

Weather expert warns people in northern Myanmar of flash floods and landslides as “Norwester” approaches



A building destroyed by strong wind and rainfall in Hinthada Township.—HINTHADA DISTRICT IPRD

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 28 April — A Myanmar top weather expert has issued a flash flood and landslides warning, urging people in the north of the country to be on alert as rain, thunderstorms and hail are likely to hit those areas within 72 hours beginning on Monday evening.

U Tun Lwin, an ex-meteorologist and former director-general of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology,

posted the warning on his facebook page, saying that a “Norwester”, a cluster of thunder cloud, was approaching Myanmar from North West.

The wind speed is expected to reach between 35 to 45 miles per hour during heavy rain fall, with some gusty winds likely to peak at 55 miles per hour, he added.

“People working on farmland or near rivers should be particularly cau-

tious. Anyone working on a ship must be on alert, even if they are far away from the coast off northern Myanmar,” U Tun Lwin said.

According to the weather forecast released at 2 pm on Monday by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, rain and thundershowers hit large parts of Kachin State, the upper part of Sagaing Region, Bago Region and Taninthayi Region, as well as Sagaing Region and Shan State within the last

24 hours. Heavy rain was also reported in Mandalay Region, with overcast skies in the remaining regions and states, according to weather experts.

On Sunday, strong winds and hail hit Ayeawady Delta, with more than 100 houses damaged in Hinthada township. Nearly 110 people had to be evacuated and now live in temporary shelters, but officials said there have been no reports of casualties.

Myanmar squad qualifies in Sitting Volleyball

YANGON, 28 April— The Myanmar sitting volleyball team has gone through to the next round after winning the qualifier event held in Mashhda city in Iran from 29 to 26 April.

Volleyball players of the Myanmar Paralympics Federation arrived back at Yangon International Airport on Monday morning after taking part in the qualifier.

A 15-member squad led by Col Kyaw Soe lost to Iraq 0-3 in the first match and beat South Korea 3-2 in the second match. In the third match, Myanmar was defeated by China with a 0-3 result. But, Myanmar

trounced Mongolia 3-0. Despite losing to South Korea 0-3 in the last match, Myanmar was through to the next round.

Iran, Kyrgyzstan and China, standing first, second and third positions respectively on the table, have the opportunity to take part in the Sitting Volleyball World Championship to be held in Poland.

Iran, Kyrgyzstan, China, Iraq, South Korea, Myanmar, Japan and Mongolia ranging in positions from the first to eighth qualified in the matches will participate in the Asian Games to be held in Incheon in South Korea.—MNA

Traders Hotel re-branded as Sule Shangri-La



A refurbished executive room in the newly-branded Sule Shangri-La Hotel.

YANGON, 28 April— Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts announced on Monday that Traders Hotels was re-branded the same day as Sule Shangri-La Hotel, following a two-and-half-year

renovation.

The 484-room Traders Hotel, now Sule Shangri-La, has been on Sule Pagoda Road in the heart of Yangon for nearly two decades.—Khin Cho Win

Indian navy to hold concert at the National Theatre in Yangon

YANGON, 28 April—Three Indian Navy Ships (INS) arrived on Sunday at the Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa in Yangon, with officials saying the navy officers will stay here until April 30 to explore the country’s culture and hold a concert at the National Theatre.

The fleet is led by Captain Crd Happy Mohan, with a total of 585 officer cadets from the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard currently staying in Yangon.

Officials said that the Indian Naval Band will perform at the National Theatre in Yangon on Tuesday, with the concert entitled ‘HARMONY AND FRIENDSHIP ACROSS THE SEAS.’

The naval cadets and personnel will visit historically and culturally significant places in Yangon and Bago regions in the next days to learn more about the country’s rich heritage.

The visit is aimed at highlighting the friendship between India and Myanmar and further strengthening bilateral ties.

MNA



KAWTHOUNG, 28 April—Myanmar's southernmost town of Kawthoung was visited by monks and novices from Thailand, who made the trip to visit pagodas in the area and collect alms. A total of 70 Thai monks and novices arrived from Ranong town in Thailand on 26 April, with many local Buddhist following the procession. After receiving alms, the monks recited the Paritta in order to protect the Pyidawye Pagoda and Myanmar's leading monk organization, Sasana Beikman.

With the permission of the Kawthoung Township Sangha Nayaka Committee, the Thai monks and novices also supported local monks in the propagation of Buddhism.

Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

Thai monks and novices visit Kawthoung town



Thai monks and novices in procession to accept donations in Kawthoung of Myanmar.

Tax laws explained in Taunggyi



TAUNGGYI, 28 April—The need to pay tax in order to develop the nation and its regions was explained by Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat at a meeting on Sunday in Taunggyi with entrepreneurs, tax payers and officials from Shan State to clarify the taxation system.

The Chief Minister and Shan State Minister for Fi-

nance U Khun Thein Maung presented certificates of honour to entrepreneurs who have paid tax without fail.

The Director of the Internal Revenue Department U Tun Than explained matters related to the Union tax law and income tax law, with Director U Soe Naing explaining issues related to commercial tax.

Than Wai (Taunggyi)

Fire breaks out at oil field in Thayet Township

THAYET, 28 April—A fire broke out on Sunday night at Sakhangyi oil-field in Thayet Township of Magway Region, where

illegal oil explorations are being carried out, officials have said.

A worker, identified as Than Soe, 34, was working

at the oil well No. A14, owned by a man identified as Mr. Aung, when the fire was caused by friction between equipment.

The fire engulfed the oil well and one barrel of crude oil.

Officials said the oil well owner did not receive permission from the Union government in Thayet Township for operation.

Thayet Police Station has filed a lawsuit against worker Than Soe.

Ko Ko Aung



Fire prevention measures taken at Thiri Yadana Myoma Market

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—Thiri Yadana Myoma Market in Lewe Township will in future be safer as fire prevention measures have been taken, officials said Monday.

Water tanks, light-duty fire engines and reels of hose have been donated, with firefighters practicing

an emergency situation at the market.

Officials from Dekkhina District of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area said that in future more drills will be conducted, urging shopkeepers to participate in the next exercises on Saturday.

Shwe Kokko



Traffic congestions cause major problems for commuters in Yangon

YANGON, 28 April—Traffic jams in Yangon, particularly at the junction of Hlawga Road and Bagan Road in Dagon Myothit Township, have become a major problem for commuters, officials have said.

Although authorities have constructed two traffic islands at the junction

in order to help ease the traffic, illegal vendors have been blocking the traffic islands and pavements to sell their goods, further hampering a smooth traffic flow.

Officials said they are discussing further action to resolve the problem.

Myint Than (Oxygen)



NATIONAL

Myanmar and China's Yunnan Province eye closer economic cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham held talks with government officials from China's southern Yunnan Province in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday to discuss economic cooperation.

The Chinese delegation was led by the deputy secretary of the Yunnan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China, with the talks focusing on boosting bilateral

economic cooperation, promotion of cross-border trade in Kachin and Shan States which share borders with Yunnan Province, and matters related to improving infrastructure in these states.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham poses for documentary photo with government officials from China's southern Yunnan Province of China.

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Problems in Rakhine State have impact beyond the state itself

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham stressed the need to seek ways and means to avoid the recurrence of problems such as the ones in Ducheeyadan village and in relation with *Medecins Sans Frontieres* (Holland) in Rakhine State at a work coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

In his speech at the meeting of the central committee for implementation

of peace and stability and development in Rakhine, the Vice-President said that Rakhine State is still under threat despite the region seeing no violence, unrest and arson attacks since the ones that spread across the state in 2012.

He pointed out the importance of aid from UN agencies and international organizations as the government's support is not enough to tackle basic needs and social matters of

the victims of communities comprising of hundreds of thousands of people.

He called on agencies to ensure aid to all victims and follow agreements signed with the ministries concerned. Respective work committees are to monitor the humanitarian aid process, he added.

It is necessary to complete immigration and citizenship scrutiny process, to fully resettle internally displaced persons and to strive

for resumption of livelihoods of victims, including their education, health, social and religious matters, he said.

It is required for UN agencies, international organizations and work committees to ensure greater transparency in providing assistance to displaced people.

He also called for a roadmap that is acceptable to both communities and everyone concerned.

And he urged the Ministry of Health, which is replacing MSF in the area, to make more efforts in its activities during the closure of MSF operations.

After hearing reports presented by Union ministers, the Rakhine State chief minister and those present, the vice-president said the Rakhine issue made democratic government difficult and turned a positive view from the international community negative.

It may also tarnish images the country had already achieved thanks to its recent political stability and economic progress, posi-

tive signs in administrative reform, success in the 27th SEA Games, reputation from holding the ASEAN chairmanship and increasing visits by foreign heads of state and government.

In his concluding remarks, the vice-president urged those present to be dutiful in implementing the assigned tasks as the Rakhine issue is a problem that can hinder the nation's future in relation with the United Nations, Geneva, OIC partnership countries and ASEAN.

It is not a matter for Rakhine State alone, he stressed.—MNA

National Parliament speaker gives assistance to locals in eastern Myanmar state

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—National Parliament Speaker U Khin Aung Myint on Sunday provided cash and material assistance to locals in Myanmar's eastern Kayah State.

The speaker donated K 90 million and Chairman U Thein Zaw of Pyithu Hluttaw National Race Affairs and Local Peace-making Committee gave 965 rice bags. Chairman Dr. Khin Shwe of the Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Victim Care Committee provided 4,100 clothing items to the people.

At the donation ceremony at Township Hall in Loikaw, the state capital, U Khin Aung Myint said: "Myanmar national races are now living unitedly across the country. While the whole country is a union, the individual regions and states in the country

are also small unions. Unity is essential in every region and state for the strength of the country. If extreme ideologies about single races, localities, faiths and religions destroyed the union spirit, the country

would be on the brink of collapse."

State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, Chairman U Thein Zaw and Chairman Dr. Khin Shwe explained their donations.

The ceremony was also

attended by members of the state government, religious organisations and local people.

In the afternoon, the speaker visited Beluchaung No. 3 Hydropower Plant.

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National Parliament Speaker U Khin Aung Myint views supplies to local people of Kayah State.—MNA

Ethnic groups invited to Nay Pyi Taw to learn about farming

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—The Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met with more than 200 people from various ethnic groups who were invited to Nay Pyi Taw to learn about farming, officials said Monday.

They met in Ottara-thiri Township on Sunday morning to learn about irrigation, with 50 people also

participating in a tractor driving course at the 900-acre farmland in the Set-sayo irrigated area.

The Union Minister accompanied the people around the plantations, with officials saying the ethnic groups participating included Shan, Kachin, Ka-an Palaung, Lesu, Wa, Myaungzi-khawhmon, Kokang and Lahu.

MNA

Japan's Miyazaki University to cooperate with departments under Health Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April – The Ministry of Health and Japan's University of Miyazaki have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on close cooperation and exchange programmes, officials said Monday.

Several departments under the Health Ministry and the Japanese university

will in future aim at conducting frequent research and student exchanges, as well as joint research.

The President of the University of Miyazaki, Dr. Tatsuo Suganuma and Directors-General of the respective departments signed the MoU and exchanged notes.

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Monks recite Abhidhamma treatises



MOHNYIN, 28 April—The 35th recitation of Abhidhamma treatises was held with the aim of ensuring the

propagation of Buddhism, at the East Monastery in Mohnyin, one of the district level towns in Kachin State,

from 17 to 26 April.

