

## President calls for political dialogues before elections

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April— Political dialogues are needed before the 2015 general elections, while unity is fundamental for building a new democratic state, President U Thein Sein told political leaders, ethnic affairs ministers and ethnic leaders at a meeting on Wednesday.

While meeting with the political stakeholders at the Presidential Palace, U Thein Sein said the transition period is a critical time for Myanmar, and dialogue is a crucial step for all political forces of the country, adding that he is arranging talks proposed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The president also said the democratization process directly relates with peace-making efforts, saying the recent signing of a draft ceasefire agreement had been met with congratulations from the international community.

He also noted the need for the signing of the final stage of the agreement after holding talks with stakeholders before the up-

coming elections.

U Thein Sein said almost all of the negotiations for the potential nationwide ceasefire agreement were based on the proposals of ethnic armed groups, with the government's Union Peace-making Working Committee firmly focused on a peace deal.

He expressed his belief that all registered political parties will contest upcoming elections, making it a historic event.

In his concluding remarks, U Thein Sein said that while stakeholders may have differing views, they also have common interests which should be implemented for the development of the country.

He finally emphasized that the 2015 general election is slated for October and November, and the Union Election Commission is making systematic preparations to show the international community a free and fair election.

The president also stated that the upcoming election is related to the



President U Thein Sein greets political leaders, ethnic affairs ministers and ethnic leaders.

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dignity of the country, and national duty must be jointly performed by all stakeholders.

Also present at the meeting were Vice Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of

Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin mission U Tin Aye, Deputy Aung Myint, Chairman of Union Election Com- munity Commander-in-Chief (See page 3)

## Weather expert warns of thunderstorms in Chin, Sagaing, Kachin

By Aye Min Soe

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Myanmar's former top weather official on Wednesday warned people in Chin State, the upper part of Sagaing Region and Kachin State to be alert to the possibility of thunderstorms over the next few days.

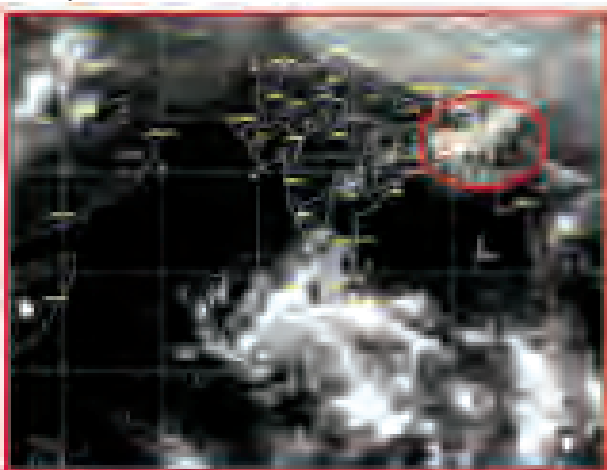
Lightning, thunder, isolated heavy falls, gale force winds and hailstones may occur due to cumulus clouds in those areas, with a 60-percent likelihood of such events in the next few days, said U Tun Lwin, a former director-general of the Department of Meteor-

ology and Hydrology, in a Facebook post.

Thunderstorms mostly happen in April and May in Myanmar. Since 1980, the country has seen an increase

in the number of thunderstorms, with more than 100 people killed by lightning strikes in some years, the weather expert said.

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Thunderstorm (Actual). (00.30 hr on April 8, 2015).

## Three foreign banks set to open Yangon branches 23 April

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 8 April— Three foreign banks, two from Japan and one from Singapore, announced plans to open branches in Yangon later this month.

Their plans to commence operations on 23 April follow the Central Bank of Myanmar's announcement earlier this month that the three banks had been awarded final licenses.

The three banks—The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd (BTMU), Sumitomo Mitsui Banking

Corporation (SMBC) and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd (OCBC)— became the first to clear the final hurdle among nine foreign lenders awarded preliminary approval last October.

According to the announcement, the three banks met all requirements of the stringent entry process as defined by the CBM last November.

Mr. Koichi Kyono, manager of the Yangon Representative Office of BTMU, confirmed the 23 April opening date of the BTMU Yangon branch

with the Global New Light of Myanmar on Wednesday.

It will provide full banking services, including deposits, loans, and foreign exchange, to foreign companies and domestic banks operating in Myanmar.

In a 7 April media release, SMBC's representative office in Yangon said the bank, with the opening of Yangon branch on 23 April, will operate in Myanmar in conjunction with local partner KBZ Bank.

"The growth of Myanmar's economy is expected (See page 3)



## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

## Parliament stops accommodation for MPs at state-owned guesthouse

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — MPs asked Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on Wednesday for Hluttaw's accommodation as the parliament has stopped its arrangement for their staying at the guesthouse owned by the guest house of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee during Hluttaw sessions.

U Mahn Tin Aung Myint, an MP of Kayin State constituency 12, proposed construction of buildings for parliamentarians by 2016 when they come for Hluttaw sessions.

Daw Nang Sae Awa, an MP of Hpa-an Township constituency, also said MPs agreed in 2012 on transfer of budget for building temporary accommodations to the peace-making works, and submitted that proposal for review.

Daw Dwe Bu, an MP of Injanyan Township constituency, also said accommodation for parliamentarians should be located near Hluttaw buildings for easy access.

In response to the proposals of parliamentarians,

Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein said MPs are provided with free accommodation arranged by the Parliament during the period of Hluttaw sessions, however, using any state-owned buildings for the affairs of their parties is deemed breaching political party registration law.

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw said submission of these proposals are quite late as Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has approved the whole



Representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discuss accommodation for MPs at guesthouses of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee.—MNA

national planning for 2015-2016 fiscal year last month, but serious consideration will be needed to amend the planning by law.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

then decided not to discuss this proposal any more.

Today's session also approved the small and medium sized enterprises development bill, highways

bill, legal term translation commission bill and Myanmar medical council bill which were handed over by the remarks of the President.—MNA

## Pyithu Hluttaw

## Government takes measures to prevent child labour, recruitment as soldiers



Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — The government is taking measures to prevent child labour and the employment of children in

dangerous or illegal work, including the recruitment of minors into armed forces, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint told the Pyithu Hluttaw session on Wednesday.

Those who abandon or traffic children, or force them to beg, will also be targeted, the deputy minister said, in accordance with criminal and juvenile laws.

Those who abandon a child under 12 are liable to a maximum seven-year sentence. Trafficking children for forced labour is subject to a life sentence under the anti-human trafficking law, according to the deputy minister.

The ministry of health is also trying to issue birth certificates when newborns are discharged from hospitals to prevent abandonment of children, the deputy minister added.

Concerning child soldiers, the deputy minister said that armed forces have their own rules and regulations for recruiting new soldiers who are required to be between the ages of 18 and 25.

Armed forces have released 594 child soldiers who were recruited improperly, while action was taken against 50 officers and 277 other personnel who recruited child soldiers.—MNA

## Amyotha Hluttaw

## Amyotha Hluttaw approves report of Public Account Committee



U Salai Khwe Yan, MP from Chin State constituency No 12.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Amyotha Hluttaw session on Wednesday approved the report of the Public Accounts Commit-



U Thein Hlaing, Sagaing Region constituency No 8.—MNA

tee on tasks being carried out with the union budget in 2013-14 fiscal year by the Ministry of Border Affairs and the Ministry of

Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development.

U Salai Khwe Yan, a representative from Chin State constituency No 12 pointed out at the session that both contractors and supervising authority lack accountability for road and bridge projects in Chin State and said that effective action should be taken against those responsible.

U Thein Hlaing, Sagaing Region constituency No 8 said that Hsegyi Creek RC Bridge in Kalewa Township built with the union budget is not usable during rainy seasons and a school building in North Tonhlaw Village is not durable. The representative proposed taking action against those responsible.

After discussions, the session approved the report.

At today's session, the speaker informed the representatives of receiving bill for Myanmar Accountancy Council from the Pyithu Hluttaw with some amendments.—MNA

region Hluttaws.

All participants at the meeting supported the draft nationwide ceasefire agreement, according to an ethnic affairs minister at the meeting.

The chairman of the Union Election Commission promised a free and fair election, according to some participants.

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## Hopeful of better outcomes

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — President U Thein Sein met with political leaders, ethnic affairs ministers and leaders of national races at Ngu Shwe War Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday and almost all participants are hopeful of better outcomes for the future.

Three topics including peace and nationwide ceasefire agreement, 2015 general election and stability of the country before the election were discussed at the meeting and viewpoints at the meeting were not very different, according to participants.

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U Zozam of Chin National Democratic Party.—MNA

comes in the future but Chairperson of the National League for Democracy Daw Aung San Suu Kyi hinted that there are likely to be similar meetings in the future and only



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Chairperson of NLD.—MNA

those who work or try hard have to right to hope for a better future.

U Khin Maung Swe of the National Democratic Force Party saw the meeting as a guarantee for the



U Saw Tun Aung Myint of Yangon Region Government.—MNA

free and fair general election and the meeting will lead to a political solution to national issues. He said that the president talked about the six-party talks and it is likely to take



U Khin Maung Swe of National Democratic Force.—MNA

place soon.

U Zozam of Chin National Democratic Party said that the meeting was a success and he proposed electing chief ministers of states and regions at state/



## President U Thein Sein inspects regional development tasks in Hkamti



President U Thein Sein being put on traditional costume seen with ethnic people in Hkamti.—IPRD

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—President U Thein Sein inspected men’s and women’s wards at Khamti People’s Hospital and comforted patients on Wednesday.

After giving presents to patients, the president met with doctors and health workers at the hospital, telling them the health sector is essential to the development of human resources

The president pointed out that doctors and health workers are required to hold talks on health education and disease prevention for ethnic communities and urged them to give treatment to local people warmly. Hkamti Hospital was built in 1948 with government funds on land donated by Chieftain Sao Mya Sein. It was upgraded into a hospital after renovation of the former building with government funds in 1953. Due to floods in 1954, the hospital was moved to the current site and was upgraded into a 100-bed district hospital in 2010.

Afterwards, the president and party inspected a new 50-bed hospital in Zeephyugon Ward and the Government Technical Institute in Hkamti.

The principal of the institute spoke about computer courses offered in cooperation with local authorities.

Union Minister U Soe Thane and U Tin Nang Thein reported to the president on measures being taken for education development. The president said the institute has been established for local people in border areas who have passed matriculation and cannot afford university education. Students at the institute are required to learn useful skills and serve the interests of the state, the president said.

He pointed out that although Myanmar has to depend on the agriculture sector for economic development, the country needs to be an industrial nation in the long run and urged the teachers to instruct students properly.

Hkamti Government

Technical Institute was established in June 2009 and courses on civil engineering, electronic communication and mechanical power are being taught.

Later, the president and party paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Viccitara of the Central Theravada Missionary Monastery and monks and offered provisions to them.

The president and party also paid homage to Buddha images at Mya Theintan Pagoda and offered flowers, water and lights before donating cash for the pagoda.

In the evening of 7 April, the president and party enjoyed traditional dances of local cultural troupes at Khamti Township Ye-iktha, where the president was dressed with traditional costumes by the cultural troupes. The president and party arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon.

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### President calls...

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of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, USDP Vice Chairman U Htay Oo, NLD Chairperson Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, NUP Chair-

man U Than Tin, NDF Chairman U Khin Maung Swe, U Sai Aik Paung of NBF, leaders of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan ethnic parties and ethnic ministers of regions and states, totalling 43.—MNA

## Capacity enhancement course improves skill of personnel

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—A total of 17 sustainable development goals and ASEAN Economic Community are to be implemented simultaneously as of 1 January 2016, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw told the concluding ceremony of the planning capacity course No 1/2015 at the ministry on Wednesday.

As implementation of millennium development goals will be finished in

2015, it needs to graduate the country from the status of least developed countries, he added.

He urged trainees to join the administrative machinery in drawing the plans for the people so as to beef up the third wave process of the State.

The two-week course ran from 23 March to 7 April for enhancement of capacity of staff and officers to be assigned at new organizational setup of the ministry.

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## Three foreign banks set to open...

(from page 1) to accelerate with an increase in direct foreign investment, such as development of Thilawa Special Economic Zone,” SMBC said.

Singapore’s OCBC will also start operations

on 23 April, according to its media release, with the opening of the three banks timed to coincide with a Yat-Yar-Zar day, an auspicious day for starting a new businesses according to the Myanmar calendar.

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## Navy conducts combined fleet exercise

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Some 20 vessels took part in naval drill at Rakhine offshore on Wednesday.

