Sahara to the 15-nation UN Security Council, an advance copy of which was obtained by Reuters. Morocco took control of most of the territory in 1975 when colonial power Spain withdrew, prompting a guerrilla war for independence that lasted until 1991 when the United Nations brokered a cease-fire and sent in a peacekeeping mis-

sion known as MINURSO.

Ban said he welcomed Morocco's willingness to allow special investigators from the UN Human Rights Council to visit the territory and the Polisario Front independence movement's willingness to work with United Nations rights bodies.

"The end goal nevertheless remains a sustained, independent and impartial human rights monitoring," Ban said. While Ban did not say it directly, UN officials and diplomats say that he would like the UN mission in Western Sahara to take on monitoring human rights violations in the territory, but Morocco, backed by France, has vigorously resisted the idea.

The renewal of the

mandate of the peacekeeping mission marks an annual battle in the Security Council between France, which defends Morocco's position, and a number of African and Western nations supporting Polisario.

After sending the report to the council on Thursday, the United Nations issued at least two revised versions of it over the course of several hours. The latest version removes the term "monitoring mechanism" and only refers to "monitoring."

Ahmed Boukhari, the Polisario's UN representative, said he was disappointed Ban's report did not go further, adding that Rabat and Paris were putting pressure on the world body.

Reuters

EU's Ashton affirms support for Egypt roadmap, anti-terrorism war

CAIRO, 11 April — EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton affirmed on Thursday EU's support for Egypt's future roadmap and its ongoing war against terrorism, official MENA news agency reported.

"Ashton affirmed EU keenness on maintaining relations with Egypt and the completion of Egypt's future roadmap," MENA quoted Egyptian presidential spokesman as saying.

Egypt has been facing terrorist attacks against police and military personnel and facilities over the past few months. Extremist groups supporting ousted Islamist President Mohamed Morsi have claimed responsibility for most of the attacks.

Last July Egypt's military announced a roadmap after Morsi's removal, which included a new constitution and presidential and parliamentary elections. Ashton's visit came ahead of the country's first post-Morsi presidential elections slated for late May.

She is expected to hold talks with the main two presidential hopefuls, ex-military chief Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi and leftist leader Hamdeen Sabahy.

Xinhua

Group of deputies wants Gorbachev investigated over Soviet break-up

MOSCOW, 11 April — A small group of lawmakers have asked Russia's top prosecutor to investigate whether the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev,

should face treason charges over his role in the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union. Gorbachev dismissed the request as an act of publicity-seeking and said

there were no grounds to charge him.

It follows a surge of patriotism since Russia's annexation of Crimea from Ukraine last month, which has revived nostalgia among some Russians for the Soviet Union and boosted President Vladimir Putin's popularity ratings.

The seven-page request for an investigation says Gorbachev and other senior Soviet officials violated the law and the will of the people by letting the republics that made up the

Soviet Union declare independence and break away.

"As a result of these criminal actions, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, a global superpower, was destroyed and ceased existing as a geopolitical reality," says the letter.

Signed by five lawmakers including two members of the United Russia party loyal to Putin, it was sent to Russian Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika on Wednesday.

The Prosecutor General's office declined com-

ment but said it generally takes up to 10 days to decide whether to start an investigation. Gorbachev is celebrated in the West for his policies of "perestroika" (restructuring) and glasnost" (openness) and not resorting to widespread use of force to hold the Soviet Union together.

But many Russians blame him for the superpower's collapse and some hanker for what they see as the relative stability of Soviet times.

Reuters



Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 12 April, 2014

Effective use of external loans for poverty alleviation in Myanmar

By Aung Khin

The Asia Development Bank estimated in 2013 that Myanmar could follow Asia's fast growing economies and expand 7 to 8 percent a year, becoming a middle income nation, and triple per capita income by 2030 if it can overcome substantial development challenges by further implementing across-the-board reforms.

According to the research by the World Bank Group, the country's economy grew by 6.5 percent in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The

main drivers of growth were surges in natural gas explorations, services, construction, foreign direct investment and strong commodity exports.

Though Myanmar is rich in natural resources and thus a solvent client, and it is geo-strategically well-located between Asia's largest emerging powers, there is little evidence that the population has so far benefitted from such advantages.

According to the World Factbook and World Development Indicators, the total external debt of Myanmar at the end of 2012 was over USD 5 billion. The second largest country in Southeast Asia had a negative growth (decline) of external debt by 6.43 percent from US\$ 7 billion in the last 10 years from 2002 to 2012.

President U Thein Sein said at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday that the amount of loans currently spent is lower than the aids and loans offered by foreign countries. He also urged the ministries concerned to set pri-

orities in accordance with reform strategies and to closely coordinate with donors and organizations to be able to effectively use the aids and loans.

As both local and external debts of the country are a burden for all citizens, the use of the budget should be transparent and effective for the welfare of the public who are still lagging behind those of neighbouring countries in terms of wages and living standards. Under these circumstances, the relevant bodies, including the Anti-Corruption Commission, should monitor the actual expenditures of public funds to avoid embezzlements in the country.

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POEM:

Maha Thingyan in New Year

Padauk flowers in the bloom
Thingyan Festival is coming soon;
Fragrant water will be splashed
Affectionate ties are to be blessed;
Traditional short drums appear
With amusing style of Shwe Yoe dancer;
His melodious dance is so prominent
Making onlookers feel acquainted;
Eugenia leaves spread its shoots
Fresh and green are for strong mood;
Wishing free from all dangers
Splashing water each other;
Tagu month is unrivaled
Fantastic moment with festival;
Auspiciousness is extended
All can enjoy the calmness;
Thingyan clear all angers
Smile appears together;
In pouring Thingyan water
Old years' defilements are cleared;
Joyous moods are in rhythm
Happy, exciting in Thingyan;
As one of the ancient cultures
We should conserve it forever;
Small glutinous rice dumplings
They keep our hearts exciting;
Washing hairs of the aged
Doing merits seasonal trait;
Good deeds turn out peaceful minds
They represent tranquil signs.

Pho Laylone Thauung Ko Ko
Translation: AK

Myanmar's oldest English daily newspaper is hiring now!

The Global New Light of Myanmar will relocate to Yangon in mid-April and is now looking for foreign editors and local reporters. Journalists who prefer to work as freelancers or on a part-time basis are also welcome to submit their applications. For further details, please send an email with your resume and samples of your work to the chief editor wallace.tun@gmail.com.

