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New 500-bed hospital in Yangon to become national medical hub for liver, kidney transplants



The new 500-bed specialist hospital in Yangon is set to become a centre for liver and kidney transplants in Myanmar.— PHOTO: YE MYINT

By Ye Myint

A newly-opened 500-bed hospital in Yangon will in future serve as the country's main facility for liver and kidney transplants, Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Wai, who is in charge of the hospital, told The New Light of Myanmar on Friday. It is also planned to be a teaching hospital for postgraduate medical training, she added.

The initially built modular operation theatre is now being upgraded to meet international standards, with

some parts of the hospital still under construction.

"Foreign engineers are taking care of the air-handling unit of the theatre which is set to be completed in June," said Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Wai.

Although relocation of surgical wards to the new hospital have only been completed by 90 percent, it has already admitted patients from Yangon General Hospital which is under renovation. In order to establish a specialist hospital, the departments of hepatology and urology as well as four other specialist units, have been moved

from the 1,500-bed Yangon General Hospital and New Yangon General Hospital to the new facility which used to be the Ministry of Energy Office and is located in Lanmadaw township, a twenty-minute walk from Yangon General Hospital.

Rheumatology now has, for the first time ever in Myanmar, its own department at the new hospital, with officials saying that a liver surgical ward has been established as well.

In order to treat patients faster and more effectively and to provide initial counseling, an information

counter with medically trained staff is now operating at the Out patient and Emergency Department.

Currently 200 patients are treated at the specialist hospital in which five professors, eight senior consultants, 22 junior consultants, 25 civil assistant surgeons and 130 nurses work.

The new hospital was refurbished by four private companies for K7 billion, with the handover to the Ministry of Health in September, 2013.

Myanmar for the first time performed liver transplant operations in 2004.

smokers who joined an anti-smoking program in Hpa-an, Kayin State, only 17 were able to quit. We asked some of Yangon's smokers how they deal with their bad habit.

World No Tobacco Day observed on 31 May as Yangonites keep puffing

As 31 May marks World No Tobacco Day, the World Health Organization is yet again highlighting the health risks associated with tobacco use. According to the

WHO, tobacco kills nearly six million people each year, of which more than 600,000 are non-smokers dying from breathing second-hand smoke. In Myanmar, 47.8 percent of men

smoke, with 7 percent of women regularly lighting a cigarette. Dr Tint Tint Kyi, a consultant from Insein General Hospital said ahead of World No Tobacco Day, that out of 527



KyawThura, 39

An American clown once said, "After reading the dreadful consequences of smoking, I quit reading!". But now I'm thinking of stopping that habit for the sake of my family.



Terry Griffiths, 42

I smoke more on non-smoking days out of protest. Chris Tarrant (British TV star) used to go round with a bucket of water throwing it on smokers on non-smoking day, nice.



Myint Win Thein, 48

I have been smoking since I was eighteen and now I am 48. I smoke one packet per day, especially when bored. Mum asked me to quit, but if I don't smoke my throat feels sore.



Ye Myint, 36

I started when I was 16, but I only smoke 2 to 3 per day as my parents would not approve, so I have to do it secretly. When I lived alone I smoked a lot more. It is relaxing.—NLM

Agreements reached during political dialogue, an important aspect of peace process, will require amendments to the Constitution

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The following is the full text of the speech delivered by President U Thein Sein through radio programmes to the entire people on 31 May.

As I have done previously, I would like to give you the monthly update on the work of my government, and the developments that have taken place in our country.

As Chair of ASEAN, our country hosted the 24th ASEAN Summit on May 11th in Nay Pyi Taw. Regional issues including peace, stability, development, democracy, good governance, human rights, and basic freedoms were discussed. The out-

come of the discussions was a 24-point agreement to strengthen cooperation, and to aim for the establishment of the ASEAN Community that is politically organized, economically integrated, and socially responsible.

I share the grief of the families whose loved ones died or were injured due to accidents on the Yangon – Mandalay Expressway. To find out first-hand, the reasons for these frequent

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President U Thein Sein's radio message on air

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—A message by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will be broadcast on 1st and 2nd June on Myanma Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, Padanya FM, FM Bagan and Thazin Radio. The message will be broadcast at 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm and 8 pm.

The message will also appear in newspapers issued on 31 May.—MNA

Developing Myanmar Waters Sustainably: the Netherlands and Myanmar join hands

Between 3-5 June 2014, the Netherlands Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment, H.E. Melanie Schultz van Haegen visits Myanmar for the second time to further discuss support of the Netherlands to Myanmar in the area of Water Management.

Myanmar and the Netherlands, both countries with huge and low lying deltas formed by large river systems, share many common challenges in the area of water management. The Netherlands offered last year to not only share their unique experiences in dealing with these challenges that were gained over centuries, but also share the experiences in successfully aligning the complexities of social, economic and ecological interests in densely populated areas.

In May 2013 a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of Integrated Water Resources Management was signed between the Netherlands and the Government of the Union of the Republic of Myanmar. Since then a capacity building programme started, supporting Myanmar in building up knowledge about water management.

Also assistance and training was given to collect data necessary for the modelling of the rivers and the waterways. Many workshops and trainings have been held with relevant organisations and with all the Ministries involved like the Ministry of Transport, Agriculture and Irrigation, Environmental Conservation and Forestry, etcetera.

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Mobile medical team from Loilem Station gives free health care to locals

LOILEM, 30 May—The Loilem Station commander arranged medical treatment free of charge for rural people in Loimonmong village of Loilem Township, southern Shan State, on Thursday. At the monastery, the station commander explained the various health care services available to local people. The township administrator reported on progress of education, health, power supply and the agriculture sectors of the village and inspected health care services provided by medical officers of the military unit to the people at the village's Post-Primary-School.



Loimonmong, Hwehwe, Hokhai and Nawnglai-2 villages received medical treatment from the mobile medical team.

Moe Lwin Oo (Loilem)

project on 17 May, with the deadline for the project implementation end of the year, according to officials.

The Head of Mahlaing Township Rural Development Department U Lin Htaik Myint discussed implementation of the project in 2,019 villages in 125 townships across the nation. It is aimed at creating job opportunities for rural people and undertaking livestock breeding to increase their income, he said.

The ministries concerned will disburse K30 million each to the villages included in the project, according to the head of the Township RDD.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)

a total of 1.1 million gallons of water provided to nine wards of the eastern town and 600,000 gallons to another two wards in the western town, totalling 1.7 million gallons a day, the engineer said.

Chan Thar (Meiktila)

Mahlaing Township to implement green village project in rural areas



MAHLAING, 30 May—Township in Mandalay Region formed committees to help support the implementation of a green village

Meiktila to distribute purified water to people from Meiktila Lake

MEIKTILA, 30 May—Local people from 12 wards in Meiktila in Mandalay Region will have access to potable water as of the end of June, said Engineer U Soe Aung of the Engineering Section of the Township Development Affairs Committee. Under the guidance of the Mandalay Region

government, local authorities will arrange purification of water from Meiktila Lake to be supplied to over 30,000 people in urban areas, he added.

The region government has provided K9 billion for water purification. Authentic Co., carried out the purification of water under the

supervision of township authorities by building two water purifiers near the Independence Monument in Myoma Ward and another one near the ring road of Meiktila Lake in Paukchaung Ward.

Water will be supplied to local residents through over 4,800 water taps, with

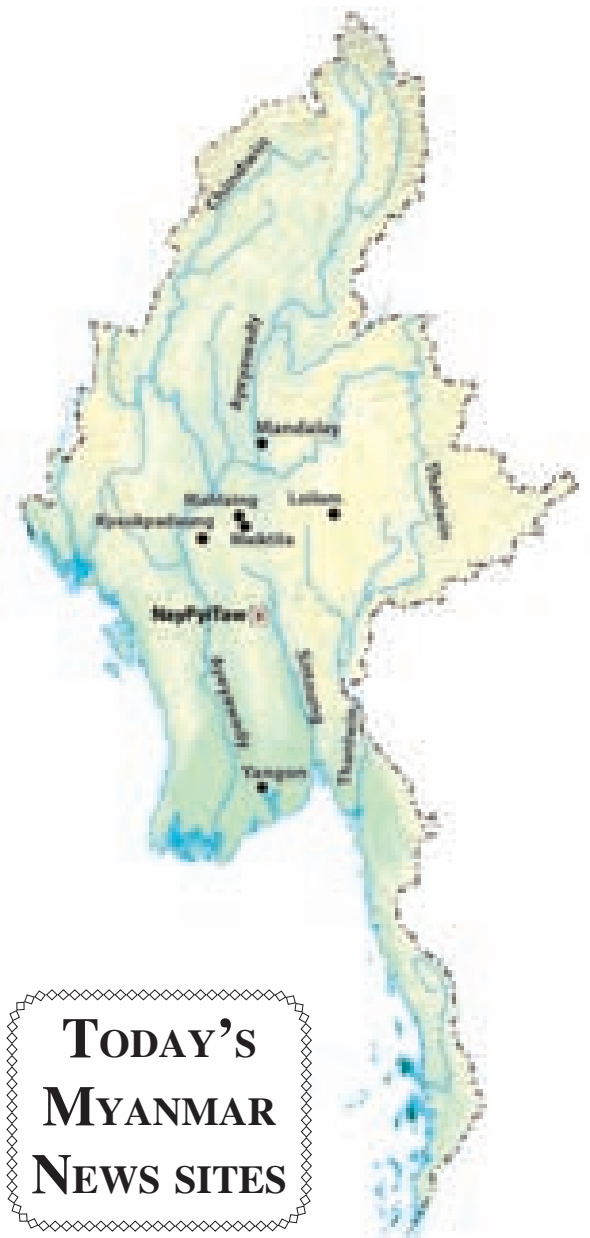
Kyaukpadaung Tsp plans to disburse agricultural loans to farmers in June

KYAUKPADAUNG, 30 May—A meeting on the disbursement of agricultural loans for the 2014 cultivation season was held at the hall of Myanma Agricultural Development Bank in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region, on Thursday.

Township Administrator U Saw Tun Win urged local farmers to pay back the loan in time as the bank is disbursing loans on an annual basis. Manager of the bank branch U Maung Maung Yin explained the plans of the bank to disburse loans to the farmers

under the supervision of the Township General Administration Department. Kyaukpadaung Township will deliver K3 billion in agricultural loans to 19,000 farmers this year as of June. The interest rate will be five per cent per year.

Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)



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Singapore supports Myanmar cardiologists with expertise

MANDALAY, 30 May—The Department of Health and Tan Tock Seng Hospital of Temasak Foundation in Singapore are now jointly launching a heart special treatment centre at Mandalay General Hospital, officials said Friday.

Myanmar cardiologists from the Department of Cardiac Medicine on Thursday operated five patients with cardiovascular diseases, with the support of specialists from the National University Heart Centre, Singapore.

The team of specialists has successfully treated 14 patients with irregular heart beat by using an electrophysiology study unit and radio frequency ablation sets, officials said, adding that the treatment costs for heart diseases here are less expensive than in other countries. Myanmar cardiologists saved the lives of 4,500 patients with Acute Myocardial infarction in 2013 by using the modern health equipment, officials said.—*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*



NATIONAL

Agreements reached during...

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accidents, I inspected sites along the highway with the highest occurrences of accidents, as well as areas most prone to accidents. I instructed responsible personnel to urgently carry out repairs to sections of the road, amounting to 6-percent of the total length, identified as a priority by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) measurements and analysis. I further directed the personnel to improve the road's maintenance and usability, and to undertake road safety education to prevent accidents due to weather and negligent-driving.