The annual war games dubbed ‘Combined Fleet Exercise—Sea Shield 2015’ tested firing anti-submarine missiles,

ground-to-air and ground-to-ground ballistic missiles and several other missiles.

A special squad of Naval Seals also demonstrated exploding an oil tanker.

Myanmar navy conducted Sea Shield 2014

with 21 vessels last year, and the drill of this year was launched with 22 navy vessels and 1,186 navy personnel.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing made a remark about the drill, saying that

navy should develop electronic system for its military operations on water, underwater and coastal drills. The war games was also viewed by Chief Minister of Rakhine State, senior military officers and media persons.

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## Press conference highlights talks between President and political leaders, ethnic affairs ministers and leaders of ethnic delegations

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—A press conference on talks between the President and political leaders, ethnic affairs ministers and leaders of ethnic delegations was held at the hall of the Ministry of Information, here, on Wednesday evening.

Union Minister U Ye Htut spoke about the talks and replied to queries raised by media. It was attended by 42 local and foreign correspondents.

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Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut meets media in clarification on talks between the President and national race and political leaders.—MNA

## Agricultural staff demonstrates pest control method using wasp species

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — The Plant Protection Division of Department of Agriculture showcased a demonstration on multi-plant protection with the use of trichogramma species at Kungyangon farm in Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region, on 5 April.

Deputy Director Dr Kyin Kyin Win explained the advantages of using the tiny trichogramma wasp species to combat pests at crop and paddy plantations. Agricultural staff demonstrated use of the species in front of about 200 local farmers and officials of agricultural companies.

*Ko Pauk (Okkar Myay)*



## Korean experts to assist in upgrading Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad

WUNTHO, 8 April — A six-member technician team led by Ms. Park Yun-mi of Exim bank of the Republic of Korea together with Deputy General Manager U Than Htay of Myanma Railways and officials conducted a survey on the Gyotaung-Nankham-Bonchaung railroad section in Wuntho Township, Sagaing Region, on 31 March.

They studied root causes of derailment, landslides in monsoon and

plans of Myanma Railways to reduce the track gradient on the Namkham-Bonchaung section of the Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad.

On 1 April, they visited Mawhan-Kadu section in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State.

The Korean experts have focused on upgrading the Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad in Kachin State with an Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan.

*Shwe Lin Pyae Son*

## Sports course concludes with skill demonstration of youths

KYAUKPADAUNG, 8 April — The summer sport course concluded at the township gymnasium in Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Region, on 3 April.

Chairman of Township Sports and Physical Education Committee and Township Administrator U Saw Tun Win commended

the youths for their efforts.

Groups of boys and girls demonstrated their football and aerobic sports skills.

Altogether 150 trainees attended the football, aerobic and Sepak Takraw courses from 23 March to 4 April.

*Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)*

## New apartments in Chanmyathazi Township to house service personnel

MANDALAY, 8 April — Work is under way to construct 22 five-storey buildings in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay, in the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The region government has built 55 buildings with 718 apartments in 24 townships for government service personnel. At present, a total of 27 buildings with 432 apartments are being constructed in Chanmyathazi Township with funding from the region government, Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan said.

According to the statistics of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development,



Mandalay City will see 1.01 percent population growth over the next 30 years.

Town plans have therefore been drawn in 23

townships of the region to improve the living standards of local residents.

Town planners of the department have drawn the plans for extension of new

wards in Mandalay, Meiktila, Mogok, PyinOoLwin, NyaungU and Myingyan depending on strategic locations.

*Aung Ye Thwin*

## Station hospital being built in Kanna Village, Natogyi Township

NATOGYI, 8 April — A 16-bed station hospital is under construction in Kanna Village, Natogyi Township, Mandalay Region.

Township administrator U Kyaw Naing inspected progress of the station hospital.

The Ministry of

Health allotted K100 million for construction of the station hospital located on Pyinsi-TadaU inter-district road.

Natogyi Township has opened Tasoe, Wetlu and Kanna station hospitals in the township.—*Khin Zar Mon Myint (Law)*

## Departmental staff undertake public welfare tasks in Myanaung Tsp

MYANAUNG, 8 April — A medical team and a departmental staff team carried out public welfare tasks in rural areas of Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Region, on Tuesday morning.

They provided health care services to local residents free of charge while sharing health knowledge at the Basic Education Middle School Branch in Zalokkyi Village.

Departmental officials issued citizenship scrutiny cards and household registrations to the citizens under the assis-

tance of Township Administrator U Min Min Tun and Region Hluttaw

MP U Aung Win Shwe and U Aung Myo Nyunt. Immigration officers

delivered CSCs to 218 adults.—*Win Bo (Township IPRD)*



**Police officers of Taninthayi Region Traffic Police Squad disseminates knowledge on traffic rules enforcement during Maha Thingyan Festival period in Dawei on 6 April.**  
**PO SHWE THUN (DAWEI)**



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# Indian PM comes to rescue of distressed farmers hit by unseasonal rains



Indian Prime Minister  
Narendra Modi

NEW DELHI, 8 April — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday came to the rescue of

distressed farmers hit by unseasonal rains and hail-storm by announcing higher compensation for crop damage and easing criteria for them to avail government support.

The prime minister told a local public function that he has also asked banks to restructure loans of affected farmers and instructed insurance companies to pro-actively settle their claims.

Modi said farmers would be eligible for input subsidy if 33 percent of their crop has been damaged against the prevailing

norm.

According to the prevailing yardstick, the farmers are eligible for such subsidy over crop damage of 50 percent or more.

Modi said the input subsidy given to distressed farmers would be enhanced by 50 percent of the existing amounts.

Expressing concern over the problems faced by farmers due to abnormal weather conditions over the past year, the prime minister said helping farmers in such time of distress was the government's responsibility.

The government has sent teams of central ministers to affected areas to assess the extent of damage, he added.

The union and state governments, the banks and insurance companies would all do their utmost to provide relief to the farmers, said the prime minister.

Some parts of India, especially in the northern provinces, have been subject to abnormal weather phenomenon over the past one month like rains and storms, which have inflicted heavy losses to the farmers.—Xinhua

# MRJ maiden flight likely postponed to summer



File photo taken in October 2014 in the central Japanese town of Toyoyama shows an aircraft for the test flight of the first-ever Japanese-built small passenger jet, dubbed the Mitsubishi Regional Jet. It was reported on 8 April, 2015, that Mitsubishi Aircraft Corp is considering postponing its maiden flight from the previously scheduled late May to June at the earliest.—KYODO NEWS

NAGOYA, 8 April — Mitsubishi Aircraft Corp is considering postponing the maiden flight of its newly developed small passenger aircraft, dubbed the Mitsubishi Regional Jet, from the previously scheduled late May to June at the earliest, sources close to the matter said on Wednesday.

It will be the fourth postponement of the first flight by the first-ever Japanese-built small passenger jet. Mitsubishi Aircraft had initially said that it expected the maiden flight to take place between April and

June.

The company, based in Aichi prefecture, then set a date of late May, ahead of a leading aerospace trade show in Paris in mid-June, hoping to boost the number of orders.

Mitsubishi Aircraft has already received a total of 407 orders from US and Japanese airlines, including Japan Airlines Co and All Nippon Airways Co.

The 35-metre-long, twin-engine aircraft will seat about 70 to 90 passengers.

Kyodo News

## Senior Japan, S Korea, US diplomats to meet next week

TOKYO, 8 April — Senior diplomats from Japan, South Korea, and the United States are arranging to meet next week in Washington, a diplomatic source said on Wednesday.

The meeting at the vice-ministerial level will allow the three countries to exchange views ahead of the expected release in late April of revised US-Japan defence cooperation guidelines and work toward bolstering

trilateral ties, the source said.

During the talks, the officials could also discuss cooperation to deal with North Korea's nuclear and missile development programmes. The source said they could also take up the sensitive issues of wartime history and territory, which have soured bilateral relations between Japan and South Korea, both major US allies in Asia.

Japan's Vice Foreign Minister Akitaka Saiki,

South Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Cho Tae Yong, and US Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken are expected to attend the meeting.

In recent days, South Korea has stepped up criticism of Japan for reasserting its territorial claims over disputed islets in the Sea of Japan in Tokyo's annual foreign policy report and newly approved Japanese school textbooks.

Senior defence ministry officials from the three

countries are also scheduled to hold two-day talks from 16 April in Washington to promote trilateral defence cooperation.

The first update since 1997 of the US-Japan defence cooperation guidelines is designed to strengthen cooperation between the US military and the Self-Defence Forces to address security threats without being bound by pre-set geographical operational limits.—Kyodo News

## Explosion occurs near police station in Jakarta, injures four

JAKARTA, 8 April — An explosion occurred near a police station in Tanah Abang of Central Jakarta on Wednesday, injuring four people, local media reported here.

All the victims have been rushed to a nearby hospital, local Metro TV said. The police is investigating the cause of the explosion.

Television footage showed that the victims suffered some cuts on their bodies, some of whom have to be shifted to another hospital for better treatment.

Xinhua

## Japan envisages possible contribution of \$1.5 bil to China-led bank

TOKYO, 8 April — Japan does not rule out the possibility of joining a Beijing-led development bank to be launched by the end of the year and the country envisages a possible contribution of up to \$1.5 billion to the institution in the event of its participation, according to a draft government paper on the bank.

Despite what would be the second-largest contribution after China's, Japan is concerned that such a fiscal burden will not guarantee its influence in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank given opaqueness in its governance standards, says the draft paper, a copy of which was obtained on Tuesday by Kyodo News.

But Japan, in close coordination with the United States, which is also staying out of the AIIB, will urge China to ensure fair governance and transparent management of the

AIIB in line with international standards, the draft says.

Japan will continue to file demands "from outside" the AIIB, it says, arguing possible Japanese involvement in negotiations for the Articles of Agreement, or the basic rules governing the bank, "will be the biggest card against China."

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will carefully consider whether to join the China-led initiative while taking into account the pros and cons of Japan's participation as spelled out in the draft paper.

Assuming that \$10 billion of the AIIB's initial capitalization of \$50 billion would be financed by actual payments by potential members, the envisaged Japanese share of \$1.5 billion was calculated based on the size of the nominal gross domestic product of potential partic-

ipants and on the assumption that Asian economies account for 75 percent of the payments and non-Asian members hold the remaining 25 percent.

After confirming "founding members" on 15 April, China aims to agree on the AIIB's Articles of Agreement by the end of June through negotiations involving more than 50 countries and territories that have signed up for the institution.

While even European members of the Group of Seven industrialized nations and US allies in Asia such as Australia and South Korea hope to take part in the negotiations, Japan and the United States — which see the AIIB as a challenge to the World Bank and Asian Development Bank that they lead — are standing back from joining.

According to the draft paper, the positive points

of joining negotiations to set up the AIIB are that Japan can be directly involved in the rule-making process of the bank and that a Japanese entry could lead to improved relations between Tokyo and Beijing.

Negative points for entering the talks are that it will hurt ties with the United States and that Japan may end up giving "legitimacy" to a Chinese tool that critics say intends to bring developing countries in Southeast, Southwest and Central Asia into Beijing's economic sphere of influence.

Cabinet ministers have said Japan had asked China about whether it will be possible to establish fair governance in the AIIB and whether carrying out lending that ignores debt sustainability will inflict harm on other creditors, but that Tokyo has yet to obtain a clear explanation

from Beijing.

Japan will also call for transparency in the screening process for the provision of AIIB loans.

Looking ahead, Japan will continue to gather information about the AIIB such as relations between the subscription of shares among members and their voting rights, schedules in the coming months and the compatibility of the bank's operations with international standards, according to the draft.

While increasing cooperation with other G-7 members — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and the United States — as well as Australia and New Zealand in dealing with the AIIB, Japan will also consider sending senior officials from the Finance Ministry and the Foreign Ministry to China to promote dialogue on the bank, it says.

Kyodo News

## US defence chief warns against militarization of territorial rows in Asia

TOKYO, 8 April — US Secretary of Defence Ash Carter kicked off his first Asian tour on Wednesday with a stern warning against the militarization of territorial rows in a region where China is at odds with several nations in the East and South China Seas.

Carter's visit to Japan coincides with growing US concern over China's land reclamation in the Spratly archipelago of the disputed South China Sea, where Beijing has rival claims with several countries including the Philippines and Vietnam.

Tokyo and Beijing have a separate row over Japanese-controlled islets in the East China Sea.

US and Philippine troops will take part in annual military exercises this month near the Spratlys in the largest such drills since the allies resumed joint activities in 2000.