To mark the successful completion of Abhidhamma recitation, over 200 monks

participated in a procession to accept alms from local people in Mohnyin on Saturday afternoon.—NLM-001

Library opens in rural Nyaunglebin Tsp

NYAUNGLEBIN, 28 April—A library named 'Bawa Shaehsaung' has opened in Thauγγgyi Village of Nyaunglebin

Township, Bago Region, on Sunday morning, aimed at broadening the minds of rural people, officials said. Captain Khin Win

(Rtd) and wife Daw Mu Mu were among the donors of the library, which cost K 7 million, including furniture and books. The cap-

tain said that he donated cash to fund the library in order to help the education of people from Thauγγgyi Village as "they live too far from urban areas".

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

Most outstanding students to get opportunity for further learning at foreign universities

BAGAN, 28 April—The Union government opened recreation camps for outstanding students to be able to cultivate Union Spirit and preserve customs and cultural tradition, said Chief Minister U Ye Myint of Mandalay Region in a meeting with outstanding students

at the opening ceremony of the recreation camp near Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Bagan, the ancient city of Mandalay Region, on Monday morning.

The ceremony was attended by 176 outstanding students, with former outstanding students extending greetings to the youths.

A similar ceremony took place at No 1 Basic Education High School in Nyaungshwe of Shan State where there was also a recreation camp for outstanding students.

In her speech, Union Minister Dr Daw Khin San Yi said the government planned to scrutinize the

most outstanding students in order for them to be able to pursue advanced learning in foreign countries, with the President arranging scholarships.

This year, a total of 525 outstanding students are honoured at recreation camps.

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Recreation camp for outstanding students opens



NGWEHSAUNG, 28 April—The ceremony to open a recreation camp for outstanding students was held at Pearl Ngwehsaung Hotel in Ngwe-

hsaung Hotel in Ngwe-

hsaung Sub-Township, Ayeyawady Region, on Monday morning.

Following a song performed by the students titled "Myanmar School", Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and Ayeyawady Region Minister for Social Affairs Daw Khin Saw Mu delivered an address.

Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin and Region Minister Daw Khin Saw Mu presented brooches to the outstanding students, with the head of the camp awarding a commemorative medal to the region minister.

At the ceremony, Shwe Thabye Construction Co donated K 5 million for the cause.

Sub-Township IPRD

Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association to meet on 9 May

YANGON, 28 April—The Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association will stage its annual general meeting at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel in Yangon on

9 May at 9 am.

Members of the association are invited to attend the meeting, officials said.

Aung Thura

Mango Show, Contest and Paper-reading Session to be held from 10-12 May

YANGON, 28 April—The Myanmar Fruits and Vegetables Producers and Exporters Association will organize a Mango Show, Contest and "Paper-reading Session" at Shwe Pazun Confectionary in Dawbon Township of Yangon Re-

gion from 10 to 12 May.

Foreign and local experts will submit papers on Myanmar's mango species. For those interested to attend, please contact Tel: 01218367 and 0943127656.

Aung Thura

Meals offered to monks dedicated to late journalist U Win Tin

MEIKTILA, 28 April—The National League for Democracy in Meiktila District and Township have offered meals to monks in memory of the late patron of the National League for Democracy, veteran journalist U Win Tin.

The ceremony was

attended by officials from Thazi, Wundwin and Mahlaing townships as well as NLD members and local people.

A similar ceremony was held at the NLD office in Yadana Manaung Ward of Meiktila.

NLM-018

Stimulant tablets seized in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 28 April—Officials raided the house of a suspect identified as Myo Myo Zaw of Aungmye region-3 in Meiktila city on Saturday, seizing 26 stimulant tablets worth K125,500.

Members of the Meiktila District Special Criminal Combating Squad searched the house, with police arresting Chan Nyein who was suspected to use narcotic drugs.

Myo Myo Zaw confessed she bought the stimulant tablets from Zu Zu Aung from Aung San Ward. Police then raided the house of Zu Zu Aung and seized 14 stimulant tablets.

Meiktila Myoma police station has taken action against the suspects under Sections 15/19(a)/20(a)/21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—NLM-018

Rakhine National Conference kicks off in Kyaukpyu

SITTWAY, 28 April—A ceremony to inaugurate the Rakhine National Conference (Kyaukpyu) took place at the No. 3 Basic Education High School in Asoeya Ward in Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State, on Sunday.

Union Minister U Aung Min, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Yangon Region Rakhine Nation-

al Affairs Minister U Zaw Aye Maung made the opening speeches, with writers Kyaw Win and Pe Myint giving talks on socio-economic development of the region.

The conference will last from 1 to 5 May, and is aimed at drawing a framework to lay down a national policy, officials said without giving further details.—State IPRD

WORLD

Iraqis pin hope of changes on upcoming election

BAGHDAD, 28 April — Iraq's 30 April general election is just around the corner, as candidates from different entities are making intensive public campaigns to attract more votes. Due to the escalating violence across the country, it's not easy to see massive campaign activities on the streets. Many election candidates and their supporters choose relatively safe places to canvass for support.

At the old quarter of Baghdad, a winding alley named after the Iraqi poet Al Mutanabbi is one of the places. Bookstores and stalls of every description occupy the street-level spaces, selling technical manuals, ornate copies of the Quran and a nice selection of pirated software.

Mohammad Awmad,



A member of Iraq security forces guides traffic while taking guard in downtown Baghdad, capital of Iraq, on 27 April, 2014, ahead of the country's parliamentary election which will be held on 30 April. This is the first parliamentary election of the country since the US troops withdrew in late 2011.—XINHUA

a translator in an Iraqi firm, was spreading name cards of the candidate his

supports to the passersby in front of a bookstore.

"I support one candi-

date from Iraqi Coalition, and I will cast my vote on 30 April in the polling

station," Awmad said in fluent English.

More than 9,000 candidates from nearly 280 political entities are vying for the 328 parliamentary seats in Iraq's 30 April general election.

This is the first national election since the withdrawal of US troops from the country at the end of 2011. Many Iraqis pin their hope of changes on the upcoming election despite their suffering from bloodshed, lack of public services and a weak government.

"I will go to the polling station to cast my vote to my support candidate, and a democratic election is the best way to solve problems Iraq is facing," said Stair Muhsan, owner of a two-year-old bookstore in a second-hand book market.

"Iraq has experienced

a long time of turbulence. I hope the upcoming parliamentary election can bring changes to my country, and can stop the relentless violence across the country," Muhsan said. Al Mutanabbi Street was rocked by a car bombing on in March 2007 when around 30 people were killed. The government closed the street after the bomb for one year and reopened it in 2008.

Muhsan said the business is getting worse because of security concerns. The authorities have cordoned off many routes, making it even harder for book buyers to get to the market.

"The security situation in Iraq should be the top concern of the new government, we need improve the security situation," Muhsan added.—Xinhua

Ukraine rebels free Swedish hostage; Obama seeks unity against Russia

KUALA LUMPUR/SLAVIANSK, (Ukraine), 28 April — Pro-Russian rebels paraded European monitors they are holding in eastern Ukraine on Sunday, freeing one but saying they had no plans to release another seven as the United States and Europe prepared new sanctions against Moscow.

US President Barack Obama called for the United States and Europe to join forces to impose stronger measures to restrain Moscow. In a move senior US officials said may come as early as Monday, the White House said it would add names of people close to President Vladimir Putin

and firms they control to a list of Russians hit by sanctions over Ukraine, and also impose new restrictions on high-tech exports.

The European Union is expected to follow suit by adding to its own list of targeted Russian people and firms, but Washington and Brussels have yet to reach agreement on wider measures designed to hurt the Russian economy more broadly.

In Donetsk, where pro-Russian rebels have proclaimed an independent "people's republic", armed fighters seized the headquarters of regional television and ordered it to start

broadcasting a Russian state TV channel.

Speaking during a visit to Malaysia, Obama said restraining Russian President Vladimir Putin's ambitions in Ukraine would depend on the United States and its allies finding a unified position on tighter sanctions.

"We're going to be in a stronger position to deter Mr Putin when he sees that the world is unified and the United States and Europe is unified rather than this is just a US-Russian conflict," Obama told reporters.

White House deputy national security adviser Tony Blinken said the new US measures would be focused mostly on adding to a list of those barred from travel to the United States and hit by asset freezes.

"We're going to save a little news for Monday but what I can tell you is this," Blinken told CBS television. "We will be looking to designate people who are in (Putin's) inner circle, who have a significant impact on the Russian economy. We'll be looking to designate companies that they and other inner-circle people control."

Reuters



Officials from the OSCE special mission in Ukraine leave the mayor's office with a detained international observer (C), in Slaviansk on 27 April, 2014.—REUTERS

5.2-magnitude quake jolts South China Sea

BEIJING, 28 April — A 5.2-magnitude earthquake occurred in the South China Sea at 8:43 am Monday (Beijing Time), according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre (CENC).

The epicenter was monitored at 19.8 degrees north latitude and 120.0 degrees east longitude, and the focus of the quake was 4 kilometers deep.—Xinhua



Sigrid Kaag(C), head of the joint Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)-United Nations mission for the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons, speaks during a Press conference in Damascus, Syria, on 27 April, 2014. She said that 92.5 percent of Syria's chemical materials had been removed from the country and destroyed, and stressed commitment to the timely removal of the remaining chemical materials by the 30 June deadline, to make sure that none of the chemical material falls in the wrong hands.—XINHUA

Three troops killed, three injured in NW Pakistan's blast

ISLAMABAD, 28 April — At least three security personnel were killed and three others injured when a bomb went off near an army vehicle in Pakistan's northwest tribal area on Sunday night, officials said.

The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the mouth piece of Pakistan army, said in a statement that an army vehicle was hit by a roadside planted device at the bordering area of North Waziristan and south Waziristan agency.

The injured troops were shifted to a nearby hospital for medical treatment.

The vehicle was com-

pletely destroyed in the blast.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet.

Sunday night's incident is a continuation of the recent string of terrorist attacks at army and police vehicles following the end of peace talks between the Pakistani government and Taliban.

The recent attacks have left over a dozen policemen and troops killed, and at least 50 injured in the country's northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, south Sindh and southwest Balochistan provinces over the last one week.

Xinhua

Philippines, US sign new defence pact

MANILA, 28 April — The Philippines and the United States on Monday signed a new 10-year defence pact that will give wider access to American forces on Philippine military bases and facilities, including airfields and sea-ports. Philippine Defence Secretary Voltaire Gazmin and US Ambassador to Manila Philip Goldberg signed the pact, called the Philippines-US Enhanced Defence Cooperation Agreement.

The signing took place inside the Philippines' main military headquarters a few hours before US President Barack Obama was due to arrive in Manila for an overnight state visit.—Kyodo News

“Phantom bridge” in Hokkaido attracting tourists

KUSHIRO, (Japan), 28 April — An aging “phantom bridge” now surrounded by water in man-made Lake Nukabira in the town of Kamishihoro, Hokkaido, is attracting tourists who want to see it while it is still intact, with its arches expected to collapse any time soon.

Taushubetsu Bridge, made out of concrete, was built in 1937 across the Taushubetsu river ahead of the extension of the old Japanese National Railways’ Shihoro Line. The bridge subsequently fell into disuse when Lake Nukabira came into existence in 1955 as part of a project by Electric Power Development Co. to construct a dam for hydropower generation. The line was rerouted around the lake.