I will now update you with developments on the ongoing nationwide peace process. This past April, the Union Peace Working Committee and the ethnic groups' Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team agreed to a single-text draft of the nationwide ceasefire agreement, after six months of discussions. In the May discussions, both sides reached agreement on 70 percent of the text and produced a second draft. If we compare our efforts with those of other countries, agreements that would have taken years in other countries to negotiate, we have achieved in a short amount of time. All sides worked hard to reach these significant agreements involving numerous groups. Therefore, we must acknowledge everyone who is striving zealously to achieve internal peace. The peace process is the most important aspect of my government's reforms. The absence of peace slows development, and hampers democracy. Therefore, the peace process is directly related to democracy. As democracy strengthens, the democratic system helps to build a just peace and supports a just resolution of issues. It can be said that we are now on the path to achieving genuine

peace. At the same time, once peace is achieved, democracy will be strengthened. Therefore, democracy and peace building are all-inclusive processes, and I encourage all of you to get actively involved.

Due to the features of the political models adopted in the past, suspicion took root among us. We must be frank and say that our political culture is still one in which suspicion easily takes root—this is the result of our political history. In a society where suspicion has taken root for so long, we must accept that implementing all-sector reforms will encounter many problems. However, one cannot deny that we have maintained reform momentum and avoided backsliding on what has been gradually achieved so far. These gradual achievements are due not only to each of us individually, but to society as a whole acting magnanimously, patiently, forgivingly, and with determination. Most importantly, all are making their cases and arguing their stands in a peaceful way. When we look at transitions in so many other parts of the world, many of which have turned violent, we cannot discount the value of this. But the most important reason is the emergence of a new political culture that discards the custom of direct confrontation between groups with long-standing differences, but instead accepts differences, and resolves issues through dialogue and negotiation. We must all strive to keep this political culture alive.

I have been observing the efforts at amending the constitution to bring it to compliance with democratic standards and norms. The Hluttaws formed the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Constitutional Amendment Implementing Committee, and the Committee is now discussing amendment proposals. We are also seeing political forces join together to collect petitions from the public. I would like to urge all the political forces to connect with each other and harmoniously cooper-

ate in order to achieve a result that is practical and beneficial for the entire nation as well as for each individual citizen.

Regarding amending the constitution, I would like to give you my thoughts. We must all accept the basic rule that a living, breathing constitution is always evolving and changes must be made under the right conditions and at the appropriate time in harmony with society's political, economic, and social needs. Agreements reached during political dialogue, an important aspect of the peace process, will require amendments to the Constitution. At the same time, to see the emergence of an open and free society that we desire, we must strive to amend the constitution to comply with democratic norms and values. Everyone involved in the constitution amendment process will need to be principled and benevolent.

Since democracy has been absent from our country for many years, we must cultivate democratic practices and attitudes. For democracy to survive, democratic attitudes must exist. Democratic attitude means acting in accordance with democratic values. Understanding rights and responsibilities and respecting rule of law are the most important democratic values. In particular, conflict must be resolved in line with democratic principles and dialogue. Dialogue means solving issues together, and jointly implementing the solution. Dialogue is crucial during this reform period.

I am always working for the advancement of political freedoms. I would like to urge all political leaders to carefully consider their actions in order to keep this political process alive.

In conclusion, I would like to inform you that I continue to strive for achieving internal peace, improving livelihoods, and ensuring a brighter future for our children.

I wish you all good health.

Vice president expresses hope that the country will see more high school students

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—About half of the students in primary schools continue their education to middle schools while two-thirds of the students in middle schools fail to enroll for high school education, said Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham at a basic education high school in Pyu Township on Friday.

The vice president visited Bago Region to encourage the enrollment of all school-aged children as the government has pledged that all primary and middle school level students can enroll for free as only one-sixth of the population has so far had the chance to go to school.

At the school, the vice president urged students,



Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham enjoys singing and dancing of pre-primary children at Phayagyi Pre-Primary School in Bago Township.—MNA

teachers, parents and elders to make concerted efforts to nurture outstanding students who are needed for the development of the

country. The vice president also visited Phayagyi Basic Education High School and Monastic Education Middle School in Bago Township

on Friday where he donated cash for school uniforms, textbooks, note books, desks and chairs.

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Speaker of Upper House, NNER discuss policy of education

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Speaker of the Upper House U Khin Aung Myint met delegates of National Network for Educational Renewal-NNER on Friday in Nay Pyi Taw to

discuss the undertaking process of how a bill becomes law in line with the Upper House Law

and Rule.

NNER also discussed the policy of education.

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Maritime and aviation course for youths introduced

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The armed forces have been performing national politics dutifully and loyally, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

said at a ceremony which was held at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall here on Friday afternoon, sources said.

Speaking to the youths taking a maritime and aviation course, Senior Gen-

eral Min Aung Hlaing said it was the first time the course was conducted with the aim of imparting patriotism and right vision to young people. He urged the youths to do their share

of national development when the time comes. The trainees went on a guided tour of the National Landmarks Garden and the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.—Myawady

Foreign businesses, general amnesty discussed in Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The Lower House's third day session kicked off in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday, with reports on foreign businesses in disguise of local ones and a proposal for presidential amnesty topping the agenda.

Answering questions on whether there is constant supervision to prevent foreign businesses from carrying out their operations in disguise of local businessmen, Union Minister U Win Shein said on behalf of the MIC that foreign businesses used to do so because they could not rent land from private businessmen under the 1988 Foreign Investment Law or benefit from the lower taxes levied on local businesses. Now the government has amended the law and allowed foreign businesses to lease land from private businessmen. Such foreign businesses were allowed to re-register as foreign firms.

Concerning the proposal for presidential amnesty, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun said general amnesty will be announced when appropriate. The third day session of the Upper House proceeded on Friday with five questions including whether there are plans for

education, health and shelter for middle and low income government employees, to rebuild embankment for salt water in Tun Yawe Village in Yathedaung Township, to raise wheel tax and other taxes, for living of national races resettled in Maungdaw Township, to establish firewood plantation and the bill amending salary and allowance of Hluttaw MPs, state/region Hluttaw and members of leading bodies of self-administered zones or division. Concerning education, Union Minister U Soe Maung said that health and shelter for low and middle income employees' families, the government has made various arrangements including stipends, health and social insurance policies and housing projects. Deputy Minister U Thant Shin said it would be a priority in the next budget. Regarding the living of national races resettled in villages in Maungdaw, Deputy Minister Major-General Maung Maung Ohn explained the measure for livelihood and security of them. Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Maung said that the ministry is trying to expand firewood plantations across the country.

MNA

Meeting to hold International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held



TACHILEK, 30 May—A coordination meeting on successful holding of the ceremony to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June and prize presentation for the painting contest took

place at the hall of Tachilek District General Administration Department in Shan State (East) on Thursday.

Deputy Commander of Tachilek District Police Force Police Major Thant Zin explained work progress of the committee and

formation of the subcommittees to hold the ceremonies. Members of the subcommittees discussed preparations for the commemorative ceremony and prize presentations.

Maw Gyi
(Triangle Region)

Emergency drill practising natural disaster response conducted in Sittway



SITTWAY, 30 May—Local departmental officials, health staff and police forces staged a drill in Sittway township of Rakhine State on Wednesday morning, simulating an emergency situation during a major storm. The exercise took place in Kyaytawpaik-

seik village, sources said.

A township administrative officer explained safety measures and escape routes to the locals, with most villagers participating in the drill which simulated evacuation, rescue works and escape to shelters on hilltops.—U Hla Kyaw

Treated mosquito nets delivered to locals in Mohnyin Township

MOHNYIN, 30 May—International donor organizations provided treated mosquito nets through the Myanmar Christian Churches to the people. In Mohnyin Township of Kachin State, the mosquito nets have been delivered to all families of Nantpok Village of the township, said volunteer Ko San

Aung.

The volunteers of the township distributed the mosquito nets to 323 houses in the village.

In addition, they gave health care knowledge about malaria disease and performed medical check-up to the local people on Wednesday.

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Health service for HIV-infected patients in Sagaing adequate: general hospital officials

KALAY, 30 May—HIV-infected patients can receive antiretroviral therapy at the General Hospital in Kalay, Sagaing Region, where drugs and treatment are adequate, sources said. The hospital has been providing drugs to patients since 2010, with officials saying the facility will soon also be equipped with CD4 Count machines, which will be brought from Yangon General Hospital.

Statistics show that 221 adults and 29 children have so far received treatment at the hospital. Under the Myanmar National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS, all HIV patients are eligible for treatment, with no discrimination against any groups.

Officials said that there

Traffic police give talks on decline of traffic accidents

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Traffic Police Corps of the Myanmar Police Force hold educative talks on traffic rules for prevention against traffic accidents.

Members of the

squads under No. 1 Traffic Police Branch (Nay Pyi Taw) and No. 2 Traffic Police Branch (Yangon) gave lectures to the people in Bago, Yangon, Taninthayi and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin and Mon States.

They shared knowledge about traffic rules to 715 people, 320 teachers, 4,674 drivers, 223 bus conductors and 75 trishaw drivers from 7 to 25 May.

Police Information



Activity of anti-money laundering law discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—A workshop on anti-money laundering law enacted on 14 March 2014 and rules took place at the hall of Myanmar Police Force in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Major-Gen Zaw Win explained that internal monetary organizations, non-monetary business or other organizations are to abide by the Anti-Money Laundering Law. As the black money regained by the crime brokers will tarnish the image of the nation, all the organizations and responsible persons are

to join hands in combating money laundering activity, he said. Senior officials of the departments concerned and representatives of the NGOs discussed the Anti-Money Laundering Law

and national level assessment, drawing of the law, database system, online reporting system and duty and functions of the scrutiny committee.

Police Information

Fish pond dredged at Mahlaing Township Police Station

MAHLAING, 30 May—With the aim of providing welfare facility to family members, Mahlaing Township Police Force dredged a fish pond in its compound in Mahlaing of Mandalay Region on 22 May.

It was aimed at doing a manageable business for increasing family income of

the police. If the fish pond is successful, one more fish pond will be dredged in the yard. It will be larger than the first one. A plan is underway to breed domestic fish species, said the commander of Township Police Force.

Kyaw Kyaw
(Mahlaing)



is sufficient supply of all required drugs, even for those HIV positive patients who have sought treatment

abroad and wish to continue treatment in Myanmar upon return.

Many hospitals in

Myanmar are not well stocked and are often unable to provide medicines on request.—Joe Net

REGIONAL

Stumbling Thai economy lends urgency to junta's revival efforts



Thai Army chief General Prayuth Chan-ocha

BANGKOK, 30 May — Thailand is expected to publish data on Friday showing stagnant consumption and investment, more evidence of a stumbling economy that will lend urgency to the military junta's efforts to get the country working again.

Southeast Asia's second-biggest economy has been battered by political turmoil since late last year when protesters backed by the royalist establishment launched a bid to oust the government of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

The government hung onto power even after a court forced Yingluck out of office for abuse of power on 7 May, but the military ousted it in a coup on 22

May, saying a takeover was necessary to restore order and prevent more violence.

Military rulers have held out little hope for early elections despite calls from the United States and other allies for a quick restoration of democracy.

Army chief and coup

leader General Prayuth Chan-ocha has spoken of the need for broad reforms before an election. Another top officer said on Thursday conditions had to be right and divisions healed before a return to civilian rule.

Thailand has become

polarized between supporters of Yingluck and her influential brother, deposed premier Thaksin Shinawatra, and the royalist establishment that sees Thaksin and his populist ways as a threat to the old order.

Despite the animosity of the elite and the

Bangkok middle class, Thaksin's popularity in the rural north and northeast has ensured that he or his allies have won every election since 2001.

Gross domestic product shrank 2.1 percent in the first quarter of 2014 as the lengthy anti-government protesters damaged confidence and scared off tourists. Friday's private consumption and investment data for April are likely to show the depression continued into the second quarter. Data on Wednesday showed factory output fell for the 13th straight month in April, imports plunged and exports remained weak, underscoring the difficulty the military government faces in averting recession.

