

Vice-President returns unused lands to farmers

Vice-President U Nyan Tun makes a speech at the ceremony to hand-over released lands to farmers in Kyaunggon Township of Ayeyawady Region.

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NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Vice-President U Nyan Tun handed certificates of temporary ownership for 36406.8 acres of land to 3954 farmers in Patheingyi district on Monday.

The Vice-President arrived at Kyaunggon Township of Ayeyawady Region, and joined the ceremony for the handover of released

lands to the original owners.

U Nyan Tun said that the government is returning the unused plots out of the grabbed lands to the original owners before cultivation season in accordance with the existing laws, rules and regulations.

He also invited suggestions for the process of returning more lands to the owners.

U Nyan Tun then visited the Hokersar garment factory operated by the Delta Industrial Group.

During the visit of the Vice-President, Project the Manager Daw Htay May of the company explained the operational processes and quality of products. Daw Htay May said IDG has already employed 3500 workers at their factories in

Patheingyi industrial zone.

She said their company expects the creation of 30,000 jobs in Patheingyi industrial zone of Ayeyawady delta region at the completion of its projects.

IDG started constructions of DIG garment factory with local capitals of K 136.06 million and Hokersar garment factory with foreign investment of US\$ 4.5

million in Patheingyi industrial zone in 2012.

The construction of these factories completed in 2013, and since then operations have been started.

DIG is now constructing three more garment factories and has invited investments for ten more industries in this zone.

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ASEAN Chairman's Statement

Chairman's Statement of the 24th ASEAN Summit: "Moving forward in Unity to a Peaceful and Prosperous Community" issued on 11 May, 2014 can be browsed at www.asean2014.gov.mm and www.moi.gov.mm.—NLM

Union Peace-Making Work Committee holds talks with townseiders, national race representatives, leaders of christian association, political parties

MYITKYINA, 12 May— Union Peace-Making Work Committee held separate talks with townseiders, national race representatives, leaders of eight Christian associations and political parties in Kachin State on peace process at a meeting hall of Kachin State government office on Monday.

In his speech, Union Minister U Aung Min, vice-chairman of the work committee, affirmed the government's commitment to peace process, saying that a series of meetings for ensuring peace and stability in Kachin State are underway. He vowed to strive for holding a political dialogue after reaching the ceasefire despite fightings between the two sides during the Thingyan period.

Chairman of People's

Parliament National Race Affairs and Internal Peace Committee U Thein Zaw, who is also the vice-chairman of the work committee, called for building trust at the negotiating table while implementing the results of previous meetings through cooperation. He continued that outcomes of today's meetings will be translated into a law. He also stressed the importance of maintaining the agreements for making remarkable progress. A success story could be made through cooperation of everyone concerned and mass participation in the peace process, he added.

Each group expressed their views on ongoing peace process during the separate meetings.

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Smiles on Yangon's circle air-con train



Smiling kids taking three-hour fun train ride on Yangon circle rail route.

Byline & Photo:Ye Myint

Despite seeing the first rains of this monsoon in some pockets of the city, including downtown Yangon for two days in succession, temperatures

still rise and Yangonites are feeling sticky and hot. With temperatures soaring beyond tolerable levels, the stagnant air induces sweat under the morning sun. The

crowded buses we have to use riding around the city of Yangon are viewed as ovens in the scorching heat. It was pouring with rain (See page 2)

Union ministers meet Mandalay's CSOs

MANDALAY, 12 May—A meeting between Union ministers and responsible persons of civil society organizations in Mandalay district took place at the office of Mandalay Region Government on Sunday.

In meeting with them, Union Ministers at President Office U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein and Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint spoke words of praise, stressing the importance of youth participation

in social organizations. They also highlighted the role of CSOs in translating the nation into a developed one.

The meeting continued with responsible persons of CSOs talking about their ongoing works and require-

ments to see more social works in Mandalay.

The Union ministers and the chief minister made clarifications on the reports and coordinated matters related to the needs of the social associations.—MNA



Union Ministers U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein and Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint meeting with civil society organizations in Mandalay.—MNA

Relief aid for disaster victims in Myingyan

MYINGYAN, 12 May—Relief aid were presented to victims affected by strong winds in Hsee-mee-khon area in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region on Sunday.

U Aung Zan, minister

for planning and economy, and officials handed over bags of rice and construction materials worth K 1,974,550 and kitchen utensils to the victims of 250 wind-ravaged houses.

Zaw Min Naing-Myingyan

Kinda spillway benefits farmlands in Myittha Tsp

MANDALAY, 12 May—Kinda spillway dam situated near Nwarku village in Myittha Township, Mandalay Region is being used to provide the release of flows from Kinda Dam built on Pann Laung river to farm-

land. It is situated about nine miles downstream from the Kinda Dam built on Pann Laung River.

Kinda dam is 236 feet high and 3822 feet long and is benefiting 147,274 acres of farmland in the region and

were afraid of missing the chance to ride a train in red colour that features sofa seats and air-conditioning in each of its five cabins. But, they didn't have to wait for more than one hour before getting on the train that started its service on Yangon's circular rail route.

Like other commuters, they boarded the 300-seat train that circles round the

city two times a day, at 8.35 am and 5.20 pm.

"We would like to enjoy a fun train ride," U Mya said. "It would make my daughters and nieces happy."

The air-conditioned carriages, he added, are a haven from the summer heat outside.

More than fifty years after its train service began, Myanma Railways

Smiles on Yangon's circle air-con train

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for around 30 minutes on Thursday and Friday afternoon, but the oppressive heat is making Yangon dwellers uncomfortable in the extreme. But those in suburban Yangon could leave their stifling rooms and hop on a air-condi-

tioned train on a weekend of hot and humid days.

U Mya found himself at Insein Railway Station with his twin daughters and four other nieces, getting drenched with sweat. His team was in the station one-hour earlier than scheduled as they



Five-cabin air-conditioned train at Insein Railway Station.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

Comic exhibition on life of Buddha opens at Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 12 May—To mark the Fullmoon Day of Kason, comics exhibition on the life story of the Buddha opened at the Chanthagyi Hall on the Shwedagon Pagoda this evening.

The exhibition displays 131 paintings by Cartoonist Po Zar. The life story of the Buddha will also be available as a mobile

application from Putet World Application free of charge.

The aim of the exhibition is to instigate the interest in Buddhism among youths, said the organizer of the exhibition Managing Director U Aung Chit Khin of Putet Comics. The exhibition opens until 31 May.

Aung Thura



A monk enjoying pictures at comics exhibition on the life story of the Buddha. AUNG THURA

it is planned to generate 165 kwh a year.

Than Zaw Min
Mandalay IPRD

put an exclusive train into its fleet to offer local pilgrims and foreign visitors who want to visit Kyaikhti-yoe Pagoda, a popular destination in Kyaikto in Mon State from Yangon. The air-conditioned train service started last September with one-way fare at K3,500 for locals and \$10 for foreigners.

Two months later, the launch of an air-conditioned train service began on Yangon's circle route with a five-cabin-train in which each of four cabins has 62 seats while the remaining one with the train driver's cabin seats 52 passengers. Tickets on the three-hour circle route cost K400 for locals and \$2 for foreigners.

"We are from Hline-thaya. My children and their close friends asked me to take them for a three-hour train ride. During the train ride around some parts of Yangon, they can enjoy the views they haven't seen before, including the night scene of Mingaladon Airport," said a mother-of-four who planned to spend a day by riding an exciting train with sofa seats and air-conditioning.

The train stops at

every station along the route, which is 45.9 km long, according to the requests of passengers, said Ko Saw Myint Wai, one of the five members of the locomotive operating team. The train is allowed to run at a 15 mph speed limit, he added.

"Three policemen are deployed on the train for the security of passengers," said Ko Aung Moe Zan who spends his duty hours on the train from dawn to dusk and sometimes has to resolve one passenger's complaint against another one.

A non-air-conditioned special circular train line with a fare at \$ 1 for a seat is popular among foreigners. Although local middle-class commuters and families seeking fun by taking an air-conditioned train ride on weekends show their satisfaction with circle rail travel, it is not enough for 90,000 passengers taking ordinary and special trains daily. As the fare is K 100 for a seat in an ordinary cabin, K200 in a special cabin and K300 for a special circular train, K 400 per seat in the air-conditioned carriage is beyond the reach of most working-class Yangonites.

NATIONAL

Fifth All Gana Sangha Meeting erases rumour of disunity among Myanmar's monks, Union Religious Affairs minister says

YANGON, 12 May—First-day session of the fifth All Gana Sangha Meeting took place at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba-Aye Hillock in Yangon on Monday.

While supplicating matters related to religious affairs, Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint said today's meeting deleted a rumour of disunity among Myanmar's monks as 2558 monks representing more than 500,000 monks in Myanmar gathered at the meeting in perfect unison.

Participation of monks

from all Gana make it obvious this meeting showed solidarity between State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and the Organization for the Protection of Race, Religion and Belief (Central), he added.

Shew Than Lwin Co., Ltd offered meals to monks who were present at the meeting.—MNA

First-day session of the fifth All Gana Sangha Meeting in progress at Maha Pasana Cave.

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11th ASEAN leadership concludes



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and party post for documentary photo at 11th ASEAN Leadership Forum.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—The 11th ASEAN Leadership Forum was held under the motto "The Road Towards 2015—Community Building Towards Regional Prosperity, Resilience and Peace" at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-2 in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint of Myanmar, International Commerce and Industry Minister Dato Sri Mustapa Mohamed of Malaysia, Secretary Gregory So of Commerce and Economic Development Department of Hong Kong Special Self-administrative Region, Secretary General

Amb, Chung Hae Moon of ASEAN-Korea Centre and others participated in the forum.

In the afternoon, Union Minister Dr. Kan Zaw

hosted a luncheon for the participants and discussed business and investment opportunities in Myanmar.

In the evening, the forum successfully concluded

with closing remarks by Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and ASEAN Leadership Forum Tan Sri Michael Yeoh.