Asked whether the beefed up US-Philippine exercises were a response to China's moves, Carter said Washington and Manila had shared interests in the region, including a desire to ensure there were no changes in the status quo by force or that territorial rows were militarized. "We take a strong stance against the militarization of these disputes," Carter told a news conference

after talks with his Japanese counterpart, Defence Minister Gen Nakatani.

Chinese reclamation work is well advanced on six reefs in the Spratlys, according to recently published satellite photographs and Philippine officials. In addition, Manila has said Chinese dredgers had started reclaiming a seventh.

While the new islands won't overturn US military superiority in the region, Chinese workers are building ports and fuel storage depots as well as possibly two airstrips that experts have said would allow Beijing to project power deep into the maritime heart of Southeast Asia.

The commander of the US Pacific Fleet, Harry Harris, told an Australian think tank last week that China was using dredges and bulldozers to create a "great wall of sand" in the South China Sea. China claims most of the potentially energy rich waterway, through which \$5 trillion in ship-borne trade passes every year. The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taipei also have overlapping claims.

Carter also welcomed progress toward the first update in US-Japan defence cooperation guidelines since 1997, a revision that will expand the scope for interac-



US Secretary of Defence Ash Carter

tion between the allies in line with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's push to ease the constraints of Japan's pacifist constitution on the nation's military.

"It's going to give first of all Japan, but also our alliance, much greater scope to provide security in the region, and for that matter elsewhere outside of the region," Carter said as the talks began. Abe's move to allow Tokyo to come to the aid of an ally under attack would pave the way for closer cooperation between US and Japanese forces across Asia, Admiral Robert Thomas, commander of the US Seventh Fleet, said last month.

In January, Thomas said the United States would also welcome Japanese air patrols in the South China Sea.

Nakatani told the news

conference with Carter, however, that the new guidelines did not target any particular region including the South China Sea.

Neither Tokyo nor Washington have territorial claims in the South China Sea, but the US Seventh Fleet operates in the area and any Japanese presence would irritate Beijing.

In a written interview with Japan's *Yomiuri* newspaper published on Wednesday, Carter expressed concern about China's land reclamation in the South China Sea.

"We are especially concerned at the prospect of militarization of these outposts. These activities seriously increase tensions and reduce prospects for diplomatic solutions," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

"We urge China to limit

its activities and exercise restraint to improve regional trust."

Carter also repeated Washington's opposition to any "coercive unilateral" actions by China to undermine Japan's administrative control of disputed islands in the East China Sea, known as the Senkaku in Japan and the Diaoyu in China.

China's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told a regular news briefing in Beijing: "We hope the US side can respect the wishes of China and relevant countries to resolve the problem via dialogue, say more responsible things and make more responsible moves, so it can genuinely play a constructive role in maintaining regional peace and stability."

Abe's government plans to submit bills to parliament in the coming months to ratify his cabinet's decision last year to allow Japan to exercise its right of collective self-defence, the biggest shift in Japanese security policy in decades.

Carter, Nakatani and the two countries' foreign ministers are expected to unveil the new defence guidelines in late April, before Abe meets US President Barack Obama on 28 April for a summit in Washington.

Reuters

## N Korea has 1,000 missiles able to reach Japan, S Korea

WASHINGTON, 8 April — A group of US-based researchers warned on Tuesday that North Korea has some 1,000 ballistic missiles that can reach Japan and South Korea.

The potential capability of delivering weapons further makes North Korea appear more advanced than other countries at a similar early stage of the development of their nuclear arsenals, the group said in a report published by Johns Hopkins University's US-Korea Institute.

"The current force is more than able to accommodate any future growth in the North's nuclear weapons arsenal, including a worst-case projection of 100 nuclear weapons by 2020," the report said.

The ballistic missiles that are capable of reaching Japan and South Korea included the Nodong missiles with a range of 1,200-1,500 kilometres and the Scud missiles with a range of 300-600 km, according to the report posted on the institute's website 38 North.

North Korea may be able to launch a Taepodong long-range ballistic missile, which is said to be able to reach the US mainland, the report said.

"However, such a weapon would represent more of a political statement than an operational capability," as it has problems such as vulnerability to preemptive attacks due to its installation on a launch pad on the ground and low technical reliability, it said.

North Korea only has "a limited ability" to deliver a nuclear warhead to its target due to a lack of testing, it said.

Meanwhile the chief of the US military's command in charge of mainland defence said North Korea already has the ability to miniaturize a nuclear warhead to be delivered by an intercontinental missile called KN-08.

"Our assessment is that they have the ability to put a nuclear weapon on a KN-08 and shoot it at the homeland," Adm. Bill Gortney, commander of the Northern Command, told reporters at the Defence Department.

Kyodo News

## A third of Republicans support Iran nuclear deal

WASHINGTON, 8 April — Thirty-one percent of Republicans favour a new nuclear deal with Iran, creating a challenge for their party's lawmakers who largely oppose the framework accord sealed between Teheran and world powers, a Reuters/Ipsos poll showed on Wednesday.

Another 30 percent of Republicans oppose the pact, while 40 percent are not sure, according to the poll, which revealed a sharp split in the party as its leaders ramp up opposition to the deal championed by President Barack Obama, a Democrat.

The White House has launched a broad effort to convince US lawmakers and other critics to embrace the framework agreement reached last week between Iran, the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China.

Many details remain to be worked out for a final deal to be completed by the end of June. Public support will be critical to the White House effort to sway skeptical members of the Republican-controlled Congress, many of whom see the deal as a dangerous concession to a country that sponsors terrorism.

The nuclear deal foresees lifting US and international economic sanctions on Iran in exchange for compliance with restrictions on its nuclear programme.

The poll showed Obama has some selling to do among members of his own party, too. Though 50 percent of Democrats supported it, 10 percent were opposed and 39 percent were not sure.

Among independents — an important constituency group for both parties ahead of the 2016 presiden-

tial election — 33 percent voiced support, 21 percent registered opposition, and 45 percent said they were unsure about the deal.

People from both parties diverged substantially in their views of a US rapprochement with Iran.

Sixty percent of Republicans said the United States should hold a hard line with its longtime foe and maintain or expand current sanctions, compared with 23 percent of Democrats who said the same.

Meanwhile, 48 percent of Democrats said Washington was right to improve diplomatic relations with Teheran, compared with 18 percent of Republicans.

The poll showed little support among members of both parties for using military force as a sole method for preventing Iran from developing a nuclear bomb. Five percent of Democrats



US Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz (R) discusses the recent preliminary nuclear deal between Iran and six world powers during the White House daily briefing in Washington on 6 April, 2015.

REUTERS

supported such an option, along with 11 percent of Republicans and 6 percent of independents.

Support for the combined use of diplomatic channels along with military force was higher, however. Fifty percent of Republicans favoured that combination, along with 35

percent of Democrats and 42 percent of independents. The Reuters/Ipsos online poll surveyed 2,291 American adults between 3 April and 7 April, after the Iran deal was announced. Among those polled were 893 Democrats, 803 Republicans and 320 independents.—Reuters



WORLD

## Fire on Russian nuclear submarine fully extinguished — shipyard

Moscow, 8 April, — A fire and source of smoke onboard the Oryol nuclear submarine at the Zvyozdochka shipyard in north-

western Russia has been fully extinguished, an official spokesman for the shipyard has said.

“The burning of the

rubber insulation in the area of ballast tank in the space between the outer and strong hull of the submarine’s afterbody has been

completely extinguished,” Evgeny Gladyshev said.

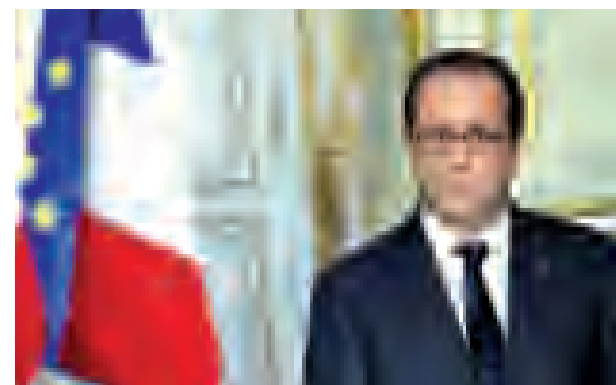
The spokesman said the dock has been flooded with water. The firefighters continue filling the scene with water, he added.

Russia’s Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Defence Ministry have set up a commission to investigate the circumstances of the accident and assess the damage, earlier reports said.

There were no armaments or fuel and lubrication materials onboard the submarine, and the nuclear reactor had been shut down long before the fire. As a result, there is no threat of environmental or radioactive contamination.

*Itar -Tass*

## France’s Hollande to declassify Rwanda genocide documents



*French President Francois Hollande*

PARIS, 8 April — French President Francois Hollande has decided to declassify documents related to the Rwanda genocide that killed over 800,000 people in 1994, a source close to the president’s office told *Reuters* on Tuesday.

The documents from between 1990 and 1994 include minutes from secret defence meetings and files from advisers to then-president Francois Mitterrand relating to the genocide in the central African state, the source said.

The documents will be available to researchers and historians if they make a request to Dominique Bertinotti, a former minister and custodian of Mitter-

rand’s archives.

More than 800,000 minority Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus were killed in a three-month rampage by ethnic Hutu extremists in 1994 while the world largely stood by.

France — an ally of the Rwandan government that ruled before the genocide — stayed away from last year’s 20-year commemoration after rebel-turned-President Paul Kagame renewed accusations of a direct French role in the killings.

While Paris has acknowledged mistakes in its dealings with Rwanda, it has repeatedly dismissed accusations that it trained militias to take part in the 1994 massacres.—*Reuters*



*Smoke rises over the shipyard in Russia’s Severodvinsk. —ITAR-TASS*

## Ahead of Britain’s election, Labour takes two percent point lead — YouGov poll

LONDON, 8 April — Ahead of Britain’s on 7 May election, the opposition Labour Party has taken a 2 percentage point lead over Prime Minister David Cameron’s Conservatives, according to a YouGov poll for *The Sun* newspaper.

The poll put Labour on 35 percent, the Conservatives on 33 percent,

the UK Independence Party on 14 percent, the Liberal Democrats on 8 percent and the Greens on 5 percent, *The Sun* newspaper said.

Neither Cameron’s Conservatives nor Ed Miliband’s Labour Party is forecast to win an overall majority, according to most opinion polls.

*Reuters*



*Britain’s opposition Labour Party leader Ed Miliband speaks at the presentation of their business manifesto in central London on 30 March, 2015. —REUTERS*

## Indonesian man survives nearly two-hour flight in wheel well

JAKARTA, 8 April — A 21-year-old Indonesian man survived a nearly two-hour domestic flight to Jakarta after hiding in the plane’s wheel well, media reports said on Tuesday.

The young man, identified as Mario Stevan Ambarita, jumped the fence of Sultan Syarif Kasim II Airport in Pekanbaru, Riau Province on Tuesday afternoon, and climbed unobserved into a wheel storage compartment of Flight 177 operated by Garuda Indonesia just before it took off.

At Sukarno-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta,

Mario was noticed walking out onto the landing field, wobbling, by an airport ground crew.

“He looked lacking of oxygen. His fingers turned blue, his left ear was bleeding,” said Garuda Indonesia Corporate Communication Secretary Pujobroto, who like many Indonesians goes by a single name. Garuda Indonesia ground crew immediately turned him over to the airport health post for medical treatment. According to Pujobroto, the maximum cruising altitude of the Garuda Indonesia plane from Pekanbaru to Jakarta was

10,363 metres (34,000 feet), far above the 4,877-meter (16,000-foot) threshold where the temperature outside the flying aircraft drops to the freezing point. Due to his weakened condition, the motive behind Mario’s action was not immediately clear. Quoting his relatives, however, Pujobroto said that since he was born, Mario lived in Pekanbaru and had been dreaming of going to Jakarta. For the past 10 days, he had observed the Pekanbaru airport. He also learned how to sneak into a plane from the Internet.

*Kyodo News*

## Japan Airlines jet makes emergency landing after mid-air engine shutdown

TOKYO, 8 April — A Japan Airlines jetliner with 228 passengers was forced to turn around for an emergency landing in Tokyo on Wednesday after the aircraft’s right en-

gine shut down during a flight to the northern Hokkaido island, an airline spokesman said.

The *Boeing 777*, powered by Pratt & Whitney engines, landed safely at

Tokyo’s Haneda airport, the spokesman said, with no injuries reported. The cause of the engine shutdown was as yet unknown, he added.

*Reuters*

## Greek anti-establishment protesters torch cars, clash with police

ATHENS, 8 April — A small group of black-clad anti-establishment protesters clashed with riot police in central Athens on Tuesday, hurling petrol bombs and burning cars after a march against high-security prisons.

The group of about 50 hooded protesters threw

stones and petrol bombs at police in the central Exarchia district, a Bohemian quarter popular with artists and left-wing intellectuals.

“They set two cars and a few garbage bins on fire, attacking police with stones and petrol bombs,” a police official told *Reuters*.

The protesters were

calling for the end to high-security prisons, which the new leftist-led government has vowed to scrap. Last week, anti-establishment protesters occupied several public buildings and briefly entered the grounds of parliament, calling for the release of jailed members of a Marxist group.—*Reuters*



*A firecracker explodes over riot police during clashes in Athens on 7 April, 2015.*

REUTERS

## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 9 April, 2015

**Management must adapt to new business environment**

By Aung Khin

Myanmar has started to open up many sectors of its economy to the world, including energy, advertising and finance. One of the challenges local organizations are encountering is competition for human resources.

While international organizations and businesses take consideration of employee welfare in the form of year-end leave, salary increases and promotions, many local firms neglect these things. Although local employees are accustomed to such disregard, they realise their lack

of labour rights when comparing their conditions to those of their counterparts in well-managed international firms.

As a result, some organizations that are neglectful of labour rights struggle to hold onto skilled personnel in the long term. Most employees are willing to work hard for their firms provided their welfare is properly taken into account. Imprudent bosses and irresponsible managers must therefore bear responsibility when companies are unsuccessful. Management must realize that the work conditions of previous decades in a closed society are no longer satisfactory.

To develop the management capacity of local firms, managers should not turn a blind eye to the welfare of their staff. Competition in the new market of Myanmar is gradually intensifying. Businesses face rapid change like never before. Globalization has increased access to markets and opportunities for growth. Under these circumstances, human resource development is very important for the sustainability of a company. If a firm cannot hold onto its workforce, it will lose

human resources that are familiar with the policies of the company.

In most developing countries, there is typically a lack of human resources with technical expertise at both the national and local level. Management styles of the past may have suited an era when there was little competition in each sector, but they are sorely outdated in a globalised business environment.

Management of a company should not focus only on finances, but should consider technical, social and institutional constraints to avoid business failure.

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**Believe and Achieve**

By Kyi Mun

"Whatever you can conceive and believe, you can achieve!"  
- Napoleon Hill

To conceive some creative ideas is difficult, to believe in the conceived idea is more difficult, and to achieve the conceived idea is most difficult. It is said that rivers are bending (and crooked) because they follow the easier ways. Man is prone to prefer living and moving and having his or her being in the comfort zone to living in the combat zone. But anyone who wants to amount to something in his or her life must be able to do something well. So, he or her has got to conceive, believe and achieve something in their life. In the Bible it is said: "This one thing I do. Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the MARK."

So, let's try to explore what does it mean to believe and achieve in the following manner:

**B for Be Bold**  
**E for Endeavour**  
**L for Learn**  
**I for Inspire Yourself & Others**  
**E for Excel in Something**  
**V for Value Yourself**  
**E for Expect Success**  
**&**  
**A for Action Plan**  
**C for Commitment**  
**H for Help**  
**I for Innovate**  
**E for Envision the Future**  
**V for Values & Beliefs**  
**E for Earn Your Way to Success**  
**BE BOLD**

To believe and achieve in your life, you have definitely got to be bold, because life is a struggle or a fight or a maze. You cannot afford to be feeble-hearted to believe in something and to achieve some worthwhile aim and object. It is necessary to be bold for a decent and honorable person: "To dare nobly, to will strongly and never to falter in the path of duty". It is said: "Fear and be slain; believe and live!"

**ENDEAVOR**

You have got to live and move and have your being in action of some worthwhile purpose. Man has to work in order to live. You have got to possess the necessary skills in thinking, speaking and doing. First of all, you have to think and speak and act in the right way. Right and proper thought, speech and deed should be earnestly learned and practiced. And then, you have to focus all your energy and time on doing something well. It is said: "Doing a common thing uncommonly well will bring you success." "Do it, fix it, try it, even it ain't broke," it is now believed. We all should bear in mind that: "Actions are ours, and consequences belong to heaven". We should also remember that: "We reap what we sow".

**LEARN**

The whole purpose of life is: "To live, to love and to learn". If you learn well, you will be able to live and to love in a better way. If you are complacent, apathetic and lazy, you will have to live a mediocre life. You don't learn means you are passive and static in your way of living. Learn and live a dynamic life!

**INSPIRE YOURSELF & OTHERS**

To be able to believe in something with passion and purpose, and achieve your goal in life, you have got to inspire yourself well. You must have the right motive and intent to be a person worth his or her salt. You have got "to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield", as the Poet Tennyson said. And you should "Persuade others with reason and motivate them with emotion". Be poetic: "To persuade, to organize, to enable, to teach, to inspire and to care" for yourself as well as others.

**EXCEL IN SOMETHING**

"Low aim is crime", it is said. You have to think right, to think big and to think audaciously in order to excel in something. Do not be content to live a mediocre life. Think and endeavour to be a MASTERPIECE of a human being! You can excel in something if you really believe in something with a burning passion and indomitable drive. Drive yourself mightily until you reach your coveted goal. Believe and excel in something with all your heart and soul!

**VALUE YOURSELF**

What do you value most in your life? Think hard and be crystal clear in your values. In order to have some core values in your life, you have to value yourself first. Do you value yourself, your life, your job, your family? What are the authentic values in your being? **Do you value: "To be alive, to be awake, to be alert, to be agile and to be perfect in your character and competence?"** Have some solid values in yourself, in your life and in the whole wide world. Without some solid values, life would be hollow and barren.

**EXPECT SUCCESS**

If you want to believe and achieve something of value in your life, you have got to expect success. In the Bhagavad Gita, it is said: "Courage is the Sword; and Hope is the Shield". In the struggle of life, fight your way to success with great expectations and great courage. Always expect success in whatever you do, with tremendous belief and hope!

**ACTION PLAN**

Without a definite Plan of Action, you would be like groping in the dark, or you would be wobbling unsteadily in some uncertain direction. You have got to know what you want with all your mind, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. When you see your goal clearly and vividly, do not hesitate to practice: "This one thing I do. Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark".

**COMMITMENT**

Your commitment is your promise. Your commitment should be clear, definitive and total. Always make an unwa-

vering promise to yourself as well as to others. The meaning of commitment is to WALK THE TALK. Commitment also means taking action, taking charge, taking responsibility, making things happen and getting things done, as required. All of us should be fully committed to dutifully doing or carrying out what we have undertaken to do.

**HELP**

If you want to believe and achieve for your own benefit, you should surely help other people as much as possible. Striving for your own good is good, but doing everything in your power for the good of others is better. Success for oneself has to be achieved by oneself, but success does not come from oneself; it always comes from other people. So, the benefits of helping others certainly extend to helping yourself. In order to believe and achieve, help others as much as possible.

**INNOVATE**

Life is always changing, progressing and advancing. So, you cannot stand still, while all the world is moving fast. Tastes, habits, customs, likes and dislikes are always changing. You have to move with the trends. You must spot the changing trends and accordingly change your objective and strategy. You have got to go with the flow. It means you must serve the emerging market. You must adapt your tactics to the current trends and innovate your concepts, processes, products and services. Remember that: Innovate or die.

**ENVISION THE FUTURE**

Just as all the world is changing, you must not cling to your cherished old vision and strategy. In the light of changing circumstances, your world outlook, your philosophical view and your business perspectives have to change accordingly by making concrete analysis of concrete situations. You must see the outside world as it concretely is; you must not harbor any bias, prejudice, dogmatic views and fanatic beliefs. You must see the outside world realistically.

**VALUES & BELIEFS**

If you value your parents, you believe in them and vice versa. Since you have a life of your own, you should value it and believe in the goodness of it. If you believe in Peace, Progress and Prosperity, you must establish the values of Peace, Progress and Prosperity in your life. Your values are your dependable ground and your beliefs are your beacon. So, you have got to live and move and have your being in noble values and solid, sound beliefs.

**EARN YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS**

You must give every bit of yourself to success. You should be really authentic, reliable and constructive. You should be the pivot on which your achievement should prevail. You cannot wish for, ask for success; **you must earn your way to success with positive mental attitude, can-do-spirit and the habit of going the extra mile.** Your learning and earning curve must be strong, steep and stable.

**CONCLUSION**

Conceive, believe and achieve with strength, strategy and stamina!

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LOCAL NEWS

## New resort project set to showcase traditional Myanmar culture



AMARAPURA, 8 April — Development of a new resort incorporating traditional Myanmar culture and handicrafts is under way in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region.

The Taungthaman al Resort is being built on a 40-acre plot east of Taungthaman Lake in the township. The project site, more than 1,900 feet from

Taungthaman Bridge, is located near Taungthaman, Nwanotawsu, Tena-tha and Ywathit villages.

During the three-year construction period, the Myanmar traditional cultural heritage booth, Myanmar traditional handicraft shopping mall, service area, tourist guide area, recreation park and tourism service area will

be built at the project site.

“Our project will create job opportunities for local residents,” adviser U Soe Myint Thu of Taungthaman Thitsa Company said. “We will not cut down trees at the project site. If necessary, we will grow more plants there.”

The company formed by 12 Myanmar entrepre-

neurs will spend between K200 million and K300 million on the first phase of the project.

The company plans to implement the project with the assistance of foreign experts and seek advice from them in purifying water for local consumption.

*Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)*



## Students learn about conservation at Inlay Lake sanctuary

NYAUNGSHWE, 8 April — The Environment and Wildlife Conservation Division at Inlay Lake arranges talks for visitors from Myanmar and overseas, as well as university students on excursions.

A 135-student team led by faculty members from Zoological Department of Bago University visited Inlay Lake sanc-

tuary on 6 April.

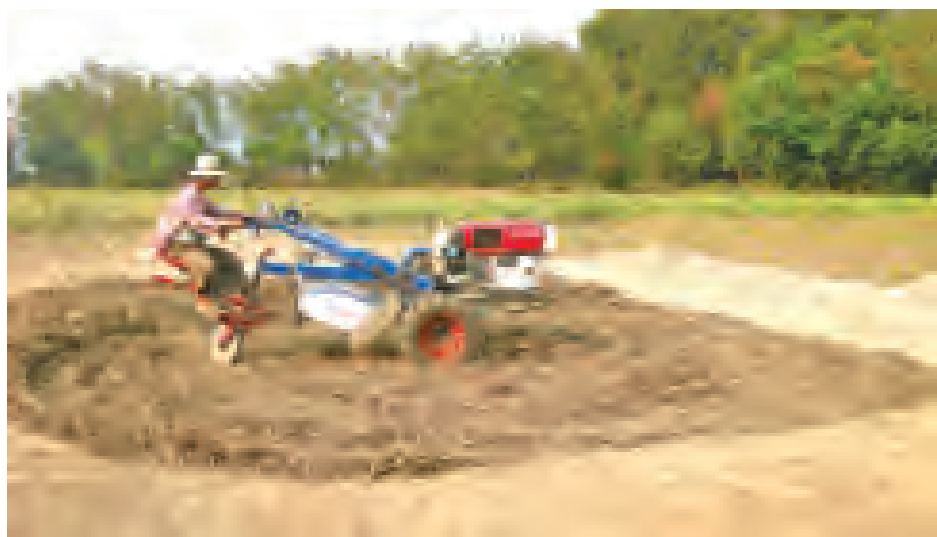
In meeting with the students, administrator of the sanctuary U Sein Tun spoke about management in wildlife parks in Myanmar including Inlay Lake sanctuary, biodiversity in the lake, habitation of water birds and the establishment of the lake as an ASEAN Heritage Park.—*Nay Myo Thurein*

## Farmers prefer use of agricultural machinery

TATKON, 8 April — Use of cattle for agricultural work is dwindling in Pob-bathiri and Tatkon townships, Nay Pyi Taw Council

Area, as local farmers opt to use machinery in production of crops such as mung bean and chickpea, in addition to ploughing.

With the use of cattle for agricultural tasks such as winnowing requiring far greater investment of time and effort, a growing number of farmers are coming to understand the advantages of machinery.—*(Tatkon Township IPRD)*



## Training improves skills of IPRD staff



NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — A training course for staff of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information concluded in Pinyinmana on Wednesday.

Deputy Director-General U Maung Pe and officials presented prizes to outstanding trainees. Leader of the trainee Assistant Director U Maung Maung of IPRD (Head Office) re-

ceived completion certificates for all.

Altogether 31 trainees attended the four-week course from 16 March to 8 April.—*Tun Tun Win (Pinyinmana)*

## Local residents support peace-making process

NAMKHAM, 8 April — Local residents staged a demonstration march in support of a nationwide ceasefire along Muse-Namkham union highway in Namkham Township, Muse District, northern Shan State on 6 April morning.

More than 300 local residents including social organizations, ethnic literature and cultural groups and town elders led by U Nyunt Kyi went round the town and gathered at a ground in front of the town hall.—*L Soe (IPRD)*

## Arab states want UN to blacklist former Yemen president's son

UNITED NATIONS, 8 April — Gulf Arab countries and Jordan want the United Nations Security Council to blacklist the son of Yemen's former president and a Houthi militia leader and effectively impose an arms embargo on the rebels that rule most of the poor Arabian peninsula country.

Experts from the 15-council members met on Tuesday for the first time to discuss a draft resolution that would impose a global asset freeze and travel ban on Ahmed Saleh, the former head of Yemen's elite Republican Guard, and Abdulmalik al-Houthi, a top leader of the Iran-allied Shi'ite Houthi group.

Saleh's father, former Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh, and two other senior Houthi leaders, Abd al-Khaliq al-Huthi and Abdullah Yahya al Hakim, were blacklisted by the Security Council in November. Yemeni soldiers loyal to the former president are fighting alongside the Houthis.

Saudi Arabia launched air strikes against the Houthis in neighbouring Yemen nearly two weeks ago with a coalition made up mainly of four Gulf Arab allies. The United States said on Tuesday it is speeding up arms supplies to the coalition.

Saudi-backed Yemen President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi was forced to flee



*Ahmed Saleh, the son of Yemen's ex-president Ali Abdullah Saleh, gestures from the presidential palace in Sanaa in this 19 Feb, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS*

the southern city of Aden late last month.

The UN resolution, seen by Reuters, was drafted by Jordan and the six-member

in Yemen" - effectively the Houthi militia and soldiers loyal to Saleh.

The resolution also "calls upon Member States, in particular States neighbouring Yemen, to inspect ... all cargo to Yemen" if they have reasonable grounds to believe it contains weapons.

Jordan and the Gulf Arab states had been negotiating with the council's veto-wielding powers — the United States, Russia, France, Britain and China — for more than a week before circulating a draft text to all 15 council members on Monday.

Diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Russia suggested last

week that an arms embargo should also cover the Yemen government. But Saudi Arabia's UN ambassador, Abdallah Al-Mouallim, said such a move would be unfair.

Russia on Saturday put forward its own draft resolution demanding "regular and obligatory humanitarian pauses in the air strikes by the coalition" to allow for the evacuation of foreigners.

The Jordanian and Gulf Arab states draft resolution "calls on all parties to facilitate the evacuation by concerned States and international organizations of their civilians and personnel from Yemen."

Reuters

## Fighting in central Aden, mosques call for jihad — residents

ADEN, 8 April — Dozens of Yemeni Houthi fighters clashed with local militiamen in the central Aden district of Crater on Wednesday and mosques broadcast calls for jihad to combat the Houthi forces trying to take over the southern Yemeni port city, residents said.

They said several houses were on fire after being hit by rockets, and families stayed indoors as fighting raged from street to street.

The Houthis, who are allied to soldiers loyal to former president Ali Abdullah Saleh, advanced

into Crater on Wednesday morning with a tank and two armoured vehicles, one resident said.

Mosques in Crater called on the population to wage holy war against the Houthis, their loudspeakers, usually reserved for sermons and the call to prayer, broadcasting: "God is the greatest! Rise for jihad!"

The battle in the old centre of Aden came a day after fighters from the city said they had pushed the Houthis and allied troops from positions in northern Aden neighbourhoods, which they said cut Houthi

supply lines into the centre.

One fighter, Yasser Mahmoud, said the Houthis had been pushed from the Dar Saad neighbourhood at the northern approach to Aden. He said 22 Houthi fighters were killed when a tank and an armoured vehicle were destroyed.

Three explosions shook northern areas of Aden on Wednesday, in what residents said were air strikes by the Saudi-led coalition which is two weeks into a campaign to stem Houthi advances. They said the attacks appeared to target weapons depots.

Reuters

## Spain arrests nine in operation against Islamists in Catalonia

MADRID, 8 April — Spain arrested nine people in the northeastern region of Catalonia early on Wednesday as part of an operation against Islamist militants, local police said.

"The arrested are accused, amongst other crimes, of belonging to a terrorist organization," a spokeswoman for the Catalan police said.

Spain has arrested around 30 people in rela-

tion to suspected militant activity this year as part of efforts to stop the radicalisation of young Muslims and prevent them joining jihadists in Syria or Iraq or attacking targets at home.

Reuters

## Pakistan MPs speak out against intervention in Yemen

ISLAMABAD, 8 April — Pakistani members of parliament spoke out against getting involved in Yemen on Wednesday as they resumed a one-sided debate on a Saudi request to join a campaign against Iran-allied Houthi forces in Yemen.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was due in Pakistan later on Wednesday when he is like-

ly to urge Pakistan to reject the Saudi request.

"The Yemen war is not our war...Our advice to the government is that the army should not go (to Yemen)," said opposition member of parliament Shireen Mazari.

"As Muslims, we are duty bound to counter any threat to holy shrines but there is no such threat today."

Opposition Senator Ta-

hir Hussain Mashadi said the "aggressors" were the Saudis and the victims were the Yemenis.

"Now the aggressors are asking another sovereign state, Pakistan, to come to provide military aid to Saudi Arabia."

The Sunni royal family of Saudi Arabia and Iran's Shi'ite theocracy are rivals for power in the Middle East. Their competition fre-

quently fuels sectarian violence.

Last month, a Saudi-led coalition began conducting air strikes in Yemen against Houthi rebels. Saudi Arabia and Yemen share a border and Saudi Arabia says it is afraid that instability might spill over to its territory.

Saudi Arabia wants its staunch ally, Sunni-majority Pakistan, to join the coalition, and has requested

ships, aircraft and troops.

Pakistan's parliament began debating the request on Monday and no legislator has spoken in support of sending troops for Saudi to use in Yemen.

Although there are many groups in the complex Yemen conflict, Pakistani lawmakers fear it could develop into a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran, and inflame already

simmering sectarian tension at home.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has said he will defend Saudi Arabia's "territorial integrity" but not spelled out what, if any, commitments he has made. On Tuesday, Sharif told lawmakers Iran should be part of the debate and urged parliament to take its time in coming to a decision.

Reuters

## Burkina law bars ex-president's allies from running for office

OUAGADOUGOU, 8 April — Lawmakers in Burkina Faso modified the electoral code on Tuesday to prevent people from standing for office if they had supported a failed move last year to allow then-President Blaise Compaore to seek a new term.

The country is run by a transitional government ahead of elections in October, and current ministers are also not authorised to run for president.

Compaore was ousted from power last October in the face of mass protests against the bid by his supporters to revise article 37 of the constitution. He seized power in a coup in 1987 in Burkina Faso, a country that produces gold and cotton.

Under the new law, "anybody is ineligible (to run) who supported the unconstitutional change that threatened the principle of democratic choice and especially the principle of presidential term limits."

The law applies to all elections in 2015 and 2016



*Blaise Compaore speaks at the Felix Houphouet Boigny foundation during a summit for the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso, in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast on 30 July, 2013.—REUTERS*

and effectively bars members of Compaore's government and the leaders of his Congress for Democracy and Progress (CDP) party as well as the former president's allies.

Deputies from the previous parliamentary majority who supported Compaore said the law could weaken social cohesion. The CDP rejected the law and said it was an attempt by a small group of activists to confiscate power.

Security forces on

Tuesday dispersed youth supporters of Compaore outside the headquarters of the transitional national council.

Separately, police said on Tuesday that they had arrested eight members of Compaore's regime including former minister for mines and energy Salif Lamoussa Kabore for offences including embezzlement, disturbing the peace and illegal political activity.

Reuters



## German orders mark weak start to 2015 with unexpected February fall

BERLIN, 8 April — German industrial orders unexpectedly dropped in February, partly because companies got fewer major contracts, after bookings already plunged in January, suggesting manufacturers had a subdued start to 2015 in Europe's largest economy.

Orders for goods made in Germany — a highly volatile indicator — decreased by 0.9 percent on the month, data from the Economy Ministry showed. A Reuters poll had forecast a 1.5 percent rise.

It was the first time since last summer that orders have slipped for two months running.

"Today's drop in new orders shows that after a series of almost euphoric news and indicators from Germany and euro zone, some caution is clearly justified," said Carsten Brzeski, senior economist at ING. But he said the weak euro should help German industrial firms: "Judging from earlier episodes with similar exchange rate weakness, order books are currently only moderately



Employees work at a factory run by PIKO, a model railway manufacturer, in the eastern German town of Sonneberg, on 9 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

filled. If past performances are any guide for the future, German exporters can start rubbing their hands."

The decline in new contracts was driven by a drop in demand for capital and intermediate goods. Bookings for consumer goods, which rose by 2.9 percent on strong demand from abroad, were the only bright spot. A breakdown of the data showed domestic demand was stagnant, while demand from abroad

dropped by 1.6 percent.

The Economy Ministry said the basic trend in industry was likely to remain "pointed moderately upwards" though.

Other evidence has painted a rosier picture of the sector, with a purchasing manager's survey last week showing German manufacturing expanded at the fastest pace in almost a year in March as output gained momentum.

Overall, Germany

looks set for a decent performance in the first quarter, with business and investor morale improving, unemployment falling and the private sector gaining traction. Consumer sentiment is at a 13 1/2-year high as shoppers benefit from rising wages and cheap oil.

The orders data for January was revised up to a fall of 2.6 percent from an originally reported 3.9 percent plunge.—Reuters

## With diabetes, fewer meals may mean less hunger, depression

NEW YORK, 8 April — People with type 2 diabetes may have less depression and fewer hunger pains if they opt for a big breakfast and lunch rather than six smaller meals throughout the day, suggests a new study.

"Eating large breakfasts and lunches may be more beneficial than the usual snacking model," said Dr Hana Kahleova, the study's lead author from the Institute for Clinical and Experimental Medicine in Prague.

"However, further larger-scale, long-term studies are needed before offering clear recommendations," she told Reuters Health in an email.

The analysis used data from a previous study that compared two restricted-calorie diets in 54 people with type 2 diabetes. Each study participant spent 12 weeks eating six small meals a day, and then another 12 weeks eating a large breakfast and lunch, with no dinner.

With both diets, people reported fewer depres-

sive symptoms and better quality of life compared to how they felt at the beginning of the study, but the improvements in mood were significantly greater when they ate larger meals twice a day.

Disinhibition, which is the tendency to overeat in certain situations, improved more on the two-meal diet. People also reported feeling less hungry when they ate just twice a day, researchers reported in the *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

People who eat less frequently may feel fuller

and more satisfied when they do eat, rather than feeling hungry all day long from eating small meals, said Kahleova, who added that people need to eat 30 to 40 grams of fiber per day to be successful.

"Eat a hearty breakfast: eat breakfast like a king, lunch as a prince and dinner as a pauper," she said. "If you feel hungry in the evening you can have a vegetable salad."

"I think it's fascinating research," said Margaret Powers of the International Diabetes Centre at Park Nicollet in Minneapolis in

a telephone interview.

By looking at the effect of eating patterns on patients' depressive symptoms, the new research is starting to take into account the "big emotional component to eating," said Powers, who wasn't involved with the new study but is president-elect of health-care and education for the American Diabetes Association.

The most important thing for people with type 2 diabetes is to have a plan in terms of when they eat and how they spread out their intake of carbohydrates throughout the day, Powers said, adding that the goal is to maintain steady blood sugar levels and a healthy weight.

"There's no one right way or wrong way, but I think this says that we do have to pay attention to this emotional side of eating," she said. "If somebody's eating two large meals a day and they want to eat at other times and they can't and that's making them miserable, that's not the right plan."—Reuters



A tradition pancake breakfast in Calgary, Alberta, on 7 July, 2012.—REUTERS

## Risk of breast, ovarian cancer may differ by type of BRCA mutation

WASHINGTON, 8 April — Women who have inherited mutations in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes have an increased risk of breast and ovarian cancers, but the impact varies depending on the type and location of the mutations, researchers said on Tuesday.

The results, published in the *US journal JAMA*, may lead to more effective cancer risk assessment, care and prevention strategies for health care providers and BRCA1 or BRCA2 carriers.

"We've made a lot of progress toward understanding how to reduce the cancer risks associated with inherited mutations in BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations, but until now, little has been known about how cancer risks differ by the specific mutation a woman has inherited," first author Timothy Rebbeck, professor of the University of Pennsylvania said in a statement.

"The results of this study are a first step in understanding how to personalize risk assessment around a woman's specific mutation, which can help guide carriers and providers in the cancer prevention decision making process," said Rebbeck, also associate director for Population Science at Penn Medicine's Abramson Cancer Centre.

Rebbeck and colleagues analyzed more than 31,000 women from 33 countries who had mutations in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes.

Of the over 19,000 women with a BRCA1 mutation, 46 percent were diagnosed with breast cancer, 12 percent with ovarian cancer, 5 percent with breast and ovarian cancer, and 37 percent with no cancer.

Of the nearly 12,000 women with a BRCA2 mutation, 52 percent were diagnosed with breast cancer, 6 percent with ovarian cancer, 2 percent with breast and

ovarian cancer, and 40 percent with no cancer.

Within the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, the researchers identified certain mutations that significantly increased or decreased a person's risk of breast or ovarian cancer.

Previously, a woman with a BRCA1 mutation would have been thought to have a 59 percent risk of breast cancer and a 34 percent risk for ovarian cancer, up until age 70.

However, the new research suggested that women who carry a specific subset of BRCA mutations most commonly present in the Ashkenazi Jewish population have a 69 percent risk of breast cancer and a 26 percent risk of ovarian cancer, for example.

The important question that remains is whether these differences will change the decisions a woman makes about preventive surgery or other behaviors, the researchers said.

"Additional research is needed to determine the absolute risks associated with different mutations, and how those differences might influence decision making and standards of care, such as preventive surgery, for carriers of BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations," said senior author Katherine Nathanson, associate professor of Medicine and director of Genetics in the Bassett Research Center for BRCA at Penn's Abramson Cancer Centre.

BRCA1 and BRCA2 were thrown into the spotlight two years ago after film star Angelina Jolie, who carried a BRCA1 mutation, revealed her decision to get a preventive, bilateral mastectomy. Last month, Jolie announced she had undergone a second preventative surgery to have her ovaries and fallopian tubes removed.

Xinhua

## Cheaper cars not to increase sales in Malaysia

BEIJING, 8 April — Despite price drop, the car sales in Malaysia will not see a notable increase because of weakened demand after the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was implemented, according to the local media reports on Tuesday.

Malaysia automakers have cut prices by 1 to 3.25

percent since GST was implemented on 1 April.

Analysts believe that although the price cut is bigger than expected, the tax on repair and maintenance costs, car accessories, car insurance and Ron97 gasoline almost offset the attractiveness of buying a car.

Xinhua

## Obama has 'diminished' US power, Cheney says in new book



Former US vice-president Dick Cheney

WASHINGTON, 8 April — Former Vice President Dick Cheney, already a fierce critic of President Barack Obama, accuses him in an upcoming book of allowing American power to become "significantly diminished" even as the threat of terrorism rises. Cheney renews his criticism of Obama in "Exceptional: Why The World Needs a Powerful America," a book co-authored with his eldest daughter, Liz Cheney, due to be published on 1 September by Threshold Editions, which has backed books by conservative authors. Threshold is part of publishing house Simon & Schuster, which is owned by CBS Corp (CBS.N).

"Unfortunately, as we face the clear and present danger of a rapidly growing terrorist threat, President Obama has significantly diminished our power, abandoned America's allies and emboldened our enemies," Cheney said in a statement released by his publisher.

As vice president for eight years under Repub-

lican President George W Bush, Cheney advocated a muscular American foreign policy and championed the Iraq war.

He was back in the news in December after a Senate Intelligence Committee report detailed CIA torture of detainees during the Bush administration.

Cheney strongly defended the CIA's use of aggressive interrogation techniques on foreign terrorism suspects, saying the practices did not amount to torture. "I'd do it again in a minute," Cheney said. In an interview published in *Playboy* magazine last month, Cheney escalated his criticism of Obama.

"I look at Barack Obama and I see the worst president in my lifetime, without question — and that's saying something," Cheney said. "I used to have significant criticism of Jimmy Carter, but compared to Barack Obama and the damage he is doing to the nation — it's a tragedy, a real tragedy, and we are going to pay a hell of a price just trying to dig out from under his presidency."

Liz Cheney, a former State Department official, last year dropped her bid to unseat a Republican incumbent senator from Wyoming, Michael Enzi, ending her first foray into national politics because of what she said were family health issues.

Reuters

## Power line break puts out the lights in Washington, D C

WASHINGTON, 8 April —

A power line broke loose at an electrical substation near Washington on Tuesday, briefly dimming the White House, emptying museums and cutting electricity to government buildings and the US Capitol for hours.

The Justice Department and State Department were among thousands of customers whose power was cut in the early afternoon, along with the University of Maryland and some World Bank offices.

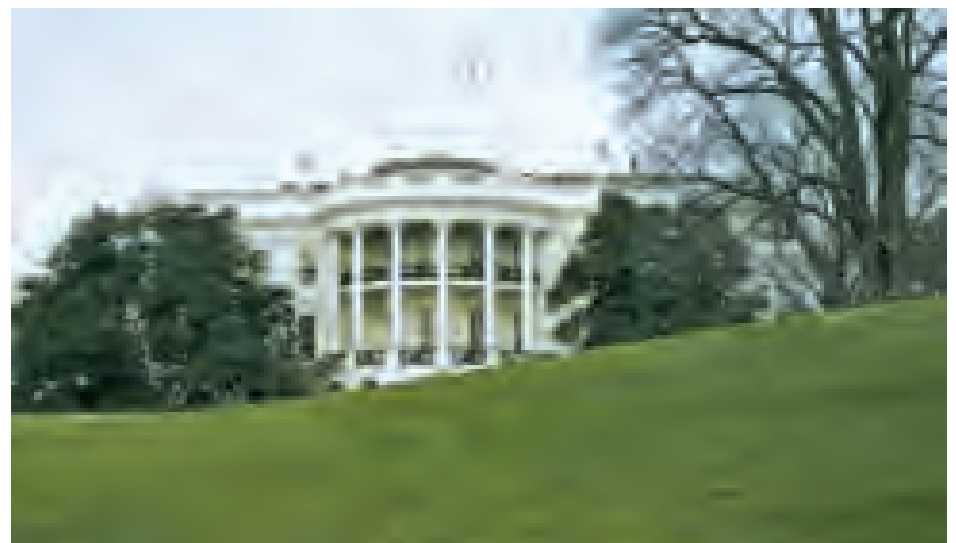
The outage was caused by a power line breaking loose in Maryland state south of Washington, causing a drop in voltage, electrical company officials said.

There were concerns that militant groups might be responsible, but the Department of Homeland Security said there was no indication of malicious activity. The outage was centred in the heart of Washington before power was largely restored a few hours later.

White House offices and the press room went dark briefly before backup sources kicked in. President Barack Obama was in the Oval Office and did not notice the power failure, spokesman Josh Earnest told a news briefing.

"Things are slowly but surely returning to normal here in the White House complex," he said.

The State Department's daily briefing was suspended



A view of the White House from the South Lawn in Washington on 4 Dec, 2014.

REUTERS

after power was lost. At the US Capitol complex, where lawmakers were absent for an Easter recess, a backup generator switched on, keeping most lights and appliances running.

At least four Smithsonian museums were evacuated, including the Natural History Museum on the National Mall, where the power failure left hundreds of visitors milling around outside.

"It was just dark and a lot of people there and it was dark and it was awkward. Because, like you couldn't see anything, you're just standing there and the lights are off," tourist Karina Coulter told Reuters Television.

Power also went out as media tycoon Oprah Winfrey was speaking at a Postal Service ceremony marking the issuance of a stamp hon-

ouring poet Maya Angelou.

Some subway stations in the United States' second-busiest mass transit system ran on backup power. Buses were deployed to shuttle passengers from one station to another.

Power supplier Pepco Holdings Inc (POM.N) said its crews were repairing transmission equipment in Charles County, Maryland. The company's website showed a handful of customers without power by early evening, mostly in the District of Columbia.

The Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) said in a tweet that a Pepco transmission conductor broke loose at a SMECO substation, causing the outages. A spokeswoman for Pepco, Courtney Nogas, said a broken insulator had

caused a fallen transmission line.

Thomas Popik, founder of watchdog group the Foundation for Resilient Societies, said the outage "is an excellent example of the grid's fragility and why physical security is so important."

He said federal regulations on the electric grid failed to address worries about physical security.

Admiral Bill Gortney, commander of North American Aerospace Defence Command and US Northern Command, said at a Pentagon news briefing he had been told all backup systems had kicked in.

But Gortney said he will be checking to see "did they perform as advertised? Do we need to strengthen in some areas?" —Reuters

## Narita airport opens new terminal for budget airlines

CHIBA, (Japan), 8 April — Narita International Airport, Japan's largest international gateway, opened a new terminal for budget airlines on Wednesday in a bid to court a growing number of low-cost carriers for domestic and short-haul international flights.

The airport, serving the greater Tokyo area, inaugurated its third terminal at 3:30 am with a countdown and applause by a crowd of around 100 terminal users.

"I hope the new terminal will help LCCs grow and increase our traveling options," said Sosuke Nakano, a 24-year-old company employee from Saitama Prefecture on a sight-seeing trip to Kagoshima in southwestern Japan.

The first flight from



Travellers enter the newly opened third terminal for budget airlines at Narita International Airport near Tokyo on 8 April, 2015. The airport inaugurated the terminal to court a growing number of low-cost carriers for domestic and short-haul international flights.—KYODO NEWS

Terminal 3 departed at around 6:10 am for Sappo-

ro in northern Japan.

"I'll always remember

my trip on this commemorative flight," said Tamae

Yamada, a 51-year-old company employee taking the flight to Sapporo to attend an enrollment ceremony at his son's university.

Narita International Airport Corp, the operator of the airport, is urging passengers to arrive earlier, as it takes roughly 10 to 15 minutes on foot or bus to get to the new terminal from Terminal 2, which hosts the nearest train stations.

Terminal 3 comprises a three-story main building and a two-story satellite facility, including a 24-hour open rest area available for passengers for early morning flights, with a total floor space of roughly 66,000 square meters, the company said.

Efforts were made to reduce construction costs in order to curb facility

usage charges paid by airlines and passengers at the terminal, which is the first addition to the airport since the December 1992 opening of Terminal 2, the company said.

After losing some customers for international flights to Haneda airport, which is located closer to the centre of Tokyo and added landing slots for international flights about a year ago, the Narita airport operator hopes to increase users with the new terminal.

Five of the 14 LCCs serving Narita airport have moved offices to the new terminal to offer a combined 700 flights a week to connect the airport with Sapporo, Fukuoka and 10 other domestic cities and seven foreign destinations.

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THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
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MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE  
( INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER )  
(6/2015)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars/Myanmar kyat.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(1)	IFB-001(15-16)	4" Dia Discharge Vibrator Hose and 4" Dia Hammer Union ( 2 ) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB-002(15-16)	Electrical Spares for USS Oil Well Rig (26) Items	US\$
(3)	DMP/L-001(15-16)	PGGO 140 Gear Oil (1) Lot	KS
(4)	DMP/L-002(15-16)	Hydraulic Oil (H.O.L) (1) Lot	KS
(5)	DMP/L-003(15-16)	Cooling Fan Motor, Water Pump & Motor, Oil Pump & Motor for CNG Compressor (4) Items	KS

Tender Closing Date & Time - 4-5-2015, 16:30 Hr  
Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 6<sup>TH</sup> April, 2015 at the Finance Department , Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise  
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**WEATHER  
REPORT**

**BAY INFERENCE:**

Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID  
UNTIL EVENING  
OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> April,**

**2015:** Rain or thunder-showers are likely to be isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**STATE OF THE  
SEA:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Tender Invitation for Pharmaceutical Plants  
Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries (MPI)  
Ministry of Industry**

Concerning with EOI, which was invited by MPI for the development of Pharmaceutical Production of the Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein), the **Winner** list has already been declared.

So, MPI would like to invite the EOI winner companies to participate the Tender process for each and every project plant, the Automatic Ware House System, Complete Tablet Production Plant, Small Volume Parenteral Production Plant, Large Volume Parenteral Production Plant and Cephalosporin Injection Plant, as mentioned in EOI.

The MPI invites the Tenders for all projects plants above mentioned with facilities: the complete design, construction, supplying machineries and equipments, transferring the know-how, providing validation Master Plan and Standard Operation Procedures, etc. All facilities should be in certified/compliance with **GMP or PIC/S Guidelines**.

Tender Documents may be purchased and detail information can be obtained from the **Office of Planning Department, MPI, Ministry of Industry, Building No.(37), Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, during working hours from 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.**

Tender Documents (technical and financial bid) shall be submitted at the **Office of Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry, Building No. (37), Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar before 16:00 hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

Planning Department  
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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
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As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015 to 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2015 (New Year Public Holiday). Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

**Bank Holiday**

All Banks will be closed on 12<sup>th</sup> April (Sunday) to 21<sup>st</sup> April (Tuesday) 2015, "Myanmar New Year Holidays" under the Negotiable Instruments Act.  
Central Bank of Myanmar

**China's chemical plant fire resurfaces**



*Firefighters work at the site of a burning chemical plant in Zhangzhou, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 8 April, 2015. A fire at the chemical plant that exploded on April 6 in Fujian reignited again early Wednesday. —XINHUA*

ZHANGZHOU, 8 April — Fire at a chemical plant in east China's Fujian Province resurfaced for a second time early Wednesday morning. The fire, which had been put off, resumed at around 7:40 pm on Tuesday.

It was later extinguished again at around 11:40 pm, said the headquarters for handling this accident at the Tenglong Aromatic Hydrocarbon (Zhangzhou) Co Ltd on the Gulei Peninsula in Zhangzhou City.

The same oil tank caught fire again at around 2:09 am on Wednesday. Residues contained in one of the oil storage tanks had self-ignited when exposed to the air, according to the headquarters.

More than 170 fire engines have arrived to battle the blaze.

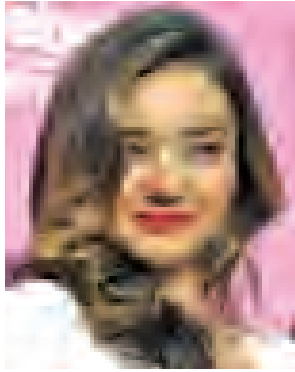
On Monday evening, oil leaked from the xylene facility caught fire and led to blasts at three nearby oil storage tanks at the company.

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## Life is about enjoying yourself: Miranda Kerr



**Miranda credits her positive outlook to her mother Therese Kerr.**  
PTI

LONDON, 8 April — Supermodel Miranda Kerr said she tries not to take life too seriously and embraces everything that comes her way. The 31-year-old actress, who has four-year-old son Flynn with her estranged husband Orlando Bloom, said she grabs life by both hands and embraces all the ups and downs that come her way, reported Femalefirst.

“If I could say something to my younger self it

would be, ‘It’s all part of an evolution. It doesn’t matter whether it’s positive or negative, it’s an evolution. Understand what the end goal is, knowing that every day you’re one step closer to getting there.’”

“Life is about enjoying yourself and trying to make the most of moments. It’s nothing to get too serious about. “Even though I am a mother and I have a business to run, I feel like sometimes you can get too serious. Then it loses the fun and you have to wonder, ‘Well, what am I doing this all for,’” she said.

The blonde beauty believes her positive outlook on life is down to her Australian mother Therese Kerr, who taught her to work hard and have a strategic business mind.

“I’ve worked really hard to get where I am and that was instilled in me from a young age. And I’ve learned so much about life.”—PTI

## BB King heads home, ‘feeling much better’ after hospital stint

LOS ANGELES, 8 April — Veteran blues guitarist BB King said he was “feeling much better” and heading home on Tuesday after being hospitalized for diabetes-related issues.

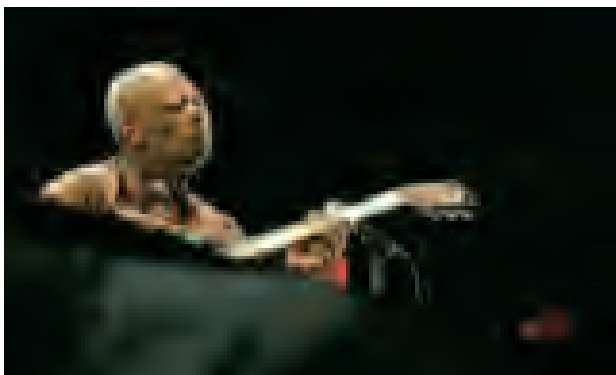
King, 89, was taken to hospital last Friday after suffering from dehydration as a complication of diabetes, his representative LaVerne Toney said.

On Tuesday, King

thanked his fans for their “concern and good wishes” on his official Facebook page and said, “I’m feeling much better & am leaving the hospital today.”

Born in Mississippi, the musician is known as the “King of the Blues” and is considered one of the greatest guitarists of all time, with artists such as Eric Clapton citing him as an influence.

Last October, King was forced to cancel eight live performances after falling ill on stage in Chicago. He was diagnosed with dehydration and suffering from exhaustion, and has not been on the road performing since.—Reuters



**US blues legend BB King performs during the 46<sup>th</sup> Jazz Festival in San Sebastian on 21 July, 2011.**

REUTERS

## Taylor Swift, Sam Smith lead Billboard Music Awards nominees

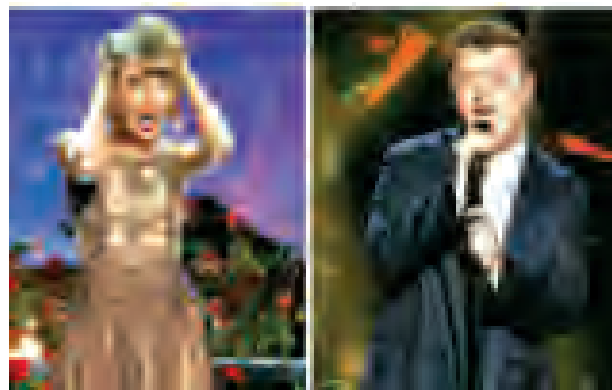
NEW YORK, 8 April — Pop star Taylor Swift and British soul singer Sam Smith, who were among the top-selling musical acts in the United States last year, led the nominations for the 2015 Billboard Music Awards finalists on Tuesday.

Swift, 25, picked up 14 nominations while Smith, 22, got 13, including nods for top artist.

Swift’s “1989” will compete with Smith’s “In the Lonely Hour” for the top album prize. The two will also go up against each other for top Hot 100 song, with Swift’s “Shake it Off” pitted against “Stay With Me” by Smith.

Pop star Katy Perry, British band One Direction and singer Ariana Grande also won nominations for top artist.

Perry and Grande will compete with Swift,



**Pop star Taylor Swift (L) and British soul-pop artist Sam Smith performs during the 42<sup>nd</sup> American Music Awards in Los Angeles, California in this combination photo from 23 Nov, 2014 file photos.—REUTERS**

Meghan Trainor and Australian rapper Iggy Azalea for best female artist, while Smith is up against Drake, Pharrell Williams, Ed Sheeran and Justin Timberlake for top male artist.

Azalea, 24, earned 12 nominations, including best new artist, in which she’ll compete with Smith, Trainor, Australian boy band 5 Seconds of Summer

and Irish singer Hozier.

*Billboard* magazine, which covers the music industry, said the finalists were based on fan interactions with music, including album and digital sales, touring, radio airplay, streaming and interactions on social media websites and other online sites for music.

The awards will be

broadcast live on 17 May from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on Walt Disney Co’s ABC network.

Other anticipated categories on the night include top hot 100 song, which includes Trainor’s “All About That Bass,” Azalea’s “Fancy” and Oscar winner John Legend’s “All of Me.”

Perry, Timberlake, Lady Gaga, One Direction and The Rolling Stones will compete for top touring artist.

Rapper Ludacris, who will host the awards with supermodel Chrissy Teigen, announced nominations in five categories on ABC’s “Good Morning America” show with Fall Out Boy rocker Pete Wentz. The rest of the nominees were announced on Twitter.

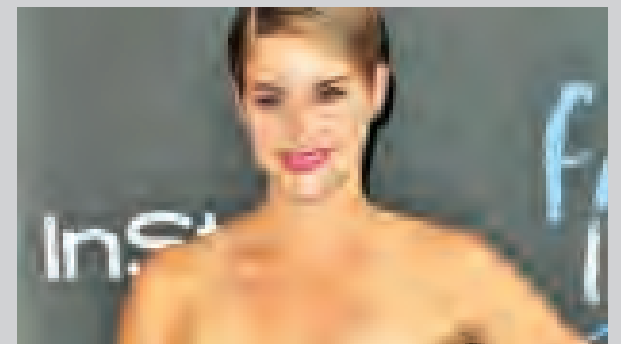
Reuters

## First look of Shailene Woodley in ‘Snowden’ released

LOS ANGELES, 8 April — Shailene Woodley’s first look from the upcoming Edward Snowden’s biopic has been released.

Woodley, 23, who plays Lindsay Mills, walks side by side with her on-screen boyfriend Joseph Gordon-Levitt, who takes the title role in the Edward Snowden movie, in the picture released, reported Ace-showbiz.

Other stars supporting this drama are Nicolas Cage, Scott Eastwood, Melissa Leo, Zachary Quinto, Tom Wilkinson,



**Woodley, 23, who plays Lindsay Mills, walks side by side with her on-screen boyfriend Joseph Gordon-Levitt.—PTI**

Rhys Ifans, Joely Richardson and Timothy Olyphant.

The film about National Security Agency whistleblower is currently filming in Washington, DC

with Oliver Stone serving behind the lens. The movie is slated to open wide in US theatres on 25 December.

PTI

## Rapper Kanye West settles lawsuit with photographer over scuffle

LOS ANGELES, 8 April — Kanye West settled on Tuesday with a photographer who had sued him over a scuffle in 2013, with the rapper agreeing to terms that include an apology to avoid a trial over the lawsuit.

West, 37, settled the suit that celebrity attorney Gloria Allred had filed on behalf of Daniel Ramos, who was involved in an altercation with the

Grammy-winning rapper outside of Los Angeles International Airport in July 2013.

Allred did not reveal the terms of the settlement, but said one of the requirements included West apologising to Ramos, which was captured in a photograph she put out with a statement on Tuesday.

“We believe that this case sent an important message. Celebrities are



**Kanye West performs with U2 during a surprise concert in support of World AIDS Day in Times Square in New York, on 1 Dec, 2014.—REUTERS**

not above the law, and they have no right to physically attack someone simply because they were asked a question,” Allred said.

Representatives for West did not respond to requests for comment. Following the settlement, Allred said she filed for a dismissal of the case, which had been due to go to trial on 14 April.

West pleaded no contest in Los Angeles court

in March 2014 to misdemeanour charges stemming from the incident with Ramos, which was captured in a video posted on celebrity news website TMZ. It showed the rapper appearing to lunge at Ramos. West was placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to complete 240 hours of community service and 24 anger management sessions.

Reuters



GENERAL

## Kansas becomes first state to ban a second trimester abortion procedure

TOPEKA, 8 April — Kansas became the first state to ban a common second trimester abortion procedure when Governor Sam Brownback, a Republican, on Tuesday signed into a law an act to halt what lawmakers said are “dismemberment abortions.”

The law that goes into effect on July 1 prohibits the use of dilation and evacuation. The bill says the procedure can result in the fetus being extracted in pieces.

Supporters in Kansas have called the procedure horrifying while women’s healthcare groups have said it is considered the safest



An anti-abortion sign is seen as demonstrators march on Market Street during the Ninth Annual Walk for Life West Coast rally in San Francisco, California, on 26 Jan, 2013. — REUTERS

way to terminate a pregnancy in the second trimester.

The law allows for the procedure to preserve the life of a pregnant woman or when the mother’s health is in serious jeopardy from the pregnancy.

Republican-controlled Kansas has taken a leading role in imposing restrictions on abortions, with more than 20 measures being enacted since Brownback took office in 2011, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports the right to abortion but whose research is cited by both sides in the debate.