Navy commander Admiral Narong Pipattanasai, the junta member overseeing tourism, told reporters on Thursday that 26 million people were expected to visit this year, down from a targeted 28

million, because of the unrest.

He said revenue from tourism was expected to drop to 1.8 trillion baht (\$55 billion). The authorities had been banking on 2 trillion.

"We will do our best to improve the situation," Narong said. "The next pressing task is to build confidence among tourists and to show them that they can travel in Thailand freely ... through campaigns and other methods."

Tourism accounts for about 10 percent of the economy. Many foreign governments have issued warnings about traveling to Thailand, which can affect insurance cover.

Narong said a nationwide night-time curfew, imposed on the day of the coup for seven hours but cut to four hours on Wednesday, could be shortened again in tourist areas. Even in Bangkok, the curfew is not being strictly enforced.

Reuters



A soldier receives flowers from members of a pro-army group that came to a barrack in central Bangkok, to show their support to the military, on 30 May, 2014.

REUTERS

S Korea says it understands Japan's position on abductions

SEOUL, 30 May — South Korea's Unification Ministry spokesman said on Friday that South Korea understands Japan's position on North Korean abductions of Japanese citizens.

"From a humanitarian viewpoint, we understand Japan's position on the abduction issue," Kim Eui Do said during a Press briefing.

The remarks were made in response to an agreement between Japan and North Korea, announced on Thursday, to reinvestigate the issue.

As for concerns about a possible negative impact the agreement may have on a teamwork on ending North Korea's nuclear weapons programme, he said South Korea "will watch how talks between Japan and North Korea will be proceeded in the future."

He said South Korea, the United States and Japan "share a common belief the international cooperation should be maintained on North Korea's denuclearization."—Kyodo News

Finding MH370 "impossible" without new lead: expert

SYDNEY, 30 May—An Australian deep sea expert said on Friday that finding flight MH370 will be "virtually impossible" without new clues.

After three months of searching, Malaysia Airlines flight with 239 people on board is still missing and is believed to be somewhere on the bottom of the Indian Ocean off the coast of Australia.

On Thursday, authorities stopped searching in an area where acoustic pings had been detected. It was earlier believed the pings may have been coming from the aircraft's black box, however this proved to be a dead end.

Authorities have now turned to a massive 60,000 sq km arc of the southern Indian Ocean.

A Sydney-based oceanographer told news.com.au that finding the plane in this huge area was "virtually impossible" unless there was a new lead.—Xinhua

Second diver dies in Korea ferry search as fugitive businessman's car found

SEOUL, 30 May — A diver searching for bodies in a sunken ferry died on Friday after an accident, the coast guard said, as a car believed to be used by a fugitive businessman linked to the ship was reported found.

The diver was pulled from the water where he was involved in the cutting open of the hull in the hope of reaching some of 16 people missing 45 days after the vessel sank, a coast guard official said.

The man, in his forties, was bleeding from the face and unconscious when he was pulled to the surface and died in hospital, the official said. He was the second diver to die since the 16 April disaster.

The *Sewol*, overloaded and traveling too fast on a turn, sank off the southwest coast on a routine journey from Incheon on the mainland to the southern holiday island of Jeju, killing children and teachers, among others, on a high school field trip. Only 172 people were rescued of an estimated 476 passengers and crew on board.

The families of the 16

missing expressed "unbearable pain" on Friday at not finding their loved ones.

"It's 45 days since the disaster and the ninth day in a row without any victims being recovered," Bae Eui-cheol, who spoke for the grieving families, said.

"It's another day of unbearable pain and waiting but still the families hope they can see the missing one last time." Police are searching for the head of the family that owned the operator of the ferry, with a half a million dollar reward for information leading to his capture.

Yoo byung-un, who ran a web of business holdings through a investment company owned by his sons, has eluded authorities armed with an arrest warrant for close to two weeks.

He is wanted on charges of negligence, and embezzlement and tax evasion.

Police fanning out across the country handed out leaflets with Yoo's photograph, which was also posted online. The manhunt has included a search of both Yoo's house and the rural compound of a church that he co-founded,

but he has eluded capture after ignoring summonses to appear for questioning.

Yonhap news agency said police had found a car believed to be have been used by Yoo outside the search area, suggesting he may have escaped further afield.

All 15 of the surviving crew members, including the 69-year-old captain, have been arrested and face charges of gross negligence after video footage emerged of some abandoning the vessel while the passengers were still on board.—Reuters



South Korean divers operate near floats where the capsized passenger ship Sewol sank, during a search and rescue operation in the sea off Jindo on 20 April, 2014.—REUTERS

Kofi Annan, Jimmy Carter voice support for UN reform

LONDON, 30 May — Former UN chief Kofi Annan and former US President Jimmy Carter on Thursday expressed their support for reforming the United Nations, emphasizing equal respect for all countries' views and a greater role of the General Assembly in the international body.

"The world has changed and the UN must change along with it. The UN Security Council has to be reformed," Annan said at a panel discussion at Oxford University with some former world leaders from the Elders, an independent group of former senior world leaders who work together for peace and human rights.

"Whether or not a country has veto power in the UN Security Council, its views must be respected," he added.

Carter also voiced his support for the UN reform, proposing an increase of the authority of the UN General Assembly. He said that a good example of the value of the UN General Assembly was when it voted to recognize Palestine as a non-member observer state.

In 2012, the UN General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to grant an upgrade of Palestine's status from "entity" to "non-member state", an implicit and symbolic recognition of Palestine's statehood at the UN.

After that, the Palestinians became eligible to sign more than 60 international treaties, conventions and protocols and became members of international institutions such as the International Criminal Court.

Annan and Carter were joined by former President of Ireland Mary Robinson in the panel discussion, focusing on 21st century peace building, conflict resolution, good governance and women's role in world politics.

Annan also said he wanted to encourage more frank discussions between leaders and their citizens, adding that good governance with transparency and accountability is essential to prevent injustice and mediate disputes peacefully. —Xinhua

International conference on WWI starts on Friday in Belgrade

BELGRADE, 30 May — A two-day international conference on World War I, organized by the Centre for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD) will start in Belgrade on Friday.

CIRSD president Vuk Jeremic told *Tanjug* that the participants will focus on the geopolitical situation in the world in 1914 and the events leading to the outbreak of the Great War.

The conference under the title "The European Tragedy of 1914 and the Multipolar World of 2014: Lessons Learned" marks the centenary of WWI, which started with the Austro-Hungary's attack on Serbia.

The conference will gather internationally renowned historians and experts who will try to shed more light on the events that led to the tragic international conflict with around 15 million casualties, said Jeremic. —Tanjug

Sex and drugs worth \$16.7 billion to UK economy, statisticians say

LONDON, 30 May — They already know what rock'n'roll is worth, so now Britain's statisticians are getting to grips with sex and drugs in a bid to give a broader view of the size of the economy.

The fruit of their research is that sales of illegal drugs and sexual services add around 10 billion pounds (\$16.7 billion) to Britain's economic activity each year, making up just under 1 percent of total economic output.

Britain's Office for National Statistics published the figures on Thursday alongside a detailed account of its methods, as it prepares to move Britain's public accounts to a new European Union model in September.

The changes cover far more than black-market activities, and in total are likely to add around 4 to 5 percent to the level of gross domestic product as new businesses are added to the economy and the contribution of old ones reviewed, the ONS said.

Finding accurate estimates of Britons' consumption of drugs and prostitution has proven the trickiest part of the job. "The estimates are based on data of variable quality, with the estimates of illegal drugs activity markedly stronger than those of prostitution, but both definitely weaker than the estimates of legal activity," the ONS said.



Cocaine from Britain's largest ever cocaine seizure is displayed by UK Border Agency staff in London on 3 Aug, 2011.—REUTERS

Prostitution is legal in Britain, but brothels, pimps

and advertising sex are not, making estimating the number of prostitutes especially complicated.

The ONS said it believed there were at least 58,000 prostitutes in Britain in 2004 — based on a charity's estimate of the number of prostitutes in London — and that numbers since then had increased in line with demand, which it based on

the growing number of British men aged over 16.

For other figures, the ONS turned to Dutch research on the number of clients a typical prostitute has per week, as well as how much she or he spent on job-specific clothing and condoms — 125 euros (\$170) a year and 50 cents per client respectively.

Reuters

Reasons for the world to care about Scottish independence vote

LONDON, 30 May — Small northern nation to vote on independence in peaceful referendum. Should the world care at a time when Ukraine has pitted East versus West in an echo of the Cold War?

Scotland has punched above its weight for centuries, bringing the world

Adam Smith, the father of the free market, as well as the steam engine, television and penicillin.

And there are more pressing reasons to pay heed to a 18 September vote which could see Britain lose 5.3 million Scots."

A lot of energy has been expended arguing whether an independent Scotland could join the European Union. Even more telling would be its absence from the debate about whether the rest of Britain should remain part of the EU.

Overall, Scots are more pro-EU than the English and if they voted to secede this year would not get a say in a planned 2017 referendum on Britain's place in Europe.

As a result, the chances of England, Wales and Northern Ireland voting

to quit the EU would rise. Scotland may only account for around 4 million of the UK's 45 million voters but with opinion finely balanced they could prove decisive. Among the international factors here is that of Britain's main ally, the United States. It has been reserved about its view of the Scottish debate but has made it abundantly clear that it wants to see Britain at the heart of the EU.

Secessionists are trying to use the EU question to their advantage in the Scottish campaign, hoping it will help shift opinion polls which suggest the campaign to remain part of the UK is holding onto a slim lead.

Scottish nationalist (SNP) leader Alex Salmond says the biggest threat to Scotland staying in the EU is Prime Minister David Cameron's pledge to hold an in-out EU referendum. He can now point to anti-EU UK Independence Party's win in European elections to emphasize the threat of Scotland being dragged out of the bloc by English votes.—Reuters



Volunteers hang campaign signs before a "Yes" campaign meeting at the Fenwick Hotel in Kilmarlock, Scotland on 25 March, 2014.—REUTERS

WORLD

New threats will not distract US from Asia, Hagel says

ABOARD A US MILITARY AIRCRAFT, 30 May — The United States will not be deterred from plans to strengthen its military position in Asia by emerging threats elsewhere, the US defence secretary said on Thursday as he prepared to meet allies in the region worried by an increasingly assertive China.

President Barack Obama, in a keynote foreign policy speech on Wednesday, surprised and disappointed some in Asia when he made no specific reference to what has been a signature policy theme of his administration, the rebalancing of US military, political and economic focus toward Asia.

He talked at length instead about emerging threats, including by militants operating from the North African region.

US Defence Secretary

Chuck Hagel told reporters en route for Singapore, where he will speak at a regional security forum before heading on to Afghanistan and Europe, that the US commitment to Asia was as strong as ever.

“What the president said on Wednesday and his explanation in addressing the emerging threats in all corners of the world will not inhibit, or shorten, or lessen our asset position here in the rebalancing to the Asia Pacific,” he said when asked if resources earmarked for Asia after the winding down of the Iraq and Afghan wars might be redirected to deal with the new threats Obama referred to.

“That doesn’t diminish at all the commitment, nor will it, that we have made to this rebalance in Asia and the Pacific.”

Reuters



US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel speaks during the opening of the “National Reading of the Names” ceremony near the Vietnam Memorial in Washington on 24 May, 2014.—REUTERS

Legacy at risk, Obama struggles to redefine foreign policy



US President Barack Obama arrives for a commencement ceremony at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, on 28 May, 2014.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 30 May — President Barack Obama’s second term was supposed to be a crowning opportunity to make his mark on the world stage, but instead he’s leading an intense effort to redefine his foreign policy record — and the odds look stacked against him.