Inspiring the Young Heart

Kyí Mun

To inspire the hearts and minds of young people, let me present the following sayings, maxims, proverbs, etc., mostly from memory.

- * This to me is life;
That, if life be a burden,
I'll join to make it
But the burden of a song.
-Bailey
- * To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.
-Tennyson
- * I don't seek opportunities;
I create them.
-Napoleon Bonaparte
- * Be bold and mighty forces will come to your aid.
-The Bible
- * Making a common thing uncommonly well will bring you success.
-Anonymous
- * To dare nobly, to will strongly, and never to falter in the path of duty.
-Anonymous
- * Think the most, feel the noblest, and act the best.
-Anonymous
- * Make new friend but keep the old; one is silver and the other is gold.
-Anonymous
- * Be strong inside, permit no defeat and fight all you can.
-Anonymous
- * Give all to love, obey they heart.
-Emerson
- * Be strong and good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed.
-The Bible
- * Be resolute, fear no sacrifice and surmount all difficulties to win victory.
-Anonymous
- * Be ye transformed by the renewal of your mind.
-The Bible
- * You only have to take one step at a time and to keep on. Keep on keeping on no matter how hard the going may be.
-Napoleon Hill
- * A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's Heaven for?
-Anonymous

- * Every good tree brings forth good fruit.
-Mathew 7:17
- * God is "Father, Mother, Nurse, Teacher/ Master/ Educator, Food, Shepherd, Life, Knowledge, Truth and Light.
-Clement of Alexandria
- * In due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
-Galatians 6:9
- * Learn one simple skill because each man should prove his own work.
-Anonymous
- * Faith, hope, trust and confidence.
-Richardson Dright
- * To live is to fight, to suffer, and to love.
-Elizabeth Leseur
- * Nothing great was ever done without much endurance.
-St. Catherine of Siena
- * Always earn, learn and be in earnest.
-Anonymous
- * Enduring patience is the highest austerity.
-Bhagavad Gita
- * Dare to cultivate hope, courage and wisdom-hope is the shield, courage, sword and wisdom, chariot.
-Anonymous
- * One step, and then another.
And the longest walk is ended;
* One stitch, and then another,
And the largest rent is mended;
* One brick upon another,
And the highest wall is made;
* One flake upon another,
And the deepest snow is laid."
-Anonymous
- * "Little by little all the tasks are done,
So are the crowns of the faithful won."
-Anonymous
- * The wisdom of life is to endure what we must, and to change what we can.
-A Jewish Proverb

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GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (11-4-2014)

Yangon Gold Price
Buying K 672,200 per tical: Selling 673,200

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K 672,000 per tical: Selling K 673,000

FE RATE

USD Buying	K 961	-	Selling	K 966
SGD Buying	K 765	-	Selling	K 775
Euro Buying	K 1320	-	Selling	K 1340

LOCAL NEWS

Novitation and ordination ceremonies are held in Myanmar traditional way in urban and rural areas in the country on summer holidays and Maha Thingyan Festival. A file photo shows novices-to-be are being conveyed by elephant in novitation ceremony followed by damsels in Mohnyin of Kachin State on Tuesday.

NLM-001



Fingerlings available at shops in Mandalay on New Year Day

MANDALAY, 11 April—Fisheries Department and Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Department of Mandalay City Development Committee will sell fingerlings to the people at the shop near the Mingala Bridge on 26th street between 74th and 75th streets and in front of MCDC Office on the New Year Day 1376 ME.

Any one may buy the fingerlings from the shop to perform meritorious deeds by releasing them into the water.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Kyaukse Industrial Zone produces gas turbines

KYAUKSE, 11 April—Ministry of Electric Power and APR Energy Co of the US install machines for 82-megawatt natural gas turbines at Kyaukse Industrial Zone.

Up to 9 April, they have installed 68 gas turbines. On completion, the turbines will be used for

generating electricity to the power grid.

On his inspection tour of Kyaukse Industrial Zone, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint heard reports on installation of gas turbines at the project, installation of power lines and supply of electricity presented by

electricians and officials.

The 82-megawatt gas turbines will be operated as of first April to generate 25 per cent electricity. Soon after, the turbines will be run in full swing for supplying electricity to the power grid for public consumption.—*Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)*

Rural Development Department spends fund on construction of Thegaw Bridge



PYAY, 11 April—The authorities of Padaung Township is building roads and bridges in rural areas for smooth transport.

Rural Development Department funded K 20.7 million for construction of 70 feet long Thegaw Bridge on Laungzali-Thegaw Road in Padaung Township of Pyay District.

Officials of Pyay District RDD on 8 April looked into progress of Thegaw Bridge and its standard.

On completion, the bridge will benefit over 2000 local people of 495 households from Taungbwe Village-tract and contribute much to transport of domestic products to the markets.

MMAL-105

Anti-rabies talks given to families of servicemen in Mohnyin, Kachin State



MOHNYIN, 11 April—An educative talk on prevention against rabies was held at the hall of No 904 Artillery Control Command on 8 April.

The talks was given to families of regiments and units, with an address by Commander Brig-Gen Thet Lwin.

Assistant Director Dr Win Oo of Mohnyin District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department

explained animals bearing rabies, virus for the disease, infection of virus, symptoms of rabies, vaccination for anti-rabies.

A total of 170 officers,

other ranks and family members of No 904 Artillery Control Command attended the talks. Officials of the department injected 35 dogs after the talks.—*NLM-001*

Yadanabon University, Northern Illinois University sign MoU

MANDALAY, 11 April—Yadanabon University and Northern Illinois University of the US signed an MoU at the hall of Yadanabon University on 9 April.

It was attended by Rec-

tor of the university Dr Khin Maung Oo, Pro-Rector Dr Maung Maung Naing, Dean of faculty from Northern Illinois University of US Dr Christopher McCord and officials. Two rectors of both

universities signed the MoU after holding discussions on cooperation between the two universities.

The MoU is aimed at cooperating in academic matters and research

works.

Yadanabon University is located in Amarapura, nearest to the U Bein Bridge the most famous man-made wooden bridge.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Dr Zaw Tun Oo and Dr Thet Naing gave talks on expectant mother care, malaria disease, dengue hemorrhagic fever and elephantiasis diseases.

They donated nutritious foods to older persons, iodized salt and soaps to expectant mothers and books to Aungmye Yeiktha Village library.

The medical team gave health care services to 873 people free of charge from villages and wards of Tatkon.

Township IPRD

Northern Ireland charges man with murder in Omagh bombing

BELFAST, 11 April — Northern Ireland has charged a man with 29 counts of murder in the 1998 Omagh bombing, the worst attack in decades of violence in the province, police said on Thursday.