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Ground broken for Daewoo Amara Lotte Hotel

YANGON, 12 May—With the growing number of businesses, exhibitions, workshops and international conferences in Myanmar, the country needs international standard hotels, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung said at the ground breaking ceremony of the Daewoo Amara Lotte Hotel.

The ceremony was

held at the site of the hotel in the former White Elephant Complex in Hline Township today.

The Union Minister said that he believed the hotel would contribute to the infrastructure development of Yangon.

The ceremony was graced by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, Chief Minister

of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Ambassador of South Korea to Myanmar H.E. Mr Lee Baek Soon, CEO Mr. Jeon Byeong Eal of Daewoo International Co. Ltd, Managing Director Mr. Han Chan Keon of Daewoo Amara Hotel Co., Ltd, Chairman U Nay Aung of IGE Co., Ltd and officials.

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Tigress gives birth two cubs in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Two tigers from China gave birth two white baby tigress here on 1 May, an officer of zoological garden said.

The officer said the weight of each tigress is 1.9 kilograms, and both are in good health.

They were born of the male white tiger and the female white tigress from China. They have successfully given birth three times after they have

been taken from China in March 2008. Their first baby tigress is placed at the Yangon Zoological Garden and the second baby tiger is kept at the Safari Park in Nay Pyi Taw.

The two tigers from China are now kept at the Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden together with one tiger and one tigress which were taken from South Africa in August 2011.—NLM



Two tiger cubs seen with their monther in Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden.—MNA



Yan Myo Aye secures champion in Myanmar Golf Tournament



YANGON, 12 May—Myanmar Golf Tournament continues for the fourth round on Friday at Yangon Golf Club in Insein Township in

Yangon. On Saturday matches, Yin May Myo stood in the first position

with 228 strokes, followed by Khin Mar Nwe with 231 and Pyu Pwint Yati Khaing with 243 in women's armature event while Ye Htet Aung secured first with 297 strokes, Kyaw Thet Oo with 306 and Maung Maung Oo with 306 in men's armature event. In professional level, Yan Myo Aye seized first with 281 strokes, followed by Zaw Zaw Latt (HAN Golf Academy) with 286 and Zaw Moe with 288.

Officials from Myanmar Golf Federation and Yangon Golf Club awarded the winner golfers.

The tournament was organized by MGF and Myanmar PGA, aimed at emerging professional golfers in Myanmar.

Nyi Nyi Soe Nyunt

New school building handed over to BEPS in Nyaunglebin Tsp



NYAUNGLEBIN, 12 May—A ceremony to hand over new school building was held at Basic Education Primary School in Wingabaw Village of Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Region, on Saturday morning.

U Win Htein of GANO

Co., Ltd. of Yangon handed over documents related to the new school building to Headmistress Daw Lwin Lwin Oo.

The school building is 90 feet by 30 feet, built at a cost of over K 27 million.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

First literary talks given in Kyondoe

KYONDOE, 12 May—The 1st literary talks took place on Wednesday at a Basic Education High School of Kyondoe in Kawkareik Township in Kayah State, organized by the bookworms in the township.

It was aimed at raising reading habits among the people and widening

scope of the locals' general knowledge.

Two Myanmar writers Saya Cartoonist Awpiye and Saya Maung Tha Cho (U Nyunt Thauang) gave talks under separate titles to the enthusiasts.

About 400 residents including monks attended the talks.—Naing Naing Tun (Kyondoe)

Damaged transformer repaired in Thingangyun Tsp

YANGON, 12 May—According to Yangon City Electric Supply Board (YESB), Thingangyun Township electrical engineer and staff are making efforts to enjoy electrification to the households in the township.

The transformar of

66/6.6 KV 5 MVA power sub-station was damaged in the heavy rain in Yangon on Friday. YESB is now distributing electricity to the people with the use of generators while 1000 KVA transformer is being repaired.—Hmwe Hmwe

(Thingangyun)

Brokerage donates rice, edible oil to workers in Magway

MAGWAY, 12 May—Amay Htwar and sons brokerage is running its tasks with the strength of 400 women near Magway-Taungdwingyi Road in Magway daily. Saturday, the brokerage donates six pyis of rice and one viss of edible oil to 400 women workers. In addition, the brokerage actively takes part in social welfare tasks in the region.

Zar Zar (Magway)



Chicken price rises but poultry death rate high in overheated temperature



AMARAPURA, 12 May—Overheated summer causes loss to poultry farms this year. Consequently, the prices of chicken and egg

are rising day by day.

Most of the breeders focus on CP and diamond species of broilers. At a time when the temperature

is rising, death rate of CP species of chicken is less and Diamond, up. Depending on the poultry farms, instructions are to be given to the owners to vaccine the poultry to decline death rate, said a veterinarian.

A breeder near Tadabyu Bridge in Amarapura Township of Mandalay said, "I breed 4000 broilers at the farm. Due to high temperature this year, five to six broilers are dead a day. Whenever temperature rises, the farm is to be showered five to seven times a day. Veterinarians of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department made field trips to the farms thrice a day. Although death rate of poultry farm is rising, chicken price is high."

A feedstuff trader said, "To receive feedstuff, each poultry farm needs to give K2 million for 1000 broilers in advance. The feedstuff trades deliver the feedstuff and animal medicines to the farms. One bag of feedstuff is sold at K 32,800 per bag.

Egg is sold at K 100 to K 160 depending on sizes. Now, chicken price is over K 4000 per viss," said a house wife.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Literary campaign gaining momentum in Natmauk Tsp

NATMAUK, 12 May—Township authorities and departmental officials visited the teaching tables in Natmauk of Magway Region and gave words of encouragement to them.

At present, a total of 2219 illiterates are pursuing education at the teaching tables. Teachers teach them three hours a day.

"We are proud of

teaching them.

They are eager to learn education," said Ma Mie Mie Kay Khaing, second year English major student of Magway University.

"We thank the teachers and university students for their teachings. Now we are reading and writing," said a local of Ingon Village.

Hla Win (IPRD)

LOCAL NEWS

Mini book corners, set top boxes provided in Kyaukpadaung

KYAUKPADAUNG, 12 May—Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information has set up mini book corners in townships one after another for enabling the local people to have easy access to reading facilities.

On Friday, a ceremony to open a mini book corner at the public place of Kyaukpadaung was held in conjunction with the donation of set top boxes. Officials of the township IPRD opened mini book corners at railway station, NyaungU-Mandalay bus terminal, Maha Zedi Pagoda, Township People's Hospital and Township General Administration De-



partment in the urban area and donated one MRTV set top box each to station, bus terminal, hospital and the pagoda.—*Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)*

Scholarship and academic matters for pharmacists discussed

MANDALAY, 12 May—Pharmacy University (Mandalay) under Medical Science Department of the Ministry of Health and Faculty of Pharmacy, Silpakorn University of Thailand jointly organized the presentation of scholarship and medical education at the university in Mandalay on Friday afternoon.

Deans of the univer-

sities explained organizational setup and academic matters of the Pharmacy University (Mandalay) and Faculty of Pharmacy, Silpakorn University of Thailand.

Rector Prof Dr Tin Maung Han, Pro-Rector Dr Sein Hla Htwe and party held a talk with Prof Dr Pornsak Sriamornsak and party of Thai University on presentation of schol-



arship award and cooperation in academic matter. Later, they viewed round the Pharmacy University.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

Light truck hits lamp-post



NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—An accident happened on Friday in front of the Wunna Theikdi Sports Ground on Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw, and nobody was injured, according to an official.

The driver of a light truck loaded with many containers of purified drinking water ran into the lamp-post due to out of control.

Zeyathiri Township Myoma Police Station filed a lawsuit against the reckless driver.

—*Ko Pouk (Okka Myay)*

Income tax, commercial tax clarified to taxpayers in Myawady

MYAWADY, 12 May—Internal Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance in Myawady Township of Kayin State, sharing border with Thailand, held a clarification on income tax, commercial tax and other taxation laws to the people at the hall of the township administrator office on Friday.

Head of Township In-

ternal Revenue Department U Ye Win Naing explained taxation over the salaries of the service personnel and income of the people, and plans of region and state governments and self-administered zones and division to be provided to the necessary information to the taxpayers.

—*Tun Tun Oo (Myawady Border Town)*

150 feet long ladder under construction at Ayeyawady river bank

THABEIKKYIN, 12 May—As the way to jetty at Ayeyawady River is not convenient for the local people who take water for consumption, they prepare the bank of the river to be a ladder filled with gravel on a self-reliant basis.

A ceremony to drive stake for construction of the 150 feet long ladder was held at the venue in Hmantha Ward of Thabeik-

kyin of Mandalay Region on Friday morning.

Local people participate in gathering of gravels and sand and in masonry works in the respective sectors. They will spend K2 million on construction tasks.

On completion, the local people including monks will use the ladder conveniently.—*Soe Naing Win (Thabeikkyin)*

MANDALAY, 12 May—A ceremony to recruit new trainees for Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) for 2014-15 academic year was held at Mandalar Thiri modern sports ground in Mandalay on Friday morning.

Officials of the institute and coaches selected the qualified new generation trainees for respective sports events. A total of 365 students of basic education schools in district and townships of Mandalay Region joined the recruitment of new trainees for the institute.—*Thiha Ko Ko*

Qualified youths recruited for SPEI (Mandalay)



Interim Thai PM hopeful he can lead country to new election

BANGKOK, 12 May—Thailand's interim prime minister expressed hope on Monday that February's annulled general election could be re-run soon, and said anti-government protesters would not succeed in getting the Senate to impose an alternative premier.

Ousted Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's caretaker government has remained in office since the Constitutional Court ordered her and nine ministers to step down last week in a nepotism case.

That followed six months of political turmoil in Bangkok, the latest phase of a nearly decade-long struggle between former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, Yingluck's brother who was overthrown by the army in 2006, and the royalist establishment.

Before being forced out, Yingluck had agreed with the Election Commission to hold an election on July 20, although the date has not been ratified by the king.

Caretaker Prime Minister Niwatthamrong Boonsongpaisan told foreign media the government would meet the commission on Wednesday to decide the best date.