An administration-wide public relations blitz, which Obama launched with a big foreign policy speech this week, has done little to quell critics who frequently pan his global approach as rudderless, as the White House lurches from crisis to crisis.

With just two and a half years left in office, Obama’s chances of forging a successful foreign-policy legacy by the end of his presidency face seemingly intractable challenges, ranging from Ukraine to Syria to the South China Sea.

While Obama has outlined a strategy that includes both a strong military and the diplomatic tools of alliances and sanctions to provide global leadership, it is unclear if he and his aides have the vision — let alone time — to change the perception of a presidency with eroding

global influence.

“This is a risk-averse president who is unlikely to take bold strokes,” said Aaron David Miller, a former Middle East adviser to Republican and Democratic administrations. “And he faces a series of problems in which quick-and-easy American fixes are really not available.”

Topping the list is Ukraine, where Obama and other Western leaders were powerless to prevent Russia’s seizure of Crimea. It was a sharp rebuke to Obama’s “reset” of relations with Moscow in his first term — once seen as a

big legacy achievement — and prompted Republican critics to call him naïve for ever trusting Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The best outcome Obama can hope for may be for Moscow to refrain from taking over more of eastern Ukraine, which might be a credit to the impact of US-led sanctions but hardly an accomplishment of historic proportions for his second term.

The image of Obama as a passive world leader has been fed by perceptions he has allowed the civil war in Syria to fester. His failure to strike Syrian forces last year after they crossed a US “red line” on the use of chemical weapons left doubts about Obama’s willingness to use force in other world crises.

Though Obama used his speech to graduating cadets at West Point on Wednesday to announce increased support for Syrian rebels, he made clear US involvement would remain limited.

How far Obama will go in response to China’s growing assertiveness in maritime disputes with its neighbours is another tough question for the remainder of his term.

Reuters

Al-Qaeda renegade group kills 15 Kurds in northern Syria

BEIRUT, 30 May — An al-Qaeda renegade group killed 15 Kurdish people, seven of them children, in an attack on a village in northern Syria, a monitoring group and a photographer at the scene said on Friday.

The attack by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which was disowned by al-Qaeda’s central command earlier this year, occurred during a six-month-old ISIL offensive against Syrian Kurds and various rebel groups that has weakened the revolt against President Bashar al-Assad and killed thousands.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and a freelance photographer said the attack took place on Thursday near the Kurdish town of Ras al-Ain after militants stormed a village.

Ras al-Ain, 600 km (375 miles) from

Damascus, is part of Syria’s northeastern oil-producing province of Hasaka, home to many of the million-strong Syrian Kurdish minority.

In one Reuters photograph, six bodies could be seen, including three young boys. A middle-aged woman held one of the bodies.

ISIL was jettisoned by al-Qaeda’s leadership after

it fell into territorial and power struggles with Jabhat al-Nusra rebels, who comprise al-Qaeda’s official Syria wing.

Syria, tugged by various regional conflicts, has frayed into a patchwork of warring ethnic and sectarian pockets, and fighters from neighbouring Iraq and Lebanon have joined both sides of the civil war.

Reuters



A man comforts a woman after activists said people were killed by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), in a village near Ras al-Ain city in Hasakah Province on 29 May, 2014.—REUTERS

NSA, Snowden clash over 2013 internal email release

WASHINGTON, 30 May — An email exchange released on Thursday shows Edward Snowden questioned the US National Security Agency’s legal training programmes, but provides no evidence the former contractor complained internally about vast NSA surveillance programmes that he later leaked to the media. Snowden responded in an email to the *Washington Post* that the release by US officials “is incomplete.”

The release of the April 2013 emails between Snowden and the NSA’s legal office is the latest round in a battle between Snowden, who casts himself as a crusading whistleblower, and US security officials, who say he failed to report his concerns to superiors before acting. In an interview with *NBC News* on Wednesday, Snowden said he had raised alarms at multiple levels about the NSA’s broad



Accused government whistleblower Edward Snowden is seen on a screen as he speaks via video conference with members of the Committee on legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe during an hearing on “mass surveillance” at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, on 8 April, 2014.—REUTERS

collection of phone, email and Internet connections.

“I have raised the complaints not just officially in writing through email to these offices and these individuals but to my supervisors, to my colleagues, in more than one office,”

Snowden told the network.

“Many, many of these individuals were shocked by these programmes,” Snowden said, adding that he was advised: “If you say something about this, they’re going to destroy you.”

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 31 May, 2014

Education system still has a long way to go

By Kyaw Thura

School enrollment week is nearly over and soon all schools in Myanmar will open their doors to students with the government promising that all school-aged children will be enrolled. It is undeniable that the education stand-

ard here had noticeably deteriorated before the new government came into power, with wealthy families sending their children abroad for an education of international standard.

The current government has been promising reforms in education since it came to power in 2011. Whether or not the majority of school-aged children will really be enrolled free of charge this term remains to be seen.

A few years back, only students at primary level were entitled to free schooling. They did not have to pay for textbooks and exercise books. Starting this year, students at secondary level will enjoy the same right. These measures are seen as an attempt to lower the number of young

dropouts.

Recently, the government took a step to breathe new life into the literacy movement, which is designed to shore up the promotion of literacy and create literate environments as an integral part of lifelong learning and to keep literacy high on the national agenda.

Although these initiatives have made a welcome change, much remains to be done to get the educational system back on track.

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A WARNING THAT SURPRISED ME

Maung Hlaing

Recently, I happened to reach an office where I saw a warning saying, "No-Smoking Area, Penalties Apply". We are used to seeing such warning labels as "Tobacco kills you!" "Tobacco smoke can Harm Your Children!" and so on. Although the law against tobacco smoking was enacted in Myanmar in 2006, I saw the warning at offices after five years or so. Better late than never.

However, the warning reminds me of my younger days when I used to smoke on the sly. Because I was brought up in the rural areas, the smoking style of elderly folks was the envy of all boys of my younger days. Whenever our parents caught us smoking, we were beaten black and blue. But, we did not give up the bad habit simply because we did not know

the dire effects of tobacco. I became addicted to it when I was only ten years old and only when I became nearly 60, could I give up the bad habit. I had to slowly torture my lungs, my hearts and etc for about 50 years.

I did give up the bad habit when I knew the evil consequences of tobacco.

Tobacco smoking is believed by most researchers in this field to be an important factor in the development of cancer of the lungs and cancer of the throat. It is also believed to be related to cancer of the bladder and the oral cavity. All tobacco smoking—cigarette, cigar, pipe, cheroot, and hookah—affects life expectancy and health. Most of the people think that cigarette appears to have a much greater effect than cigar, pipe or cheroot smoking. However, nicotine consumption is not diminished by the latter forms and

current research indicates a casual relationship between all forms of smoking and cancer of the mouth and throat.

In the past, hookah was thought to be less dangerous than cigarettes because it forced the smoke to go through water before it reached the lungs. According to the latest finding, hookah can cause as much harm to lung function and respiratory system as cigarette smoking. The finding reveals that there are profound effects of water pipe smoking on lung function values, which are similar to the effects observed in deep inhalation cigarette smokers.

Today, another smoking style has become popular among the tobacco smokers. Those who smoke traditional cigarettes have come to use electronic cigarettes, known as e-cigarettes.

Due to the globalization,

some Myanmar adults have tried e-cigarettes, which may be illegally imported, I think. In a near future, the use of e-cigarette may be growing rapidly. Although e-cigarettes appear to have far fewer of the toxins found in smoke compared to traditional cigarettes, the impact of e-cigarettes on long-term health should be studied.

According to a news item sent by Xinhua, appeared in the New Light of Myanmar, 3 March, 2013, we come to know that there is still a lot we don't know about these products, including whether they will decrease or increase use of traditional cigarettes. Whatever it may be, research is needed to access how e-cigarette marketing could impact initiation and use of traditional cigarettes, particularly among young people.

No matter how new ones are substituted for tradi-

tional cigarettes or cheroots, tobacco is tobacco smoke can harm you and your children.

According to a study conducted at the Ottawa Hospital, smokers have double the risk of a stroke caused by a dislodged blood clot and four times the risk of a stroke caused by a ruptured blood vessel than the non-smoking population. In addition, smokers also have a greater chance of having more complications and recurrent strokes and patients who have had a minor stroke are 10 times more likely to have a major stroke, especially if they continue to smoke.

There are so many social evils caused by tobacco smoking. However, I was flabbergasted when I came across a news story sent by Reuters in the New Light of Myanmar, 15-11-2012. The study was conducted by the independent non-profit International Tax and Investment Centre based in Washington.

It shows that approximately 11 percent of the world cigarette market is illicit, resulting in annual loss in government revenue of more than \$40 billion. There is evidence that the proceeds of the illicit trade in tobacco products fund both international criminal organizations. That is why, health officials agree to fight smuggling of tobacco products, which robs governments of more than \$40 billion in revenue each year and undercuts efforts to reduce smoking.

Those who know the dire effects of tobacco are fighting against smoking. Educative talks are being broadcast on radio and TV. You may constantly read articles and news stories on efforts to reduce smoking.

But, will the number of smokers really be decreased? Under the warning "No-Smoking Area, Penalties Apply", will action really be taken against smoking?

Masterful Management

**"Make the present business effective,
Find and realize the business potential; and
Focus on the future of the business.**

-Peter F. Drucker

The Masterful Management

Management is not for amateurs. It is a serious, professional Business. Masterful Management must be able to get meaningful results. The main aim and object of management is to GROW the business. A masterful management must see that the company gets the desired results, grows and finally becomes great.

The Broad Purpose of the Masterful Management

The Masterful Managers should have the Will, Determination and Capability to:

- Generate Short-term Wins,
- Grow the business to the highest Potential; and
- Put in place the Foundation and the Prerequisites for the Future of the business.

The Job of Management

The first and foremost job of management is to get Direct Results. It simply means a builder must build the marketable buildings and the sellers must be able to make their sales. The second job of management is to lay down some vital core values for all the stakeholders of the company to understand, cherish and practice. A business exists to serve some good purpose. So, the business should go beyond making money only. It must also optimally serve the stakeholders such as Customers and Employees and the Community. It must also be committed to some vital Social Responsibility. As an example of core values, a modern, enlightened busi-

ness has got to genuinely respect the three values of putting People, Planet and Profit First. Thirdly, management must make it its duty to continually Develop People, because people, i.e., employees and customers are the crucial forces that make or break the business.

The Responsibility of Management

The fundamental responsibility of management is to Make the Resources Most Productive. Management must masterfully organize, plan and deploy the following vital resources most efficiently:

- Human Resource
- Financial Resource
- Technological Resource
- Raw Materials Resource
- Information & Communication Resource

For this purpose, management should adopt the Corporate Strategy of : MEROR

- **M** means Maximizing
- **E** means Excellent
- **R** means Resources
- **O** means Opportunities
- **R** means Results

If management has the WILL, DETERMINATION and CAPABILITY to Maximize the Excellent Resources, Opportunities and Results, most of the Generals in competition will certainly be Out-generalled. The main thing is to get and maintain the Cutting Edge.

Leading Change

The other ability of a Masterful Management is leading transformation of the Hardware and the Software of the company.

Kyí Mun

The hardware consists of Structure, Systems and, Software comprises of Strategy, Style, Skills, Staff and, Shared Vision & Values.

In leading change, the main objective should be to enhance the Economic Value of Shareholders' Company's Wealth, and the Strategy should aim at Seizing Initiative and Cutting Edge solidly based on Distinctive Capabilities.