Just months after a peace deal was struck, 29 people, including a woman pregnant with twins, were killed and more than 200 were wounded in the attack. No one has been criminally convicted for it.

Seamus Daly, who lives in Culloville, County Monaghan in the Republic of Ireland, was arrested on Monday when he crossed the border into Northern

Ireland.

The “Good Friday” peace agreement largely ended more than three decades of violence in which more than 3,600 people died between mainly Catholic Irish nationalists, seeking union with Ireland, and predominantly Protestant unionists who want to remain part of the United Kingdom.

The peace has remained largely unbroken, though the province suffers regular tensions between the communities and small groups of dissidents opposed to the agreement still commit sporadic acts of violence.

The only man to stand trial on a murder charge for the Omagh attack was acquitted in 2007. The Real IRA, a group opposed to the peace accord, claimed responsibility.

Daly is one of four men who was found to have been responsible for the bombing in a civil action taken by some of the families of the victims in the absence of a successful criminal conviction.

The four were ordered by the Northern Ireland High Court to pay £1.5 million (\$2.5 million) compensation. No money has ever been paid and Daly has consistently denied



Police stand in the rubble after a car-bomb ripped through the market town of Omagh in Northern Ireland on 15 Aug, 1998. —REUTERS

being involved.

Daly also faces two charges in relation to a

car bombing in Lisburn in April 1998, a police spokesman said. He will

appear in court on Friday to have the charges formally put to him.—Reuters

Four Taiwanese face drug-smuggling charges in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 11 April — New Zealand Police and Customs officers have arrested four visitors from China’s Taiwan in connection with the smuggling of more than 11 kg of crystal methamphetamine into New Zealand.

The investigation began on 25 March when customs officers discovered the illegal drugs concealed in heavy metal boxes at an air cargo inspection facility at Auckland International Airport, police said on Friday.

Detective Senior Sergeant Lloyd Schmid said the methamphetamine had a street value of more than 11 million NZ dollars (9.5 million US dollars).

Three men and a woman, all from Taiwan, appeared in the Auckland District Court on Thursday charged with drug importation and supply, Schmid said in a statement.

Two of the men, aged 19 and 29, arrived in New Zealand on 24 March, said the statement, but no information was given on the other man and the woman.

“The success of this enquiry builds on that which we have achieved over recent years working closely with New Zealand Customs and our other partner agencies,” Schmid said.—Xinhua



The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) is held in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 10 April, 2014.—XINHUA

NATO satellite photos show Russian military buildup near Ukraine

MONS, (Belgium), 11 April — NATO unveiled satellite photographs on Thursday it said showed Russian deployments of some 40,000 troops near the Ukrainian frontier, along with long lines of tanks, armoured vehicles, artillery and aircraft ready for action.

“This is a force that is very capable, at high readiness, and, as we have illustrated through the imagery, is close to routes and lines of communication,” British Brigadier Gary Deakin said at a briefing at NATO military headquarters at Mons in southern Belgium.

“It has the resources to be able to move quickly into Ukraine if it was ordered to do so,” he said. If Russian political leaders took a decision to send forces into Ukraine, the first Russian forces could be on the move within 12 hours.

NATO has spotted Russian forces at more than 100 different sites close to

the Ukraine border, he said.

The Western alliance displayed the commercial satellite images to reporters as evidence to back up its warnings of a Russian military buildup that could threaten Ukraine.

Russia denies massing forces near the border and accuses NATO of fomenting concern to rally support for the alliance.

Many of the sites in the images appeared to be fields rather than established military bases. The sites were located between about 40 kilometres (25 miles) and 150 kilometres of the Ukraine border, according to the images shown.

Russia’s occupation and annexation of Ukraine’s Crimea region has caused the biggest crisis in East-West relations since the Cold War and led to fears in Kiev that Moscow could send forces into other parts of Ukraine.

“They have all the

capabilities: air, special forces, artillery. They have everything,” Brigadier Deakin said.

The satellite pictures exhibited by NATO showed long lines of tanks, armoured vehicles, artillery and aircraft parked and ready for action at a series of makeshift staging posts.

US Secretary of State John Kerry has accused Russian agents and special forces of stirring up separatist unrest and said Moscow could be trying to prepare for military action.

Russia denies the accusations and has dismissed concerns over a troop buildup.

In a buildup that began in early March, the satellite images showed that Russia has amassed not only infantry and artillery but electronic warfare units, helicopters and aircraft, said another NATO officer, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Reuters

Poland honours plane crash victims on 4th anniversary

WARSAW, 11 April — A commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the plane crash near Smolensk on 10 April, 2010, was held on Thursday morning.

After a mass in the parliamentary chapel, Sejm (lower house) and Senate Speakers Ewa Kopacz and Bogdan Borusewicz laid flowers at a plaque in memory of the 18 parliamentarians who died in the crash.

Prime Minister Donald Tusk, parliamentarians, Warsaw officials and victims’ families took part in an official commemoration at the Powazki military cemetery where 28 of the victims are buried.

Defence Minister Tomasz Siemoniak laid flowers and lit a candle at the plaque on the Defence Ministry building, commemorating those victims of the crash who were

linked to the military.

Representatives of the Polish Council for the Protection of Struggle and Martyrdom Sites and the Polish Embassy in Russia laid wreaths and lit candles at the site of the crash in Smolensk. Smolensk officials and local Poles were also present.

President Bronislaw Komorowski and his wife Anna, together with the families of crash victims who had a connection to the office of president, took part in a commemorative mass celebrated in the Presidential Palace chapel.

Law and Justice (PiS) leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski, twin brother of late President Lech Kaczynski, together with other PiS politicians laid flowers and lit candles in front of the Presidential Palace in Warsaw.

Xinhua

DR Congo’s Nyamulagira volcano likely to erupt next week

KINSHASA, 11 April — The Nyamulagira volcano is currently in highly intense activity that can lead to a blowout in the coming days of next week, said an expert on Thursday in Goma, a city in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. “The eruption of Nyamulagira will have no impact on the famous volcano Nyiragongo, whose activity is in a normal state,” said Kaco Karume, member of the Volcanic Observatory of Goma (OVG).

Karume reassured local residents that they will

be informed of the evolution of the volcano.

The Nyamulagira volcano is located 22 km north of Goma, capital of North Kivu Province.

According to a member of the security of Virunga National Park, assigned to the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN), the volcano poses no threat to mountain gorillas and other animals that live there.