"Hopefully, we will have an election soon but it



An anti-government protester holds a placard against ousted former premier Thaksin Shinawatra as she waits with others to move from the Lumpini park to their new location near the Government House in Bangkok on 12 May, 2014.—REUTERS

may slip, depending on the meeting," he said. "I can't guarantee the election will be successful, but I have high hopes."

Protesters intent on removing Yingluck, who they viewed as a proxy for her self-exiled brother, disrupted the vote in February and the Constitutional Court later annulled it.

Now Yingluck is gone, the protesters want a "neutral" prime minister to oversee electoral reforms aimed

at keeping the Shinawatras out of power, and have said they will scupper any vote that takes place before those changes are brought in.

But Niwatthamrong, who served as deputy prime minister and commerce minister under Yingluck and was previously a senior executive in one of Thaksin's companies, said the election should take place first.

"We cannot stop the election, that is against the

law," he said. "We can have elections first and then reforms."

Former telecommunications tycoon Thaksin won huge support in the north and northeast with populist policies that favored the rural poor, but was increasingly seen as a challenge to the Bangkok-based royalist establishment.

Derided by his opponents as a corrupt crony capitalist who manipulates elections with his wealth,

he has chosen to live abroad to avoid a 2008 jail sentence for graft that he says was politically motivated.

Protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban, a former deputy prime minister in a government run by the pro-establishment Democrat Party, has called on the upper house Senate, the judiciary and Election Commission to step in and appoint a new prime minister.

Niwatthamrong said that would not happen.

"There are a lot of steps they have to do first. They can try but I don't believe they will be successful," he said.

Newly elected Senate Speaker Surachai Liengboonlertchai called a special session on Monday to look at ways out of what he called the country's biggest crisis.

"We will discuss how to draw up a road map to get Thailand out of this situation," he said. "A neutral prime minister has not yet been discussed as part of the road map."

The military, which has intervened frequently in politics in the past, has stayed out this time despite calls from some pro-establishment forces for it to oust the pro-Thaksin gov-



Thailand's interim PM Niwatthamrong Boonsongpaisan

ernment.

"Military heads have never mentioned a neutral prime minister and this is not something they plan to get involved in," Winthai Suvaree, a spokesman for the army, told Reuters.

Reuters

Japan backs ASEAN's call for exercise of restraint

TOKYO, 12 May — Japan expressed support on Monday for ASEAN leaders' calls for restraint and a de-escalation of tensions between China and Vietnam following Beijing's commencement of oil drilling in a disputed area of the South China Sea.

"We hope that countries concerned will refrain from taking unilateral actions that will heighten the tensions, and act calmly in accordance with relevant international law," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a Press conference.

His comments came after the leaders of the 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations expressed concern over a series of clashes between Chinese and Vietnamese ships near the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea.

The leaders urged all parties to exercise self-restraint and resolve maritime and territorial disputes by peaceful means without resorting to threats or use of force, as they adopted the Naypyitaw Declaration at the end of their summit in the Myanmar capital.

Suga, the government's top spokesman, said Japan is "deeply concerned" about the heightened regional tension due to "China's unilateral drilling activity." Japan is worried about the latest confrontations in the South China Sea as its relations with China remain strained over conflicting claims over the sovereignty of the Senkaku Islands, known as Diaoyu in China, in the East China Sea.

Kyodo News

UN nuclear watchdog, Iran to meet before 15 May deadline for progress

VIENNA, 12 May — The UN nuclear watchdog plans talks with Iran on Monday ahead of a 15 May deadline for the country to implement a series of measures that could allay concern about its nuclear programme that the West fears may have military goals.

News of the meeting came after diplomatic sources told Reuters on Friday that the International Atomic Energy Agency was seeking further clarification from Iran about one of those steps, concerning information about detonators that can help set off a nuclear device and Teheran is believed to have developed.

Iran says it has already implemented the seven steps agreed by the two sides — including ac-

cess to two uranium sites —but the sources suggested the IAEA still wanted more information about the so-called Explosive Bridge Wire (EBW) detonators.

How Iran responds to questions about its development and need of this type of equipment is seen as an important test of its willingness to cooperate

fully with an IAEA investigation into suspected atomic bomb research by the country. Iran says allegations of such work are baseless, but has offered to help clear up the suspicions with the UN agency.

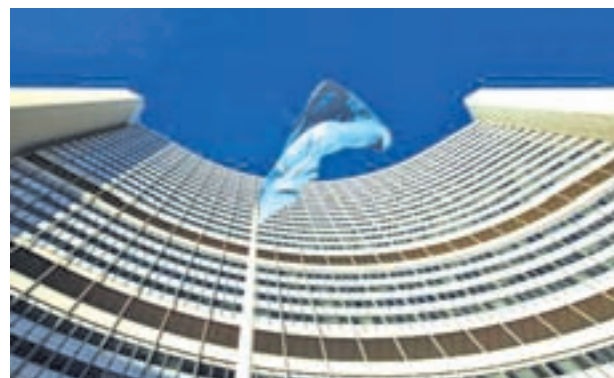
The diplomatic sources said Iran in late April provided an explanation about the detonators, which it says are for

non-nuclear uses, and that the IAEA had asked follow-up questions. They said the IAEA also wants to agree with Iran new measures to be taken after 15 May, hoping these will tackle other sensitive issues linked to what the agency calls the possible military dimensions to Iran's nuclear programme.

IAEA spokeswoman Gill Tudor said in an email on Sunday that the meeting would take place in Vienna but gave no detail.

"IAEA and Iranian officials will meet ... for further discussions within the Framework for Cooperation," she said, referring to a transparency pact reached in November on a step-by-step process to shed more light on Iran's atomic activity.

Reuters



The flag of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) flies in front of its headquarters during a board of governors meeting in Vienna on 28 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

WORLD

Ukraine's Donetsk vote overwhelmingly in favour of independence

DONETSK, (Ukraine), 12 May — The breakaway group in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region says 89.07 percent of voters backed independence in its referendum on Sunday.

The turnout for the referendum was 74.87 percent, and 10.1 percent voted against independence, head of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic's electoral commission, Roman Lyagin, said late on Sunday.

"These can be considered as the final results," Lyagin said.

A woman voting in the center of Donetsk city said she was happy to see the referendum was going smoothly.

"I came here to vote in a pleasant mood and with confidence," she said.

Donetsk was one of two regions holding referenda on independence from Ukraine. The results from the other region, Lugansk, where polls closed slightly later, have not been announced yet.

People were asked on the ballot papers: "Do you support the act of state-rule of the Donetsk (Lugansk) People's Republic?"

About 3 million ballots were distributed in towns and cities in the two regions, which have a total population of 6.6 million.

Ukrainian authorities and some Western countries denounced the controversial referenda as "illegal."



People cast ballots at a polling station during the referendum on the status of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, in Moscow on 11 May, 2014.

REUTERS

"The organizers of this criminal farce have violated the constitution and Ukrainian law," the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The vote "will have no legal consequences for the territorial integrity of Ukraine," it said.

The United States on Sunday rejected the referenda, saying it would not recognize the results.

State Department spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said in a written statement the referendum were "illegal under Ukrainian law and are an attempt to create further division and disorder."

Washington and its European allies are focusing their efforts on the presidential polls in Ukraine slated for 25 May, and have warned Moscow against disrupting the vote.

"The Russian lead-

ership must know that if it continues to destabilize eastern Ukraine and disrupt this month's presidential election, we will move quickly to impose greater costs on Russia," Psaki said.

No explosives found at Russia's Yekaterinburg

VLADIVOSTOK, 12 May — No explosives were found after a bomb threat prompted evacuation of hundreds of people and grounded all flights at Yekaterinburg airport on early Monday, police said.

After combing the airport and its surroundings, police found no explosives and the airport resumed operation at 6:00 am local time (1900 Sunday GMT).

Some 300 people were evacuated and all flights

"The Russian government can still choose to implement its Geneva commitments, as well as follow through on (Russian) President (Vladimir) Putin's statement of 7 May," she said. "We call on them to do so."

Donetsk and Lugansk regions became centers of the eastern protests in mid-April, when activists waving Russian flags seized government buildings, declared separatist republics and announced plans to hold referenda on seceding from Ukraine.

The referenda were held after Crimea joined Russia on 18 March following an independence referendum in the southern Ukraine peninsula, which was not recognized by the West. On Wednesday, Putin asked the protesters in Donetsk and Lugansk to postpone their polls and seek dialogue with Ukrainian authorities, but the request was rejected.

Reuters

Taleban attacks gov't building in Afghan city, killing two

JALALABAD, (Afghanistan), 12 May — Taleban gunmen and suicide bombers launched an attack on Monday on a government agency building in Jalalabad, the provincial capital of eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar, sources said.

The coordinated attack took place on the day when Taleban insurgent group started their yearly offensive against security forces and government targets.

"Militants numbered five to four targeted Nangarhar Directorate of Justice's office at around 09:45 am (local time). Two policemen were killed at the gate. The fast-reaction forces arrived at the scene and the clash is ongoing," a security source told Xinhua.

"There is fear of casualties on civilians too. Details will be made public later on the day," the source said.

The clash followed a bomb blast near Jalalabad city Fire Department, which injured six people, including four civilians in the city, 120 km east of Kabul.

Earlier on Monday, more than 300 Taleban, including foreign militants, raided army and police security checkpoints in eastern Ghazni Province, leaving three people killed and 10 others wounded. The gunfight was continuing there, a defence ministry official said.—Xinhua

Nabbed Chinese fishermen to be under Philippine police inquest

MANILA, 12 May — The 11 Chinese fishermen detained by Philippine police last Tuesday near China's Half Moon Shoal in the South China Sea is to undergo an inquest proceedings on Monday at the Puerto Princesa City prosecutor's office.

Prosecutor General Claro Arellano, chief of the Department of Justice's prosecutorial arm, said the inquest proceedings had been slated for last Friday, but was deferred as the fishermen has no lawyer and interpreter yet.

Arellano said the Chinese detainees refused to be represented by public attorneys being provided to them during the hearing. "So the prosecutor asked them to come back on Monday. But the case was already docketed for inquest," said the official. The Chinese fishermen aboard fishing boat *Qiongzonghai 09063* were seized by the Philippine police while fishing in waters off China's Half Moon Shoal on 6 May.

China's Foreign Ministry on Wednesday urged the Philippines to "immediately" release the detained fishermen and their boat.

However, the Philippine side ignored China's demand and took the 11 Chinese fishermen to Puerto Princesa in Palawan, claiming they were found poaching endangered species in Philippine waters.

The charges are bailable.—Xinhua



Soldiers from the Philippine Marines use a fast craft during the Amphibious Landing Training Exercise supervised by the US Marines as part of the US-Philippines military exercise dubbed as Balikatan at the Philippine Marine Base Camp in Cavite Province, the Philippines, on 11 May, 2014. The 30th annual joint military drill dubbed as Balikatan involves 3,000 Filipino soldiers and 2,500 US soldiers.—XINHUA

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 13 May, 2014

Non-extremism: Peerless advice of the Noble One

By Aung Khin

On this day 2638 years ago, a prince who would disseminate practical practices to avoid extremism and follow the middle way for the welfare of humans was born of a royal family in or near what is now Nepal.

When Prince Siddhartha was a few days old, a holy man prophesied the Prince would be either a great military conqueror or a great spiritual teacher.

Although his father King Suddhodana preferred the first possibility and arranged his son accordingly, raising the boy among great luxury items and shielded him from knowledge of

religion and human suffering at that time.

Never lost his innate sense of humanistic ideals, he renounced his opulent palaces to seek the Noble Truth of life.

He attained enlightenment at the age of 35, and became the Buddha.

He sacrificed everything, including luxurious surroundings, power, property and family, to share knowledge about the way of practices for the essence of life, the Noble Truth.

Actually, Buddhism addresses itself to all people irrespective of race, nationality, caste, sexuality, or gender.

He revealed the eight factors of Middle Way: right view, right attention, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right efforts, right mindfulness and right concentration. These factors are not Buddhist law, but are a set of code of conduct for those who want to find the ultimate peace of life and beyond life. These principles are the common ground, the common platform and the common platform for the good of all mankind like chilli has a hot taste to food for

everybody regardless of their different background.

Until he reached at the age of 80 years and just before he died, Buddha travelled, preaching the Dhamma (His teachings) in an effort to lead others to along the path of enlightenment.

The most prominent and last advice to his disciples is : All component things in the world are changeable. They are not lasting. Work out your deliverance with earnestness.

Buddhists pour water on Bodhi trees (banyan trees as a symbol of the Buddha's presence and an object of worship) on this birthday of Buddha wishing 'All the global community be peaceful and happy without extremism which the Buddha never accepted'.

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The Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

The Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason falls on 13th May 2014.

We all Buddhists across the world always take great awareness and worthy of the Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason because over 2558 years ago, our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha was born on the day of the Fullmoon of the month of Kason, upon which He attained the En-

lightenment at the age of thirty-five and also upon which He attained Parinibbana (passed away) at the age of eighty.

In commemoration of these three significant and holy events associated with the precious life of the Buddha, the Buddhist peoples celebrate the Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason.

The month of Kason mostly falls on one of the days of the last week of the

month of April or on one of the days of the first or the second week of the month of May every year according to calendar.

All Buddhists throughout the world also know that the most important of the Buddhist festivals is Vesakha or Vesakha festival. Vesakha is the name of an Indian month, the month of May. We all Buddhist communities all over the world heartily comprehend that our Omniscient Gotama Buddha attained the Enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree at Buddhagaya in India early in the morning on the Full-

moon Day of Kason (Vesakha), unaided and unguided by any supernatural agency but solely relying on his own efforts, the consciousness of true insight possessed Him. Having attained the Enlightenment or Buddhahood, the supreme state of perfection, He devoted the remainder of His precious life to serving humanity.

The Sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree)

All of Buddhist peoples know that the sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree) is a sacred tree having comprehensive and significant associations with our unri-

valled Omniscient Buddha. The Buddha-to be, Prince Siddhattha fully attained the Enlightenment or the Buddhahood under the shade of the Bodhi Tree, which is said to have been "born" simultaneously with Him.

Thus the sacred Bodhi Tree is a signified image of worship as a worthy Paribhogacetiya or shrine in Buddhist countries. Therefore, Buddhist peoples across the world pay respect to the sacred Bodhi Tree that has sacred associations with the unrivalled Omniscient Buddha.

Auspicious Celebration

of the Buddha's Day or Vesakha Festival

It is learnt that all Buddhist peoples in Buddhist countries throughout the world respectfully celebrate the Buddha's Day or Vesakha Festival in accordance with their culture and traditions every year. The generous Buddhist people in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar pay respectful visit to pagodas, shines and monasteries in the evening of the Buddha's Day, Fullmoon of the month of Kason to perform pouring clean water on the sacred Bodhi Trees existed there.

Core Values

Kyi Mun

It is said that "Man Does Not Live By Bread Alone".

It means man also lives for some ideals, some values, and some beliefs. So, we have got to think about why and how we live and move and have our beings. The questions we should ask ourselves are:

- What do we believe in?
- What do we stand for?
- What are the values we cherish most?

The Nature of Our Beliefs & Values

Whatever we believe in and whatever our core values are, our beliefs and our core values should have the qualities of depth, passion and utmost devotion. Our beliefs and our values come out of the innermost depth of our hearts. Beliefs and values should be measured in quality and depth rather than in quantity and fashion.

Personal Beliefs and Values

I've a few personal beliefs and core values, such as:

- Health is the Greatest Gain,
- Contentment is the Greatest Wealth,
- Friendly Attachment is the Best Relative, and
- Purity of Heart & Mind is the Noblest Peace.

I also stand for such beliefs as:

- Mind is the key to life.
- You can elevate your life with your mind, and
- You can degrade your life with your mind, as the Bhagavad Gita says.

My Core Values are:

- Diligence and Frugality
- Plain Living and Hard Struggle, and
- Love All, Serve All, Hurt Never, Help Ever

Organizational Beliefs and Values

Some of the most common beliefs and Values are:

- Action, Audacity and Altruism
- Character, Competence, Commitment, Courage & Caring
- Faith, Focus, Fairness, Far Sightedness & Future-Oriented
- People, Planet, Prosperity and Peace
- Live to Learn, Learn to Love and Love to Live.
- Respect, Responsibility, Rapport, Results & Renewal.

Some Examples of Business Beliefs & Values

- Respect for Individual, Excellence and Service (IBM Corp)
- Quality, Service, Cleanliness and Value – QSCV (Mac Donald's)
- Integrity, Excellent Performance, Innovation, Learning and Synergy (UOB)
- Quality, Uniqueness, Innovation, Value, Excellence, Relationship and Service-"QUIVERS" (NAING Group Construction)

Vision and Values

The value of a vision is its core values. Without the core values, a vision and its attendant chain of wealth creation such as Mission, Goal, Objective, Strategy & Tactics cannot be meaningful and desirable. So, it can be said that the essence of a vision is its core values. Some solid values must be enshrined in a meaningful Vision.

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The Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Sagaing Hills

By Sayar Mya

The Jivitadana Sangha Hospital sounds very much Pali or Sanskrit in the olden days, but now it is a buzzword all over Myanmar and also in some foreign countries. "Jivitadana" means act of sparing or saving of life and "Sangha" stands out for "member of Buddhist order".

One might have interest and wanted to know the Sagaing Hills. The green and lush hills are religious retreat and scattered around with many pagodas. There have 6000 monks, nuns who lived at 500 monasteries and nunneries on a green hillside overlooking the mighty Ayeyawaddy River. The Ayeyawaddy River (formerly known as the Irrawaddy River) flows through the center of Myanmar. It is Myanmar's most important commercial waterway.

The hill is not only abode for pagodas but also many of Buddhist seminaries, edifice for Myanmar people. The most impressive "Soon Oo Pon Nya Shin Pagoda" was constructed in Myanmar Era 1312 at top of Sagaing Hills. The view of Sagaing City from Soon Oo Pon Nya Shin and its approach is amazingly panoramic.

For many decades, despite rural development and primary health care were being carried out through successive governments, the health needs of many communities in the Sagaing Hills were not adequately fulfilled. Residents of rural and remote communities continue to show poorer health outcomes than residents in metropolitan centers. Therefore, the health of rural communities remains poor.

Many rural and remote communities experience in facing difficulties in recruiting and retaining an appropriate and adequately trained medical and health workforce for their locality. Health authorities and funding remains oriented to treatment and curative care services, rather than prevention. The rural and remote Sagaing Hills have no adequate access to appropriate primary health care (PHC) services as and

when they are required. For many years, significant impediments prevent the quest to ensure equitable access to appropriate primary health care.

There have been spates of questions cropped up and, therefore, venerable and leading monks and local elders find solution to address them. Due to the meager budget allocation in the health sector in the country, monks and nuns were mostly left neglected without any medical care or primary health service for those living in very ascetic life in the remote places among the hills.

With these backdrops, a group of thoughtful "da jakas" (lay devotees and donors) planned to set up a free service hospital at Sagaing Hills. Then they started in lobbying and soliciting charity and donation from the well-wishers. After receiving initial funds, they built a ten-bedded hospital through the collection of donations. The hospital was founded on 20 October 1984 at Wacht Village at the foot of the Sagaing Hills on the west bank of the mighty Ayeyawaddy River, opposite to Metropolitan Mandalay City. Mandalay is the third-largest city and the last royal capital of Myanmar.

Though the hospital was small in size, but it was cost-effective. It could serve four to five thousand people every year. As the sweet smell of success and fragrance of good news of the hospital spread beyond the Sagaing Hills, the number of patients goes up high every year, and the sufferer, invalid, and sick patients increased. The demand, request, call and claim indicated for hospital expansion.

The primary purpose and principal objective of this hospital is to offer free medical services to the monks, nuns, lay persons especially poor, marginalized and vulnerable patients residing in the area of Sagaing Hills. At the hospital, there is no unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, sex, social or religious discrimination.



Accordingly, the Supervisory and Logistic Committee prepared to raise funds. Receiving the required amount of Kyats 6,000,000 the committee started to build 50-bedded hospital. The whole establishment was completed in May 1990.

The conditions of the hospital have improved much in every aspect. A team of general practitioners, specialists, senior physicians, surgeons, skilled technicians and trained nurse was constituted. Moreover, additional program in some cases to attend the aged and feeble monks is also arranged. Door to door home care / monastery care visit on the Sagaing Hills is indeed a vigorous and tiring work for the doctors and nurses to be at the bedside to offer medical treatment with meticulous attention, courtesy and consideration.

Are the patients and family members and relatives happy?

The experience felt at the hearts of the professionals was overwhelming. Their sense of gratitude from the part of the patient was strong and powerful. They could hardly express in words. At the home of the patients, the doctors are not only providing medical treatment, but also injecting them with much needed psychological and moral support. Getting satisfactory results in response, the medical team could step ahead in their humanitarian works with Good Samaritan spirit. The work is very demanding but the rewards are also highly satisfying.

Over the years, the hospital has been expanded and that more facilities have been attached.

(1) Operation Theatre; OT

(1); OT (2) and OT (3) and vaporizers are all functioning well.

- (2) Laser Treatment Room at OPD Eye.
- (3) 5-Dental Chairs at Dental Department.
- (4) Radiology Unit.
- (5) Laboratory (B Level).
- (6) Traditional Medicine and Acupuncture Unit.
- (7) Generators; 15 KVA; 80/100 KVA; 100/125 KVA.

Since last two decades, Myanmar doctors are working hand in hand closely with foreign doctors, who work with Myanmar counterparts and share the expertise on modern technique. The schedules of foreign doctors for the recent year 2014 (second half) are as follow.

Information about WJSH based Projects. (The intended visits are subject to change for unseen circumstances).

- (1) May 2014—nil
- (2) June 2014—1 to 6 Dr. H. K. Kwon of Sydney and Team. (Myanmar Eye Care Program—MECP).
- (3) June 2014—19 to 26 Dr. Robin Chan from Italy and Dr. Freddy from USA; (Gall Stone / Hernia); (Communal libation for the Endoscope and related accessories donated by well-wishers is earmarked on 22 June 2014).
- (4) July 2014—nil
- (5) August 2014—4-5-6-7 Physician- Dr. May Thinn from UK; DM project. 8 to 18 Medical Field persons' meditation center.
- (6) September 2014—nil yet;
- (Note: Joyous and cheerful Wacht Pagoda Festival usually celebrates from 5 to 8 September

annually with fun and fair attracting thousands of devotees far and near. Foreign doctors are advisable to avoid these days).

- (7) October 2014—5 to 19 Dr. Simon and Dr. Peter for MECP.
- (8) November 2014—Dr. Robin Chan from Italy. Schedule dates early or middle of November before the arrival of Dr. Keith's Team.
- (9) November 2014 — from 22 to 29; Dr. Keith Zabell for MECP
- (10) December 2014—Dr. G. Cohn and Team for MECP.

Due to high quality medical services rendered by foreign doctors along with Myanmar senior doctors, the number of patients is rising month by month.

Expenses incurred for the medical treatment to the patients at (7) different units during the fiscal year 2012 to 2013 was MMK (46) million.

The expenses incurred for the units such as (1) Out Patients Department; (2) In Patients Department; (3) Dental Unit; (4) Eye Department; (5) Acupuncture Unit; (6) Laboratory Unit; (7) X-Ray Unit.

Currently, free of charge (FOC) treatment goes in parallel with partial cost sharing at the hospital. (A) Free for monks, nuns and yogis; (B) Partial/nominal cost sharing for the poor patients; (C) Optimal cost sharing for affordable patients.

The above mentioned MMK (46) million was the expenses spent from the (7) units with methodical, systematic and transparent accounting system. Apart from these expenses, pay-

ments for building maintenance, potable water, motor vehicle maintenance, cost of fuel and diesel, maintenance of medical equipment and staff salary has been contributed by the well-wishers.

The encouraging and heartwarming news was that the "Eternity Funds" reached MMK 200 million on 1 January 2014 and MMK 300 million on 16 March 2014. It was due to the benevolence, generosity and goodwill of the well-wishers.

As the patients from all walks of life mostly from Upper Myanmar and elsewhere in the country are stepping into the precinct of the Wacht Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in huge number, the indicator of related expenses is rising.

To run this hospital for helping the poor, marginalized and vulnerable patients, considerable and substantial donation is needed from donors and well-wishers inside the country as well as abroad. It counts whether MMK 1,000 (US\$ 10) of small donation or MMK 50 million mega charity. Every coin in this charity counts for the poor patients.

Therefore, you donation is most warmly welcome.

Donation can be made to Sagaing Hospital 072-22034; Sagaing Hills 09-91043737; Mandalay 09-2001717; Yangon Chairperson 01-373995; Vice-Chairperson (1) 01-579864; Vice-Chairperson (2) 01-536680; Honorary Secretary 01-220519.

Hospital Supervisory and Logistic Committee (Upper Myanmar and Lower Myanmar)

Beijing sends 150 armed patrol vehicles to streets

BEIJING, 12 May — Beijing police deployed 150 armed patrol vehicles to city streets on Monday as part of its efforts to fight terrorism and maintain stability in the capital city.

The armed vehicles will become the “principal forces” in countering street terrorism and fighting severe violence in Beijing as the country fights violent attacks on civilians.

Sources with the Beijing Public Security Bureau said the patrol forces will mainly be responsible for incidents involving guns, bombs as well as mass violence or terrorism.

The vehicles will also function as a deterring force for any possible attackers or terrorists, the sources said.

The vehicles will be stationed at main intersections with heavy traffic.

Each vehicle will be deployed with nine policemen and four assistants as a team, the sources said.

The patrol forces will fully cover the main streets in Beijing, with each vehicle covering no more than three kilometers.

The police are required to reach the scene within three minutes after receiving a report, the sources said.—Xinhua

Man arrested for hijacking bus with scissors



Photo taken in the early hours of 12 May, 2014, shows an intercity bus that was hijacked the previous night by a man holding scissors in Miyazaki Prefecture, southwestern Japan.—KYODO NEWS

MIYAZAKI, 12 May — A man wielding a pair of scissors hijacked a bus on Sunday night on an expressway in southwestern Japan and was arrested on early Monday about three hours later, police said.

The suspect, identified as Seiichi Sato, 45, was caught around 1 am at a convenience store off the Kyushu Expressway where

the bus had stopped, they said.

He was charged with confining the three passengers and the driver, as well as threatening the driver with the scissors.

Sato was quoted as telling the police he wanted to die and that he thought he would not be arrested unless he did something serious.—Kyodo News

Book about US whistleblower Snowden reveals spying on Japan



Photo shows the Japanese version of “No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the US Surveillance State,” a book written by former Guardian columnist Glenn Greenwald on CIA whistleblower Edward Snowden, which will be released in Japan on 14 May, 2014.

KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 12 May — An upcoming book about top-secret US National Security Agency documents leaked by whistleblower Edward Snowden contains previously undisclosed information about US spying on Japan, according to a copy of the book obtained by Kyodo News.

A Japanese edition of the book titled “No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the US Surveillance State,” and written by Glenn Greenwald, former columnist with *The Guardian* newspaper, will hit bookstores in Japan on Wednesday after its worldwide release on Tuesday.

According to the book, the NSA conducted surveillance on entities including the permanent mission of Japan to the United Nations in 2010 before the UN

Security Council adopted a resolution on sanctions against Iran.

The United States used various methods, including hacking computers to obtain information from Japan’s UN mission, according to the book. Japan was a nonpermanent member of the UN Security Council at the time.

The book also says that the NSA placed bugs and hacked more than 50,000 computers in Japan and other countries, enabling it to see what words users typed and messages on their computer screens.

Greenwald wrote that Snowden was sent to Japan as an employee of a major US computer manufacturer from 2009 to 2011 and underwent intensive training on cyberspying which would enable him to hack into foreign military and

civilian computer systems.

Japan’s Foreign Ministry declined to comment in detail on the book due to the sensitivity of the matter. *The Guardian* newspaper of Britain reported in June last year that US intelligence services were spying on embassies and diplomatic missions in the United States including those of Japan.

Greenwald broke the shocking revelations about the NSA’s secret surveillance programmes based on documents obtained from Snowden, a former Central Intelligence Agency worker and NSA contractor who is being sought by US authorities for leaking classified national security information.

Snowden was granted a one-year asylum by Russia in July last year.

Kyodo News

Four detained in China after radioactive material goes missing

Saturday afternoon, the official *China Daily* reported.

It was found in bushes 1km from the construction site wrapped in a plastic bag, put in a lead container and then taken away, the newspaper said.

Police have detained four people deemed responsible for its loss from an engineering company, the paper added.

Nobody is reported to

have become sick because of the incident, it said.

However, the newspaper added that Nanjing authorities only announced the material had gone missing on Saturday, even though information about the incident began leaking onto the Internet the previous night.

The *Global Times*, an influential tabloid published by the ruling Com-

munist Party’s official *People’s Daily*, said the delay in releasing information had been to prevent mass panic, though added this could be considered dereliction of duty.

China has become increasingly sensitive to environmental issues, due to anxiety over worsening pollution among its increasingly well-educated and affluent population.—Reuters

Iran, Pakistan team up in fight against terrorism

TEHRAN, 12 May — Iran and its southeastern neighbour Pakistan are teaming up in their fight against terrorism, local media reported on Sunday.

Terrorism is a “big and serious” problem in the region, Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani said in a meeting with visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif who arrived in Iran’s capital Teheran on Sunday for an official visit.

“Iran and Pakistan can uproot terrorism and violence in the region by inviting other regional states to enhance intelligence, security and operational cooperation,” he said, emphasizing the need to secure the border regions.

Nawaz Sharif said terrorism has severely hit Pakistan’s economy, reiterating Rouhani’s calls to control the border regions, Press TV reported.

The border regions are a particular concern for both countries as reports of attacks continue to surface. Last week, Iran arrested a number of “armed terrorists” in the southeastern Sistan and Baluchestan Province near the border with Pakistan, Press TV reported. Police said the suspects intended to carry out acts of “sabotage.”—Xinhua



Supporters of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) wave party flags as they attend an anti-government protest rally in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan on 11 May, 2014. A senior opposition leader in Pakistan on Sunday demanded a new election chief to ensure transparent and fair election in the country.—XINHUA

WORLD

Nigeria president optimistic over finding abducted schoolgirls

ABUJA, 12 May — Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said on Sunday international military and intelligence assistance made him optimistic about finding 200 schoolgirls abducted last month by Islamic militants in an attack condemned globally.

Israel became the latest country to offer help to Nigeria since 14 April when militants from Boko Haram stormed a secondary school in the northeastern village of Chibok and seized 276 girls who were taking exams. Some managed to escape but around 200 remain missing.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office gave no details of its proposed assistance but Jonathan said Netanyahu offered during a phone conversation to send a team of counter-terrorism experts.

At least 15 killed in Congo football stadium stampede

KINSHASA, 12 May — At least 15 people were killed after police fired tear gas in a crowded football stadium in Democratic Republic of Congo, provoking a stampede, according to a police source and a local official.

Fans in Kinshasa grew angry on Sunday evening after their local team was defeated 1-0 by a team from the eastern town of Lubumbashi in a heated final, according to Emmanuel Akweti, local minister for the capital's inner city.

"Four policemen were harassed by supporters. When they fired tear gas, the stampede began, causing the deaths," he told Reuters on Sunday.

Images on a local television station showed plumes of smoke rising from the stadium's bleachers. Supporters, blinded by the gas, ran in different directions, sometimes falling over, the footage showed.

Akweti said 15 people died of suffocation and 24 were injured. A police source who declined to be named put the death toll higher, at 18.

A Reuters witness counted 14 bodies lying on benches outside the main hospital in Kinshasa.

Reuters



A woman demands for the release of 200 secondary school girls abducted in the remote village of Chibok, during a protest at Unity Park in Abuja on 11 May, 2014.

REUTERS

The United States and Britain have flown in experts and this, coupled with the deployment by Nigeria of two army divisions to

the border region, signals that the search effort is gathering pace.

But it comes against a backdrop of sharp criticism

of Jonathan's government for responding too slowly to the crisis.

"Nigeria would be pleased to have Israel's

globally acknowledged anti-terrorism expertise deployed to support its ongoing operations," said a statement from State House in Abuja.

Jonathan is "very optimistic that with the entire international community deploying its considerable military and intelligence-gathering skills and assets in support of Nigeria's efforts ... success will soon be achieved," it said.

Outrage over the attack has focused attention on Boko Haram, a group that has destabilized parts of northeast Nigeria and killed thousands since 2009 in its fight for an Islamist state. French President Francois Hollande on Sunday offered to host a summit in Paris next Saturday with Nigeria and its neighbors focused on the militant group.—Reuters

France offers to host African security summit on Boko Haram

BAKU, 12 May — France has offered to host a summit with Nigeria and its neighbours focused on Islamist militant group Boko Haram, President Francois Hollande said on Sunday.

Global outrage over the Boko Haram's abduction of 200 schoolgirls last month has focused attention on the group, which has destabilized large swathes of northeast Nigeria and its neighbours.

"With Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, I have proposed to hold a meeting with the countries



French President Francois Hollande delivers a speech as he visits a local French school under construction in Baku, on 11 May, 2014.—REUTERS

bordering Nigeria," Hollande said during a visit to the Azeri capital of Baku.

"If the countries agree, it should take place next Saturday" in Paris, Hollande added. His aides said that the leaders of Nigeria, Benin, Cameroon, Chad and Niger might attend. Britain, the European Union and the United States would likely be represented as well.

France, Britain, the United States and other countries have said they were sending experts to help Nigeria track down and free the schoolgirls.

At least 40 die after migrant boat sinks off Libya

TRIPOLI, 12 May — At least 40 people died and 51 others were rescued after a boat carrying mostly sub-Saharan African migrants sank off Libya's coast east of Tripoli, the Libyan government said on Sunday.

The vessel appeared to have got into difficulty around 37 miles (60 km) east of Tripoli, Rami Kaal, a spokesman for the Libyan ministry of interior said.

Libya's porous borders with its sub-Saharan neighbours and its proximity to Italy and Malta across the Mediterranean have made the North African country a common transit route for migrants trying to reach Europe.

With their coast guard, navy and armed forces ill-equipped and still in training, Libyan officials want more help from Western partners to stem the flow of illegal migrants trying to cross through Libya to Europe.

In March, Italy's navy rescued more than 4,000 migrants from overcrowded boats in the Mediterranean sea south of Sicily in just four days.

Many migrants pay more than \$1,000 to criminal gangs for the sea journey from Libya, where the government struggles to control a country still full of weapons and brigades of former rebels since the civil war that ousted Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.—Reuters

Suicide bomber kills 11 people in latest Yemen violence

ADEN, 12 May — A suicide car bomber killed 10 Yemeni soldiers and one civilian and wounded many others on Sunday after targeting a military police building in the southern coastal city of Mukallah, state news agency Saba said.

The blast appeared to be a revenge attack by al-Qaeda over the Yemeni army's campaign to crush Islamist insurgents in two large southern provinces.

This has ousted many militants from towns they first seized during mass unrest in 2011 that jeopardized national security and posed a serious threat to major oil producer Saudi Arabia next door.

Rescuers picked



through the rubble of the two-storey building to search for survivors from the blast, which hit the complex as the soldiers were having lunch, a local

security official told Reuters.

"We cannot tell the wounded from the dead," the official said. Saba cited a security source as saying

15 soldiers were wounded in the attack.

Residents said ambulances had been evacuating the wounded from the scene of the blast which

had sent shrapnel flying into nearby residential buildings.

"It was a strong explosion and it shook Mukallah," resident Salah al-Hamawi told Reuters by telephone.

In a separate assault in the Yemeni capital on Sunday, three gunmen were killed after they tried to attack a security checkpoint, the Interior Ministry said, the second such incident close to Sanaa's presidential palace in as many days.

The checkpoint attack also appeared to be retaliation for the army offensive, which state news agency Saba said had killed or wounded hundreds of al-Qaeda members.

Reuters

A soldier stands guard on a military vehicle at a checkpoint on a road to the city of Sanaa, on 11 May, 2014.

REUTERS

Chinese premier urges China, Africa to enhance media cooperation



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (C) talks with staff members during his visit to the office of the African branch of China Central Television (CCTV) in Nairobi, Kenya, on 11 May, 2014.—XINHUA

NAIROBI, 12 May — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang called on China and Africa to enhance media cooperation here on Sunday.

Chinese and African media outlets should report the developing world in an objective and just manner, and make the voices of the

developing countries heard in the world, Li said when visiting the China Central Television (CCTV)'s Africa bureau in the Kenyan capital.

Li urged the CCTV bureau to cover African affairs with an African perspective. The bureau, set up in 2012, covers African

news in the fields of politics, economy, society and culture, and also provides African viewers with programmes about China.

Li also said he is pleased to see Chinese and African staff cooperate joyfully with each other. Currently, two thirds of the CCTV bureau's 100-strong

staff are locals. Li encouraged the Chinese media to produce more programs of high quality to give the world a better understanding of China and Africa.

Kenya is the last stop of Li's four-nation Africa tour, which has already taken him to Ethiopia, Nigeria and Angola.—Xinhua

13 killed in Iraq's insurgent attacks

BAGHDAD, 12 May — A total of 13 people were killed and 11 others injured on Sunday evening across Iraq in separate insurgent attacks that mainly targeted security forces, police and medical sources said.

Six policemen were killed and three others wounded on Sunday evening in an attack by an armed

group at a police headquarters in the town of Baaj, 390 km northwest of the capital Baghdad, in Iraq's northern province of Nineveh, a local police source said. Two soldiers were killed and four other soldiers and three civilians wounded when a suicide bomber launched a car bomb attack on the headquarters of Nineveh

operation command in the provincial capital of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, the source said.

In south of Mosul, unidentified gunmen stormed the house of a brother of Najim Abdullah, a member of the Nineveh provincial council, killing him before they fled the scene.

Meanwhile, four sol-

diers were killed and another wounded on Sunday night when gunmen attacked a checkpoint in south of Kirkuk, 250 km north Baghdad, police said. These evening attacks came after a total of 41 people were killed and 30 others injured in separate violent attacks across the country earlier in the day.—Xinhua

Israel offers to help Nigeria find abducted girls

JERUSALEM 12 May — Israel offered Nigeria help on Sunday in locating 200 schoolgirls abducted last month by Islamist rebel group Boko Haram in an attack that has drawn global condemnation and prompted some Western powers to provide assistance.

"Israel expresses deep shock at the crime against the girls," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office quoted him as telling Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan by phone. "We are ready to help in finding the girls and fighting the cruel terrorism in-

flicted on you."

The statement did not elaborate on how Israel might enlist in the search, with which British and US experts are also helping. A spokesman for Israel's Foreign Ministry said he knew of no cooperation efforts under way.

Israel has defense ties with Nigeria, and has provided it in the past with surveillance drones. Last September, Israel was among several countries that sent advisers to Kenya to assist in a stand-off with Islamist gunmen who attacked a mall in Nairobi.—Reuters

BANGKOK, 12 May — Suspected Muslim separatists in southern Thailand launched a wave of more than 30 attacks on Monday including shootings, bombings and arson, police said, killing one person and injuring more than 10.

Thailand is predominantly Buddhist but parts of the south, in particular the three southernmost provinces of Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat, are majority Muslim and decades-old resistance to central government rule resurfaced violently in 2004.

Paradorn Pattanabutr, a security adviser to the prime minister, said the

Insurgents launch multiple attacks in Thai south, one dead



An anti-government protester collects wooden sticks as she moves with others from the Lumpini park to their new location near the Government House in Bangkok on 12 May, 2014.—REUTERS

targets included a shopping mall, which was set on fire, and electricity pylons. "One

Iran leader slams West's 'stupid' missile stance before talks

DUBAI, 11 May — Iran's Supreme Leader described as "stupid and idiotic" Western expectations for his country to curb its missile development, striking a defiant tone ahead of a fresh round of nuclear talks.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called on Iran's Revolutionary Guards to mass produce missiles and said the nuclear negotiations were not the place to discuss Teheran's defence programme or to solve the problem of sanctions damaging the Iranian economy.

"They expect us to limit our missile programme while they constantly threaten Iran with military action," Khamenei was quoted as telling the IRNA news agency while on a visit to an aeronautics fair held by the Revolutionary Guards.

"So this is a stupid, idiotic expectation ... The revolutionary guards should definitely carry out their programme and not be satisfied with the present level. They should mass produce. This is a main duty of all military officials."

Iran and the United States, France, Germany, Britain, China and Russia will reconvene in Vienna on Tuesday to try to iron out differences over how to end a long standoff over suspicions that Teheran has sought the means to develop nuclear weapons.

While missiles are not at the heart of the talks over Iran's nuclear work, which centre on the production



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

of missile material usable in atomic bombs, Western countries would like them discussed at the nuclear discussions.

Iran has one of the biggest missile programmes in the Middle East, viewing it as an essential precautionary defence against the United States and other adversaries such as Israel.

The United States and its allies fret that such missiles could potentially carry nuclear warheads.

The Islamic Republic denies accusations that it is seeking a capability to make nuclear weapons. It insists that the missiles are part of its conventional armed forces and rules out including them on the agenda of the nuclear discussions. Khamenei's comments appeared at odds with more conciliatory remarks earlier by President Hassan Rouhani, who said he wanted Iran to do a better job of explaining its nuclear programme to prevent "evil-minded" people misleading world opinion.

Reuters

are rebel Muslim groups trying to recruit more people for their cause," Paradorn told Reuters.

Police in Narathiwat Province, close to Thailand's border with Malaysia, said bomb attacks were carried out at more than 10 locations and a Muslim woman was killed in one blast. More than 5,700 people have been killed in the south since January 2004 and more than 40 have been killed this year. There are various shadowy rebel factions and their main demand is for greater autonomy for their long-neglected region.—Reuters

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Man shot dead at Houston motel

HOUSTON, 12, May —A man was shot dead at a motel parking lot in the US city of Houston on Sunday, local media reported.

An exchange of gunfire took place on early Sunday morning, shortly after a group of men followed the victim and his companion into a motel parking lot in north Houston, the *Houston Chronicle* reported. The man died at the scene.

Police said the sus-

pects ran away with the victim's gun and possibly other property. The man's companion escaped unhurt.

Several guests staying overnight at the motel reported hearing more than 10 gunshots. One man found a bullet hole in his van later in the morning.

Police have not arrested any suspects and the motive of the shooting remains unclear. No further details have been released.

Xinhua

Head-on crash kills four, injures eight in E Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 12 May—A cargo truck crashed into a band van early Monday in eastern Cambodia's Kampong Cham Province, leaving at least four people dead and eight others injured, a local police officer said.

"Four people died and eight others were injured as the two vehicles drove in an opposite direction and hit head-on," Lim Sothy, deputy traffic police chief of Kampong Cham Province's Chomkar Leu

district, where the accident happened, told *Xinhua*, adding that three of the dead were female. "They (victims) were musicians," he said, blaming the accident on high-speed driving and darkness at night.

Death toll from road accidents remains high in Cambodia. Last year, some 1,950 people died of the accidents as 5,670 others seriously injured, according to the report of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport.— *Xinhua*



The LSO Open Air Classics concert is presented by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Trafalgar Square in London, Britain, on 11 May, 2014. The concert conducted by renowned Russian conductor Valery Gergiev was interrupted by protestors on Sunday, who accused him of supporting Russian President Vladimir Putin's policy on the Ukraine crisis.

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One dead, three missing after canoe overturns in Canada

VANCOUVER, 12 May—19-year-old woman died and three other people were missing after their canoe overturned on Slocan Lake in western Canada on Saturday, local media said on Sunday.

Police and local rescue teams continued to search on Sunday for the three missing young men at the lake north of Nelson in British Columbia Province.

The woman who died in hospital in New Denver was identified as Lily Harmer-Taylor.

The three men are

Hayden Kyle, 21, Skye Donnet, 18, and Jule Wiltshire-Padfield, 15.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) at Slocan Lake said the detachment received a call at around 5:30 pm Saturday afternoon after a man walking along a trail near the beach in New Denver saw a partially submerged canoe with two people holding on to it.

A local publisher said the group of four borrowed his canoe for a paddle over to New Denver.

Xinhua

Tiger Shroff: It will be a father-son competition on 23 May



Tiger's debut film Heropanti and Kochadaiiyaan featuring his dad Jackie Shroff as a villain will release on the same day.
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NEW DELHI, 12 May — Tiger Shroff is eagerly waiting for his debut film Heropanti to hit the screens on 23 May and he is happy yet nervous as Kochadaiiyaan, featuring his dad Jackie Shroff as a villain, will release the same day.

The 24-year-old is already making news for his daring stunts and he says that his hard work has made him secure about Heropanti.

"My father is also in that movie (superstar Rajinikanth starrer Kochadaiiyaan). He (Jackie) is a villain in that movie. It will be father-son competition on 23 May."

"I am nervous about both actors acting in Kochadaiiyaan, but I have worked so hard so I am secure about Heropanti and happy to show the audience what we have done and what we have accomplished," Tiger, who started preparing for his role since he signed the movie in June 2012, told IANS.

The newcomer's fate is still uncertain but he believes he has made an "impact", thanks to Twitter jokes on him.

"One day I came across a news that read Tiger Shroff trending on Twitter. I thought how fast and already famous. I clicked and saw people making fun on my name. I laughed reading them," he said. "If you are being talked about already at this stage that means somehow or the other you have made an impact already. Publicity is publicity — good or bad. If no one was talking about me, it would've been something to worry about. But I am clear I have made an impact," he added.

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Newly-crowned 2014 Miss Philippines Earth Jamie Herrell (C) waves during the 2014 Miss Philippines Earth Coronation Night in Pasay City, the Philippines, on 11 May, 2014. 49 candidates vied for the crown that will represent the country in the annual 2014 Miss Earth beauty pageant.—XINHUA

'Neighbors' knocks 'Spider-Man' from US box office perch

LOS ANGELES / NEW YORK, 12 May — Raunchy adult comedy "Neighbors", starring Seth Rogen as a family man who moves next to a frat house, kicked superhero movie "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" off the top spot on US and Canadian box office charts over the weekend. "Neighbors" earned \$51.1 million (30.3 million pounds) in ticket sales to lead all movies from Friday through Sunday, according to estimates from tracking firm Rentrak. "Spider-Man 2", last weekend's box office winner, took in \$37.2 million to finish second, ahead of comedy "The Other Woman" with \$9.3 million.

Rogen stars in "Neighbors" as a married former party guy transitioning into suburban parenthood with his wife, played by Rose Byrne. Rogen's character wages war with the neighboring frat house and its obnoxious president, played by "High School Musical" star Zac Efron. "Neighbors"



Zac Efron (R), Seth Rogen (C) and Dave Franco (L) present the award for Best Kiss at the 2014 MTV Movie Awards in Los Angeles, California on 13 April, 2014.

REUTERS

far exceeded pre-weekend forecasts for a debut of \$35 million to \$40 million. The movie cost \$18 million to make, according to the Box Office Mojo website.

Its success follows other adult comedy hits such as "Bridesmaids", "Ted" and last summer's "This is the End", also starring Rogen. "This was the little engine that could," said

Nikki Rocco, president for domestic distribution at Universal Pictures, the unit of Comcast Corp that distributed "Neighbors". The film got a boost by playing especially well with female and older audiences, she said. The opening was among the best-ever for an R-rated comedy, according to Rentrak.

The take for "Spi-

der-Man 2", one of a string of big-budget superhero and monster movies Hollywood is releasing in the coming weeks, dropped nearly 60 percent from its opening weekend, bringing its domestic haul to \$148 million. The franchise's previous film in 2012 reached \$262 million, according to Boxofficemojo. The global total for the sequel stands at just over \$550 million through Sunday, distributor Sony Corp said.

The film stars Andrew Garfield as the web-slinging superhero and Emma Stone as Gwen Stacy, the girlfriend of Spider-Man's alter-ego Peter Parker, in a follow-up to a 2012 blockbuster. "The drop we had is right in the realm of what we would expect it to be" for films of that scale, said Rory Bruer, president of worldwide distribution for Sony Pictures Entertainment. He added: "We're well on our way toward meeting and exceeding our goals."—Reuters

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Asin, who acted as Abhishek Bachchan's sister in Bol Bachchan, will again share screen space with the actor in her upcoming movie All Is Well.—PTI

George Clooney's pet pig was his baby, says ex-girlfriend Elizabeth Daily



George recently got engaged to Amal Alamuddin.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 12 May — Actor George Clooney was "so close" to his pet pig that he didn't want to have children, says his ex-girlfriend Elizabeth Daily.

The actor-filmmaker recently got engaged to Amal Alamuddin.

Elizabeth believes his change of heart with regards to love and marriage has come after he finally got over the death of his pig named Max, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"He didn't need children, Max was his baby. He loved that pig like nothing else. It was the size of a table, absolutely huge," The Sun newspaper quoted Elizabeth as saying.

She further said that he never needed or wanted to have children when he had Max.

"I would just be hanging out round George's with giant pig chilling out beside us. It had its own special pen and at night it would sleep on the floor right beside George's bed. It got in that bed at times.

"They were so close it was like father and son. When Max died in 2006 he was really torn up. Maybe now there's no Max he'll start to feel the pangs of parenthood. That would be great for him," she said.—PTI

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Cost rows overshadow safety response to Malaysia jet disappearance

PARIS, 12 May — The United Nations is leading a high-level effort this week to improve the way aircraft are tracked to address public concerns over the disap-

pearance of a Malaysia Airlines passenger jet. But the official response to missing Flight MH370 and a similar event in 2009 has already been clouded by rows between planemakers, airlines and pilots about costs and surveillance, new documents show, raising questions about how fast regulators can act. Papers issued as a European agency tough-

ened guidelines for black-box flight recorders last week show disputes about the economic and safety benefits, as manufacturers urged delay and pilots

meets this week to discuss flight tracking - an issue which has seen limited progress since the loss of Air France Flight 447 in 2009.

Tracking and black-

the people who build equipment want to be certain there is market for it and they usually want a common standard to ... reduce their costs," said Hayes, director of safety at UK-based consultancy Flight-global Ascend. A case in point is the European Aviation Safety Agency's proposal last week to increase the maximum amount of recording time on cockpit voice recorders to 20 hours from two hours.

Flight MH370 is suspected of crashing in the Indian Ocean up to seven hours after it went missing on 8 March, meaning it may never be possible to hear what happened at a crucial point.

According to the documents, Airbus questioned why Europe should go out on a limb after the United States reaffirmed the two-hour rule four years earlier.

It urged EASA to postpone until regulators could agree a common plan, expected in 2015/16. Rival Boeing raised concerns that disjointed regulations could impose "significant cost" for manufacturers and airlines. EASA responded its job was to uphold safety in Europe, not necessarily to fit in with decisions taken elsewhere.—Reuters

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A Royal Malaysia Air Force C-130 takes off from RAAF base Pearce to help search for wreckage and debris of missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, near Perth on 3 April, 2014. —REUTERS

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resisted pressure for more cockpit monitoring.

The European consultation process on black-box design is the latest case study of the conflicting interests that can arise when ever aviation safety is discussed internationally.

Experts say some of the same issues will be on regulators' minds when the UN's International Civil Aviation Organization

box recovery are inter-dependent because poor tracking can increase the time and costs for recovery.

"Safety is not something you can argue against, but airlines have a healthy distrust of regulators and if they don't see the cost/benefit arguments that are put forward making sense, they will say so," said aviation safety consultant Paul Hayes. "On the other hand,

Colombian army says 12 rebels killed

BOGOTA, 12 May — Twelve rebels were killed last week in operations against the FARC and ELN guerrilla groups in several Colombian re-

gions, according to Defence Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon.

Referring to the large number of rebels who were demobilized, Pinzon

said on Saturday it was an important signal that the rebels sought the protection of government forces.

Pinzon said the army also prevented a FARC at-

tack in the country's southern Huila department, where rebels planned to detonate several explosives along local roads.

Xinhua

Cole left out of England World Cup squad, quits internationals

LONDON, 12 May — Experienced left back Ashley Cole has been left out of the England squad for next month's World Cup in Brazil and the Chelsea defender has announced his international retirement. Cole, 33, who won 107 caps, was told by Roy Hodgson he will not be included in his provisional 23-man squad or among the standby players to be named on Monday, with the England manager saying it was one of the hardest decisions of his career.

"Got the call from Roy and agree England team should be about the young players," Cole tweeted on Sunday. "I think it best I retire from England team now." "We have a great manager and team and I wish them only success. I will be

supporting them like a true fan. Thanks to everyone for everything." Hodgson told The FA.com: "There are few players who can be considered among the very best in the world, but Ashley in his prime was the best left back without question.

"Of course I must respect his decision to retire, he has been one of England's finest players, but I want to look to the future. It has been one of the hardest decisions of my career." Southampton's 18-year-old left back Luke Shaw, who has one England cap, is to be named as cover for Everton's Leighton Baines in Hodgson's squad, British media reported. Shaw made his England debut as a half-time substitute for Cole in the 1-0 friendly win over

Denmark in March.

"Baines and Shaw are great players, proved this season, and are the future of this country, it was a pleasure to get 107 caps," added Cole. "Like me or not, trust me it's hurt me to stop playing for my country, proud and honoured." Cole, the fifth most-capped England player of all time, has been first-choice left back since making his debut against Albania in 2001. He has started every tournament match since his first appearance at the 2002 World Cup against Sweden.

But he has struggled to get into the Chelsea team this term under Jose Mourinho and was used once off the bench in a three-month period from late January before recent starts at

Liverpool and in the Champions League semi-final against Atletico Madrid." Among many difficult decisions I've had to make for my squad not selecting Ash-

ley was one of the hardest," said Hodgson. "He's been an incredible competitor for England, to amass over a century of caps is a truly staggering achievement

and he deserves enormous credit for the desire and brilliance which has shone through over the years he has represented his country." — Reuters



England's Ashley Cole gestures during their international friendly soccer match against Ireland at Wembley stadium in London on 29 May, 2013. —REUTERS

OS/OCA regional forum held in Nay Pyi Taw



NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Olympic Solidarity and Asia Olympic Council Regional Forum for East and Southeast Asian NOCs was held at the Hotel Royal Ace in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Members of International Olympic Solidarity, Asia Olympic Committees and national Olympic committees from 9 Asian countries and 10 South-east Asian countries participated in the forum and discussed arrangements for 17th Incheon Asian Sports Competition, 4th Pukhet Beach Sport Competition and Nanjing Youth Olympic.

The forum successfully concluded in the afternoon.

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Myanmar team leaves for AFC Women's Asian Cup

YANGON, 12 May — The selected Myanmar women soccer team left for Ho Chi Min City this afternoon to participate in the 2014 AFC Women's Asian Cup from 15 to 25 May.

The Myanmar team is to play against China,

South Korea and Thai teams in Group-B. The team plays against South Korea at 5:15 on 15 May, against China at 5:15 on 17 May and against Thailand at 7:15 on 19 May.

The Myanmar women team will have a chance to participate in 2015 FIFA Women's Cup (Canada) if

it can manage to secure top five positions in the Asian Cup.

If the team gets the third place in the group match, it will have to play against the team in the third place in the Group -A for the FIFA Women's World Cup. — Po Thaw Zin

Local Sports

Myanmar Soccer players to participate in Bayern Youth Cup



YANGON, 12 May — Five Myanmar U-16 soccer players selected to form a team together with five Thai counterparts for Bayern Munich Youth Cup left for Thailand this morning.

The Myanmar-Thai team represents Southeast Asia.

Eight teams including the host German team and teams from Brazil, Italy, Australia, Japan, China, India and Myanmar-Thailand were invited for Bayern Munich Youth Cup to be held in youth training camp of Bayern Munich from 18 to 12 May.

The tournament is 1 Round Robin Tournament

with 7 players (6 players+1goalkeeper). The first and second parts of the matches are 35 minutes with a 15 minutes interval.

Youth soccer players selected for the tournament will have an opportunity to learn basic soccer techniques from former soccer players and coaches of the club and to study International Sports Training Center and training of the club while those who can show their talent will be trained with the youth team of the club. Five members of Myanmar U-16 players were selected from a total of 98 youths between the age of 14 and 16 from

Mandalay Myanmar Soccer Academy, Youth Soccer Academies of MNL Clubs, Yangon and Mandalay Sports Institute and other soccer players.

Five Myanmar soccer players include Aung Phyo Tha, Phone Thitsar Min (Goal) of Nay Pyi Taw FC Soccer Academy, Kyaw Lwin Moe, Zar Nayya Thu (Myanmar Soccer Academy- Mandalay), Maung Maung (Sports Institute- Mandalay). U Khin Maung Htwe was chosen as the team manager.

They are leaving Thailand for Germany on 17 May.

Po Thaw Zin

Nervy Kaymer triumphs by one shot at the Players



Martin Kaymer celebrates with the trophy after winning The Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course.—REUTERS

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, (Florida), 12 May — Martin Kaymer withstood an early challenge by Jordan Spieth, a weather delay and a late wobble to clinch his second PGA Tour title with a nervy one-shot victory at the Players Championship on Sunday. The German, co-leader overnight with American playing partner Spieth, produced rock-solid golf to move briefly four strokes clear, then survived a double-bogey on 15 as he closed with a one-under-par 71 at the challenging

TPC Sawgrass.

Kaymer, whose previous win on the US circuit came with his playoff success at the 2010 PGA Championship, nervously parred the last three holes in gathering gloom to post a 13-under total of 275.

The 29-year-old from Dusseldorf lined up a par putt from just under four feet on the 18th green, stroked the ball into the cup and then looked heavenwards in relief before pumping his right fist in celebration.—Reuters

Nadal wins in Madrid as Nishikori pulls out injured in 3rd set

MADRID, 12 May — Rafael Nadal won his fourth title at the Madrid Mutual Open on Sunday as he defeated Japan's Kei Nishikori 2-6, 6-4, 3-0 in a match his opponent was forced to abandon through injury in the final set.

It was tough on the number 10 seed, who took the game to the home favorite and despite a partisan crowd cheering in Nadal's favor and blitzed his way to the first set with some wonderful aggressive tennis.

He was also a service break up in the second set but it was clear that he was suffering physically and Nadal was able to fight back to level the game.

Finally Nishikori was unable to continue and his retirement gives Nadal his 30th win of the season and shows he is back on track after recent disappointments in Monte Carlo and Barcelona.

Maria Sharapova claimed her second consecutive title as she defeated Romania's Simona Halep 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 in a match which saw an amazing turnaround in fortunes after losing the first set.

Halep had ended her semi final against Petra Kvitkova strongly on Sat-

urday and continued in the vein against Sharapova on Sunday, taking the first set 6-1 with some aggressive tennis.

However, her Russian rival was clearly up for the fight and showed her grit and experience in taking the second set 6-2 and the decisive set 6-3 to

add the Madrid title to the one she won recently in Stuttgart.

Sharapova was only number 8 seed in Madrid, but is recovering her best form ominously as the French Open, the second grand slam of the year, looms on the horizon.

Xinhua



Rafael Nadal (C) of Spain poses with the ball kids during the awarding ceremony of the 2014 Madrid Tennis Open after claiming the champion of the men's singles match against Kei Nishikori of Japan in Madrid, Spain, on 11 May, 2014. —XINHUA