Strategic Emphasis in Leading Change

In leading change, radical emphasis must be put on the Business Strategy of MIPG. It means Emphasis must be put on :

- Morale (of the entire organization must be continuously raised.)
- Innovation (Innovation Culture should be widely and passionately established.)
- Productivity (Strong Focus on Productivity Revolution must be continually activated and Maintained.)
- Growth (To go all-out for Growth.)

Masterful Management and the Will

Masterful Management cannot but have the strong Will to lead the WAY to Winning Victory. Not the cry, but the flight of the wild duck prompts the flock to fly and to follow, advises a Chinese proverb.

Ref : The Practice of Management and

Managing for Results by Peter F. Drucker

Breaking the Code of Change by Michael Beer and Niton Nohria

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NATIONAL

Union minister: Problems with China-backed mine projects in central Myanmar to be tackled

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May — Union Minister U Hla Tun said on Thursday that problems at Letpadaung-taung Copper Mine Project in central Myanmar will be addressed as some local former land owners refuse to accept compensation, causing “delays” in planned work at the mine.

During a coordination meeting, the union minister said that although Myanmar Wanbao Company, the Joint Management Committee and the regional government cooperate, several issues regarding the mine need to be resolved.

The Union minister said Moegyo Sulphuric factory also suggested publicizing future schemes by drawing a mine closure plan after 30 years in accordance with international norms.

He urged that the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme should be carried out, add-



Union Minister U Hla Tun speaking at coordination meeting on solving problems at Letpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project.—MNA

ing that CSR will also be implemented in the Sabeit-aung and Kyaesintaung projects in 2014 and 2015.

Implementation works of Letpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project, located in Salingyi Township of Monywa district, began in 2010. The joint venture

project between Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited and Myanmar Wanbao Company of China has an investment of US\$ 999 million.

Residents have been demonstrating over land losses and air and drinking water pollution due to the

dust produced by mining and the metallurgical process. They said that locals suffer from breathing problems and other health damages caused by the Kyesintaung and Sabeit-aung projects operated by Ivanhoe Co. Ltd of Canada.—MNA

2nd Mobile and Tablet Fair opens in Dagon Tsp, Yangon

YANGON, 30 May—The 2nd Mobile and Tablet Fair kicked off on Friday at the Tamadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township in Yangon, aimed at providing one-stop service to customers during the fair.

The fair organized by Outlabbiz Group will be open for three days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., officials said.

Various brands of mobile handsets and tablets including popular products of Sony, Samsung, LG, Hiway, Nokia, Huawei and hTc are available at the fair.

37 companies are participating in the fair, with more than 100 booths.

Mobile banking service of CB Bank is available at the fair, making it the first time for the bank to



Photo shows visitors at 2nd Mobile and Tablet Fair at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Yangon.—PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

join, according to the bank staff. Several visitors said they prefer to purchase electronic equipment at

fairs as the prices are much lower, with a 35-year old customer saying he bought an English-Myanmar Elec-

tronic Dictionary to donate to a monk who is learning advanced Buddha's teachings.—KhaingThandaLwin

Safety measures need tightening at jetties

YANGON, 30 May—Commuters are taking big risks by crossing the Yangon River on motorboats from Pansodan Jetty to Dala Jetty and vice versa, without putting on lifejackets, witnesses said.

As well as being wide, the river becomes rough

with rogue waves, especially in the rainy season.

As the majority of commuters are workers and students, responsible bodies should make sure that motorboat operators and passengers use life jackets before starting the trip.

Myint Than (Oxygen)



Pyu-era gold artifact donated to Archaeology Department

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May — An ancient gold armlet thought to belong to the Pyu Period was donated to the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) last November, media reported on Thursday.

Villager U Tin Tun, who found the ancient armlet, was honoured with a ceremony at the Ministry of Culture on 29 May. He found it while tilling on his farm one mile west of Kyipinkan village, Minbu in Magway Region.

According to officials, the golden object portrays a griffin and weighs around 226 grams.

At the ceremony, Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu praised the farmer for his sense of responsibility as a citizen, noting that the handover of the ancient gold artifact to the department reflects a higher level of Myanmar's long civilization.

U Tin Tun was awarded a certificate of honour with over K 20 million in cash.—MNA



Pyu era gold artifact found by U Tin Tun in Minbu Township.—MNA

Developing Myanmar Waters Sustainably: the Netherlands ...

(from page 1)

In March 2014 a High Level Expert Team consisting of Professors of the well-known Technical University in Delft, Water Governance experts and of experts from local Water Boards met with the Expert team of the National Water Resources Committee of Myanmar to exchange expertise and ideas. In addition a consortium of Dutch Companies with excellent water expertise has been working together with Myanmar counterparts on a strategic study on Integrated Water Resources Management in Myanmar that will be finalised in November 2014.

This second visit (3-5 June) of the Minister will focus on the results of one year of cooperation, and look into future support to Myanmar's Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). Bilateral meetings will be held with representatives of the National Water Resources Committee in Nay Pyi Taw and with several Union Ministers. On June 4, the Min-

ister will hold a keynote speech during the *Seminar: Developing Myanmar Waters Sustainably: from Vision to Implementation*, a jointly organized seminar that will take place in Park Royal Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw. The Minister and her business delegation will visit Mandalay and its waterways on June 5.

The Minister will travel with a business delegation of Dutch companies specializing in water techniques and water engineering.

Information for the press:

The seminar is open to the press. Press interested to attend the seminar can contact 01-652285.

For questions related to the visit of the Minister and the Netherlands program, please contact:

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NLM

Obama: when it comes to head injuries in sports, don't just 'suck it up'

WASHINGTON, 30 May — President Barack Obama said on Thursday more effort is needed to prevent concussions in young athletes, including greater awareness of the severity of head injuries, which are too often dismissed as headaches instead of serious brain trauma. Obama, speaking at a White House conference highlighting the risks of concussions to young athletes, called for more research, improved safety equipment and better protocols.

"We've got to have every parent and coach and teacher recognize the signs of concussions, and we need more athletes to understand how important it is to do what we can to prevent in-



US President Barack Obama is introduced by Victoria Belluci of Huntington, Md(L) at the White House Healthy Kids & Safe Sports Concussion Summit while in the East Room of the White House in Washington, on 29 May, 2014. — REUTERS

juries — and to admit them when they do have them," he said.

"We have to change that culture that says, 'You suck it up'" and play

through the pain, Obama said. Brain injuries, long a concern for the military, are increasingly receiving attention in sports leagues, not only among professional

athletes but also youth players. Concerns have spread beyond violent contact sports such as football and hockey to soccer and even cheerleading.

As many as 250,000 youths each year are treated in hospitals for sports-related concussions and other injuries, according to the latest figures from US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has launched its own campaign on the issue.

The event at the White House, peppered with former athletes, representatives of major US sports leagues and health experts, aimed to use Obama's office to draw attention to avoiding and treating sports-related head injuries.

Reuters

Japan consumer spending, factory output skid after sales tax hike



A man walks past a display window of a luxury brand at Tokyo's Ginza shopping district on 29 May, 2014. — REUTERS

TOKYO, 30 May — Japan's household spending in April fell at the fastest rate in three years in a sign that consumption could be slow to recover from an increase in the nationwide

sales tax, raising questions over the pace of economic recovery.

Industrial production fell more than expected in April as companies cut output to avoid a pile up

in inventories in the lull after the sales tax hike took effect.

BOJ officials have repeatedly said they are confident spending will quickly recover as the labor market remains tight, but the bigger-than-expected spending drop in April and a slowdown in factory activity could raise the stakes for monetary policy.

"Spending will recover from May, but sales of durable goods look weak and this could be a drag on overall spending," said Hidenobu Tokuda, senior economist at Mizuho Research Institute.

"The government can afford to let the spending

in its stimulus package run its course. The BOJ doesn't need to move now, but it needs to keep an eye on the situation."

Japanese household spending fell 4.6 percent in April from a year ago, more than the median market forecast for a 3.2 percent annual decline. That marked the fastest annual decline since March 2011, when an exceptionally powerful earthquake triggered a nuclear disaster.

Compared to the previous month, spending tumbled by a record 13.3 percent in April, more than the 13.0 percent decline expected by economists.

Reuters

Major study shows obesity rates climbing worldwide

LONDON, 30 May — No country has witnessed a significant decline in obesity prevalence over the past three decades, with the number of overweight and obese people topping 2.1 billion in 2013, according to latest figures published in British medical journal *The Lancet*.

A team of international researchers performed a comprehensive search of the available data from surveys and reports to track overweight people (body mass index of 25kg/m² or higher) and obesity (BMI of 30kg/m² or higher) in 188 countries from 1980 to 2013. Worldwide, there has been a startling increase in rates of obesity and the

overweightness in both adults (28 percent increase) and children (up by 47 percent) in the past 33 years. The number of overweight and obese people rose from 857 million in 1980 to 2.1 billion in 2013.

However, the rates vary widely throughout the world, with more than half of the world's 671 million obese individuals living in just ten countries — United States (more than 13 percent), China and India (15 percent combined), Russia, Brazil, Mexico, Egypt, Germany, Pakistan and Indonesia. Currently, 62 percent of the world's obese people live in developing countries.

Xinhua

Tyson offers \$6.3 billion for Hillshire, eclipsing Pilgrim's bid

NEW YORK, 30 May — Tyson Foods Inc (TSN.N) has offered to buy Hillshire Brands Co (HSH.N) for \$6.3 billion, upstaging Pilgrim's Pride Corp (PPC.O)'s offer for the sausage company earlier in the week, in a deal that would broaden Tyson's supermarket food offerings.

Investors lauded on Thursday's news, sending shares of Hillshire, known for its Jimmy Dean and Hillshire sausages, nearly 18 percent higher to \$52.69, above Tyson's \$50 per share offer, suggesting that some investors expect a bidding war.

The overture from Tyson, the biggest US meat processor, trumped Pilgrim's \$45 per share bid earlier this week.



Packages of Tyson food beef meat loaf are reflected in a mirror as they sit on a refrigerator for sale at a grocery store in Encinitas, California on 29 May, 2014. — REUTERS

Both all-cash bids include the assumption of Hillshire's debt.

Tyson put the total value of its bid at \$6.8 billion, based on 125 million outstanding Hillshire shares

and debt of roughly \$500 million. About two weeks ago, Hillshire said it planned to buy Pinnacle Foods Inc (PF.N), known for its Birds Eye frozen vegetables, in a deal it valued at \$4.3 billion

British American Tobacco calls for tobacco harm reduction to be adopted as a progressive public health policy

(This is reproduction of the news release of British American Tobacco Press Office.)

On World No Tobacco Day 2014, British American Tobacco is calling on the World Health Organization (WHO) and Governments around the world to adopt a policy of tobacco harm reduction as a more progressive approach to tobacco regulation.

The WHO's own estimates suggest there are now one billion smokers across the globe and by 2050 this number could increase to 2.2 billion.

Kingsley Wheaton, British American Tobacco's Director of Corporate & Regulatory Affairs, said: "For governments seeking to reduce tobacco use, we believe it's time for new, more progressive approaches to be considered. One such solution is to offer adult smokers a choice of substantially less risky products such as e-cigarettes.

"This approach is what many refer to as 'Tobacco Harm Reduction'. However, for this to work Governments and the public health community need to embrace this concept and the products that support it."

Recent media reports suggest that less risky nicotine products such as e-cigarettes could be classified as tobacco products by the WHO. This could see governments eventually subjecting e-cigarettes to hefty excise duty, public smoking bans and severe marketing restrictions, all of which would hamper their growth and development.

Mr Wheaton continued: "If e-cigarettes are classified as tobacco products, then the associated regulatory hurdles will mean smokers will find it harder to access less risky alternatives — this can only be a bad thing for public health. "We hope the arguments being made by the scientific community, the industry and public health campaigners will demonstrate the need for policy makers to carefully consider the benefits of tobacco harm reduction and give it their full support."