The procedure is used in about 8 to 9 percent of abortions nationwide and similar bans are being considered in Oklahoma, Missouri and South Carolina, it said. Nearly 90 percent of US abortions take place in the first trimester.—Reuters

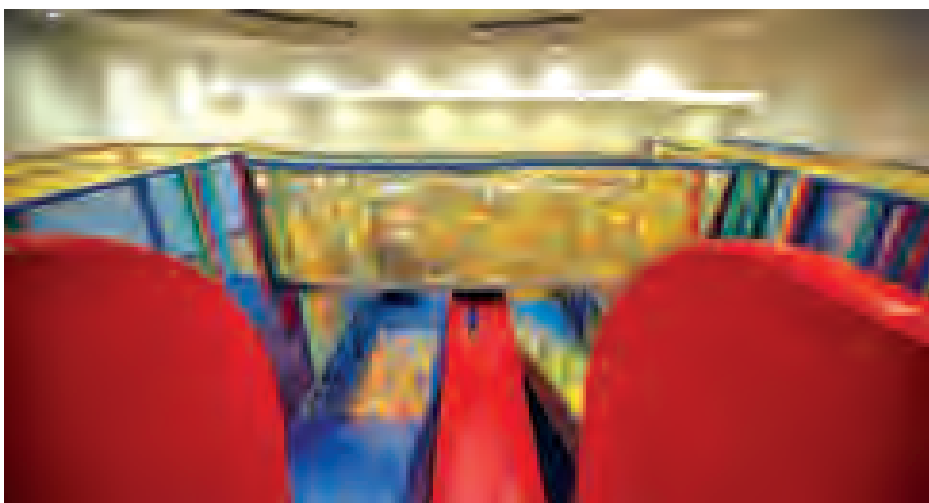
## Kids may be more likely to use customized playgrounds

AMSTERDAM, 8 April — Specially tailored playgrounds met their goals of increasing kids’ use and physical activity, in a new study from the Netherlands.

The Richard Krajicek Foundation creates public playgrounds — known as Krajicek playgrounds — in deprived neighbourhoods there. Each playground has a unique design based on the needs of the kids who are most likely to use it. Each playground is supervised during the busiest times, and coaches are responsible for organizing activities.

Given the positive findings of the new study, researchers say that in underprivileged neighbourhoods, adding supervised activities and equipment could increase use of regular playgrounds that are underused and often left deserted.

“Providing playgrounds . . . that provide a motivating and socially safe play envi-



A child plays at the indoor playground ‘Adventure Zone’ at Kerry Hotel in Beijing on 12 Feb, 2015. — REUTERS

ronment will increase physical activity and will have — little but relevant — impact on public health,” said lead author Evert Verhagen of VU University Medical Center in Amsterdam in an email to Reuters Health.

“The problem of inactivity and . . . lifestyle related disorders is greatest in deprived neighbourhoods where safe play opportunities are limited,” Verhagen

said. As reported in the *Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport*, the researchers randomly chose 10 of the 99 Krajicek playgrounds and 10 typical playgrounds as comparisons.

Specially trained college students observed the playgrounds for four days to determine the number of children and their intensity of physical activity at the playgrounds.

The researchers found Krajicek playgrounds empty about 12 percent of the time. The regular playgrounds were empty about 29 percent of the time.

About 13 percent of the kids on the Krajicek playgrounds were engaged in vigorous physical activity, compared to about 10 percent of kids on the regular playgrounds — a small difference.—Reuters

## Thousands of Australian to pay for pirate downloading

SYDNEY, 8 April — Some 5,000 Australians are expected to receive a letter from a Hollywood production company demanding payment for illegal downloads of its film Dallas Buyers Club, it was reported on Wednesday.

A landmark Federal Court ruling ordered several Australian internet service providers, including iiNet, to hand over the identities of thousands of account holders whose internet connec-

tions were allegedly used to share the Hollywood film, Fairfax Media reported.

Dallas Buyers Club LLC and Voltage Pictures LLC targeted six Australian telcos — iiNet, Internode, Dodo, Amnet, Adam Internet and Wideband Networks — when they sought personal details associated with more than 4,700 IP addresses that were used to share the movie using BitTorrent.

Michael Bradley, the

lawyer representing Dallas Buyers Club, starring Matthew McConaughey, in the precedent-setting piracy case, said the company will seek compensation.

“Ultimately for the owner of the film that’s what’s it’s about because they’ve lost a lot of money,” he told Australian Broadcasting Corporation on Wednesday.

The US companies sent letters to illegal downloaders claiming they were li-

able for damages of up to 150,000 US dollars unless settlement fees of up to 7,000 US dollars were paid.

The chief executive of industry body, Intellectual Property Awareness Foundation, Lori Flekser, was pleased with the landmark piracy judgment.

She hopes it will be a deterrent to piracy which affects the livelihood of Australia’s independent filmmakers.

Xinhua

### mitv Myanmar International

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- \* Thingyan Dance
- \* Bagan: The Land of Pagoda
- \* News
- \* “Myanmar’s Traditions and Culture” Myanmar Pottery
- \* Thread Charm “A Kayin Threading Ceremony”
- \* News
- \* MONASTERY Yot Son Kyaung (Sa-Le)
- \* News
- \* A Journey to Southern Shan State (Ep-3)
- \* Today Myanmar “Fire Outbreak”
- \* News
- \* Tapestry — A Unique Combination of Painting and Craftsmanship
- \* Culture Show: Theatrical Make Up
- \* Kyaikhteeyoe: My Father The Porter
- \* News
- \* Cruising To Precious Islands
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- \* Myanmar Social & Charitable Association (Ep-1) Mingalar Byuha
- \* Thingyan Dance
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- \* 19 Hours
- \* News
- \* Super Myanmar Traditional Stick Form (EP-2)
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## Training improves Myanmar hockey players



YANGON, 8 April— Myanmar hockey team led by manager U Kyaw Kyaw Oo arrived back at

Yangon International Airport in the night of Monday after undergoing training at the hockey academy

in Ipoh, Malaysia.

In its friendly matches, Myanmar beat Malaysian U-16 hockey team 3-1; 4-0

and 5-4. Myanmar also won over Ipoh team 3-1. Moreover, Myanmar secured a wide margin win over Pancharpi team with 5-1; 5-1 and 7-1 results. In playing against MBI team, Myanmar bagged one draw with a 2-2- result and two wins with 3-1 and 6-2.

While in Malaysia, Myanmar players took a joint training together with Malaysian youth team and tentatively selected national team.

Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan)

## Family man Woods still in the business of winning

AUGUSTA, (Georgia), 8 April — Now ranked 111th, Tiger Woods appeared far more concerned about becoming the world's number one dad on Tuesday than golf's top player.

Surrounded by his two children and ski champion girlfriend Lindsey Vonn, an at ease Woods seemed oblivious to the thousands of spectators gathered around the Augusta National practice green and looked more prepared to head out on a family picnic than make a headline-grabbing comeback at this week's Masters.

In many ways, the year's first major will be a family outing for the Woods clan with the 14-time major winner scheduled to make a rare appearance in Wednesday's par-3 contest where young daughter Sam and son Charlie take on caddie duties.

Vonn will also be on hand to offer her support in the same way that Woods did for his downhill darling in Cortina, Italy and Vail, Colorado earlier this year when she made her run at the alpine skiing record books.

Despite all the family



**Tiger Woods of the US smiles during a Press conference at Augusta National held during practice rounds ahead of the 2015 Masters at the Augusta National Golf Course in Augusta, Georgia on 7 April, 2015.**

REUTERS

friendly activities, this is very much a business trip for Woods and the former world number one made it clear his business is still winning golf tournaments.

"I want to win," declared Woods. "The whole idea is to prepare and do that, and I feel like my game is finally ready to go and do that again."

"I worked my ass off. I worked hard. It was something people would never understand how much work I put into it to come back and do this again."

"Competing is still the same. I'm trying to beat everybody out there. That hasn't changed."—Reuters

## Substitute Kehl fires Dortmund into German Cup semis

BERLIN, 8 April — Borussia Dortmund veteran Sebastian Kehl scored a sensational extra-time winner in a 3-2 victory over visitors Hoffenheim on Tuesday to advance to the German Cup semi-finals and keep alive their hopes of European football next season.

The 35-year-old, who retires at the end of the campaign after 13 years at Dortmund, came on in the second half and fired home from 25 metres.

Without injured Mats Hummels and Marco Reus, Dortmund took the lead through central defender Neven Subotic in the 19th minute before Kevin Volland's superb volley levelled the match two minutes later.

Serbia international Subotic then gifted Hoffenheim their second goal when he lost possession to Roberto Firmino, who charged through and beautifully chipped keeper Mitch Langerak. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, however, made amends for his team mate's mistake, heading in

the equaliser early in the second half before Kehl's superb winner in the 107th minute went in off the post.

Dortmund, last year's beaten finalists, are looking to rescue an otherwise disappointing season by securing a Europa League spot after a dismal Bundesliga campaign.

VfL Wolfsburg dominated but needed a second-half penalty from defender Ricardo Rodriguez to edge past fellow Bundesliga club Freiburg 1-0 and advance.

The Swiss international, who also scored twice in the win over VfB Stuttgart at the weekend, converted a 72nd-minute spot-kick after Daniel Caligiuri was brought down by Julian Schuster.

Holders Bayern Munich, chasing a treble of titles, play Bayer Leverkusen in another all-Bundesliga clash on Wednesday with Borussia Moenchengladbach taking on third-tier Arminia Bielefeld.

Reuters

## Atletico hard on Real's heels, Sevilla down Levante

MADRID, 8 April — Atletico Madrid made a typically aggressive start to lay the foundations for a 2-0 victory at home to mid-table Real Sociedad on Tuesday that lifted the champions to within two points of second-placed Real Madrid.

Diego Simeone's men came roaring out of the blocks at the Calderon and, after Arda Turan had thumped a volley against the post in the second minute, Koke's inswinging delivery from a corner moments later was headed into his own net by Sociedad defender Mikel Gonzalez.

Antoine Griezmann made it 2-0 in the 10th minute when he followed up Koke's saved effort and clipped the ball into the roof of the net for his 16th La Liga goal of the campaign.

The France forward's lack of celebration was a reminder that he played for Sociedad for five years before joining Atletico in the close season.

Sociedad, who have improved since former Manchester United manager David Moyes took over as coach in November and are 10th, never looked like

getting back into the game, substitute Esteban Granero coming closest for the Basque club with a curling free kick two minutes from time.

"It was important to win here and stay strong at home so we could get the three points and stay in the battle for a Champions League place," Griezmann told Spanish television.

Atletico, whose 15 clean sheets this season are only bettered by leaders Barcelona's 16, have 65

points in third with eight games left, with Real on 67 ahead of their match at another Madrid club, Rayo Vallecano, on Wednesday.

Real, who crushed Granada 9-1 on Sunday, are four adrift of Barca, who host Almeria earlier on Wednesday.

Sevilla, in fifth, drew level on 61 points with fourth-placed Valencia thanks to a 2-1 win at Levante on Tuesday, Kevin Gameiro and Jose Antonio Reyes putting the Europa

League champions 2-0 up and Kalu Uche replying for the home side.

Valencia hold on to fourth, which carries a place in Champions League qualifying, thanks to a better head-to-head record, which is used to separate teams with the same points rather than goal difference. Malaga, in seventh, suffered a setback in their quest for a Europa League berth when they were beaten 1-0 at lowly Eibar.—Reuters



Atletico Madrid's Fernando Torres (C) fights to head the ball with Real Sociedad's Mikel Gonzalez during their Spanish first division soccer match at Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid on 7 April, 2015.—REUTERS

## Juventus outclass Fiorentina to reach Coppa final

MILAN, 8 April — Treble-chasing Juventus, beaten 2-1 at home in the first leg of the Coppa Italia semi-final, hit back with an emphatic 3-0 victory at Fiorentina to reach the final on Tuesday.

Alessandro Matri, Roberto Pereyra and Leonardo Bonucci scored the goals as Juventus made light of the absence of the injured Carlos Tevez, Andrea Pirlo, Paul Pogba and

Stephan Lichtsteiner in a bad-tempered game.

Juventus will face either Napoli or Lazio, who meet on Wednesday, in the final as they attempt to win the competition for the first time since 1995.

Massimiliano Allegri's team also have a 14-point lead at the top of Serie A and have reached the Champions League quarter-finals where they face AS Monaco.

However, they will be without forward Alvaro Morata in the final after he was sent off in the 88th minute for a tackle from behind on Alessandro Diamanti. Six other players were booked.

Fiorentina, who handed Juventus their first home defeat for nearly two years in the first leg, had the ball in the net after four minutes but it was ruled out for pushing by

Mohamed Salah. Matri put Juventus ahead in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute, firing home after an attempted pass rebounded straight to him, and Pereyra was first to the ball when Norberto Neto parried Alvaro Morata's shot just before halftime.

Bonucci volleyed home the third from a corner in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute after the Fiorentina defence lost concentration to seal a 4-2 aggregate win.—Reuters