Recent eruptions of Nyamulagira date back to November 2011 and January 2010.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Sony urges consumers to stop using some Vaio models for fear of burns



A logo of Sony Corp is seen outside its showroom in Tokyo on 5 February, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 11 April — Sony Corp urged consumers Friday to stop using some models of its Vaio Fit 11A personal computer released in February due to possible overheating of the battery that could result in partial burns. Subject to the request are the models SVF11N19EJS,

SVF11N1A1J and SVF11N1BAJ. The company is now identifying the products' serial numbers.

The Japanese electronics maker said it is considering repairing or replacing the affected PCs free of charge or refunding the purchase price.

Sony asked consumers to shut down and unplug the PCs, and discontinue their use. The company has already halted shipments of the product.

Between 19 March and 8 April, overheating in the battery pack melted three of the PC models in Japan, Hong Kong and mainland China.—Kyodo News

Sharing cyber threat details not antitrust violation, US says

WASHINGTON, 11 April — The US government on Thursday urged companies to share information with each other about cyber threats and issued guidance making clear that doing so would not violate antitrust laws. The new push comes as many top retailers and other companies have suffered major data breaches. Most recently, the "Heart-bleed" bug was found to have exposed personal data to hackers, prompting Facebook Inc, Google and others to take steps to mitigate the impact on their users.

"Legitimate cyber threat sharing can help

secure the nation's networks," James Cole, the No 2 official at the US Justice Department, told reporters in a briefing on new guidance the agency issued along with the Federal Trade Commission.

If companies don't discuss competitive information such as pricing or output when sharing cybersecurity details, they will not run afoul of antitrust laws, the head of the Justice Department's antitrust division, Bill Baer, said.

Cole said he had heard concerns from some companies that they felt restricted in sharing details of cyber threats with others



Participants from government ministries and agencies take part in the Cyber Defense Exercise with Recurrence (CYDER) in Tokyo on 25 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

because of antitrust concerns, but declined to name the companies or discuss specific problems that had arisen.

Better sharing of cyber threat information among companies as well as between the private sector and the government have been a top concern in the US government's effort to bolster the cyber defenses of the nation's critical industries.

As part of the effort, President Barack Obama last year signed an executive order, making it easier for companies to access data about online threats that is held by the

government, among other things. The government in February also introduced standards meant to help companies in nationally critical industries better defend against cyber attacks, though it is unclear how widely the voluntary measures are being adopted.

Several high-profile breaches this year have put a spotlight on corporate cybersecurity, particularly the massive theft of about 40 million payment card records plus 70 million other records, including addresses and phone numbers, belonging to customers of No 3 retailer Target Corp.

Reuters

Google to sell Glass to public next week

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 April — Google Inc will take online orders for its Glass wearable gadget on 15 April, in its biggest push to get the \$1,500 wrap-around Web-ready glasses out to the US public.

For a limited time starting Tuesday, Google will make the wearable device available to more than just the select group of users such as apps developers in

its Glass Explorer program.

In a blogpost, Google did not say how many pairs it would sell, just that the quantity would be limited.

"Every day we get requests from those of you who haven't found a way into the program



Google co-founder Sergey Brin walks

yet, and we want your feedback too," the company said on a Thursday blogpost.

"That's why next Tuesday, 15th April, we'll be trying our

latest and biggest Explorer Program expansion experiment to date. We'll be allowing anyone in the US to become an Explorer by purchasing Glass."

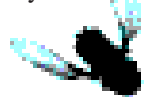
Many tech pundits expect wearable devices to go mainstream this year, extending smartphone and tablet capabilities to gadgets worn on the body, from watches to headsets.

Reuters

Shoo fly: pesky insect escapes using fighter jet maneuvers

WASHINGTON, 11 April — What does a tiny fruit fly have in common with the world's most advanced fighter jets like the US Air Force's F-22 Raptor? More than you might think.

Scientists using video cameras to track a fly's aerial maneuvers found the insect employs astonishingly quick mid-air banked turns to evade predators much like a fighter jet executes to elude an enemy.



Their study, published on Thursday in the journal *Science*, documents aerial agility in fruit flies such as the capacity to begin to change course in less than one hundredth of a second.

The fact that flies are airborne acrobats should not surprise anyone who has ever swung a flyswatter at one, only to watch the little insects easily escape.

The researchers at the University of Washington synchronized three high-speed cameras operating at 7,500 frames a second to learn the secrets of what the flies do to make themselves so elusive.

They tracked the mid-air wing and body motion of the fruit fly species *Drosophila hydei*, which is about the size of a sesame seed, inside a cylindrical flight chamber after the insects were shown an image that suggested an approaching predator. The flies produced impressive

escape responses, almost instantaneously rolling their bodies like a military jet in a banked turn to steer away. While executing the turn, the flies showed that they could roll on their sides by upwards of 90 degrees, sometimes flying almost upside down.

"They generate a rather precise banked turn, just like an aircraft pilot would, to roll the body and generate a force to take them away from the threat," said University of Washington biology professor Michael Dickinson, who led the study. "That happens very quickly. And it's generated with remarkably subtle



A fruit fly, *Drosophila hydei*, flaps its wings 200 times a second during normal flight and even faster when taking evasive action, as seen in this undated handout picture courtesy of F. Muijres and F van Breugel at the University of Washington in Seattle.—REUTERS

changes in wing motion. We were pretty astonished by how little they have to do with their wing motion to generate these very precise maneuvers," he said.

The fly flaps its wings about 200 times a second, and in almost a single wing beat can reorient its body to maneuver away from the threat and continue to accelerate, Florian Muijres, another of the researchers, said in a statement.

"I suspect that these

are very ancient reflexes," Dickinson added. "Very shortly after insects evolved flight, other insects evolved flight to eat them. Circuits for detecting predators are very, very ancient. But this one is just being implemented in a high-performance flight machine."

A lot of light was needed to accommodate the cameras' extraordinarily high shutter speeds, but because a fly would be blinded by the necessary

amounts of normal light, the researchers used very bright infrared lights. Like people, fruit flies do not see infrared light.

"I've always been fascinated by flies. Everybody thinks that they have a simple nervous system, but I think it's exactly the opposite. They just have a really tiny one. But it's incredibly compact. They do so much with just this brain the size of a salt grain," Dickinson said.—Reuters

Time lapse images from a high speed video show how a fruit fly startled by a looming shadow (off camera at the bottom right) performs a rapid roll to bank away from the threat, in this undated picture courtesy of F. Muijres at the University of Washington in Seattle.—REUTERS

Cambodia's political crisis may soon be over, leaders say

PHNOM PENH, 11 April — Cambodia's political crisis that has dragged on for nearly seven months may be nearing an end as the leaders from the ruling and opposition parties have reached a tentative deal, Prime Minister Hun Sen said on Thursday.

Hun Sen of the Cambodian People's Party said he spent around 45 minutes on the telephone with Sam Rainsy, president of the Cambodia National Rescue Party, concerning election reform and the opposition party's call for an early election.

He said a draft agreement is being worked out and the two parties' leaders might meet as early as Friday at the Royal Palace if Kem Sokha, the CNRP's co-leader, endorses what was tentatively agreed between him and Sam Rainsy. Hun Sen suggested the next general election, currently set to be held in July 2018, could be moved forward by five months to February of that year.—*Kyodo News*

Van crash in Thailand kills eight Cambodians

BANGKOK, 11 April — A van ran off the road and hit a tree in east Thailand's Chathaburi Province on Friday morning, killing eight Cambodian passengers and injuring 12 others, including the driver.

The 12 injured, including four in critical condition, have been rushed to three hospitals, Suchart Khwanchai, chief of rescue at the Sawang Katanyu Foundation, was quoted by the *Bangkok Post* newspaper as saying.

The van reportedly crashed at around 7:10 am local time while carrying 19 Cambodian passengers from Rayong province to a border checkpoint in Chathaburi. The gas fuel cylinders exploded twice after the crash, causing a fire that killed some passengers trapped inside the van, Suchart said.

Xinhua



Security officials inspect the blast site in eastern Pakistan's Lahore, on 11 April, 2014. At least 16 people were injured when a blast hit a motorbike shop in Pakistan's eastern Lahore city in the wee hours of Friday morning, local media reported. —XINHUA

Japan's new pro-nuclear energy policy draws mixed responses

TOKYO, 11 April — Japan's new energy policy that supports the use of nuclear power drew mixed responses Friday, with utilities welcoming it and nuclear opponents saying it downplays the consequences of the 2011 Fukushima crisis.

"We think there is great significance in this policy. We expect it to be steadily promoted," Makoto Yagi, head of the Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan, said in a statement after the government decided on the so-called Basic Energy Plan.

In the plan, the first of its kind since the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant disaster, the government said nuclear power is an

"important" source of energy and that it will continue to uphold the country's spent fuel recycling policy.

It also said it will push for the resumption of nuclear reactors, all of which are currently offline as their safety has to be checked in light of new regulations introduced last July. Fukui Gov Issei Nishikawa, head of the prefecture that hosts the largest number of reactors in the country, also expressed support for the energy plan, saying it is a "starting point for Japan's energy policy which has been vague."

But some local governments expressed concern over nuclear safety as the plan makes little reference to safety measures or to

areas that have to prepare for evacuation in the event of emergencies, which were expanded in the wake of the Fukushima crisis.

"I am very worried that reactors will restart without sufficient safety measures being taken," Shiga Gov. Yukio Kada said. Shiga Prefecture does not host a nuclear power plant, but is located next to Fukui Prefecture. Meanwhile, a group of Diet members seeking an end to nuclear power generation criticized the plan for "not taking heed of the lessons learned from the Fukushima accident."

"A Cabinet decision on an energy plan that marks a return to nuclear power... clearly goes against the

feelings of the people of the disaster-affected areas and the general public," the group said in a statement.

The Japan Renewable Energy Foundation expressed disappointment over what it sees as a "passive attitude" on the introduction of renewable energy sources, compared with trends in other countries.

The plan said the government will seek to boost renewable energy above the level aimed at in the past, touching on domestic energy outlooks compiled before the nuclear crisis that expected renewables to increase to 13.5 percent of total electricity supply in 2020 and about 20 percent in 2030.

Kyodo News

S Korea warns N Korea not to conduct 4th nuclear test

SEOUL, 11 April — A senior South Korean diplomat on Friday warned North Korea against carrying out another nuclear test, saying the international community would come up with "grave countermeasures" to punish it, according to *Yonhap News Agency*.

"North Korea is very mistaken if it thinks that it can get away with conducting a fourth nuclear test," the diplomat was quoted as saying.

"Given that the international community deems the (threatened) fourth nuclear test of North Korea to be very grave, they will inevitably come up with equally grave countermeasures" if it happens, he said, adding that those measures "will be far more painful than before."

A fresh test would constitute "a different level of provocation" compared with the North's three previous tests in 2006, 2009 and 2013, both "symbolically and practically," the diplomat said, adding that China too is "keenly aware" of the seriousness of the issue.

North Korea said late last month it will carry out "a new form" of nuclear test in an apparent protest of condemnations made at the United Nations of its recent rocket and missile launches.—*Kyodo News*

Vietnam holds expo to show potential in garments, textiles

HO CHI MINH CITY, 11 April — More than 500 companies from 26 countries and regions are showcasing their most advanced technologies and accessories in textile and garment industry at the ongoing "Saigon Tex 2014" exhibition in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City on Friday.

Open for public visits from Thursday to Sunday, Vietnam's Saigon Textile/Garment Fabric and Accessories Exhibition is an avenue for exhibitors to widen their markets and seek new clients from Vietnam, according to organizers.

The upcoming Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)

Agreement and other trade and tax agreements currently being negotiated have made the Vietnamese garment and textile market appealing for foreign textile and garment machinery manufacturers as well as fabric and accessory makers.

According to Le Trung Hai, vice president of the Vietnam National Textile and Garments Group, Vietnam had negotiated with many countries and regions to sign co-operation agreements, including the TPP, and the country will have to make a huge investment in sectors serving the garment and textile industry.

Xinhua



A shop selling around 500 items associated with the popular character Hello Kitty opens at a Takashimaya Co department store in Osaka, western Japan, on 10 April, 2014. — KYODO NEWS

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Strong 6.1 quake shakes Nicaragua, no major damage

MANAGUA, 11 April — A strong earthquake shook western Nicaragua on Thursday, knocking out power and phone lines in some areas of the capital Managua, a *Reuters* witness said, but there were no reports of fatalities or major damage.

The quake had a

magnitude of 6.1, the US Geological Survey said, and was very shallow at a depth of 6.2 miles. It was previously reported as having various magnitudes ranging up to 6.4.

Some residents in Managua rushed out into the streets, clearly nervous.

"There are no injuries,

no loss of life so far, nor even any significant material losses," Nicaraguan government spokeswoman Rosario Murillo said on local radio, adding that the government was checking reports that two dozen homes had suffered some damage.

The earthquake struck

at 2327 GMT, 19 miles northeast of the town of Nagarote or 31 miles north-northwest of the capital Managua, USGS added. The *Reuters* witness said the quake was followed by aftershocks.

A magnitude 6.1 quake is capable of causing severe damage.—*Reuters*

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‘Railway Man’ revisits war prisoner’s horror and forgiveness

NEW YORK, 11 April — Colin Firth was filming for “The Railway Man” about a former British Army captor when actor Colin Firth dreamt he was being tortured but was bluffing and didn’t know.

The English Oscar-winner for the film, based on a true story, is about a man who had suffered in silence for the film, based on a true story, and the responsibility of finding the power of forgiveness.

“I was supposed to know,” Firth said. “And in the dream there were old people who got to get it right, saying you’ve got to say where it goes in an interview ahead of the film on Friday.”

Firth, 53, plays Eric Lomax, a man with a passion for trains and railways who meets his wife on a train. Lomax had been tortured as a prisoner of war during the building of the Thai-Burma (Burma) Railway, or what came known as the “Death Railway.”

The railway, built by the Japanese during the occupation of Japan in 1943 to support their attack on the British colony of Burma, used forced labour, including Asian civilians and Allied prisoners of war, many thousands of whom died of beatings, disease, starvation and exhaustion.

Like many men of his generation Lomax didn’t talk about the war but relived his experiences in nightmares, until he was coaxed into confronting his demons and tormentor.

Firth won a best actor Oscar in 2011 for “The King’s Speech,” about King George VI’s battle to overcome a speech impediment, and was no stranger to playing silent, brooding types. But Lomax’s harrowing story of the suffering of thousands of prisoners of war, the torture inflicted by

their captors and their inner torment was different.

“It did reflect how it felt because there was nothing equivalent to this had ever happened to me,” Firth said about the dream.

and “Better than Sex,”) thought Firth was perfect for the part and that it was a role and a character the actor couldn’t say no to.

Nicole Kidman, the 2003 best actress Oscar winner for “The Hours,” plays his wife Patti Lomax, and Jeremy Irvine, who made his feature film debut in “War Horse,” is the young Lomax, whose story is told in flashbacks.

Sweden’s Stellan Skarsgård (“The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo”) plays Lomax’s friend Finlay. Hiroyuki Sanada (“The Wolverine”) rounds out the cast as the Japanese interpreter and tormentor Takashi Nagase, whom Lomax confronts decades later and amazingly forgives and befriends.

“It reminds us of what we are capable of as human beings, the very best and the very worst,” said Teplitzky.

The film was shot in Australia, Thailand and Scotland, where Firth and Kidman met Lomax and his wife. Lomax died in 2012, at the age of 93, while the film was being edited. Reading the book and meeting Lomax were invaluable for Firth because his role is so silent and the feelings are internalized.

“I had to inhabit imaginary memories,” he said. “Being equipped with so little, it meant a lot to be equipped with that.”

Firth was also surprised by the reaction to the film, which has already opened in Australia and Britain, and what it has unearthed. He said people have contacted him and Patti Lomax saying their father, grandfather or uncle had been there too during the war and hadn’t spoken about it until now.

“Sometimes you are an instrument for a story that really needs to be told properly and I think Eric was conscious of the fact that it wasn’t just his precious book, that he was actually speaking for all the guys that didn’t speak out,” Firth said.—Reuters

British actor Colin Firth arrives with his wife Livia Giuggioli of Italy for the film premiere of ‘Railway Man’ at the 38th Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto on 6 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS

“Every so often you’re called to interpret a story which is very, very precious and that was the case with this. It became personal,” he added.

Australian director Jonathan Teplitzky (“Burning Man”) said.

KISS, Peter Gabriel inducted by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

NEW YORK, 11 April—Flamboyant rockers KISS and British singer-songwriters Peter Gabriel and Cat Stevens were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Thursday, but, as they had vowed, the four original members of KISS did not perform.

The 1970s shock-rockers known for their outrageous costumes and make-up and hits such as “Rock and Roll All Nite,” did not directly comment on the Hall of Fame’s decision to honor only the band’s original members, leaving out current band members Eric Singer and Tommy Thayer.

“We are humbled to stand up on this stage,” said founding member Gene Simmons, accepting the band’s induction made by guitarist Tom Morello. But Simmons did mention by name other band members, some current, who were not included in the Hall of Fame honours.

Paul Stanley, who has also been critical of the Hall’s induction process, focused on the band’s fans, saying “for our fans, this is vindication.”

In his induction,

Morello echoed that sentiment, noting “KISS was never a critics’ band, KISS was a people’s band.”

He also observed that the over-the-top theatrical band was noteworthy for, among other things, influencing acts ranging from Lady Gaga to Garth Brooks to Slipknot.

In previous years the Hall of Fame has included varying mixes of past and present members of bands such as The Grateful Dead

and Metallica which have had evolving rosters.

Stevens performed at the concert and ceremony in Brooklyn, as did Gabriel, lead vocalist for the progressive rock band Genesis who went on to a solo career that included hits such as “Sledgehammer.” Genesis was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2010.

After being inducted by Chris Martin, Gabriel sang “Digging in the Dirt,” and his hit “In Your Eyes,”

from the 1980s youth romance, “Say Anything.”

After singling out by name musicians, as well as engineers, producers and even agents he has worked with, Gabriel paid tribute to the power of music, which he said “can make you feel so alive ... and think that the world would, could and should be a much better place, and occasionally make you very, very happy.”

Reuters



Haruo Niyama

Japanese dancer wins int’l youth ballet competition

NEW YORK, 11 April — A 17-year-old Japanese ballet dancer won the top prize on Thursday in a senior age division at this year’s Youth America Grand Prix.

Haruo Niyama, who in February won the prestigious Prix de Lausanne international ballet competition for young non-professional dancers in Lausanne, Switzerland, captured the gold medal in the division for men aged 15 to 19.

“I was very nervous, but am pleased I could enjoy dancing in some degree,” Niyama said in a

telephone interview with Kyodo News.

Jun Masuda, 14, came first in the division for men aged 12 to 14.

In the women’s sections, Yuki Sugiura came second in the division for 12 to 14.

Launched in 1999, the annual contest aims to provide educational and professional opportunities to young dancers aged 9 to 19 by offering scholarships to dance schools and the chance to receive contracts with dance companies worldwide.

Kyodo News



KISS band member Paul Stanley, standing with band members Peter Criss, Gene Simmons and Ace Frehley (L-R), holds up their award after the rock band was inducted at the 29th annual Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Barclays Centre in Brooklyn, New York on 10 April, 2014.—REUTERS

GENERAL

US may give up demand for zero Japan beef tariffs in trade deal

TOKYO, 11 April — The United States appears willing to accept a big cut in Japanese tariffs on beef imports rather than insist on scrapping the levy, the Nikkei business daily said on Friday, as the two countries seek a trade deal seen as vital to a broader regional pact.

US Trade Representative Michael Froman and Japanese Economics Minister Akira Amari wrapped up two days of intense talks on Thursday on the bilateral deal, a cornerstone of the US-led Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), with both saying progress had been made but that big gaps remained. "There was a bit of progress but big differences remain," Agriculture Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi reiterated at a news conference on Friday.

Trade Minister Toshimitsu Motegi told reporters that an April 24 summit between US President Barack Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe would be an important juncture for the trade talks, but repeated Japan's stance that the meeting was not a deadline for a deal, Kyodo news agency reported. The United States wants Japan to open its rice, beef and pork, dairy and sugar sectors - politically powerful sectors that Abe has vowed to defend. Japan wants a timetable on US promises to drop tariffs of 2.5 percent on imports of passenger cars and 25 percent on light trucks.—Reuters

Honduras, Venezuela have world's highest murder rates



Bladed weapons lie on the ground outside the maximum security prison in Tamará on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa on 25 Feb, 2014.—REUTERS

MEXICO CITY, 11 April — Honduras retains the world's highest murder rate, according to a United Nations report published on Thursday, with the Americas overtaking Africa as the region with the most peacetime murders per 100,000 people.

Torn apart by gang warfare and invaded by Mexican drug cartels, the Central American nation of Honduras had a 2012 murder rate of 90.4 homicides per 100,000 people, almost double Venezuela's rate of 53.7.

According to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime's report, Central America fared particularly badly. Belize had a murder rate of 44.7, while El Salvador's was 41.2 per 100,000.

In a previous report in 2011, Honduras topped the list, with El Salvador in second place and Venezuela in third.

In the UN's latest report, the Americas overtook Africa as the region with most murders, thanks to a surge in organized crime, which is often funded from the proceeds of drug smuggling.

Nearly 40 percent of the 437,000 murders committed globally in 2012 took place in the Americas, with the majority in Central and South America, the report found.

"Overall, organized crime (or) gang-related homicide accounts for 30 percent of homicides in the Americas," the report said.

Central American countries that have a

long history of gang violence, such as Honduras, have seen the problem worsened in recent years after Mexican drug cartels moved in, taking advantage of shaky public institutions to set up key logistical operations for moving drugs from South America to the United States.

Other countries with high murder rates include Guatemala, with 39.9 murders per 100,000; South Africa with 31; Colombia with 30.8; and Brazil with 25.2.

In Mexico, where about 85,000 people have died in drug-related killings since a 2007 military-led assault against the warring cartels, the murder rate was 21.5 per 100,000.

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Valencia stun Basle as Juve, Benfica and Sevilla win

LONDON, 11 April — Valencia turned the tables on a stunned Basle side to reach the Europa League semi-finals on Thursday with a 5-0 win after extra time thanks to a Paco Alcacer hat-trick as they recovered from a three-goal first-leg deficit.

It completed a good night for Spain as 10-man Sevilla tormented a fragile Porto side to win 4-1 on the night and secure a 4-2 aggregate victory while competition favourites Juventus and Benfica safely negotiated their quarter-finals.

Serie A leaders Juve beat Olympique Lyon 2-1 in Turin to go through 3-1 on aggregate with an Andrea Pirlo freekick and a Samuel Umtiti own goal

while Benfica's Rodrigo scored twice in a 2-0 home win over AZ Alkmaar to complete a 3-0 overall success.

Basle, who were reduced to nine men in extra-time, went into the second leg 3-0 up and full of confidence at a highly-charged Mestalla stadium, but they came up against a Valencia side with the bit between their teeth.

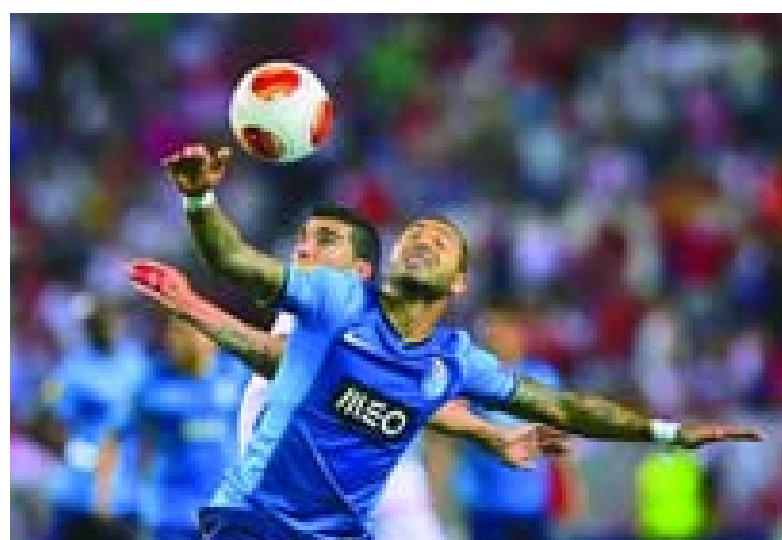
No team had overhauled a three-goal deficit in a knockout tie since the Europa League started in 2009 but the hosts signalled their intent when Alcacer beat keeper Yann Sommer after collecting Joao Pereira's pinpoint pass in the 38th minute. The impossible became

faintly probable four minutes later when Eduardo Vargas headed home from Fede Cartabia's corner and the deficit was then wiped out with 20 minutes remaining as Alcacer rifled the ball into the top corner to send the home fans into raptures and set up a thrilling finale.

Alcacer missed a superb chance to win the tie in normal time but was denied by the excellent Sommer when one-one-one and the extraordinary match went into extra time.

Basle's task was made even harder when Marcelo Diaz was then sent off for kicking out and Gaston Sauro was dismissed after picking up two yellow cards in two minutes.

The almost inevita-



ble winner arrived with six minutes of extra time remaining when Alcacer steered the ball home from close range after Pablo Piatti's cross and Juan Bernat made the tie safe by lifting the ball over Sommer when

through on goal.

"The fans were with us to the end and it's an honour to have this support in the good times and the bad," Valencia's hat-trick hero Alcacer said in an interview with Spanish

television broadcaster Gol TV.

"I missed a chance late in the game and I was really down on myself but then thank God I had another in extra time and I was able to put it away."—Reuters

Sevilla's Jose Antonio Reyes challenges Porto's Ricardo Quaresma (front) during their Europa League quarter-final second leg soccer match in Seville, on 10 April, 2014.

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Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff (L) poses with FIFA President Sepp Blatter after delivering a statement at the FIFA headquarters in Zurich on 23 January, 2014. REUTERS

Brazil will stage best World Cup, Blatter tells Rousseff

SAO PAULO, 11 April—Three stadiums and several airports are not ready, and other promised infrastructure has been shelved, but the 2014 World Cup will “be the most successful of all time”, the head of FIFA told Brazilian president Dilma Rousseff on Thursday.

Rousseff said she spoke with Sepp Blatter on the phone for 10 minutes and accepted his invitation

to attend FIFA's 64th Congress in Sao Paulo on 10 June, two days before the World Cup kicks off in the city.

“Blatter told the president he is ‘certain that the World Cup will be the most successful of all time’,” Rousseff's office wrote in a blog post.

Blatter told Rousseff that with just 63 days until the tournament kicks off, 2.5 million tickets have

been sold, or almost 75 per cent of the total available.

Three months ago, Blatter told a Swiss newspaper no country had ever been so behind schedule in organising a World Cup in all the years he had been at FIFA.

In December Blatter appealed to “God, Allah, whoever” to help ensure all 12 stadiums would be finished on time.

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Matsuya struggles 1st round Masters

AUGUSTA, (Georgia) — Japan's Hideki Matsuyama had a woeful start to the Augusta National Tournament on Thursday, finishing with an 8-over par 80 in his first round. Making his first start at Augusta National, Matsuyama had eight bogeys and a double bogey that left him in a tie for 100th place in the first major of the year.

“I just eased in as normal,” said Matsuyama. “I delivered a good result. I am not making the mistakes I made last year.”

“Obviously I added the 22-year-old putting on my routine, turning pro. I had a bad start and nothing really bad. I couldn't fix it during my round.”

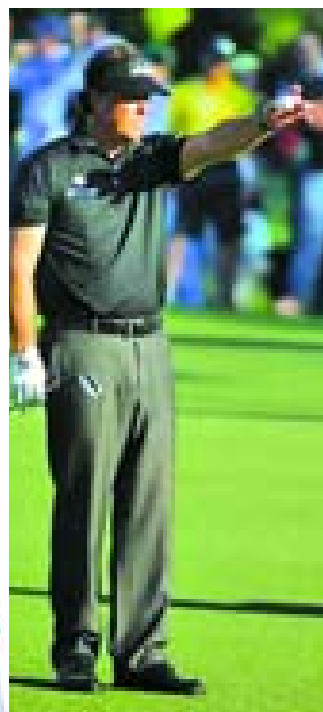
American Bill Haas led. Defending champion Adam Scott of Australia, runner-up Bubba Watson of the United States and South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen shared the lead.

Japan's Hideki Matsuyama



US golfer Phil Mickelson

's bad “mental” day puts him eight back



AUGUSTA, (Georgia), 11 April — Phil Mickelson blamed a bad “mental” day and a lack of tournament sharpness for a four-over-par 76 on Thursday that matched his worst opening round at the Masters.

Three-times winner Mickelson, playing in his

22nd Masters, posted a stunning pair of sevens on the day and finished eight strokes behind first-round leader Bill Haas, who topped a crowded leaderboard after a sunny day at Augusta National.

“It was just perfect all day and there was possibilities for low scores and I actually played well,” said a disappointed Mickelson, 43. “I know it's hard to say that, but I actually played well and I just made a lot of little mental errors.”

“I made a lot of little mistakes around the green, but I didn't hit anything unsolid. I hit them solid, I just misjudged the shot.”

Mickelson started with six pars before taking a triple bogey seven at the par-four seventh, where he criss-crossed through the green after sending a flop shot firmly to the other side of the green and chipped back too strong the other way as his vaunted short-game touch deserted him.

“I just hit them too

firm, both of them on seven,” lamented the American, ranked fifth in the world.

Birdies at the 10th, where he sank a curling 50-foot birdie, and 13th holes, moved the big lefthander back to one over par and in position to salvage a decent round. However, after a bogey at 14 Mickelson took his second seven at the par-five 15th, where he spun his short approach back off the front bank and into the pond on the way to a double-bogey.

“At 15, I eased into it. I hit it solid, (but) I hit it terribly easy. It was just mental mistakes like that, that I wasn't sharp,” he said. “I made a lot of mistakes like that around the greens and just threw away a ton of shots.”

Mickelson said he may be suffering from a lack of tournament sharpness after withdrawing from last month's Texas Open with a pulled abdominal muscle.

Reuters

Relaxed Scott makes great start to Masters defence

AUGUSTA, (Georgia), 11 April — Adam Scott, playing with the freedom and unwavering self-belief of a man who has already achieved his life's ambition, made a spectacular start to his Masters title defence on Thursday.

Unshackled from the pressure he had shouldered for years following his breakthrough major win last year, the Australian shot a three-under-par 69 to finish the opening round near the top of the leaderboard. He spoiled what could have been an even better round when he hit his tee shot into the water at the 12th hole for a double-bogey but could hardly have been happier as he strolled around the Augusta National course without a care in the world. “There's no doubt winning the Masters last year had me a little more comfortable on the first tee than I've ever been in the past,” he said.—Reuters

football. You can't win all the time but we have won the championship, we are in the Champions League semi-final,” Guardiola told reporters after the 3-1 second leg win at Allianz Arena. “Everything is not enough in this club.”

Guardiola added that the crowd only got behind his team in the last half an hour, when they came from behind for a win that secured a 4-2 aggregate triumph.

“Maybe we have to play better. After Patrice Evra's goal (for Manchester United), people stood

up and began making a noise. I hope that in the semi-final they do that, we need the public to support us.

“We need everyone together,” he added. “We cannot get to the final without our fans, we need them, we can't do this alone. We need our fans and I'm certain they will help us.”

Guardiola is also struggling with the language, often mixing German and English in the same sentence and getting his word order wrong. During press conferences, he often has to ask Bayern's media officer to help with his vocabulary.

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Bayern Munich's coach Pep Guardiola gestures during their German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Augsburg on 5 April, 2014.—REUTERS

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