British American Tobacco invests approximately £170million per year in research and development which is enabling it to develop an expanding range of alternative tobacco and nicotine products including the launch of its first e-cigarette, Vype. Mr Wheaton concluded: "We believe we can and should be a part of this debate and possible solutions, given our knowledge of consumers and our global reach. "Tobacco harm reduction provides a progressive public health policy direction. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate on making this policy a global reality."

excluding debt. That pact, considered less appealing by some investors and analysts, could be in peril as the Tyson and Pilgrim's bids require Hillshire to terminate the Pinnacle deal. Hillshire said in a statement that it would thoroughly review Tyson's proposal.

Pilgrim's, which valued its offer at \$6.4 billion including debt and a \$163 million breakup fee, said it is considering its options and would "update the markets in due course." Brazilian meatpacking giant JBS SA (JBSS3.SA) owns about 75 percent of Pilgrim's. Tyson executives would not comment on Pilgrim's offer, but said on a media call that they were prepared to issue equity. —Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Satya Nadella, Microsoft Corp chief executive, attends the unveil event of the new Microsoft Surface Pro 3 in New York on 20 May, 2014.—REUTERS

Microsoft to put Salesforce apps into Windows-run devices

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 May — Microsoft Corp (MSFT.O) said on Thursday it would integrate rival Salesforce.com Inc (CRM.N) apps into its Windows and online Office platforms, furthering Chief Executive Satya Nadella's drive to make the company more cloud-computing friendly.

The main thrust of the tie-up means Salesforce's popular customer-management apps will be available on Windows desktop PCs, tablets and mobile devices, while Salesforce users will be able to access Microsoft Office content such as Excel spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations.

The two companies will also allow for fuller data integration features. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The collaboration is the latest sign that Nadella, who became CEO almost four months ago, is intent on forcing Microsoft to work with companies that have a better hold on mobile customers. The new approach, which Nadella calls "mobile first, cloud

first," started with the move in March to make Office available on Apple Inc's (AAPL.O) iPad.

While Salesforce has been a pioneer in cloud software, Microsoft has long been criticized by industry analysts as moving too slowly to the cloud-based, subscription software model favored by smaller and nimbler enterprises that prefer to pay as they go.

"Nadella recognized the need to partner as the company cannot do this alone," said Daniel Ives, an analyst at FBR Capital Markets. "Salesforce remains the pioneer of cloud computing and this significantly expands Microsoft's cloud opportunity."

Thursday's announcement is also a sharp turn for Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff, an outspoken former Apple programmer, who has often railed publicly against Microsoft's reliance on installed software. Microsoft itself is a direct competitor of Salesforce.com with its Microsoft Dynamics suite of business tools.

Reuters

Intel: new tablets a big step toward reaching aggressive target

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 May — New Intel-based tablets from major brands will start hitting store shelves in June, and senior executives at the chipmaker hope the offerings will move it closer to an aggressive sales goal.

Far behind rival Qualcomm (QCOM.O) in mobile devices, the upcoming tablets are the result of Intel Corp's (INTC.O) strategy to sell chips this year at a loss in a bid to stake out badly needed market share. Intel is betting that in the future, its customers will keep using Intel chips without the discounts. Toshiba (6502.T) this week announced six tablets and PCs with detachable screens made with Intel chips, one of which runs the Android operating system and the rest Windows. More Intel-based tablets will start hitting US store shelves in June and July for back-to-

school shoppers, Erik Reid, general manager of Intel's Mobile Client Platforms unit, told Reuters in a recent interview.

"It will be a new high-water mark, to be eclipsed by another high-water mark at the holidays," said Reid, who is managing Intel's tablet push.

With the PC industry shrinking, mobile devices and other new markets have become a top priority for Intel. Most tablets are made with chips from Samsung (005930.KS), Qualcomm and other companies that use low-power technology from ARM Holdings (ARM.L).

Earlier in May, CEO Brian Krzanich told Reuters that Intel was well on its way to reaching his goal for the company to increase its sales of tablet chips this year to 40 million units.

After shipping 5 million



A visitor plays with a tablet PC at the Intel booth during the Computex 2011 computer fair at the TWTC Nangang exhibition hall in Taipei on 31 May, 2011.

REUTERS

tablet chips in the first quarter, Intel is on track to meet a target of 7.5 million such chips for the June quarter, Krzanich said.

"We're on schedule to hit that number and we'll see if we can do better than that," he said.

Global tablet shipments from all manufacturers in 2014 will grow 12 percent to 245 million, less than a previous forecast of 261 million devices, because people are keeping their devices longer, market research firm

IDC said on Thursday. Intel sold around 10 million tablet chips last year. Manufacturers have launched a handful of Windows tablets running on Intel's newest Bay Trail chips, but those chips have been slow to appear in devices running the popular Android platform. On Tuesday, Intel announced a deal with Chinese chipmaker Rockchip to make components for entry-level Android devices aimed at local consumers in China.

Reuters

Ancient extinct fossil returns to life in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 30 May — A tiny marine animal thought to have died out 4 million years ago has turned up alive in waters off the top of New Zealand's South Island, scientists said on Thursday. Called *Protulophila*, the "living fossil" formed a network of tiny holes in the chalky tubes of marine worms called serpulids, according to the New Zealand government's National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA).

Earlier this year a group of scientists from New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Norway discovered fossil examples less than a million years old, alerting them to the possibility that the animal, previously unknown outside of Europe and the Middle East, might still be alive in New Zealand. It had been thought to have been extinct for 4 million years following a long geological history extending back 170 million years into the Middle Jurassic period in Europe.

"Finding living *Protulophila* is a rare example of how knowledge of fossils has led to the discovery of living biodiversity," NIWA marine biologist Dr Dennis Gordon said in a statement.

Xinhua



Visitors look at the fossils of chilotherium at Shanxi Geological Museum in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 27 May, 2014. Shanxi Geological Museum opened to public on 18 May, after 8 years of planning and construction.—XINHUA

Security enthusiasts may revive encryption tool after mystery shutdown

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 May — A team of security experts may seek to restore and improve a popular computer encryption system after its developers mysteriously shut it down, claiming "unfixed security issues," a leader of the effort told Reuters on Thursday.

TrueCrypt, one of a number of programmes that encrypt all of a user's hard drive, had gained popularity after fugitive former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden praised it and law enforcement officials complained of their inability to crack it.

The software's code has been publicly available for years, but its developers have not spoken publicly and their true identities are

unclear. After Snowden's revelations, supporters contributed some \$70,000 to an effort to verify the security of the code.

TrueCrypt had passed the earliest testing, so it shocked many technologists on Wednesday when the TrueCrypt website announced it would discontinue encryption support and urged users to move to rival software.

"WARNING: Using TrueCrypt is not secure as it may contain unfixed security issues," the notice said. "You should migrate any data encrypted by TrueCrypt to encrypted disks or virtual disk images."

Speculation has mounted over the cause of the reversal, with some suggesting

that the developers had tired of the decade-long project and others guessing that US authorities had demanded a back-door key from the programmers, as happened with anonymous email provider Lavabit. As that debate raged on Thursday, an audit team funded by the \$70,000 was preparing to announce that it would continue its quest to determine the security of TrueCrypt and would seek to fix legal issues with the license to the code, said Matthew Green, a Johns Hopkins University cryptography professor helping lead the effort.—Reuters



A lock icon, signifying an encrypted Internet connection, is seen on an Internet Explorer browser in a photo illustration in Paris on 15 April, 2014.—REUTERS

Japan, US resume talks on beef, pork in Pacific free-trade pact

WASHINGTON, 30 May — Japan and the United States resumed talks on Thursday aimed at narrowing differences over Japan's tariffs on beef, pork and other farm produce in a US-led Pacific free trade initiative.

Hiroshi Oe, deputy chief Japanese negotiator for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and Wendy Cutler, acting deputy US trade representative, met in Washington for the first follow-up session after last week's ministerial meeting in Singapore of the 12 countries negotiating the pact.

Japan has proposed lowering tariffs on pork and beef while asking the United States to allow Japan to introduce safeguard measures if imports from the United States of the products drastically increase, people familiar with the negotiations said earlier.

Oe arrived in the US

capital a day after US agricultural groups such as the National Pork Producers Council stepped up criticism of Japan and urged the US government to seek to oust Japan from the TPP negotiations unless it reviews the exceptional tariffs.

"We'll take up not only the safeguard issue but all other remaining issues. We'll try to thrash out many of the remaining details," Oe told reporters upon arrival at an airport in a Washington suburb on Thursday.

The Office of US Trade Representative said the latest round of bilateral talks is for discussions about "market access issues focusing on agriculture."

Along with beef and pork, Japan has said it will keep tariffs on four other sensitive agricultural product categories — rice, wheat, dairy products and sugar.



Hiroshi Oe (L), deputy chief Japanese negotiator for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and Wendy Cutler, acting deputy US trade representative, shake hands before their talks on the Pacific free trade initiative in Washington on 29 May, 2014. — KYODO NEWS

Japan and the United States also have differences over a US call for Tokyo to open its automotive market wider by lifting nontariff barriers such as safety regulations.

Japan, the United

States and 10 other countries — Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam — plan to hold a chief negotiators' meeting in July. — Kyodo News

UN Security Council renews mission in Somalia

UNITED NATIONS, 30 May — The UN Security Council on Thursday extended a UN mission in Somalia for one more year in order to continue providing "good offices" in the country's peace and reconciliation process.

In a unanimously adopted resolution, the 15-member Council commended the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) for its first 12 months of operation and decided to "extend UNSOM's mandate for a period of 12 months."

According to the resolution, the mandate of UNSOM includes providing United Nations "good offices" functions in support of peace and reconciliation; providing advice on peace and state-building; coordination of international donor support; government capacity building on human rights; and human rights monitoring and reporting.

The Security Council "stresses the importance it

attaches to UNSOM working with the federal government of Somalia in supporting the government's stabilization efforts and coordinating international assistance, in particular in areas recovered from Al-Shabaab," said the resolution.

The Council also condemned "in the strongest terms" recent terrorist attacks perpetrated by Al-Shabaab in Somalia and the region, underlined the importance of holding perpetrators to account, and reiterated that terrorist attacks will not lessen its resolve to support the peace and reconciliation process in Somalia.

Expressing "deep concern" about the humanitarian situation as well as the reports of human rights violations in the country, the Council members also urged the Somali government to ensure that all perpetrators of serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights laws are held accountable. — Xinhua

Iran plans June launch of plant for curbing low-grade uranium stash



European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton (L) and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif wait for the start of talks in Vienna on 14 May, 2014. — REUTERS

VIENNA, 30 May — Iran is planning to start up a plant in June that will convert low-enriched uranium gas into an oxide form less suitable for making nuclear bombs, as required by a

landmark deal with world powers, diplomats said.

Under last year's interim accord with six major powers to help ease tension over Iran's nuclear programme, it needs to take

action by late July to limit its stockpile of uranium gas refined to a fissile concentration of up to 5 percent.

It was one of the terms of the six-month accord between Iran and the United

States, France, Germany, Britain, Russia and China to curb Teheran's atomic activities in exchange for some easing of sanctions that took effect on 20 January. Iran is meeting all the other requirements of the deal that was designed to buy time for talks on a final settlement of the decade-old dispute over Tehran's nuclear programme, a UN watchdog report showed last week.

Iran says the purpose of the programme is peaceful but the West fears it may be aiming to develop a nuclear weapons capability. In its report, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the commissioning of the conversion plant near the central city of Isfahan — final tests that were originally due last year — had now begun.

Asked at a technical

briefing for diplomats earlier this week when it was expected to begin operating, a senior IAEA official said the launch was planned for the second half of June, according to people who attended the closed-door meeting. "From what I hear that still allows for all the (conversion) work to be done by mid-July," one Western envoy said.