The 130-meter-long bridge, 10 meters high, is



Supplied photo taken in May 2011 shows Taushubetsu Bridge, nicknamed the “phantom bridge,” reflected on the surface of Lake Nukabira in Kamishihoro, Hokkaido.—KYODO NEWS

nicknamed the “phantom bridge” as it is completely submerged in around June when the water level in the lake rises due to the melting of snow or rainfall. It is

then seen again in winter-time when the level drops because of an increase in power generation.

The Higashitaisetsu Nature Guide Centre, a

local nonprofit organization, started tours to the bridge in 1997. Tourists walk on the frozen lake to the bridge in the winter and are taken close to it by car

in the spring and summer seasons.

The first tour drew only around 10 tourists but the number has increased since the bridge was desig-

nated as a Hokkaido heritage site in 2001, according to Mitsuru Kawada, 54, who heads the NPO.

Currently, some 2,000 people take the tours per year, while tens of thousands of people visit an observation deck near the bridge, Kawada said.

Ryoji Iwasaki, a 35-year-old photographer, relocated to the Nukabira area from Okegawa, Saitama Prefecture, in 2005 to take pictures of the bridge. His works include capturing the bridge looking like several pairs of glasses when it is reflected on the water or standing on the dried-out lake bed.

He says it is “impossible to take the same picture twice” since the water level in the lake sometimes differs by more than 2 meters in the same season.

Kyodo News



Participants in costumes of World War I army of the United States are seen at the World War I Museum in Meaux, Paris, France, on 27 April, 2014. Military enthusiasts attended a reenactment to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the World War I.—XINHUA

Syria announces four new contenders for presidential race

DAMASCUS, 28 April —The Syrian parliament announced on Sunday the names of four new runners for the 3 June presidential elections in the conflict-torn country, according to the state-run SANA news agency. Sawsan Haddad, Samir Muala, Mohammad Yasin and Abdul-Salam Salameh were the latest to register their candidacy, bringing the overall number of contenders for the presidential vote to six.

Further details about the biographies of the new contenders are still forthcoming. The 10-day registration for the top Syrian post started on Tuesday. The voting for Syrians in-

side the country will start on 3 June, while overseas Syrians will cast their votes on 28 May. Several candidates are expected to run for the presidency in accordance with the new constitution. Syria’s electoral law stipulates that all applicants must have lived in Syria for 10 consecutive years prior to nomination, a condition which severely limits exiled opposition members, many of whom have been living outside Syria for years.

By law, each runner for the elections must secure the backing of 35 parliamentarians. The Supreme Constitutional Court, which is tasked with overseeing the presidential elections’ pro-

cess, must study their applications before announcing the candidates within the five days after the 10-day registration time frame.

The timing of the presidential polls has raised the ire of many in the Syrian opposition, as well as in their regional and international backers who have labeled the upcoming poll a “parody of democracy.”

Government officials said President Bashar al-Assad is the “real guarantee” for the future of Syria, hinting that Assad, despite a barrage of criticism, would run for the elections and has a high chance to be re-elected for a third seven-year term.—Xinhua

Attack in Central African Republic kills 22, including chiefs, MSF staff

BANGUI, 28 April — At least 22 people, including 15 local chiefs and three members of staff of the medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres, were killed in an attack on a town in the Central African Republic, officials said on Sunday.

The attack on Saturday was in Nanga Boguila, about 450 km (280 miles) north of the capital Bangui. Some 2,000 French and over 5,000 African peacekeepers are struggling to halt waves of violence that have gripped the country over the last 18 months.

Gilles Xavier Nguembassa, a former member of parliament for the area, said four people were killed as the assailants approached the town but

most died when Seleka rebels went to an MSF-run health clinic in search of money.

The attack took place while local chiefs were holding a meeting there and the gunmen opened fire when some of the chiefs tried to run away, he said.

“Fifteen of the local chiefs were killed on the spot,” he told *Reuters*, citing witnesses he had spoken to. A local representative of the Bangui government confirmed the incident.

A spokesman for MSF confirmed the deaths of its staff but gave no further details. Seleka officials were not immediately available for comment.

Reuters

Sisi urges big vote in Egyptian election; Islamists urge boycott

CAIRO, 28 April — Former Egyptian army chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi on Sunday called for a big turnout in a presidential election he is expected to win easily, countering a call for a boycott by allies of deposed Islamist president Mohamed Mursi.

Sisi, who deposed Mursi after mass protests against his rule last July, faces only one competitor in the 26-27 May election — leftist Hamdeen Sabahi. He came third in the 2012 election won by Mursi of

the Muslim Brotherhood.

Sisi called on Egyptians to vote in “unprecedented numbers for the sake of Egypt”, according to an official statement outlining comments he made during a meeting on Sunday with investors in the tourism industry. An alliance of Islamist parties opposed to last year’s military takeover had earlier issued a statement declaring their boycott of the election, describing it as “a farce” designed to appoint “the coup orchestrator” as president.—Reuters

Japan eyes APEC summit to improve ties with China

TOKYO, 28 April — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe recognizes the importance of a Pacific Rim leaders’ meeting later this year in Beijing as a chance for Japan and China to improve their strained relations, Tokyo Gov Yoichi Masuzoe said on Monday.

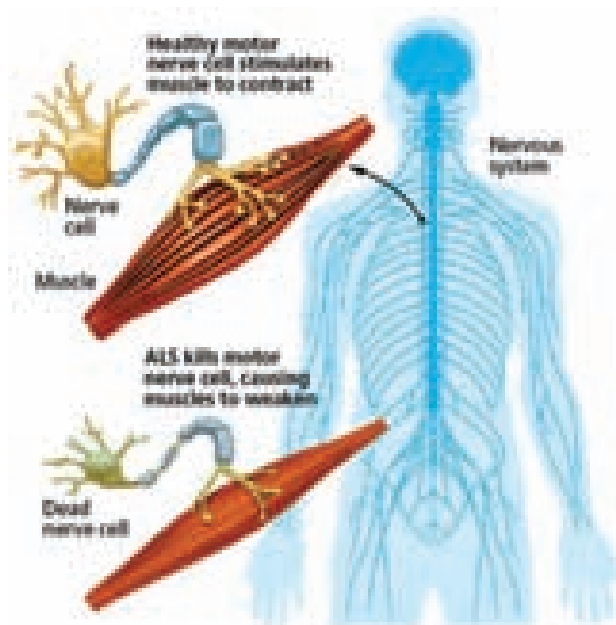
“I told him we should consider APEC as one possible target,” Masuzoe, who visited Beijing last week, told reporters after meeting with Abe, referring to the annual summit of the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. Masuzoe, who visited the prime minister’s office to brief Abe on his three-day trip to China during which he held talks with China’s vice premier, said Abe agreed with him.

China will host this year’s APEC ministerial and working-level meetings before the leaders’ summit in November, potentially giving opportunities for Japanese and Chinese officials to discuss how to defuse bilateral tensions over territorial and historical issues on the sidelines of those meetings. Abe was also quoted by Masuzoe as telling him that Japan “will keep making efforts to improve relations” with China.

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HEALTH & BUSINESS

FDA okays start of BrainStorm stem cell trial in ALS patients



TEL AVIV, 28 April—BrainStorm Cell Therapeutics said the US Food and Drug Administration approved the start of a mid-stage clinical trial of its

adult stem cell treatment for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

The Phase II trial will be launched initially at Massachusetts General Hospital

in Boston and the University of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Connell O'Reilly Cell Manipulation Core Facility will manufacture BrainStorm's NurOwn cells for these two clinical sites. The trial will also be conducted at the Mayo Clinic, the Israel-based company said on Sunday. The trials are expected to start soon.

"Today's announcement represents the most significant milestone BrainStorm has achieved to date," the company's president, Chaim Lebovits, said.

This trial will be the first Phase II double-blinded stem cell study to be conducted for ALS, he added.

ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a

progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.

BrainStorm's Phase II trial is designed to evaluate the safety and efficacy of transplantation of the stem cells in 48 ALS patients. The cells will be administered via intramuscular and intrathecal injection.

Patients will be followed monthly for three months before transplantation and for six months following transplantation.

Earlier clinical trials have shown that treatment with NurOwn cells was well tolerated and safe.

Last week, Cytokinetics Inc said its experimental treatment for Lou Gehrig's Disease failed the main goal in a mid-stage trial.

Reuters

New Zealand scientists claim breakthrough find in fighting drug addiction



WELLINGTON, 28 April—New Zealand scientists claim a breakthrough discovery could spell the end of "epidemic levels" of cocaine addiction in North America and parts of Europe. Scientists at the University of Canterbury said on Monday that they had found they could eliminate cravings for the narcotic by chemically activating a receptor in the brain.

The trace amine-associated receptor 1 was found in certain areas of the brain that appeared to be very sensitive to drugs, psychology researcher Dr Juan Canales said in statement.

Cocaine addiction remained at epidemic levels in the United States and in some European countries, but therapies to treat the condition were still ineffective, so the finding opened new avenues for therapeutic treatment.

"It remains to be seen whether activation of this recently discovered receptor provides relief for other forms of addiction too, including alcohol, nicotine and even compulsive eating. This is something we are going to investigate in the near future," Canales said.

The market for cocaine

in New Zealand was small and unpredictable, although researchers had conducted experiments to see if activation of the brain receptor was effective in stopping craving for methamphetamine, a much bigger problem.

"So far the results indicate that activation of the trace amine receptor completely eliminates the self-administration of methamphetamine in rodents as it does for cocaine. We will publish the full results soon," said Canales. "Cocaine and methamphetamine produce euphoric effects mainly through activation of a transmitter named dopamine. Dopamine is important for motivation, pleasure and well-being," he said.

"When cocaine and methamphetamine activate dopamine they fool the brain into thinking that they are really good, or better than anything experienced before but this is only an illusion." The researchers discovered that when the trace amine receptor was activated, cocaine was unable to release dopamine into the pleasure centres, which explained their findings.—Xinhua

Air Berlin asks shareholders for cash after 2013 loss

FRANKFURT, 28 April—German airline Air Berlin (AB1.DE) said it was calling on investors to stump up more cash by buying bonds as it unveiled a 2013 loss.

It said late on Sunday it was issuing a convertible bond worth 300 million euros (\$415 million), to which its biggest shareholder Etihad Airways has subscribed, would make an exchange offer to bondholders with notes due in 2014 and 2015, plus issue new bonds with a volume of at least 150 million.

In addition, Etihad has agreed to extend a \$255 million loan, of which Air Berlin has so far drawn \$135 million, to the end of 2021 from the end of 2016.

Air Berlin, which built

up debt after expanding too rapidly, had said last month it was in advanced talks over options that would have a substantial impact, sparking speculation over a possible move by Etihad to gain bigger control over the carrier.

But Air Berlin said on Sunday its recapitalization would not change its ownership structure. Abu Dhabi-based Etihad owns 29.2 percent of Air Berlin while Turkey's Sabanci family own a 12 percent stake. The European Union is looking into whether Etihad exercises more control than allowed under the region's rules for airlines with a European operating licence.

Air Berlin slumped to a 2013 loss before interest and tax (EBIT) of 231.9 million



A woman stands behind the exhibition stand of Air Berlin at the ITB tourism fair in Berlin, on 11 March, 2009.—REUTERS

euros, compared with a year-earlier profit of 70.2 million, citing an unexpectedly sluggish summer season due to high temperatures in central Europe and a difficult winter period.

The airline also named Marco Ciomperlik, currently its chief maintenance officer, to its management board to oversee its restructuring programme.

Reuters

China raises alert against surging cancer crisis

BEIJING, 28 April—A week-long campaign was held in Beijing this week to boost public awareness of cancer prevention and control, addressing a growing health crisis the country cannot afford to ignore.

The Cancer Prevention Week, launched by the Chinese Anti-Cancer Association in 1995, falls on 15 to 21 April each year.

This year's campaign urged people to improve disease prevention through a slew of activities, including online interviews, lectures and free physical examinations.

Cancer has been the top killer for Beijingers for seven consecutive years between 2007 and 2013, ac-

cording to a report released by the municipal commission of health and family planning this week.

The National Cancer Registration Centre estimated that about 3.5 million new cases of cancer are diagnosed annually, and 2.5 million die from the disease, said Chen Wanqing, deputy director of the centre.

"Although Chinese people's livelihood has improved, cancer incidence and mortality have also been on the rise," he said.

Cancer has grown as a killer in China in past decades.

"In 1964, cancer ranked the fourth-biggest cause of death, while from 1970 to 1989, it ranked second, and

data from 2007 showed that it had become the top killer for Chinese," said Yang Gonghuan, former director of tobacco control at the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention.

Unhealthy lifestyles are partly to blame for the rising incidence. "America has seen reduced lung cancer cases and mortality rate. Tobacco control is one of the main reasons," he said during the ongoing campaign.

Scientific evidence has shown a healthy diet, reduction in smoking and drinking, and regular exercise can help prevent about 40 percent of cancers, according to Beijing City's health and family planning commission.—Xinhua

Toyota restructures US marketing arm; voluntary exits offered



The Toyota logo is seen at a dealership in Ruemlang, outside Zurich on 10 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 28 April—Toyota Motor Corp. (7203.T) will restructure its marketing organization in California, the company

said on Sunday. Many of Toyota's more than 5,000 California-based employees are based at a complex outside of Los Angeles that

houses the company's marketing operations, Toyota Motor Sales USA (TMS).

A company spokeswoman confirmed the restructuring, which was first reported by the *Wall Street Journal*, and said it would be effective 1 May.

"Roles and responsibilities will be redefined" to create a more efficient team, the spokeswoman said, and those whose roles have been eliminated can apply for new roles within the reorganized operation, elsewhere in TMS, or at Toyota Financial Services. A voluntary exit programme is also available.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar journalists eager to improve skills to break away from traditional media industry

By Aung Khin

Many Myanmar journalists are eager to improve their journalistic skills in order to improve the country's media landscape and ensure high-quality coverage. As more and more foreign journalists enter the country and the free press is increasing its output, competitions is becoming fierce and the standard is constantly raised, with many local reporters struggling to keep up given their lack of training.

The first English language newspaper, The

Maulmain Chronicle, first appeared in 1836 and the first Myanmar language newspaper, Myanmar Thandawsint Thadinsa, was published once a week from around 1871.

Compared to The Bangkok Recorder published in both English and Thai from 1844, the Myanmar newspaper industry was well ahead.

However these days, international journalists are criticizing the state of the Myanmar communication and media industries, often saying that the media has a long way to go and the "fledgling stage" needs to be overcome.

Myanmar journalists, who have never left the country, have not received any training in order to satisfy a sophisticated foreign readership.

The style of news presentation here is quite different from any international news coverage. Some may have been so fortunate as to study journalism in Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines, but most young Myanmar journalists have to educate themselves, reading foreign press and talking to foreign editors based here.

Among the many problems faced by journalists, is the lack of transparency and support.

Many local media organizations do not have the budget to properly train their staff and often show little interest in improving work conditions. Working under pressure and tight deadlines, most journalists can only resort to the journalism style they have known for many years.

As the new Myanmar government is relaxing its grip on various media, more modern media companies and organizations will be created in the future. With this development, all journalists should receive training in order to be able to compete in this environment.

We cannot go back in time, and therefore the circumstances need to improve for the media industry to be able to improve. Only then will the local media be able to raise its standard.

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Mission

Mission is a particular work that you feel it is your duty to do. It also means an important official job that a person or a group of people is given to do.

-Oxford Dictionary

In management parlance, MISSION is: Reason for Being or Reason for Existence or Reason for Living, Moving and Having your Being.

Mission can be understood as the broad, strategic PURPOSE of an organization. Let us thrash out the myths in order to get to the real truth, e.g.

Is a medical doctor's mission to make money or to cure a certain disease and restore health?

Is a teacher's mission just to earn money, or to educate and enrich a child's mind and life?

Think for yourself the following questions:

What is a Mother's Mission?

What is a Father's Mission?

What is a Son's or Daughter's Mission?

What is a Students' Mission?

In a similar vein, ask yourself:

What is an Employer's Mission?

What is an Employee's Mission?

What is a Business's Mission?

What is a Manager's Mission?

What is a Leader's Mission?

Some examples of Mission are:

- CHANNEL'S Mission is to Enrich Women's Beauty & Style.
- Ford Motor's Mission is to provide easy and elegant Transportation for as many people as possible.
- NAING Group's Mission is the Construct Special, Stylish, Strong and Sophisticated Buildings for people to live in, to work in, to enjoy in, and to build strong family ties in.

How to Build a Mission Statement

M for **Main Purpose** (Reason for Being in Business)

I for **Insight** (Winning-Edge Views)

S for **Strategy** (Grand Strategy)

S for **Strengths** (Distinctive Capabilities & Resources)

I for **Innovation** (Creative Reinventing)

O for **Opportunities** (Chances for the Future)

N for **Niching** (Specializing)

What Should Be A Business's Real Purpose?

Some very conservative Economists used to say that the Business of Business is Business. It might appear to be true in some conventional wisdom's sense, but it is an out-and-out reactionary view, in my opinion. I strongly believe the Business of Business

is Social Progress, or Humanity Development as well as Profit. Profit is and should be just a By-product of Humane and equitable Social Progress.

Anyway, Enlightened Wisdom's view of a Business Mission should be: To Do the Most Good for the Most People.

In other words, a business's mission should be to serve the Stakeholders, viz.-

- Customers
- Employees
- Owners/Shareholders, and
- the Whole National Economy

Formerly, a business's Mission generally used to be focused on Profit and Profit alone. Nowadays, the trend has been moving in the direction of Corporate Social Responsibility. So, the general MISSION of a Business should be in more or less the same direction. Therefore, I would like to suggest that the modern, enlightened Mission of a Business should be based on the Triple Bottom-Lines: People, Planet and Profit.

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Japan grants three projects worth US\$ 57.9 million

YANGON, 28 April — His Excellency Mr. Ichiro Maruyama, Charge d' Affaires ad interim of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Her Excellency Daw Lei Lei Thein, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, signed and exchanged the Notes for three Grant Aid projects in Myanmar, amounting to JPY 5.96 billion (equivalent to US\$ 57.9 million). The signing was witnessed

by Dr. Kan Zaw, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development.

The Project for National Single Window and Customs Modernization by Introducing Automated Cargo Clearance System (amount to JPY 3.99 billion (US\$ 38.7 million)).

This Project aims to contribute to the reform and modernization of customs administration by improving efficiency of customs procedure includ-

ing the introduction of national single window.

The Project for Improving Lashio General Hospital in Shan State (amount to JPY 1.51 billion (US\$ 14.7 million)).

This project aims to strengthen the function of the core hospital in Lashio to improve the quality of the medical service by providing assistance for the facility and the equipment.

The project for Human Resource Develop-

ment Scholarship (amount to JPY 468 million (US\$ 4.5 million)).

This scholarship provides opportunity to study in Japan for young Myanmar officials to learn necessary skills and knowledge for problem solving and policy making to promote Myanmar's reform and social and economic development as well as to establish friendly relationship between Japan and Myanmar.

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Correction

Please read "the Embassy of Japan (Mr. Maruyama, charge d' affaires ad interim) and the Myanmar Government, signed a grant agreement for three projects" instead of "the My-

anmar Government and JICA signed a grant agreement for three projects" in the news under the headline "Myanmar, Japan ink MoU on three grant agreements" published on Page 4 of this daily issued on 26-4-2014.—Ed

GOLD PRICE (28-4-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K 666,100 per tical: Selling K 667,100

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K 666,000 per tical: Selling K 667,000

Female-dominated Noble Profession in Myanmar & A Teacher Is Many Things

Kin Mg Oo

That title may be strange to the readers, as a living sentient creature/being is described as an inanimate object. But we very often use the words human beings and living things in writings and in our everyday expressions. Here the word, “many things” is meant for a person with many responsibilities. In dictionaries, a teacher is defined as a person whose job is teaching (a subject), especially in a school. In this sense, we may misconstrue a teacher as an ordinary salary man. Such a thought has never come into our pure minds. Instead, we deeply love and admire our teachers. According to our religion as well, we rank our teachers as the same as our Lord Buddha, Dhamma [His Teachings], Sanghas [His Followers], and our parents. A teacher is called in Myanmar, “Sayar” which seems to be a corrupted Pali word, “saryar” which means shade. Shade gives us a shelter that protects from direct sunlight, wherein we get a cool feeling. Likewise, we can get many kinds of virtue under our teachers’ guidance and control. Our Lord Buddha Himself is the most sophisticated Teacher of the whole world. For saying so, I never intend to liken teachers’ virtues to the Buddha’s Incomparable Virtues. But I want to say deeply that a teacher is a man of nobility and learning. So much had been written and said about teachers and their devotion to their pupils. It is needless to say again about our respected and devoted teachers in the past. Throughout our generations, teachers play an important role in our society, being well-thought-of around us.

Unlike other service-men, what makes a teacher special? Who had ever known pupils that went uncared and unattended by our teachers during their schooling days? Each and every one of us spent most of the first phase of our lives under the surveillance of our respected teachers. So we were mostly in touch with them, seeing our teachers as well spend their leisure hours reading a book or

something, listening to them reprimanding us for our wrong-doing and stupidity. When we ourselves became teachers, we came to know that teaching profession has its own characteristics. Schools always aim at producing well-adjusted members of the society. As such, a teacher is not a perfect man but he needs to be endowed with many qualifications and responsibilities. Who will deny it? They are sculptors who train all-round development of future leaders.

Every individual needs to do a job or something for their survival. In this frenetic age, youths are always busy trying to look for a promising career each, that is, well-paid jobs. Nowadays it is difficult to decide to eke out their living as a teacher, especially for boys. And it is more difficult to be a life-long teacher. But in the minds of today’s job-hunters, they cannot see that a teacher is blessed with great respect and trust from people—parents and their offspring. They go against the path of teaching, knowing it does fetch only a meager amount of income. Granted that money is important for our living, they cannot be blamed. Thus, they—especially males are getting away from education career, before we recognized it. However, most of the girls who could not find a job to work for privates companies eventually decided, *faute de mieux*, to choose the career. Some professions remain bastions of male chauvinism and some are still exercising glass ceiling system in promoting their staff to higher places. In this way, teaching profession is seemingly becoming a female-dominated one. Even then, they avoid going to far-off regions. Every service-man may be happy and active at the advent of their setting foot in civil service, especially in teaching career. So long as a teacher who leads an urban life teaches their pupils, they find it more and more uninterested in teaching. They are feeling as if shouldering a great burden under varied pressure as it occurs in a class-room.

Why? In answer to the ever-rising inflation rate, most of the teachers cannot help thinking for finding an extra income to fulfill the need for their daily kitchen expenditure. To do so, they are at least required to give private tuitions to weak students in their private hours. They cannot spend their free time with families, losing their privacy. There is one more burden added to the usual pressure in their class-rooms. Money occupies them nearly all the time. The ideas to pursue further knowledge on job in their free time vanish only in their thoughts. We see most of primary assistant teachers go back home very late at night. How exhausting their days are!

Teachers are piling up in towns and cities, whereas there is still a shortage of teachers in remote rural areas. Undeniably, there is a huge knowledge gap between urban and rural regions. We should not neglect this affair. It is an important factor of degrading these areas as educationally and socially underprivileged locations that rural areas are considered to be sleepy backwaters for youths because there lack basic amenities: electricity, internet connection, cinemas, shopping centers, places for recreation, etc.,. Increasingly, there is a rush on knowledge among today’s youths for their self-development. They think that these are available only in civilian areas. If we claim that the young minds are important in building up our nation from the state of lagging much behind our neighboring countries in technology and in every field to the advanced state, we must try hard to alleviate the gap to the minimum level. Not unlike town-dwellers, rural residents want state-of-the-art learning either. To solve this problem depends not only on the government but also upon us all. The government must fulfill material needs, that is, try to ensure the well-being of all its service-men. On our side, we must show our reliance, warm welcome and great respect for our teachers. Spiritual support is of vi-

tal importance for all, isn’t it? Figuratively speaking, it is nutritious sustenance to our teachers. However hard the government tried to increase their pays and wages, the problem cannot be dealt with under the existing circumstances. Increasing commodity prices follow pay raise. We have never seen any ultra-opportunists to behave other than exploitatively. They have never missed an opportunity to manipulate commodity prices. All business-persons are not necessarily ultra-opportunists. Solving this problem is beyond our knowledge, and it is only a subject matter for the government, economists and experts to deal with. In my opinion, as we all are concerned with these salary-men in some way or other, it will be better for us to bear consideration and kindness in us. If so, boomerang effect will surely come to us. If we are free from worries and woes, we will be able to give our spare time to broaden our knowledge and wisdom, which must be relayed to youths. Here I want to convince the younger that today’s outstanding dignitaries were mostly brought up in small towns and villages void of modernized utilities. Their effort and eagerness led them to such high positions.

A graduate or a higher education degree holder, ipso facto, cannot be assumed to be well-equipped with teaching knowledge. A teacher-to-be needs a professional training and skill, prior to entering the teaching world. To become a self-motivated teacher must have their own interest in teaching, and the authorities concerned must provide them with necessary supports: trainings and financial aids such as incentives and considerable amount of remuneration. If necessary, generous remuneration packages need to be attached to remote postings. The carrot and stick approach can manage to persuade them to try harder in their jobs. What makes a teacher special? As mentioned above, a teacher has many responsibilities. For this, they should be called deca-headed person. To be

able to share students with well-rounded education, teachers must be trained to become well-rounded individuals. I had ever noted that in a way every person is a learner and teacher, for to live is to learn and one’s life always educates those from life. Thus you are a learner-cum-teacher, as am I. Here let’s imagine what responsibilities and performances we must carry out as a teacher.

1/ A teacher is a guide.

The teacher is a guide on the journey of learning. As a guide, because of his experience, his knowledge of the road and of the travelers/ learners, and of his great interest in their learning, he assumes major responsibility for the trip. He establishes the aims and limits of the trip according to the students’ needs and abilities. He determines the way to be followed, makes every aspect of the journey more meaningful, and evaluates progress. He does all this in cooperation with the fellow travelers.

2/ A teacher is a teacher.

The teacher teaches in the centuries-old sense of teaching. He helps the developing student to learn things he does not know and to understand what he learns. Modern methods and devices do not reduce the value of personal teaching. There will always be an important place for the ancient process of teaching: explaining, making clear, and informing. The students will not always learn from such teaching. Whether or not he does learn will depend upon many conditions. The chief conditions are probably

- his motivation and readiness to learn,
- his level of emotional and mental development in relation to the task to be learned,
- his relation to the teacher,
- his ability to learn by means of words,
- the degree of his freedom from fear, and
- the teacher’s skill in sharing his knowledge and experience.

If these conditions are reasonably good, then, by means of the teach-

ing-learning process, the students can learn much that is meaningful.

3/ A teacher is a modernizer.

The teacher expresses the experience of man in terms that have meaning for the student. The older and younger generations have difficulty in understanding each other. The experience and language of our parents have more meaning for us than that of our parents’ parents. This is true for every generation. A student learning today is a great distance from a large portion of experience of man, which, however he must understand and make a part of his thinking and actions if he wants to be educated. The teacher must help the students lessen the distance; otherwise they cannot get the learning that will enable them to express their potential. As part of the educative process, the teacher will try to modernize styles of language and ways of viewing nature and society which seem unusual and unfamiliar to the student because they are old. The principle of modernity applies not only to books and pictures, but also to all the records of man’s experience. The teacher’s task is to express this wealth of wisdom and experience in modern terms—in terms that are meaningful to the students of today. As it is said, it may be true that there is no new thing under the sun, but it is encouraging to remember that old ideas always need to be modernized. At least they will be new to our students. One of the main purposes of education is to release the human mind bound by narrow and limited experience. Then the student can move forward to the thought and experimentation that leads to the discovery of new truths. Thus, true education causes the person to be less and less tied to a particular time and therefore less limited to a particular way of living. As a modernizer of the old, of the unfamiliar, as a bridge between the old and the new, the teacher must be or must be becoming such an educated person.

(To be continued)

Search for missing Malaysia plane enters new phase

SYDNEY, 28 April — The chance of finding floating debris from a missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner has become highly unlikely, and a new phase of the search would focus on a far larger area of the Indian Ocean floor, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Monday.

The international search effort for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, which vanished on March 8 with 239 people on board, has so far failed to turn up any trace of wreckage from the plane.

Given the amount of time that has elapsed, Abbott said that efforts would now shift away from the visual searches conducted by planes and ships and

towards underwater equipment capable of scouring the ocean floor with sophisticated sensors.

Abbott admitted, however, that it was possible nothing would ever be found of the jetliner. “We will do everything we humanly can, everything we reasonably can, to solve this mystery,” he told reporters in Canberra.

Authorities had focussed their search on a 10 square km (6.2 square mile) stretch of seabed about 2,000 miles northwest of Perth after detecting what they suspected was a signal from the plane’s black box recorder on 4 April.

But Abbott’s comments appeared to be an acknowledgement that the



Australia’s Prime Minister Tony Abbott speaks to the media after meeting with Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the state guest house in Tokyo on 7 April, 2014.—REUTERS

search by a US Navy *Bluefin-21* underwater drone in that refined area had failed find any sign of the jetliner.

Abbott said that the

new search area, which spans 700 km by 80 km, could take between 6-8 months to completely examine.—Reuters

Japan, EU to launch dialogue on cybersecurity

Tokyo, 28 April — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and European Union leaders will agree at a summit in Brussels on 7 May to launch a dialogue to boost cybersecurity, according to a draft of a statement to be issued after the meeting.

With China as a suspected source of cyberattacks in mind, the draft joint press statement, a copy of which was obtained Sunday by *Kyodo News*, says, “Facing more severe, widespread and globalized risks

surrounding cyberspace... protection of a safe, open and secure cyberspace is needed.”

Abe and the EU leaders, European Council President Herman Van Rompuy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso will also agree to hold an inaugural meeting of a Japan-EU dialogue on the stable use of outer space in the latter half of this year in Tokyo, the draft says.

Kyodo News

Pro-Russian protesters occupy TV building in eastern Ukraine

KIEV, 28 April — Hundreds of pro-Russian protesters stormed and occupied a regional television station building in Ukraine’s eastern city of Donetsk Sunday afternoon, the *Interfax-Ukraine* news agency reported.

The protesters broke the gate of the building and entered the regional television facility as about 30 policemen stood idle nearby and did not intervene, it said.

Some 500 protesters gathered in front of the building, chanting

slogans like “Russia!” and “Kiev cannot administer Donetsk!” and demanding the television station broadcast Russian TV programmes, instead of Ukrainian programmes.

Some people hoisted a flag of “the People’s Republic of Donetsk” on the top of the building.

Earlier this month, pro-Russian protesters staged a rally to demand a referendum and some protesters complained that the television station did not give them a chance to speak.—Xinhua

US, Europe must act collectively to impose sanctions on Russia

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 April — US President Barack Obama said here on Sunday that the United States and European countries should act collectively to impose sanctions on Russia for its actions in Ukraine.

“We’re going to be in a stronger position to deter Mr Putin when he sees that the world is unified and the United States and Europe is unified rather than this is just a US-Russian conflict,” Obama said at a joint Press conference after

meeting Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak.

Obama said although an international agreement had been signed to de-escalate the crisis, Russia had not lifted a finger to help. “In fact, there is strong evidence that they (Russia) have been encouraging the kinds of activities that have taken place (in Ukraine),” he said.

Obama is on a three-day official visit to Malaysia, which began on Saturday.—Xinhua

US President Barack Obama



Reuters

Hungarians march against anti-Semitism after far-right poll gains



People participate in the annual “March of the Living” walk in remembrance of the more than half million Hungarian Jews that died in the Holocaust during World War Two, in Budapest, on 27 April, 2014. REUTERS

BUDAPEST, 28 April — Tens of thousands of Hungarians joined a protest march on Sunday against anti-Semitism, three weeks after the far-right Jobbik party won nearly a quarter of votes cast in a national election.

Budapest’s annual ‘March of the Living’ has drawn an increasing number of participants in recent years to commemorate the deaths of around half a million Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust in World War Two.

The marchers, many holding European Union and Israeli flags, attended the inauguration of a Holocaust monument on a bank of the Danube where Jews were executed during the war. They then marched in

silence through the city to an old railway station from which trains departed 70 years ago for Nazi death camps.

More people are taking part because they fear anti-Semitism is again on the rise, said Miklos Deutsch, 64, a restaurant manager, after a shofar, a traditional Jewish instrument made from a ram’s horn, gave the signal for the march to start.

“The cause, indeed, is poverty. When the economy does not really work and people are poor, somebody has to be blamed, and the Jews and the gypsies are blamed,” he said.

“The strengthening of Jobbik is dangerous,” added Deutsch, whose parents lost most of their relatives

in the Holocaust.

Unemployment has fallen under the rule of Prime Minister Viktor Orban’s conservative Fidesz party, which again secured a two-thirds parliamentary majority in this month’s election.

But many Hungarians still struggle to make ends meet and this discontent has helped Jobbik increase its support to 21 percent of the national vote from 16 percent four years ago.

Jobbik denies being anti-Semitic but does little to dispel its reputation for intolerance. Its followers are often openly hostile to Jews and other ethnic and religious minorities.

“Anti-Semitism has risen. You can feel that in all segments of socie-

ty: in politics, in media, in schools and in social intercourse,” said another marcher, Gyorgy Burjan, a retired engineer, adding that Jobbik had capitalized on that.

Jewish groups have also protested against a plan to build a memorial to Hungary’s 1944 German occupation, saying it would conceal the responsibility of local authorities who collaborated with the Germans to ship hundreds of thousands to the camps.

After Sunday’s march, around 600 participants boarded a train bound for Poland, where they were due to take part in a commemoration at the Nazi death camp of Auschwitz near Krakow.

WORLD

Hague challenges Scottish leader's EU membership plans

LONDON, 28 April — Scotland faces lengthy and difficult negotiations to stay in the European Union if it votes to leave Britain this year and it will end up worse off than at present, British Foreign Secretary William Hague told Scottish leader Alex Salmond in a letter.

Scots will vote in a referendum on 18 September on whether to quit the United Kingdom. In the event of a "Yes" vote, Salmond hopes to agree a "smooth transition" to renewing Scotland's EU membership before it declares independence from London in March 2016.

Britain's main political



Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague arrives for a cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street in central London on 8 April, 2014. REUTERS

parties, including Hague's ruling Conservatives, want Scotland to remain in the United Kingdom, but recent opinion polls show supporters of independence catching up on the pro-union camp.

"Scotland's negotiations to join the EU are likely to be complex and long and the outcome

would certainly prove less advantageous than the status quo," Hague said in his letter.

The letter, written ahead of a speech on Monday by Salmond in Bruges, Belgium, urges the Scottish First Minister to provide clarity on key issues regarding Scotland's future EU membership so voters

can be better informed in their choice.

"The terms of EU membership which your government has said it will seek to secure for an independent Scotland are at odds with the EU's own rules of membership," he said, raising doubts over how Salmond would convince all 28 EU member states to allow Scotland special opt-outs such as on adopting the euro.

Britain negotiated a legal opt-out from joining the euro but all new EU member states are required to sign up to joining the common currency at some future date.

Reuters

United Nations Secretary General's Message on the day of remembrance for victims of chemical warfare

29 April, 2014

On this annual Day of Remembrance, we pay tribute to the victims of chemical warfare.

The horrific use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic in 2013 casts a shadow over this year's commemoration. I cannot forget the deeply shocking images I saw. The use of chemical weapons in Syria was a deplorable offense against humanity.

The multinational effort to rid Syria of its chemical weapons programme shows what can be done when the international community comes together. Although there is still more to do, 90 per cent of Syria's chemical weapons have now been either removed or destroyed.

I take this opportunity to reiterate that any use of chemical weapons under any circumstances would be a grave violation of the 1925 Protocol and other relevant rules of customary international law.

I also reiterate the importance of the 1997 Chemical Weapons Convention. Six countries remain outside the Convention: Angola, Egypt, Israel, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Myanmar and South Sudan.

Until membership is universal and the last stockpiles of chemical weapons are destroyed, our work will not be done. We must not relax our vigilance. We must do our utmost to deter any future incidents.

On this solemn day, let us renew our common pledge to eliminate all chemical weapons. I once again urge all States that have not yet done so, to adhere to the Convention without delay. Only then can we finally put to rest the threat of chemical weapons.

UNIC/Yangon

US supports Pakistan's peace talks with Taliban

ISLAMABAD, 28 April — The United States supports Pakistan's peace dialogue with the Taliban militants to promote peace and end violence, a US envoy has said.

James Dobbins, the US special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, who held talks with senior Pakistani leaders, said Washington backs Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's policy to hold dialogue with the Taliban.

"We support Pakistan's efforts to establish the rule of law in Pakistan to eliminate violent extremism, not just the violent extremists who attack Pakistan, but the violent extremists who operate from Pakistani territory and attack neighbouring societies," Dobbins told the Pakistan Television in an interview, aired on Saturday.

He said Pakistani leaders have also adopted a policy to give a tough response to the militants if they resort to terrorism.

Besides Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the US envoy met the army chief, Gen Raheel Sharif, and several key ministers and discussed bilateral cooperation between the two countries in various fields and peace in Afghanistan. Talking about Afghanistan, the US envoy said Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan have improved under Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, saying that some statements from Afghan President Hamid Karzai has caused tensions.

Xinhua

For Washington, Palestinian pact not the end of Middle East peace hopes

WASHINGTON, 28 April — The unity pact between Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and the militant group Hamas dealt a sharp punch to US-driven peace negotiations with Israel, but the Americans insisted it was not a fatal blow to the struggling talks.

Washington was stunned by the deal announced on Wednesday between Fatah, the faction that leads the West Bank, and Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip and is viewed as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union and Israel. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu immediately suspended participation in the peace process brokered by US Secretary of State John Kerry.

But US negotiators are not expected to give up on the process, in which Kerry

has invested thousands of hours and a great deal of political capital. There is also little for Washington to lose by monitoring developments, while pushing the two sides toward reconciliation.

"This will probably slow things down, but it will resume at some point," said Aaron David Miller, a former US State Department peace negotiator now at the Wilson Center in Washington.

"There is no need for the United States to walk away from this, and it would be stupid, frankly," he said.

Washington is Israel's closest ally, and President Barack Obama has already faced strong criticism at home and abroad over his handling of foreign policy. Obama has been accused of neglect for Asia —

where he has traveled this week — and weakness in Europe, where Russia has annexed the Crimean Peninsula and is threatening eastern Ukraine.

Months of meetings since last summer have produced no sign of progress in the talks, aimed at creating an independent Palestinian state on land captured by Israel in a 1967 war. Palestinians want East Jerusalem to be capital of the state they seek in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and want Israeli soldiers and more than half a million settlers gone. Israeli settlement construction has been a major obstacle in the negotiations. Citing security concerns and historic and Biblical links to the territory, Israel says it intends to keep large settlement blocs in any future peace deal.—Reuters



Senior Fatah official Azzam Al-Ahmed (L), head of the Hamas government Ismail Haniyeh (C) and senior Hamas leader Moussa Abu Marzouq hold their hands after announcing a reconciliation agreement in Gaza City on 23 April, 2014.—REUTERS

UK to host international meeting on stolen Ukrainian assets

LONDON, 28 April — London will host a two-day international meeting this week aimed at helping Ukraine's government to recover stolen assets, Britain's interior ministry said on Monday.

Since the toppling of President Viktor Yanukovich in February, Ukrainian prosecutors have accused him and his aides of stealing billions of dollars. Yanukovich has said he has no foreign bank accounts or property abroad.

The 29-30 April Ukraine Forum on Asset Recovery, jointly organised by Britain and the United States, will be attended by senior government officials, judicial experts, prosecutors, financial intelligence analysts and regulators.

Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov and US Attorney General Eric Holder will be among those meeting in London.

"Building on our expertise in the field of asset recovery, it will also provide practical leadership and assistance to the Ukrainian government as

they identify and recover assets looted under the Yanukovich regime and introduce political and economic reform," British Home Secretary Theresa May said.

London is the top destination for money from the former Soviet Union and many Ukrainian oligarchs have assets there.

Last month, Britain said it had been given a list of people suspected of being involved in the theft of Ukrainian assets and that it would send a team to Kiev to seek further evidence.

The Home Office (interior ministry) said that as well as planning practical steps for Ukraine, the meeting would work on international cooperation for the early tracing of assets and look at ways to trace assets hidden behind complex corporate structures.

"The message is clear — we are making it harder than ever for corrupt regimes or individuals around the world to move, hide and profit from the proceeds of their crime," said May.

Reuters

Thai opposition leader meets military head as crisis deepens

BANGKOK, 28 April — Thai opposition leader Abhisit Vejjajiva met the head of the armed forces on Monday to discuss ways to avert a potential showdown between political groups next month that threatens more violence and further economic damage in a six-month crisis.

Former prime minister Abhisit, who met Armed Forces Supreme Commander General Thanasak Patimaprakorn, has asked for two weeks to try to resolve the crisis peacefully.

“He (Thanasak) supports what I want, which is to bring all sides together to find a way out for the country,” Abhisit told reporters after the two-hour meeting. “The commander underscored that political problems must be solved through political means.”

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra has faced months of anti-government protests aimed at removing her to make way for an unelected “people’s council” that would oversee reforms to tackle alleged



Thailand's opposition leader and former Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva gestures during an interview with foreign media at his Democrat Party headquarters in Bangkok on 23 April, 2014. — REUTERS

graft and rid the country of the influence of her brother, former premier Thaksin Shinawatra. The protesters accuse former telecoms tycoon Thaksin of corruption and nepotism, which he denies. Thaksin was ousted in a 2006 military coup and lives in self-imposed exile to avoid a jail sentence handed down in 2008.

The military, which has intervened frequently in politics in the past, has stayed out of the fray this time, although its leaders have said they will intervene if violence worsens.

Twenty-five people have been killed in politically related violence since the unrest began in November, most of them in shoot-

ings and grenade blasts.

The turmoil has dented business confidence, especially as Yingluck has headed a caretaker government with limited powers since dissolving parliament in December.

Data on Monday showed that industrial output in March was 10.4 percent lower than in March

last year. The central bank has warned that the economy could contract in the first quarter compared with the final three months of 2013. It has cut its 2014 growth forecast several times and said last week it would probably fall short of its most recent forecast of 2.7 percent.

A controversial amnesty bill that could have allowed Thaksin to return without facing jail time helped kick-start the protests by the People’s Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC) last year, which soon turned into a movement to remove Yingluck.

The long-running crisis broadly pits the mostly poorer supporters of Yingluck and Thaksin against the Bangkok-based middle class and conservative establishment. The demonstrations have waned in recent weeks but that has not deterred protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban, who has promised a “final push” to oust Yingluck in May.

The protesters are now banking on a set of legal

cases that could lead to Yingluck’s removal from office within weeks.

She has been charged with abuse of power for her transfer of National Security Council chief Thawil Pliensri in 2011, which opponents say was done for personal and party political reasons. If found guilty, she may have to step down.

Yingluck has until Friday to present her defence.

She also faces charges of dereliction of duty over a state rice subsidy scheme that has incurred billions of dollars in losses and left hundreds of thousands of farmers unpaid.

So far, opposition leader Abhisit’s proposal for an election to take place alongside political reforms has met with a lukewarm response from both pro-government “red shirt” leaders and protest leader Suthep.

The protesters disrupted a 2 February general election, which was nullified by a court in March, and insist there should be no new vote until reforms are in place.—Reuters

Taiwan gov’t suspends construction of 4th nuclear power plant

TAIPEI, 28 April — Taiwan Premier Jiang Yi-huah announced on Monday the suspension of construction of the island’s controversial fourth nuclear power station, pending a public referendum on whether to resume it. “By suspending the construction, we hope the public will have time to think and discuss the issue before they determine at the ballot box,” Jiang told a Press conference.

The announcement came after President Ma Ying-jeou said on Friday he would let the Taiwanese people decide the fate of the problem-plagued fourth nuclear power plant in a public referendum.

The opposition Dem-

ocratic Progressive Party wants the referendum to be held by the end of this year, but Jiang said there is no timetable for it to be held.

Ma recently said it should take place after a safety check is completed.

That prompted the DPP to accuse Ma, who has been in power since 2008, of aiming to leave the decades-old problem for his successor to tackle since his second four-year term might well end by the time a safety check is completed.

Jiang dismissed the DPP’s proposal for a special law authorizing a referendum to be held on the fate of the facility by the end of this year, while he

also rejected the opposition party’s call for lowering the legal threshold for the referendum.

Many Taiwanese have called for suspension of the construction of the fourth facility, following a string of construction delays and management blunders.

Concerns about the safety of nuclear power flared up again in the wake of the 11 March, 2011, Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan. Taiwan has three operating nuclear power stations — two in the north and one in the south. All have operated safely for many years, while providing nearly 20 percent of the island’s electricity.

Kyodo News

Japan, Australia eye boosting tech cooperation in defence equipment



Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera (R) shakes hands with his Australian counterpart David Johnston before a dinner party in Perth, Australia, on 27 April, 2014. — KYODO NEWS

PERTH, 28 April — Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera and

his Australian counterpart David Johnston agreed on Monday to expand tech-

nological cooperation in defence equipment after Japan relaxed its arms embargo.

Johnston also expressed support for Japan’s move toward lifting its ban on exercising the right to collective self-defence, Onodera told reporters after the talks in the western coastal city of Perth in Australia.

The meeting came after summit talks in early April between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his Australian counterpart Tony Abbott in Tokyo. The leaders agreed to start negotiations for a framework agreement on joint development of defense equipment. — Kyodo News

China to finish analysis of air pollutant around Beijing

BEIJING, 28 April — An analysis of the sources of air pollution in Beijing, Tianjin and Shijiazhuang will be finished by the end of June, an official with China’s environmental authority said on Sunday.

The environmental authorities are working with the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese

Academy of Engineering to conduct the research and will jointly release reports on the results in the research, said Zhao Yingmin, director of the pollution control and management department of the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

Zhao made the remarks when giving a report

on air pollution in China to the Environment and Resources Protection Committee of the National People’s Congress, China’s top legislature.

The analysis of the sources of air pollution in Beijing has already been finished and published earlier this month and the result revealed that about

64 percent to 72 percent of the air pollutants in Beijing are locally generated, Zhao said.

The official said the yearly average density of fine particular matter, or PM2.5, in Beijing last year was 89.5 micrograms per cubic meter, far beyond the pollution control cap target of 60.—Xinhua

Asia to remain 5.4 pct economic growth in 2014, IMF report

HONG KONG, 28 April — Economic growth in Asia is projected to remain steady at 5.4 percent in 2014 and 5.5 percent in 2015, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in a report published on Monday.

External demand is set to pick up alongside the recovery in advanced economies, and domestic de-

mand should remain solid across most of the region, said the IMF’s Regional Economic Outlook for Asia and Pacific.

The report — Sustaining the Momentum: Vigilance and Reforms — said that the region has strengthened its resilience to global risks and will continue as a source of global economic dynamism.—Xinhua

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Death toll rises to 11 as Tornadoes strike central, south US

HOUSTON, 28 April — A severe storm system hit the central and southern United States on Sunday, spawning powerful tornadoes and killing as many as 11 people in Arkansas and Oklahoma, US media reported. The storm swept across the midwest, central and southern parts of the country on Sunday afternoon. More than a dozen tornadoes formed and touched down in several states including Arkansas and Oklahoma, which are the most devastated areas.

A total of 10 people were confirmed dead in Arkansas, according to local TV KTHV. Matt DeCamp, a spokesman for the Governor's office, told the media earlier the tornado killed four people in Faulkner County, three people in Pulaski County and one person in White County. But the Faulkner County Sheriffs Office said later at least six people were confirmed dead and the toll is expected to rise.

The tornado ripped through the area at around 7 pm CST and continued creating destruction for more than an hour, the report said. An interstate highway was shut down due to multiple wrecks, including overturned trucks and destroyed vehicles.

Homes in several towns are flattened, according to Sheriff Andy Shock with the Faulkner County Sheriffs Office. Emergency crew members are scouring the area for people.

In Oklahoma, a tornado touched down in Quapaw, a small town around 320 km northeast of Oklahoma city, the state's capital city late Sunday, the Oklahoman reported.

Media reports said earlier at least two have died, but an official later confirmed one was dead and six others were injured. The injuries were believed to be non-life-threatening.

Xinhua

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A police officer controls traffic at an intersection in Hachioji in suburban Tokyo on the night of 27 April, 2014, where traffic signals were cut off by a power outage. Around 300,000 homes in suburban Tokyo lost power in the outage.

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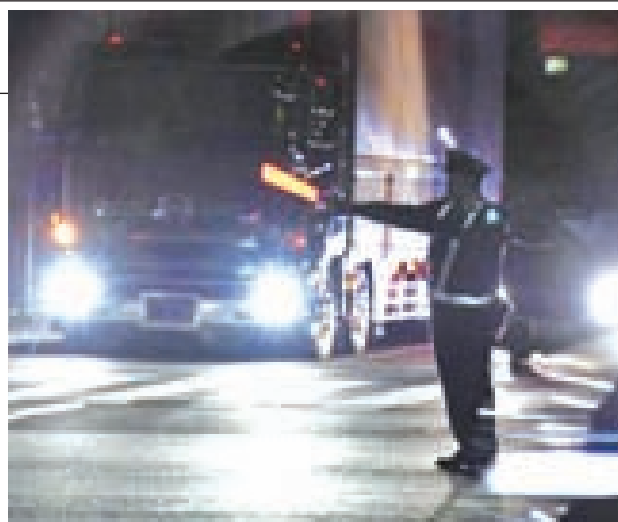
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Kevin Spacey's Lungi Dance with Deepika Padukone steals the show at IIFA 2014

TAMPA BAY, (Florida), 28 April — Hollywood actor-cum-filmmaker Kevin Spacey was the showstealer at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards — he danced on the stage to the tunes of the Lungi Dance number with Bollywood star Deepika Padukone.

The occasion was at the IIFA Awards night on

Saturday when the show's hosts Farhan Akhtar and Shahid Kapoor requested Kevin to shake a leg to the Bollywood number. He happily obliged them.

Wearing a lungi, the wrap-around for males, the actor danced to the hit number from super hit Hindi movie Chennai Express with Deepika, who played the female lead in the ro-

mantic comedy. Farhan and Shahid also joined in.

"It is great to be here and see the performances at IIFA," said the Oscar winning actor, known for his work in The Usual Suspects and American Beauty. He also clicked a selfie with a few celebrities who attended the award function.

PTI



Kevin shakes a leg with Deepika and Shahid.— PTI

Dutch singer Mr Probz tops British music charts

LONDON, 28 April — Dutch hip hop artist turned singer Mr Probz went straight in at the top of the British singles chart on Sunday with his track "Waves", the Official Charts Company said.

The single, which has sold nearly 127,000 copies in Britain over the past seven days, has also been a top-10 hit in Belgium, France and the Netherlands after being remixed by German DJ and producer Robin Schulz.



Singer Mr Probz arrives on the red carpet for the Echo Music Awards ceremony in Berlin on 27 March, 2014.—REUTERS

Last week's number one, Canadian singer-songwriter Kiesza's debut single "Hideaway", dropped one spot to second place while fellow former chart-topper London-based dance music duo Sigma also slipped one place to number three with "Nobody to Love". In the album chart, Paolo Nutini spends a second week at number one with his third album "Caustic Love", the fastest selling album of the year so far.—Reuters

'Other Woman' seizes box office crown from 'Captain America'



Cast members (from L-R) Nicki Minaj, Leslie Mann, Cameron Diaz, Taylor Kinney and Kate Upton pose at the premiere of the film "The Other Woman" in Los Angeles, California on 21 April, 2014. The movie opens in the US on 25 April.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES / NEW YORK, 28 April — "The Other Woman," a female-centered comedy about marital infidelity, elbowed aside three-time box office champion "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" to win the race at US and Canadian theaters this weekend.

"The Other Woman" had ticket sales of \$24.7 million, while "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" took in \$16 million, bringing its total domestic sales since its 4 April release to \$225 million.

The PG-rated faith-

based drama "Heaven Is for Real" came in third with \$13.8 million for the period of Friday through Sunday, according to estimates from box office tracking firm Rentrak.

"The Other Woman", starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Upton as women dating the same married man, overcame largely negative reviews to far surpass industry expectations of an opening weekend in the region of \$17 million.

The \$40 million film also stars Leslie Mann as the wife who teams up with the two women to get

revenge on her cheating husband, played by Danish actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, known for his role as Jaime Lannister in the popular HBO series "Game of Thrones".

"We significantly overperformed," said Spencer Klein, senior vice president general sales manager for 20th Century Fox, the unit of Twenty-First Century Fox that released the film. "'The Other Woman' once again proves the power of female comedies," Klein said, adding that timing also contributed to its success.—Reuters

'Captain America,' 'Rio' bring early summer heat to Hollywood

LOS ANGELES, 28 April — Hollywood is remaking one of its most cherished traditions: the summer blockbuster.

Unlike last year, when every summer weekend seemed to bring one or more mega-budget films, this year studios have spread out their most expensive entries for the warm weather months that traditionally make up roughly 40 percent of annual ticket sales.

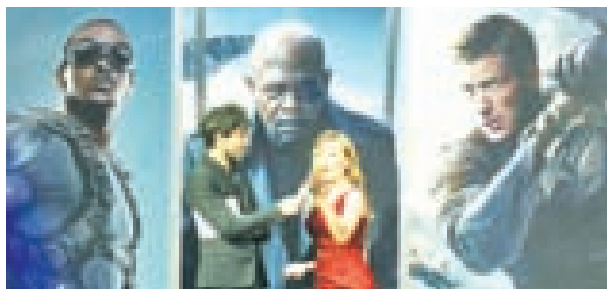
This year, the parade of super heroes, animated films and big-budget sequels started two months earlier, in March instead of May. So far, moviegoers are lining up. Six films released since 7 March have passed or are nearing \$100 million in US and Canadian ticket sales, according to tracking firm Rentrak. Walt Disney Co's "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" has collected \$225 million so far. "Divergent" from Lions Gate Entertainment

Corp has earned \$139 million, and Fox's "Rio 2" has grossed \$96 million.

In the same period last year, only three releases had reached that mark. This year's early start to summer has pushed the 2014 box office to \$3.1 billion, a 9.4 percent hike from last year, according to Rentrak.

"I'd rather have us in April with relatively no competition than in July with a huge movie ahead of us," Alan Horn, chairman of Walt Disney Studios, said of the release strategy for "Captain America." "It's hard to find dates."

"Captain America" set an April record when its opening weekend sales hit \$95 million. With no other big-screen superheroes to battle, the Marvel Studios sequel topped domestic box office charts for three straight weeks, a feat that's hard to accomplish in the busy summer.—Reuters



Actress Scarlett Johansson (R) gestures to the crowd during an interview at the UK premiere of "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" at Shepherd's Bush in London, on 20 March, 2014.—REUTERS

Priyanka Chopra: I have a huge fear of failure

TAMPA BAY, (Florida), 28 April — National Award-winning Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra, who attended a panel discussion on acting with Hollywood actor-cum-filmmaker Kevin Spacey at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Weekend and Awards here, says she has a huge fear of failure.

Priyanka has proved her mettle through films

like Saat Khoon Maaf, Barfi! and Fashion, but says she always had the fear of failure.

"I have a huge fear of failure. Failure drives me. If the film fails, it feels bad. I stay in a room for two weeks.

When I was doing Barfi!, people told me it is not a heroine kind of a film, don't do it. But I was sure I would do it and I am hap-

py with the response," she said.

Recalling her journey as an actress in the Hindi film industry, she said: "For me, acting happened by chance. I was 17 years old when I became Miss World. I was reading a leading film magazine and I happened to read the interview of Amitabh Bachchan where he said how many scenes one does in a

film is not important. What is important is that people should remember you when they come out of the theatre after watching the film."

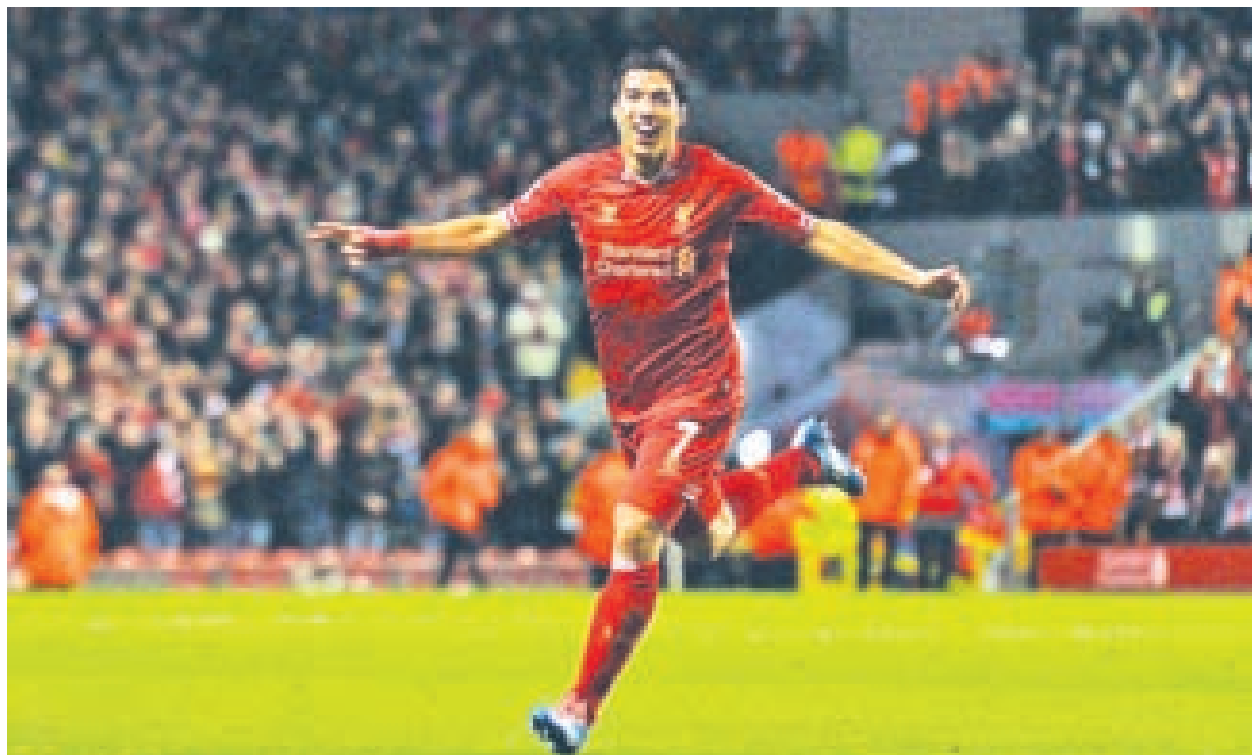
"In commercial Indian cinema, female actors don't have parts to prove. But I feel fortunate that whatever roles I have done till now, be it big or small, all have done well for me," she added.—PTI



Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra

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Liverpool's Suarez named English PFA player of the year



Liverpool striker Luis Suarez

LONDON, 28 April — Controversial Liverpool striker Luis Suarez was named the English Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) player of the year on Sunday.

The 27-year-old Uruguayan, who will lead his country at the World Cup in Brazil in June, has scored 30 goals and contributed 12 assists this season as Liverpool head the Premier League table with two matches remaining.

"The Premier League is full of really great play-

ers and so it is a great honour when these players recognise your work on the pitch," Suarez said.

He claimed the honour ahead of team mates Steven Gerrard and Daniel Sturridge, as well as Chelsea midfielder Eden Hazard, Manchester City's Yaya Toure and Adam Lallana of Premier League surprise packages Southampton.

The irrepressible Suarez, the first Liverpool player since Ian Rush in 1986-87 to score 30 league

goals in a season, has helped the likes of fellow striker Sturridge to flourish.

His personal haul has arrived despite missing the first five league games of the season as he served the remainder of a 10-match ban for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic last April.

That incident occurred just before Tottenham Hotspur forward Gareth Bale claimed last season's award and the announcement of Suarez in the Pre-

mier League team of the year was met with rumblings of discontent.

Suarez tried to engineer a move to Arsenal in the off-season, before returning to Liverpool with devastating effect, leading the Anfield club back into the Champions League and taking them to the brink of a first title in 24 years.

He has tormented top-level defenders with his speed, guile and deadly finishing and none of his 30 goals have come from the penalty spot.—Reuters

Three killed in execution-style murder in Houston apartment

HOUSTON, 28 April — Three people were killed in an apparent execution-style murder at an apartment complex in the US city of Houston on Sunday, local media reported.

Police rushed to the

scene in northwest Houston after receiving calls Sunday night and found two Hispanic women and a man shot to death, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Preliminary investigation found as many as three

suspects, possibly wearing masks, burst through the door of the apartment around 6:15 pm CST on Sunday. The victims had been shot multiple times with more than one weapon, police said.

Houston police called the triple murder an execution-style shooting because all the victims were shot at close range. The gunmen remained at large and the police is carrying out a manhunt.—Xinhua

15 killed in attacks in Iraq's Anbar Province

RAMADI, (Iraq), 28 April — A total of 15 people were killed and 26 others wounded in separate attacks across the Iraqi western province of Anbar on Sunday, security and medical sources said.

An explosive-laden car was blown up by a suicide bomber outside a base of police commando force in the western of provincial capital city of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, killing five policemen and wounding two others, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Another suicide attack occurred in the western part of Ramadi when an ex-

plosive-packed car rammed into an army checkpoint, killing two soldiers and wounding five others, the source said.

Separately, gunmen blew up a bridge while a police patrol was passing on in the southern part of Anbar Province, killing a policeman and wounding three others, along with destroying the bridge, the source added. Also in the province, three civilians were killed and 12 others wounded by mortar barrage in the morning on several neighbourhoods in the besieged city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, a medical source told *Xinhua*.—Xinhua



Women perform a traditional Japanese "yosakoi" dance in New York on 27 April, 2014. The dance originated in Kochi Prefecture, western Japan.

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"Yosakoi" dance festival held in New York

NEW YORK, 28 April— New Yorkers joined Japan's traditional "yosakoi" dance festival held in Manhattan on Sunday.

Groups of dancers not only from Japan but also from the United States performed the dance which originated in Kochi Prefecture, western Japan, with colourful costumes and instruments.

"It is very hard to do," said Tracy Craig, 47, who tried yosakoi dance with her 11-year-old daughter Zoe. "It's a beautiful dance."

The festival was the second of its kind in New York following one last year.

"We want to continue doing this in the years to come," said Chisato Sentani, 51, head of the festival's organizing committee, which has held a yosakoi festival in Tokyo annually.

"I was happy to be able to dance with them (local citizens) in New York, the center of the world," said Yasunori Takebuchi, 42, who heads a yosakoi team from Tochigi Prefecture, eastern Japan.—Kyodo News

Myanmar youths sweep four more gold in Youth Athletics Championships



NAY PYI TAW, 28 April — The IX SEA Youth Athletics Championships continued at Wunna Theikdi Stadium, here, on Monday morning.

Ye Hein Htut (134) of Myanmar and Ma Thi Thi Aung (089) grasped one gold medal each in men's and women's 3000-m race events. In the final of men's 3000-m race, Thi-ha Zaw (154) stood first while Ma Soe Sanda Win (165) grasped one gold in the women's 3000-m race final.



Sarayu Saphimai (069) of Thailand won one gold in the men's javelin event; Nyuyen Thi Thoug (115) of Vietnam stood first with 12.45 points in the women's shotput event; Nguyen Thi Truc (112) of Vietnam secured the first prize with 5.85 point in the women's long-jump event.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, Deputy Minister U Thaung Htaik and officials presented awards to the winners.

Ko Myo (Shwe Paukkan)

Chelsea derail Liverpool title bid, Man City pounce

LONDON, 28 April — With a first title in 24 years close enough to touch Liverpool were undone by old nemesis Jose Mourinho whose Chelsea side inflicted a potentially mortal blow with a 2-0 win at Anfield on Sunday. Chelsea's victory might have come too late for Mourinho's side to win the Premier League title, but it flung the door wide open for Manchester City who took full advantage with a 2-0 win at Crystal Palace.

At the bottom, Sunderland demolished Cardiff City 4-0 to leave the Welsh club propping up the table and lift themselves out of the bottom three at the expense of Norwich City.

In the latest twist of a fascinating Premier League season, under-strength Chelsea cut the gap at the top to two points with two games remaining, although City are only three points behind with a game in hand and healthier goal difference. Should Liverpool and City both win their remaining games, City would almost certainly grab the title on goal difference just as they did two seasons



Liverpool's Daniel Sturridge (L) challenges Chelsea's Frank Lampard during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 27 April, 2014. — REUTERS

ago, although if both drop points Chelsea could sneak through on the rails.

Victory on Sunday was Mourinho's seventh win in nine Premier League matches against Liverpool and completed the double over Brendan Rodgers's side this season - ending their 11-game winning streak that has propelled

them towards the title.

Demba Ba, capitalising on a calamitous slip by captain Steven Gerrard, and Willian did the damage for a weakened Chelsea side but despite Mourinho's tactical triumph he immediately ruled his team out of contention for the title.

"We are Champions

League for sure," Mourinho shrugged.

"We need one point to finish third....the champions, whether it is Liverpool or Man City we can say we won both matches against them. Forget the title, forget it."

City's supporters at Selhurst Park cheered news of Liverpool's defeat and

had further cause for celebration as Yaya Toure, returning from injury, made the first goal for Edin Dzeko with a perfect cross.

Toure scored the second, his 19th in the league this season, before halftime after a fine run from the halfway line. While City are now masters of their own destiny coach Manuel Pellegrini was refusing to get carried away.

"The only thing that is different is that we are not depending on other teams and what matters is only what we do between now and the end of the season," the cautious City coach told the club's website.

"I was obviously very happy with Chelsea's win, but this is far from the end of the title race because all three teams have very hard games still to play."

Chelsea have beaten both City and Liverpool home and away and despite missing five leading players through injury and suspension, Mourinho rested others ahead of Wednesday's Champions League semi-final, second leg against Atletico Madrid.

Reuters

Taiwan's Yao cruises to 1st win in Japan



Phoebe Yao of Taiwan

KAWANA, (Japan), 28 April — Joint overnight leader Phoebe Yao of Taiwan pulled away in the final round with a 68 to post a commanding win for her first title in Japan at the Fujisankei Ladies Classic on Sunday.

The 21-year-old Yao, who began the day tied at the top with Shiho Oyama and South Korea's Esther Lee, knocked down four birdies in a flawless round at Kawana Hotel Golf Club in Shizuoka Prefecture to finish five strokes ahead of Mamiko Higa and Misuzu Narita. Playing in her third season on the JLPGA Tour, Yao finished at 9-under 207 and collected 14.4 million yen in prize money.

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