The IAEA report said Iran had transferred 4.3 tonnes of low-grade uranium gas to the Isfahan site from its Natanz enrichment plant, in a possible sign that it was preparing to start conversion into oxide powder in the near future.

Because of the conversion facility's delay, the low-grade uranium stockpile has grown to nearly 8.5 tonnes in May from 7.6 tonnes in February, according to the IAEA report.

Reuters

Bomb scare prompts evacuation in Houston elementary school

HOUSTON, 30 May — A suspicious backpack prompted evacuation and drew a bomb squad to an elementary school on Thursday morning in the US city of Houston, local media reported.

The Barbara Bush Elementary School, one of the best public schools in Houston, was evacuated on Thursday morning after a suspicious red backpack was found on a campus, local TV ABC13 reported.

A bomb squad from Houston police was dispatched to the school. After about an hour, they determined the backpack was harmless and the lockdown was lifted. Students returned to classes while parents were notified of the incident.

The school was opened in 1992 and named after Barbara Bush, the wife of the 41st President of the United States, George H. W. Bush, and the mother of the 43rd President, George W. Bush. The senior Bush couple now live in Houston. — Xinhua

Nearly 85,000 South Sudanese people flee to Sudan

UNITED NATIONS, 30 May — The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) says that aid groups have reported that nearly 85,000 people have fled the violence in South Sudan to

Sudan since mid-December 2013, a UN spokesman said here on Thursday. "More than one third of them are at the Kilo 10 (reception) site in Sudan's White Nile State, many with limited access to clean water and sanitation,"

Stephane Dujarric said at a daily briefing here.

With the onset of the rainy season, humanitarian organizations are concerned about access and conditions at Kilo 10, which is prone to flooding, Dujarric said.

"They are working with the Government of Sudan to help relocate the South Sudanese to safer areas." "Humanitarian organizations continue to provide assistance to the South Sudanese arrivals in Sudan," he said.

"They have reached over 50,000 people with aid, including food and water, since mid-December. The humanitarian appeal to help the South Sudanese in Sudan is just 36 percent funded." — Xinhua

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Chinese overseas milk powder purchases caused by price gap

BEIJING, 30 May — A Chinese official blamed overcharging by foreign producers on infant formula in China as a leading cause for Chinese people's binge-buying of milk powder overseas.

Chinese buyers' distrust of domestic brand quality is also to blame for the buying spree outside the country, said Jiang Yujun, deputy director of a dairy industry technology research center, at a Press conference on Friday. Some foreign brands that sell for some 130 yuan in Europe may cost up to 470 yuan in China, according to Jiang. At the Press conference, Jiang also defended Chinese producers' quality, saying it is safe to consume domestic brands.

Ma Chunliang, an official with the China Food and Drug Administration attending the Press conference, said that China is mulling measures to ensure that what people buy through the Internet is also safe.

Some 820,000 tons of infant formula milk powder were sold in 2013, of which 120,000 tons were imported, Ma said, adding that the exact amount of buying through the Internet is hard to know.

Ma said the need for milk powder will increase because of a baby boom as a result of China's loosened family planning policy to allow couples to have two children if one of them is an only child.—Xinhua

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**Ministry of Energy
Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise
Invitation for Opened Tender (2/2014)**

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats and United States Dollars(CIF Yangon)

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/1 (2014-2015)	Toyota Towing Tractor (Brand-New) for Aviation Dispenser	4 Nos.	Kyats
(2)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/2 (2014-2015)	Server, and Accessories	11 Items	Kyats
(3)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/3 (2014-2015)	Projector, Copier, Printer, Fax and Scanner	5 Items	Kyats
(4)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/4 (2014-2015)	Air Conditioner	5 Sets	Kyats
(5)	MPPE/LP/MCY/T/1 (2014-2015)	Battery	2 Items	Kyats
(6)	MPPE/LP/TTS/T/1 (2014-2015)	Tyre with Tube and Flap	2 Items	Kyats
(7)	MPPE/LP/CHEM/T/1 (2014-2015)	Shell Water Detector Capsules	890 Boxes	Kyats
(8)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/1 (2014-2015)	400 IGPM Fuel Transfer Centrifugal Pump (Motor Driven) and 300 IGPM Fuel Transfer Centrifugal Pump (Engine Driven)	2 Items (each 2 nos)	USD
(9)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/2 (2014-2015)	Fire Fighting Angus Engine Driven Pump with Trailer inductor	2 Sets	USD
(10)	MPPE/MCY/T/1 (2014-2015)	Butterfly Valves, Swing Joints, Expansion Joints and Flexible Connectors	8 Items	USD

2. Tender Closing Date & Time - 24-6-2014, 12:00 Hrs.

3. Tender document are available at our office starting from 27-5-2014 at during office hours and for further detail please contact: Phone 067-411487.

**Planning Department
Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise
Ministry of Energy, No (6) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw**

Philippine gov't okays 9 projects worth 1.41 bln USD

MANILA, 30 May — The Philippine government has approved nine major projects worth 62.3 billion pesos (1.41 billion US dollars), a senior government official said on Friday.

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Hermilio Coloma, Jr said in a news briefing that that the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board gave its go signal to the projects during a marathon meeting on Thursday.

Two projects — the construction of the Kaliwa Dam and the Angat Dam water transmission project — are aimed at ensuring the water supply requirements of Metro Manila and adjacent provinces.

The development of local water districts, National Irrigation Administration's Malinao Dam Improvement Project, the Cebu bus rapid transit project and the upgrade of Busuanga airport in the western Philippine province of Palawan were also approved. Other projects okayed by the NEDA Board chaired by Philippine President Benigno Aquino III are the Light Rail Transit Line 2 operations maintenance project, Laoag airport road link project in northern Philippines and the expansion of the Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital.

Coloma said the master plan for the development of the Clark Green City in the northern Philippine province of Pampanga was also given the green light.

Xinhua



INS Vikrant, Indian Navy's first aircraft carrier, is seen moved on the Arabian Sea to a ship breaking yard at Reay Road in Mumbai, India, on 29 May, 2014.

XINHUA

Angelina Jolie still friends with ex-husband Jonny Lee Miller

LOS ANGELES, 30 May — Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie has revealed that she looks back fondly on her time with ex-husband Jonny Lee Miller.

The 38-year-old actress married Miller in 1996, after meeting him on the set of their movie *Hackers*, reported *Digital Spy*.

When asked in an interview what feeling the techno-thriller gives her on reflection, she said, “Well, oddly, love. That’s where I met Jonny, who is still a great friend. So I think of him when I think of that. Although, I’m sure the movie looks so ancient now, but we had a lot of fun making that.”

Although Angelina Jolie and Jonny Lee Miller divorced in 1999, they have remained close, collaborating on several global charities together.

Angelina also said that she did not intend to play a crazy character in her Oscar-winning *Girl, Interrupted* role. “I really, genuinely thought I was the only character who was sane in the entire film. And if you watch it closely, that’s exactly how I was playing it: I am just the only sane person here.

“I was actually almost upset when people said I was



Angelina Jolie

so good at playing insane because I never thought she was insane. She was just incredibly honest, which, I guess, made her seem crazy,” Angelina said.

Angelina currently stars in the Disney movie *Maleficent*, opposite Elle Fanning.—PTI

Fox TV network chief to depart after ratings slump

LOS ANGELES, 30 May — Kevin Reilly, the top executive at Fox broadcast television, is leaving the network next month, the company said on Thursday, after Fox slumped to last place in ratings among the big US broadcasters.

Reilly’s seven years as chairman of entertainment at Twenty-First Century Fox Inc’s broadcast division ended with marquee programs like “American Idol” and “Glee” suffering sharp ratings drops.

Fox has also lost its top ranking among viewers in the 18-49 age group that advertisers value most.



49 age

Reilly chief executive

ly said in a statement that he and Fox Networks Group chairman and officer, Peter Rice, had been discussing his departure for a while.

“It felt like the timing was as right as it could be,” Reilly, who joined Fox in 2007 and was named chairman of entertainment in 2012, said in the statement.

The move comes after the network presented its fall stable of programming to advertisers earlier this month.

Fox said that Reilly’s senior executives will report to Rice before the company names a replacement.

The network averaged 7.3 million in daily primetime viewers this past season, according to Nielsen data. That was up from 7 million last year, but Fox fell one place to fourth behind, CBS, NBC and ABC, respectively.

Its record haul of 111.5 million viewers in February for football’s Super Bowl did not deliver a significant improvement on overall viewership. The Super Bowl also failed to boost the coveted 18-49 audience, which remained flat and in second place with 3.1 million viewers on average. Fox’s current entertainment slate consists of critically acclaimed shows such as “The Mindy Project,” “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” and “New Girl,” but the shows have so far been unable to become ratings powerhouses for the network.—Reuters

Scarlett Johansson: Look forward to putting on weight and not worrying about my looks

LOS ANGELES, 30 May — Scarlett Johansson, who exudes beauty and oomph, plays a deglamourized role in indie comedy *Chef*. She says she won’t mind piling on some pounds and be carefree about her looks as glamour will eventually fade away.

“I look forward to putting on some weight very soon so that I won’t have to worry about my looks and being glamorous all the time. It will anyways all fade away with time,” Johansson said in a statement.

In *Chef*, Johansson plays a role unlike herself — a character slightly deglamourized, not the best looking and just about a little plumper than usual.

After a limited release in the US, *Chef*, about a Miami-born workaholic in Los Angeles, will hit Indian screens on 13 June.

Distributed by MVP Entertainment India, the film is directed, written by and starring Jon Favreau as chef Carl Casper. The film also stars Sofia Vergara, Dustin Hoffman and Robert Downey Jr. —PTI



Scarlett Johansson

Lara Dutta: I am focusing on doing films now

MUMBAI, 30 May — Actress Lara Dutta, who had taken a sabbatical post the birth of her baby, says she is focusing on movies now and will be shooting for a film this year.

Lara married Indian tennis player Mahesh Bhupathi in 2010 and in January 2012, she delivered a baby girl. Now, the actress-cum-producer is gearing up for a comeback in films.

“Right now I am focusing only on doing films. I am definitely going to be back in films, you will see me soon. I am shooting this year, the release is not in my hands. I can’t talk about which films I am doing,” Lara said in a media interaction here.

“Everyone knows that we are doing a sequel to *Chalo Dilli*, that is in pre-production stage. I am quite excited about it. Besides this, there are films that I am doing outside my production house,” she said.

Chalo Dilli (2011), directed by Shashant Shah, had Lara and Vinay Pathak in the lead and Akshay Kumar in a guest appearance. Now, Lara is getting ready to roll a sequel, reportedly titled *Chalo China*.

“There is a lot happening this year with my production house Bheegi Basanti Entertainment. We are producing films and TV shows,” she said.

Though Bollywood actors are seen on the small screen, Lara is clear she won’t be a part of the television industry.—PTI



Actress Lara Dutta

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**Shri Shiv Shankar Verma B.A.D.T.
(Age 84)**

Shri Shiv Shankar Verma (affectionately known as S.S.Verma) formerly Headmaster of Zeyawaddy High School, retired senior teacher of B.E.H.S, Zeyawaddy, President of Mahatma Gandhi Prayer Hall Committee, President of Hindu Dharm Mahasabha, patron of Kalayan Samiti Clinic, Zeyawaddy, and a leading personality in various Hindu Organizations passed away peacefully on 28 May 2014 at his residence in Sadhugon Village, Pyu Tsp and cremated according to Hindu rites on the same day.

Mahatma Gandhi Prayer Hall Committee
Zeyawaddy



Presidential candidate Oscar Ivan Zuluaga speaks to supporters during an event in Bogota on 28 May, 2014.

REUTERS

Colombia presidential candidate drops threat to end FARC talks

BOGOTA, 30 May — Colombian presidential candidate Oscar Ivan Zuluaga, who faces incumbent Juan Manuel Santos in a run-off vote, on Thursday dropped his threat to end peace talks with Marxist rebels if elected, softening his stance on the election's most pivotal issue. The right-wing Zuluaga won the most votes in a first round vote on Sunday but not enough to avoid a run-off set for 15 June. He is now neck and neck with Santos, a poll showed on Thursday, raising the suspense in the Andean nation's tightest election in years.

Zuluaga told Caracol radio that if elected, he would still demand that

the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, cease combat and criminal activity to continue the talks Santos initiated in late 2012, but would no longer immediately suspend talks as he promised previously.

Zuluaga did not say how long he would give FARC to declare a ceasefire, a condition it has rejected until now, but said he softened his stance at the request of Conservative Party leader Marta Lucia Ramirez in exchange for her support in the run-off vote campaign.

"We maintain our same conditions to advance the search for a negotiated peace," Zuluaga told

local radio. "We'll allow the talks to continue." He added he would review what had been agreed upon so far during the closed-door discussions.

The question of how to end the country's 50-year conflict, during which 220,000 people have been killed, has been the campaign's most prominent issue, with negotiations appearing to put peace within closer reach than ever before.

Negotiators at the talks, which are being held in Cuba, have reached partial accords on three of five topics under discussion.

Santos says this election is a choice between grasping a historic chance

to end the decades-old conflict by voting for him, or continuing "an endless war" by choosing his rival.

Zuluaga, backed by popular ex-President Alvaro Uribe, who decimated rebel ranks with a relentless US-backed military onslaught, has been critical of the talks with "terrorists" and drug traffickers. Santos told Caracol radio that Zuluaga's warming to the idea of talks was hypocritical, branding it "politicking."

"Now it turns out they are friends of peace and for continued negotiations, even though they impose conditions impossible to fulfill," Santos said.

Reuters

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2,000 firefighters battle east China forest fire

JINAN, 30 May — More than 2,000 firefighters are struggling to contain a forest fire in east China's Shandong Province.

The fire broke out at about 3 pm on Thursday in a forest in the coastal city of

Weihai and quickly spread with the help of a strong wind, the city government said in a statement. It is raging on several fronts totaling 7 km in length.

The firefighting efforts, which also involve helicop-

ters, have been complicated by the heavy wind packing a speed of up to 61 km per hour, it said.

Roads near the fire have been closed and some water and electricity supplies have been disrupted.

The smoke has reduced visibility in neighbouring urban areas. For those who could be affected, the government said it has designated several schools and exhibition centers as emergency shelters.—Xinhua

Nadal masters young apprentice, Murray hits form

PARIS, 30 May — Rafa Nadal provided a clay-court lesson for one of the game's young apprentices at the French Open when he crushed rising Austrian Dominic Thiem with a masterly display to reach the third round on Thursday.

The eight-times champion showed flashes of his intimidating best in a 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 win that was tougher than the scoreline suggested but was never seriously in doubt against a player of whom grand things are expected.

While world No 1 Nadal improved his Roland Garros record to 61-1 in ruthless fashion, prospective semi-final opponent Andy Murray cruised into

the third round by outclassing Australia's Marinko Matosevic.

Fifth seed David Ferrer, one of three players to beat Nadal on his favoured claycourts this season, also wasted little energy reaching the last 32, demolishing Italian Simone Bolelli 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

After the seismic shock of defending champion Serena Williams's second round exit on Wednesday the women's draw was relatively incident free on Day Five, with Simona Halep and Jelena Jankovic among the leading seeds to progress.

Perhaps wary of the 20-year-old Thiem's reputation as a rising force in

the men's game Nadal was quick to stamp his authority on Philippe Chatrier Court — the rectangle of Parisian clay that remains his fortress. "I think it was a dangerous match, a dangerous opponent today," Nadal, who appears to be slipping into the groove, said.

I think today I played a solid match, I knew that if I didn't I would be in trouble."

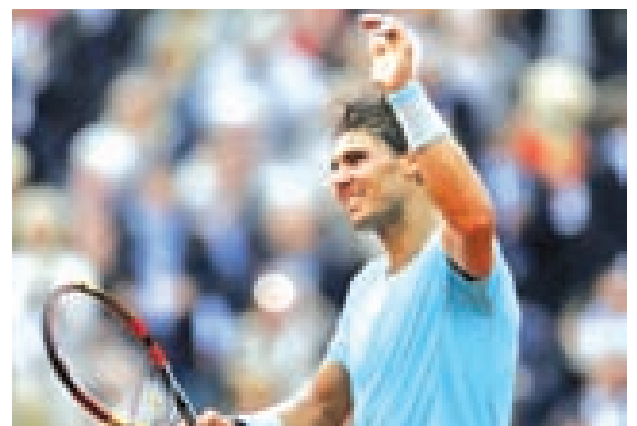
He briefly was in the third set when Thiem, who stunned world number three Stanislas Wawrinka in the second round of the Madrid Masters this month, broke and held serve to lead 3-1.

His booming inside-out forehands briefly put Nadal on the back foot but Nadal

quickly responded to the challenge and won the remaining games, ending the contest on his second match point when the Austrian sent a forehand long.

Nadal, who next faces Argentine Leonardo Mayer, is on a quarter-final collision course with last year's runner-up and compatriot Ferrer. "I am ready for the next round and was very happy with my performance, especially with my consistency," Ferrer, next plays Italian Andreas Seppi, said after dismantling Bolelli. "My season on clay has been good (when asked about beating Nadal on clay this season). I have a good feel."

Seventh seed Murray,



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after winning his men's singles match against Dominic Thiem of Austria at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 29 May, 2014. — REUTERS

the Wimbledon champion, produced a masterclass to win an entertaining, although one-sided, match 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 against Mato-

sevic who was playing in the second round of a grand slam for the first time having previously lost 12 first round matches.—Reuters

Myanmar Football Academy team (Mandalay) to meet Chonburi Youth FC



As the third group match of the Asian Champions Trophy U-16 2014, jointly organized by Malaysian Football Association and Frenz United football academy, the Myanmar Football Academy team

(Mandalay) will play against Chonburi Youth FC of Thailand at Aung San Stadium on 31 May.

In its debut, the football team of Myanmar Football Academy shared one point each in a 1-1 draw with Laos Toyota

FC. As the match on 24 May between the Myanmar youth and Guangzhou Youth FC was adjourned, Myanmar youth won one point till on 30 May.

Chonburi FC showed off its excellent skills in the group matches. It se-

cures six points in two wins.

Myanmar took part in the tournament for the second time. The team hopes to sail into the quarterfinal this year.

Nyi Myat Thawda;
Photo: Soe Nyunt

Blue Samurai touch down in Tampa for World Cup camp



The Japanese men's national soccer team coach Alberto Zaccheroni (2nd from L) and some of its members — Eiji Kawashima (far L), Masato Morishige (2nd from R) and Yoshito Okubo (far R) — are pictured as the team arrives at Tampa international airport in Florida on 29 May, 2014, for a training camp ahead of the World Cup finals in Brazil—KYODO NEWS

TAMPA, (Florida), 30 May — Japan arrived in Florida on Thursday for a training camp ahead of the upcoming World Cup finals in Brazil. The team touched down at Tampa International Airport after a 13-hour journey on a charter flight from Tokyo, two days after a 1-0 World Cup warm-up win over Cyprus in Saitama.

The Asian champions

have friendlies scheduled here against Costa Rica on 2 June and Zambia on 6 June before leaving for Brazil on 7 June.

Japan, making their fifth consecutive appearance at the World Cup finals, open their campaign against Ivory Coast on 14 June before taking on Greece and Colombia in their other Group C games.

Kyodo News

Ronaldo defends police force against World Cup protesters

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 May — Brazil legend Ronaldo has defended the use of police force to quell violent protesters during the World Cup.

Brazilian police were widely criticized for firing tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse anti-government protesters during last year's Confederations Cup.

"As far as the vandals go, I think that we have to hit them and get them off the streets," Ronaldo told Brazilian newspaper *Folha de S Paulo*. Protesters have vowed to return to the streets when football's tournament

begins on 12 June. Many have expressed anger at the rising cost of staging the event while essential services like health and education continue to suffer from underinvestment.

Ronaldo, a member of the World Cup local organizing committee, rejected claims that demonstrators were against Brazil staging



Brazil legend Ronaldo

the quadrennial event.

And he joked that FIFA might not want to stage the World Cup in Brazil again after preparations for this year's tournament were plagued by worker deaths, planning delays and cost overruns.

"I think that non-violent protesters will watch the World Cup," the 37-year-old said. "Who here wants to miss that chance? Nobody is going to be alive when the World Cup comes back to Brazil. I think there probably won't be another World Cup here. FIFA has been traumatized."—Xinhua

Levante appoint Mendilibar as coach after Caparros joins Granada



Jose Luis Mendilibar

MADRID, 30 May — The roundabout of managerial appointments in Spain's BBVA Primera Liga continued on Thursday when Valencia based side, Levante confirmed Jose Luis Mendilibar as their new coach.

The club posted the news on its official website stating that Mendilibar had; "reached the basis of an agreement to

coach the club for the coming season. The agreement is for the 2014-2015 season with the option to extend the contract for a further year."

Mendilibar was sacked from Osasuna after just three games of last season, which saw the Pamplona based club relegated on the last day of the season. However, he is respected for his work at the club in the previous two and a half years and in a four-year term with Valladolid.

He replaces Joaquin Caparros, who decided not to renew his contract with Levante, opting instead to join Granada on a two-year contract on Wednesday.

Meanwhile after officially confirming that Bernd Schuster will not continue at the club next season, Malaga are expected to name Javi Gracia, who replaced Mendilibar at Osasuna, as their next coach.

Xinhua

Federer cherishes perfect point in 2008 Wimbledon final

PARIS, 30 May — Of all the perfect points Roger Federer has played in his stellar career, the 17-times grand slam champion singled out one from possibly one of his harshest defeats — the 2008 Wimbledon final.

Asked by French sports daily *L'Equipe* on Friday to pick the landmark mo-

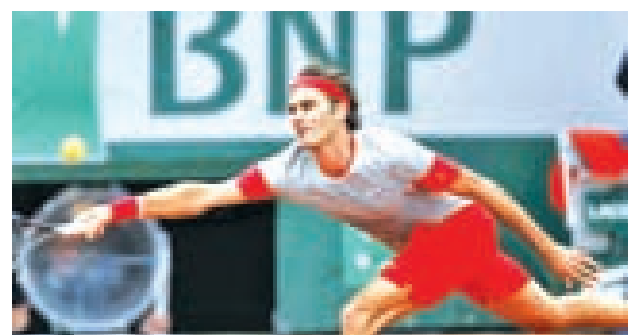
ments in his career, the Swiss chose two memorable points, mentioned the day he cried after a defeat, revealed the day he had most doubts and the time he would like to relive. "I have two (perfect points). The match point I saved in 2008 against Rafa (Nadal) at Wimbledon (in the final). It wasn't the shot itself but

the importance it had in the match, as it allowed me to survive until a fifth set," he said.

"It was this point, this shot, which gave the match a mythic quality. The second is the one I hit through my legs against Brian Dabul in the first round of the US Open in 2010. It was lovely shot, perfect and difficult to

do because I was long way from the net." But the defeat that hurt him most was not the 2008 Wimbledon final.

"I was really inconsolable in 2000 after my defeat by Tommy Haas in the semi-finals of the Olympic Games in Sydney. When I lost I curled up in a corner like a child for a long time," Federer said.—Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland