

KENGTUNG, 8 May — President U Thein Sein held meetings Friday with ethnic leaders in Kengtung aimed at restoring peace and promoting regional development.

The president and party met with U Pauk Yu Yi of Wa Special Region-2, Chairman U Ywet Sit of RCSS/SSA and Chairman U Sai Lin of Mongla Special Region-4 separately at Golden Triangle Yeiktha in Kengtung.

The three ethnic leaders expressed support for the peace process of the government and reiterated their commitment to signing the nationwide cease-fire agreement.

President U Thein Sein and party also visited a Catholic Missionary Church in Kengtung and greeted the Catholic Bishop of Kengtung Peter Lewis Kyakhu, pastors of other Christian denominations and Christian youths on the same day.

The president and the chief minister of Shan State presented 500 bags of rice, 50 viss of edible oil and gifts for churches of the Catholic Mission-

ary, Lahu, Shan, Arkha, Wa and the military station before posing for documentary photographs with the bishops.

The president and party then proceeded to the City Hall and met with local people. At the meeting, Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat of Shan State and Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe, U Myint Hlaing, U Win Myint and Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win reported to the president on regional development tasks, electricity supply, agricultural development, promotion of border trade and development of national races in the area.

After hearing reports, the president said in his speech that the government has been placing emphasis on stability and socioeconomic development while handling the transition between political systems with great care.

As a result, the transition has been smoother in Myanmar than in countries of the Middle East that have almost collapsed due to bloodshed and conflicts, the president said.

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President U Thein Sein cordially greets RCSS/SSA Chairman U Ywet Sit at Golden Triangle Yeiktha in Kengtung.—IPRD



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Chairman of Mongla Special Region-4 U Sai Lin and party.—IPRD



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with U Pauk Yu Yi and party of Wa Special Region-2.—IPRD

EU project aims to develop Myanmar aquaculture sector, increase exports to Europe

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 8 May — The European Union is set to launch a new aquaculture development project in Myanmar, the EU ambassador to the country said Thursday.

“We are working to develop the new project worth 20 million euros (US \$22.4 million) because we believe that aquaculture is very important for Myanmar,” EU Ambassador to Myanmar Mr

Roland Kobia told *The Global New Light of Myanmar*.

In 2013, the EU sent its first ambassador to Myanmar, while also granting it access to the EU’s generalized system of preferences, allowing the country to send unlimited exports, including fishery products, to the EU.

Since then, the EU has become an important destination for Myanmar’s marine products.

The ambassador said the

EU wished to help Myanmar develop its aquaculture sector and enhance its ability to provide exports to Europe.

U Win Kyaing, general secretary of Myanmar Fisheries Federation, said an EU expert is currently in Myanmar conducting a study on the country’s shrimp and fish farming operations.

The aquaculture project, funded as part of a 1 billion euro (See page 9)

MPT offers 30 percent bonus to users

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May — In honour of Mother’s Day, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications is offering a special promotion to encourage its users to call their loved ones through a 30 percent top-up bonus. To enjoy this offer, please top up anytime from 10 to 16 May to receive an additional 30 percent bonus, which can be used to call any MPT mobile number from 10 to 31 May. This promotion is valid for GSM, WCDMA and CDMA

customers. Upon top-up, users will receive the bonus automatically into their account.

Top-up bonus can be used for voice calls to MPT mobile numbers only. All top-up methods are eligible for this bonus (physical top-up, e-top-up and bank top-up). For further information, visit www.mpt.com.mm or www.facebook.com/mptofficialpage, or call 106 (free hotline 24/7).—GNLM

Dinner marks 79th World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day



YANGON, 8 May — Cross and Red Crescent Current and former Red Cross members gathered on 6 May for a dinner to mark the 79th World Red Day, which falls on 8 May 2015, at Aung Chan Tha Dhammayon in Ward 1, Kamayut Township, here.

Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin and Dr U Yin Tun gave speeches before Deputy Commanding Officer of the Red Cross battalion Khin Maung Tun presented gifts to outstanding members.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Township Administrator U Shwe Aye, Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Zaw Win and Health Department head Dr Daw Thin Thin Naing.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

New asphalt road connects villages in Myeik Tsp



MYEIK, 8 May — Construction of the Shantaung-Minthan asphalt road in Myeik Township has finished.

The 2-mile road was built by Yoe Marn Ah Company with K191.73 million from the Township Department of Rural Development.

The department also allotted K33.22 million for construction of a 18-foot-long and 12-foot-wide reinforced concrete bridge on

the asphalt road.

Thanks to the road and bridge, local people from Minthan Village in Myeik Township have easy access to 20 villages in Kyunso Township, here.

Myint Oo (Myeik)

Paddy thriving in rural area of Ingapu Tsp

INGAPU, 8 May — Under the management of Ayeyawady Region government, Gyeiktaw, Alesu and Ashaysu villages have been included in the implementation of the Emerald Green Project for development of rural areas.

Deputy Head of Ingapu Township Department of Rural Development U Myo Min Thu and staff made a field trip to the rural area to inspect the thriving summer paddy.

Thanks to the project, local farmers in three villages received loans from the authorities for cultivation of summer paddy.

Ingapu Township RDD



UMFCCI, Yunnan Province focus on border trade promotion



YANGON, 8 May—The governor of China's Yunnan Province, Mr Chen Hao, held a meeting Thursday with officials of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the trade body's office in Yangon.

President of the federation U Win Aung, vice presidents U Zaw Min Win and Dr Maung Maung Lay and officials received the Yunnan delegation.

They discussed economic progress of Myanmar, transport facilities between the two countries, participa-

tion of Myanmar entrepreneurs in the 3rd China-South Asia Expo & 23rd China Kunming Import and Export Fair to be held in May in Kunming, Yunnan Province, investment opportunities, border trade, and economic cooperation between the two countries.—UMFCCI

Immigration personnel deliver citizenship cards to senior citizens at homes

MANDALAY, 8 May — The Chanayethazan Township Immigration and National Registration Department has been delivering citizenship scrutiny cards to the homes of elderly or immobile residents.

Head of the department U Win Myint and staff delivered a card to Daw Win Win Htay, who suffered a stroke seven years ago, in West Aungmye Thar Township.

On 7 May morning, the staff of the department issued citizenship scrutiny



cards and household registrations to victims of a fire that destroyed 23 homes in

Pyigy Pyawbwe Ward on 20 April.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Households to receive tree saplings for planting in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 8 April — The Forest Department of Mawlamyinegyun Township is nurturing more than 62,000 saplings of various species at its nursery to hold the monsoon sapling growing ceremony in fiscal 2015-16.

Under the supervision of the head of the Township Forest Department U Kyaw Nyunt, staff members have been nurturing the saplings daily.

The department plans to distribute 20 hardwood saplings and seven teak saplings to each household free of charge.

They will grow teak saplings along both sides of Mawlamyinegyun-Bogale road and Hlyawzon-Kyaikpi road in 2015-16 fiscal year.

Mawgyun Myint Aung

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After taking office, the government carried out political, administrative and private sector reforms, while involving citizens in the reform process, the president added.

The government offered peace to armed ethnic groups within three months of taking office to fulfill the greatest wish of the people, he said, adding that although there are differences among national brethren, they all share a common love for the country.

The draft of the nationwide ceasefire agreement will be signed soon as a result of round table negotiations with national races, the president added, before saying that the ceasefire agreement will be followed by political dialogues.

In the area of economic reform, the government

has taken measures to promote socioeconomic lives of rural people and to create job opportunities, according to the president.

Now almost everyone in Myanmar has a mobile phone and this contributes to development of education, health, economic and social sectors, the president explained.

Arrangements are under way to supply electricity to eastern Shan State and electricity will contribute to job opportunities as it will encourage industries, the president said.

Kengtung-Tachilek Road is in good condition and can be used in all seasons while three universities and a 200-bed hospital have been built in Kengtung, the president said.

In conclusion, the president urged local peo-



President U Thein Sein cordially greets Catholic Bishop of Kengtung.—IPRD

ple to nurture the union spirit to end the 60 years of civil conflicts resulting from racism.

The president and party later proceeded to Kengtung University of Computer Studies and Kengtung Technological University and greeted faculty members warmly.

At the meeting with faculty members, the president urged them to nurture outstanding students who are competent, ethical, disciplined and filled with the genuine union spirit.—MNA

President U Thein Sein sends messages of felicitations to presidents of EU, EC

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Donald Tusk, President of the European Council and His Excellency Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Europe Day, which falls on 9 May 2015.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker delivers speech at World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day ceremony in Yamethin

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May — Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attended the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day ceremony in Yamethin, Mandalay Region, on Friday and made a speech.

After taking salute from 460 members of Red Cross societies in Yamethin and Pyawbwe, the speaker said that Myanmar Red Cross Society was founded as an affiliation of India Red Cross Society in 1920 and it was recognized by the International Federation of Red Cross

and Red Crescent Societies in 1939. The speaker added that Myanmar Red Cross Society Act was enacted in 1959 and the society has been carrying out its activities widely since then, nurturing a number of outstanding members including Sai Aung Hlaing Myint, who won Henry Dunant Award in 1977 at the age of 21 and U Moe Kyaw Than and others who helped people in Laukkai in recently fighting.

In conclusion, the speaker urged the members of the Red Cross societies

in the two townships to help all those who need it regardless of race, religion and social status at any time and any place.

Then, the speaker watch the skill demonstration of members of the societies and formally opened the building of Red Cross Supervisory Committee in Yamethin.

After viewing round the new building, the speaker urged members of Red Cross societies to extensively carry out their activities in the entire district.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker invites US businessmen to invest in Myanmar



Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann seen with officials of Myanmar-US Chamber of Commerce (New York).—MNA

YANGON, 8 May — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and party arrived at Yangon International Airport via Incheon International Airport of Republic of Korea on Thursday evening.

On 6 May, the speaker and party were seen off by Myanmar Permanent Representative to the UN U Kyaw Tin and embassy staff at John F Kennedy Airport in New York.

While in New York, the speaker held talks with Myanmar-US Chamber of Commerce (New York) at

its office. The speaker said that Myanmar is practising multi-party democracy and market economic system. He invited U.S. businessmen to invest in Myanmar for further strengthening friendly relations through economic cooperation between the two countries.—MNA



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint meets Red Cross members in Yamethin.—MNA

Judicial officers undertake training jointly run by USAID



MANDALAY, 8 May—The Mandalay Region High Court and USAID are set to open a jointly run public information and community outreach workshop for the courts Friday in Chanayethazan Township.

Chief Justice U Soe Thein of the region high court spoke on the occasion while Deputy Chief of Party Mr Jason Schawrz of USAID extended greetings.

A total of 141 participants—law officers, judges

and additional judges at different levels—have attended the 7-9 May workshop. A plan is under way to hold one more workshop from 11-13 May.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Tube-well supplies potable water to local residents



INGAPU, 8 May—Junior Engineer-2 U Soe Htet Phyo and staff from Ingapu Township Department of Rural Development, Ayeyawady Region, inspected the sinking of a tube-well

in Zaungtan Village in the last week of April.

The Township Department of Rural Development assigned duty to Khaing Thit Company with K7.6 million fund in 2014-

16 fiscal year.

Thanks to the tube-well, about 300 local residents from Zaungtan Village can receive sufficient supplies of potable water.

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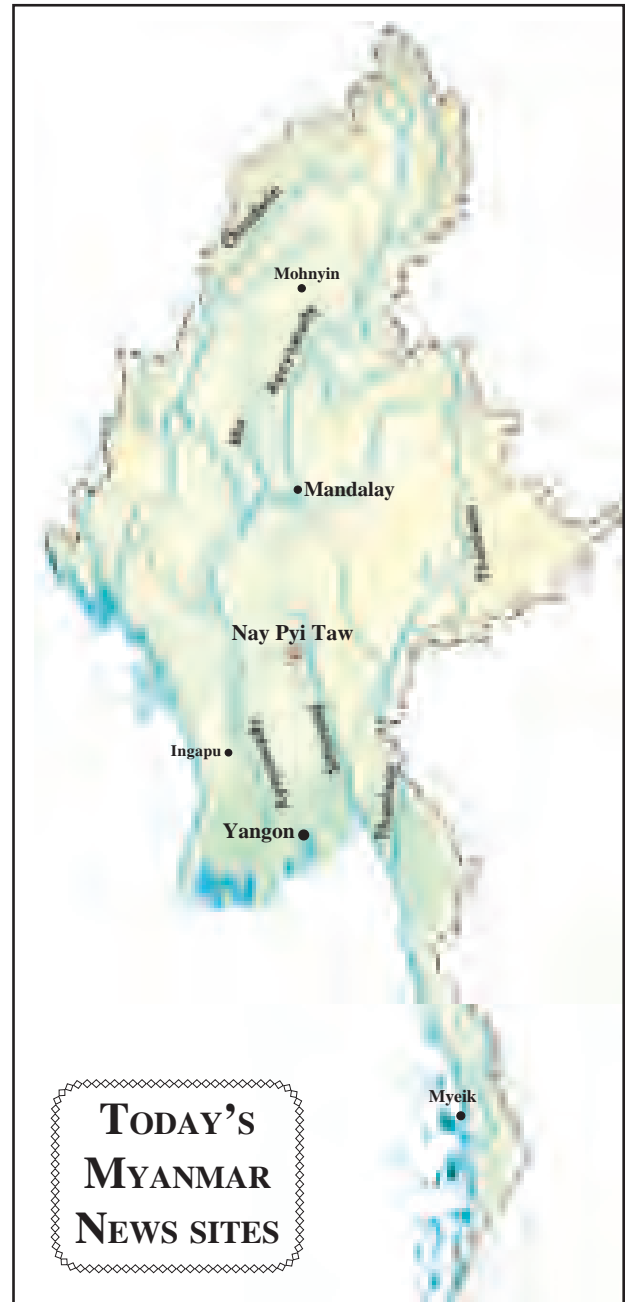
Children, pregnant women receive vaccinations in Zabuthiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—As part of a campaign to reduce the mortality rate and raise the health awareness of local residents, infants and pregnant women in villages of Zabuthiri Township received routine vaccinations on 5 May.

Midwife Daw San San Myint of Shadaw rural health centre administered vaccinations for diseases including measles, polio and tuberculosis to the children under one and a half and pregnant women.

Health workers provide health care services to children under five and medical checkups to pregnant women free of charge at Shadaw rural health centre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Thant Maung



New bridge links Thabyaychaung and Shwemyo villages

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—A ceremony to inaugurate the Sein and Shwe Bridge across Hsinthay Creek was held at the junction of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and the road to Shwemyo village in Tatkon Township on the morning of 7 May.

After a speech by Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Shwe, Assistant Director U Aung Ko Khaing of the Nay Pyi Taw

Development Committee engineering department reported on construction of the bridge linking Thabyaychaung-Shwemyo villages.

After council member U Myint Shwe and departmental officials formally opened the 360-foot-long, 12-foot-wide bridge, ceremony attendees took the opportunity to stroll across it.

Shwe Ye Yint



REGIONAL

China's top political adviser urges Japan S Korea, DPRK agree to hold joint event to admit wartime mistakes to celebrate 15 June declaration



Former Japanese Finance Minister Fukushiro Nukaga (L) and Yu Zhengsheng, ranked fourth in China's Communist Party, shake hands ahead of their talks in Beijing's Great Hall of the People on 8 May, 2015. The meeting between Nukaga and Yu, chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, is the latest sign of increasing high-level exchanges between the two countries.—KYODO NEWS

BEIJING, 8 May — China's fourth highest-ranking leader Yu Zhengsheng said on Friday that Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe needs to more readily admit Tokyo's wartime mistakes.

Yu made the request during a meeting in Beijing with a group of Japanese ruling party lawmakers, one of the attendees said.

Yu, chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, said he is "discontent" with Abe's speeches delivered last month in Jakarta and

the US Congress as they did not touch much on Japan's past militarism, according to former Finance Minister Fukushiro Nukaga, who led the group.

Yu, however, also said the two countries have been making progress on mending once-frosty relations in recent months and it is necessary for both sides to make further efforts, Nukaga said at a Press conference with more than a dozen lawmakers of the Liberal Democratic Party.

The meeting at the

Great Hall of the People, which lasted about an hour, took place amid increasing high-level exchanges between Japan and China, although diplomatic disagreements over territory and wartime history remain unresolved.

Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks, the second in the last five months, two weeks ago on the sidelines of a regional conference in Jakarta.

At that time, Abe and Xi agreed to prevent the disagreements from impairing the overall relationship between the two countries and to encourage exchanges in various fields.

The atmosphere of Abe's meeting with Xi, according to a Japanese official who was at the scene, was far friendlier than that of their first one in November.

Just two days before the intraparty group's meeting with Yu, senior Japanese lawmakers from ruling and opposition parties held talks with Zhang Dejiang, ranked third in the Communist Party of China's powerful seven-member Politburo Standing Committee, and shared the perception that bilateral ties are gradually improving.

The intraparty group has its roots in an LDP faction of the late Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, who played an active role in realizing the 1972 normalization of diplomatic relations between Tokyo and Beijing.

Kyodo News

SEOUL, 8 May — Private organizations from South Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) agreed to hold a joint event in Seoul next month to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the historic 15 June Declaration, local media reported on Friday.

Representatives from the South Korean preparatory committee for the event, composed of private organizations, met in Shenyang, China for three days to Thursday with their DPRK counterparts and those representing Koreans living abroad.

After the meeting, they agreed to hold the joint commemorative event in Seoul from 14 to 16 June to mark

the 15th anniversary of the 15 June Declaration, which was issued after then South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and late DPRK leader Kim Jong-il met in Pyongyang in 2000.

The agreement on the venue was orally reached, and not mentioned in the joint press release by the preparatory committees of the two Koreas, which showed differences over candidate places where the event is held, including Pyongyang.

It would be the first such event in seven years since 2008 when the joint ceremony was last held in Mt Kumgang, a scenic mountain in southeastern DPRK.

The two sides also

agreed to hold a separate joint event of private organizations to mark the 70th anniversary of the Korean Peninsula's liberation from the 1910-45 Japanese colonial rule.

The venue for the liberation event failed to be agreed upon during the meeting as further discussions are needed given the significant meaning of the liberation to both Seoul and Pyongyang. The private groups agreed to designate the two-month period from 15 June to 15 August as the inter-Korean joint movement to open a new "15 June reunification era" by carrying out various non-political inter-Korean events and exchanges in culture and sports.—Xinhua

Indonesia considers resuming association with OPEC

JAKARTA, 8 May — Indonesia is considering to resume its association with the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, six years after suspending its full membership in the body, state-run news agency Antara reported on Thursday.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Sudirman Said was quoted as saying it would be in the country's best interests to gain OPEC observer status, partly because that would allow it to attend the body's important meetings.

"As a buyer, Indonesia shouldn't be far from the seller, otherwise we won't be able to secure advantage.

If we hang out and meet regularly, we gain proximity to the market," he said.

Associate membership in OPEC would also eliminate the role of the "oil mafia" who exploit the wide gap between buyer and seller. I Gusti Nyoman Wiratmaja Puja, director general for oil and gas at the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry, told Antara that Indonesia will submit its request for associate membership during an OPEC meeting in June.

Indonesia had been the sole Southeast Asian full member of the oil cartel when it quit in 2009 after several years of importing

oil due to increased domestic demand and falling production.

OPEC currently comprises 12 member countries — Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela — that coordinate and unify their petroleum policies.

The OPEC Statute stipulates that "any country with a substantial net export of crude petroleum" may become a full member if accepted by other members, while other countries that do not qualify for full membership may become associate members.—Kyodo News

China's military build up aims to prevent repeat of WW2 disaster

BEIJING, 8 May — China is building a stronger military as insurance against the country suffering the kind of disaster that befell it during World War Two, the army's paper said on Friday as President Xi Jinping headed to Russia for war commemorations.

China's military build-up, which includes developing stealth fighters and anti-satellite missiles, has unnerved the region and Washington, especially since Xi took office in 2013 and started taking a tougher line on maritime territorial disputes.

Sino-Japan relations have long been poisoned by what China sees as Japan's failure to atone for its occupation of parts of the country before and during the war, and it rarely misses an opportunity to remind its people and the world of

this.

The government has promised a series of high profile events to mark the end of the war, including a military parade in Beijing in September, and Xi will attend a similar parade in Moscow on Saturday, where Chinese troops are also marching.

In a lengthy editorial in the official *People's Liberation Army Daily*, the publication said that one of the main reasons why China suffered the humiliation of Japan's invasion was that the country was weak and militarily backward at the time.

"With a weak country the military will decline, and when that happens you'll get a thrashing," it wrote.

"There is still a great lack of peace in the world today, and there has been

no substantive change to the 'law of the jungle' in international competition."

Some countries are still using "gangster logic" to threaten others with the use of force, it added, without naming any offenders.

"This is what requires us to quicken our step in strengthening the military, on the basis of having a strong country," the paper said.

"Otherwise, once a military falls behind, it will have a fatal impact upon the country's security."

China will boost its military spending by 10.1 percent this year to 886.9 billion yuan (\$142.86 billion), an increase which will outpace China's slowing, single-digit GDP growth, and builds on a nearly unbroken two-decade run of annual double-digit rises in the defence budget.



People's Liberation Army (PLA) soldiers shout as they practise with knives during a training session on snow-covered ground at a military base in Heihe, Heilongjiang Province on 18 March, 2015.—REUTERS

China has repeatedly said the rise in the defence budget was needed to replace outmoded equipment, and that as the world's sec-

ond-largest economy it has growing security needs.

The paper repeated the standard line that China only wants peace and

is a force for peace in the world, saying those who talk up the "China threat theory" have "ulterior motives".—Reuters

Cameron returning to power, Labour routed in Scotland

LONDON, 8 May — Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives are set to govern Britain for another five years after an unexpectedly strong showing, but may have to grapple with renewed calls for Scottish independence after nationalists surged.

Ed Miliband, leader of the main opposition Labour Party, all but conceded defeat on Friday morning, saying he was "deeply sorry" for a "very disappointing and difficult night".

Cameron said he hoped to form a government in the coming days after his party enjoyed what he described as a "very strong night".

With nearly three quarters of seats counted, the Conservatives had won 203 of 650 seats with an exit poll suggesting they were on track to win 316 seats in the lower house of parliament, just shy of a majority but with ample options to form a government.

Some pollsters said an



Prime Minister David Cameron gives a thumb up as he arrives with his wife Samantha at the Conservative Party headquarters in London, Britain on 8 May, 2015.

REUTERS

overall Conservative majority could not be ruled out and the latest BBC projection suggested Cameron's party could win as many as 325 seats.

In practice, controlling 323 seats in parliament is enough to command a ma-

majority as four lawmakers from Northern Ireland's Sinn Fein refuse to take their places.

In Scotland, once a Labour stronghold, nationalists appeared to have won almost every seat, a result likely to stoke momentum

for Scottish independence by underscoring the political chasm that divides voters north of the border and the rest of the United Kingdom.

A Conservative victory means Britain is likely to face a historic in-out European Union referendum within two years, something Cameron has promised to deliver if re-elected.

Professor Vernon Bogdanor, a constitutional expert, said Cameron would be the first premier to gain seats since Margaret Thatcher in 1983.

Sterling gained more than 2 cents against the dollar to rise above \$1.55 for the first time since late February, and looked on track to enjoy its biggest one-day gain against the euro since January 2009.

For Labour, the election represents a crushing defeat.

The exit poll forecast it would get just 239 seats. If accurate, that would be the centre-left party's worst

result in almost three decades. The scale of its defeat in Scotland at the hands of nationalists is likely to raise serious questions about its future direction and policies.

If Cameron falls just short of an outright majority it looks like he will have multiple options to form a government anyway, perhaps with the support of the Liberal Democrats, his current coalition partners, or Northern Irish unionists or both. He could also try and go it alone.

With almost all of Scotland's 59 parliamentary seats counted, the Scottish National Party (SNP) had won 55 of them, all but obliterating Labour north of the border.

Opponents fear the SNP is preparing to use an emphatic win to renew its push for an independence referendum even though it lost such a plebiscite only last year.

"We're seeing an electoral tsunami on a gigantic

scale," said Alex Salmond, the party's former leader.

"The SNP are going to be impossible to ignore and very difficult to stop," he said, saying such a result would strip Cameron of any legitimacy in Scotland where his Conservative Party would have only one lawmaker.

In a body blow to Labour, Douglas Alexander, the party's campaign chief and foreign policy spokesman, lost his seat to a 20-year-old Scottish nationalist student while Scottish Labour leader Jim Murphy was also toppled.

The centrist Liberal Democrats, who have governed in coalition with the Conservatives for the past five years, suffered stinging losses with the exit poll predicting they would finish with just 10 seats across the UK.

That would be a disaster for leader and deputy prime minister Nick Clegg, who called it a "cruel and punishing" night.—Reuters

Hillary Clinton woos technorati, draws comparison to Eleanor Roosevelt



Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton takes part in a roundtable of young Nevadans discussing immigration, as she campaigns for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination, at Rancho High School in Las Vegas, Nevada on 5 May, 2015.

REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 May — Hillary Clinton makes the final stop on Friday on a California fundraising tour where she has courted technology titans for her 2016 campaign and where one of her admirers tried comparing her to fellow former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Clinton, the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination, is gladhanding her way through the Bay Area's establishment and the newer technology class that could serve as an important source of money, votes and credibility among the broader electorate.

On Friday, she will attend a fundraiser at the Silicon Valley home of eBay chief executive John Donahoe and his wife Eileen, director of global affairs for the advocacy group Human Rights Watch. The event is expected to attract many of the area's power players.

"Silicon Valley provides a literal

and metaphorical wealth of support for candidates. It's a community of people focussed on the future," said Dan Newman, a strategist at SCN Partners, a campaign consultancy. "And of course, to paraphrase (bank robber) Willie Sutton, it's where the donors live."

The event on Friday follows San Francisco fundraisers hosted by hedge fund manager and environmentalist Tom Steyer and entrepreneur Susie Buell.

At Steyer's Wednesday gathering at his home, Clinton was asked by a guest whether she was the Eleanor Roosevelt of her day or if Roosevelt was the Clinton of her day, according to an attendee who didn't want to be named because the event was private.

Clinton drew laughs with a self-deprecating response that downplayed the comparison to the storied national icon and feminist activist, the attendee said.

Later in the day, she visited the city's Century Club for an event hosted by Buell, co-founder of the clothing chain Esprit. There, she spoke for about 30 minutes on topics ranging from student debt to healthcare to immigration, according to a guest who also declined to be identified.

Clinton, who called earlier this week for a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, is expected to return to the immigration issue on Friday before a crowd that will likely include a high percentage of technology players.

Immigration represents the top political issue for many Silicon Valley executives, who would like to hire more foreign engineers, data scientists, and other highly educated workers due to what they say is a shortage of US workers in those fields.—Reuters

Survivors battle for helicopters near Nepal village that vanished

DHUNCHE, (Nepal), 8 May — It was three foreign trekkers who used their satellite telephone to call the rescue helicopter that landed in Nepal's Langtang Valley around midday on Tuesday, 28 April. Three days earlier, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake had triggered a catastrophic landslide that buried hundreds of people in one village in the valley.

But villagers clung to the chopper's landing skids, preventing it from taking off, witnesses said. They then led the uninjured foreign trekkers out of the aircraft and carried injured Nepalis aboard, including a toddler with broken legs, at a rescue in another village, Kyanjin Gumpa.

"Most helicopters were coming to pick up the foreigners, who were healthy, not our injured people," said Lhakpa Jangba, a local baker who was interviewed at a monastery in Kathmandu after his evacuation from the valley last week.

"We said to the foreigners, 'You are healthy. Stay one or two more days and let our injured people go.'" Rescue workers are struggling to recover the bodies of nearly 300 people, including about 110 foreigners, believed to be buried under up to six metres (20 feet)

of ice, snow and rock from the landslide that destroyed Langtang village. So far, the bodies of nine foreigners have been recovered. That makes Langtang one of the worst-hit sites in a disaster whose toll throughout Nepal has reached 7,759 dead with over 16,400 injured.

Langtang Lirung, the 7,234-metre (23,734 feet) mountain looming over the Langtang Valley, shook violently, survivors recalled. It then shed a gigantic slice that fell hundreds of feet, launching a massive torrent of air, snow, ice and rock upon the village and its 55 guesthouses, brimming with trekkers at the start of the climbing season.

The stunning landscapes of Langtang Valley, the nearest Himalayan region to Kathmandu, which lies 60 km (35 miles) to the south, make it popular with foreign climbers and trekkers.

This is the second successive year a catastrophe on the roof of the world has disrupted the climbing season. Last year, sherpas threatened a boycott of Mt. Everest expeditions after 16 were killed in an avalanche on the perilous Khumbu icefall. Eighteen died at Everest Base Camp in April's quake. It's a big business:

Everest expedition companies charge clients between \$40,000 (26,344 pounds) and \$90,000 (59,274 pounds) depending on the number of guides and other services they want. Sherpas can make as little as \$1,000 in a whole season.

Those who come to the Langtang Valley are a mix of experienced climbers and adventure trekkers.

"Everest is for very specialised, skilled climbers, while those in Langtang were people on adventure holidays — most without any guides," said Prachanda Man Shrestha, a former head of Nepal's tourism department. "Anyone can get to Langtang, you are walking at high altitude, but if you are reasonably fit you can go there."

US mountaineer Kevin Krogh was filming people fleeing a shaking guest house in Kyanjin Gumpa in the Langtang Valley in the midst of the quake. The video abruptly ends with people looking back towards the Langtang Himal range as a foggy cloud enters the frame. Krogh, 32, and his wife, Kat Heldman, 40, had left Langtang village early Saturday morning with the rest of their party for the three-hour trek to Kyanjin Gumpa.—Reuters

WORLD

Chinese president arrives in Moscow for Great Patriotic War Victory celebration

Moscow, 8 May — Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in Moscow on Friday for a visit to Russia where he will attend events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the victory of the Great Patriotic War, Russia's term for World War II (WWII). A welcome ceremony was held at airport. Xi inspected Russia's three-sergeant guards of honor.

On behalf of the Chinese government and people, Xi extended sincere greetings and good wishes to the Russian government and people. Noting that this year marks the 70th anniversary of the victory of the WWII, Xi said China and Russia, as the main Asian and European battlefields in WWII, will hold a series of commemorative events this year, so as to show the resolve of jointly maintaining the outcomes of WWII, as well as the international fairness and justice, and let the people around the world treasure and safeguard the hard-earned peace.

Japan eyes donors' meeting with ADB to support quake-hit Nepal

Tokyo, 8 May — Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida conveyed to his Nepalese counterpart on Thursday that Tokyo is ready to co-sponsor a donors' meeting with the Asian Development Bank to provide new assistance to quake-hit Nepal, ministry officials said. The initiative is apparently part of an effort by Tokyo to compete with China as Beijing increases its clout in international finance with the scheduled launch of the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. During a telephone conversation with Nepalese Foreign Minister Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Kishida said Japan will extend "seamless assistance" to the Himalayan nation to the extent possible as a "true friend of Nepal," according to the officials. Pandey expressed his gratitude to Kishida for Japan's readiness to co-host a donors' meeting for Nepalese assistance, the officials said. A massive earthquake struck Nepal last month, killing thousands and causing a humanitarian crisis and extensive damage to the nation's infrastructure. Japan is the largest contributor to the Manila-based ADB.

Kyodo News



Russia's President Vladimir Putin (L) shakes hands with China's President Xi Jinping during a welcoming ceremony at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit at the International Convention Centre at Yanqi Lake in Beijing, on 11 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

"The tragedy of war is not allowed to be replayed," said the Chinese president.

Hailing China and Russia as good neighbours, good partners and good friends, Xi said China and Russia have solidly established the comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination and become the paragon of peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation.

During his stay in Moscow, Xi will attend the Victory Day parade on the Red Square and lay wreath to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Saturday. China and Russia, as the main Asian and European battlefields in WWII, victorious nations in that war and founding members of the United Nations, made great contributions to the victory in WWII and

post-war order. In Moscow, Xi will hold talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin and meet with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev. He will also meet with Russian WWII veterans and representatives of Russian experts who once worked in China. The two heads of state are expected to ink a joint statement on strengthening the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination. They will also discuss the docking of China's Silk Road Economic Belt initiative with Russia's related idea for a trade and infrastructure network across Eurasia. With China remaining Russia's largest trade partner for the fifth consecutive year in 2014 and Russia being China's ninth-largest trade partner, economic cooperation will be another important topic for discussion. During Xi's visit, the two countries are expected to sign a number of cooperative documents in areas

including energy, aerospace, taxation, finance and investment. "The two leaders will expound their propositions on maintaining the outcomes of WWII, promoting world peace and stability, abiding by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and international order with the UN at the core, so as to build a new type of international relations featuring win-win cooperation," said China's Vice Foreign Minister Cheng Guoping at an earlier time. China's guards of honor, consisting of 112 members, who are scheduled to take part in the Victory Day parade in Russia, have taken part in rehearsals for the parade after arriving in Moscow. It is the first time for China's soldiers participating in Moscow's Victory Day celebration. Xi landed in Moscow after visiting Kazakhstan. After Russia, Xi will make a two-day visit to Belarus, the first by a Chinese president in 14 years.

Xinhua

UN chief to seek 'realistic options' for Middle East peace talks



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

UNITED NATIONS, 8 May — United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Thursday that after a new Israeli government has been sworn in he will investigate whether there are "realistic options" for a return to peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu clinched a deal to form a new government on Wednesday just before a deadline expired, but his coalition will rule by the slimmest of majorities in Israel's turbulent parliament.

Netanyahu took a stand against Palestinian statehood during his election campaign. Palestinians seek a state in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem, lands Israel captured in 1967.

"Once a new government has been sworn in, the Secretary-General will explore with Prime Minister Netanyahu realistic options for a return to meaningful negotiations on a two state solution," UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

He also said Ban was also "deeply concerned by recent announcements by Israeli authorities of plans for 900 settlement units in East Jerusalem which are illegal under international law."

Anti-settlement group Peace Now said on Thursday that Israel was moving ahead with a plan to construct about 900 housing units in Ramat Shlomo, a neighbourhood built on West Bank territory captured in the 1967 war and annexed to Jerusalem in a move not recognized abroad. The project had received earlier approval in 2013, and this week it passed through a Jerusalem district planning committee, Peace Now said.

Most countries consider settlements that Israel has built on territory captured in 1967 as illegal and obstacles to Palestinian statehood.

Reuters

US NSA's phone spying programme ruled illegal by appeals court

NEW YORK, 8 May — A US spying programme that systematically collects millions of Americans' phone records is illegal, a federal appeals court ruled on Thursday, putting pressure on Congress to quickly decide whether to replace or end the controversial anti-terrorism surveillance.

Ruling on a programme revealed by former government security contractor Edward Snowden, the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan said the Patriot Act did not authorize the National Security Agency to collect Americans' calling records in bulk.

Circuit Judge Gerard Lynch wrote for a three-judge panel that Section 215, which addresses the FBI's ability to gather business records, could not be interpreted to have permitted the NSA to collect a "staggering" amount of phone records, contrary to claims by the Bush and Obama administrations.

"Such expansive development of government repositories of formerly private records would be an unprecedented contraction of the privacy expectations of all Americans," Lynch wrote in a 97-page decision. "We would ex-



A man is seen near cyber code and the US National Security Agency logo in this photo illustration taken in Sarajevo on 11 March, 2015.—REUTERS

pect such a momentous decision to be preceded by substantial debate, and expressed in unmistakable language. There is no evidence of such a debate."

The appeals court did not rule on whether the surveillance violated the US Constitution.

It also declined to halt the programme, noting that parts of the Patriot Act including Section 215 expire on 1 June. Lynch said it was "prudent" to give Congress a chance to decide what surveillance is permissible, given the national security interests at stake.

Enacted after the 11 September, 2001 attacks, the Patriot Act gives the government broad tools to investigate terrorism.

US NSA's phone spying programme ruled illegal by appeals court

senal," and that she was unaware of privacy violations under its existing programme.

Snowden could not immediately be reached for comment.

The 2nd Circuit is the first federal appeals court to rule on the NSA programme's legality. Federal appeals courts in Washington, DC and California are also weighing the matter.

While the government could appeal Thursday's decision, it will likely wait for Congress.

If Congress revamps the NSA programme, then courts may need to review what it does. And if Congress reauthorizes Section 215, there could be further litigation that may ultimately require the Supreme Court's attention.

Scott Vernick, chair of the privacy and data security practice at Fox Rothschild in Philadelphia, said Congress may struggle to reach a consensus given how "the pendulum in this country is swinging towards privacy."

Ned Price, a spokesman for the White House's National Security Council, said President Barack Obama wants to end the NSA programme, and is encouraged by the "good progress" on Capitol Hill to find an alternative that preserves its "essential capabilities."

US Attorney General Loretta Lynch said at a Senate budget hearing on Thursday that NSA data collection was a "vital tool in our national security ar-

Reuters



Saturday, 9 May, 2015

Devolution provides checks and balances against abuse of power

By Kyaw Thura

For democracy to take shape in Myanmar, it is necessary to give greater autonomy to regions, states and self-administered zones so that they will be able to determine their own local affairs and make laws in sectors including health, education, economic development, transport, agri-

culture and the environment.

Over the past few decades, we have witnessed a dramatic surge in the number of countries establishing political and administrative decentralization, a fundamental democratic belief which is now accepted as a foundation for good governance and clean government.

Clearly, the devolution of powers and resources from the central government will enable regional governments to have greater confidence in, and commitment to, the peace process and political integration as a whole. In addition, it will convince citizens that the political system is fair, free and inclusive, with few chances of its legitimacy being challenged.

Judging by the famous phrase “government of the people, by the people and for the people,” government and people are inseparable. It is not always possible for the central government to

hear the voices of people at grass-roots level.

A genuine democracy allows people to elect their local leaders and representatives who can be closer and more responsive to their needs. People want their local representatives to speak of their aspirations on their behalf at parliament. There is every reason to believe decentralization can make democracy flourish and hold the country united.

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The Model Management

By Kyi Mun

Model means : Perfect; deserving to be imitated; e.g. model behavior, a model housewife, a model school.

Management means : The art or skill of planning, organizing, directing and controlling the work of a company or an organization.

The Model Management must have what it takes to run a company or an organization successfully taking into account the following five international best practices of business:

- Financial Viability
- Operational Efficiency
- Managerial Effectiveness
- Customer & Employee Satisfaction
- Competitive Advantage

The Model Management has, inter alia, to deal with the following 14 M's of Management:

- Model Vision (Shaping & Creating the Future)
- Mission (Reason for Being in Business)
- Man (Human Resource)
- Mind (Mental Power)
- Morale (Willpower)
- Means (Ways & Means = Strategy)
- Money (Financial Resource)
- Material (Material Resource)
- Machine (Mechanical Resource)
- Method (Technological Resource)
- Mentoring (Leadership)
- Motivating (Inspiring)
- Mobility (Ability to Move from Place to Place)
- Mobilizing Innovation (Innovative Culture)

MODEL VISION (Shaping & Creating the Future)

A model vision is a perfect life in the future which you have decided to achieve. A model vision is the dream that you intend to fashion in the future. A vision is a state of your future life that you see in your mind's eye. In other words, a vision is the illumination in your wisdom of the kind of your life in the future. In short, your vision is what you want to become in the future.

A model management should have a model vision in place.

MISSION (Reason for Being in Business)

In simple language, mission means purpose. Dictionary meanings of MISSION are:

- (1) **JOB** : An important job that someone has been given to do especially when they are sent to another place; e.g. His mission was to improve staff morale and output.
- (2) **DUTY** : Something that you feel you must do because it is your duty; e.g. Mission in Life : He always felt that his mission in life was to help old people.

- (3) **RELIGION** : The work of a religious leader or organization that has gone to a foreign country in order to teach about Christianity or help poor people.

A model management's mission should be a lofty, proactive and radical purpose.

MAN (HUMAN RESOURCE)

Man Matters Most, it is proclaimed. Man has the following unique qualities:

- Physical Strength
- Mental Intelligence
- Emotional Feelings / Motives
- Spiritual Will
- Creative Actions

Management must attract and retain top talents.

A model management must draw out the best and the loftiest in man.

MIND (Mental Power)

Mind is the key to life.

You can elevate your life with your mind;
And you can degrade your life with your mind.

-Bhagavad Gita

Mind or Consciousness or Manó says:

- Look! There is a round thing with thick hairs on it.

Intellect says:

- Well, that is a tennis ball.

Ego or Ahamkāra says:

- I want to have that tennis ball.

So, mind has :

- Consciousness
- Intelligence, and
- Egoistic Selfishness

Management should get and keep the best minds —

Creative, innovative, productive and constructive minds.

MORALE (Willpower)

The Four Strands of War / Competition :

- The quality and capability of the leader.
- The quality and capability of the followers
- Morale (the state of mind).
- Resources

Napoleon Bonaparte said :

“Morale is to material as 3 is to 1.”

Management top job is to always cultivate strong and passionate morale of its people.

The dictionary meaning of MORALE is: The level of confidence and positive feelings, especially among a group of people who work together, belong to the same team, etc: The team's morale was low after losing. A few words of praise are always good for morale. Keep up/maintain morale: the benefits of regular exercise can keep up students' morale. Boost/raise/improve morale : Churchill's visit did a great deal to boost morale among the troops.

MEANS (Ways & Means & Strategy)

BY MEANS AND END, we mean, “How To Get

What You Want,” or “the STRATEGY AND THE OBJECTIVE”.

Management job is :

- To go places and to do things;
- To make things happen, and
- To get things done.”

In order words; it is up to management:

- To get RESULTS
- To create Wealth
- To deliver Value

A model management must have clear, definite goals and a brilliant strategy.

MONEY (Financial Resource)

Money is a form of financial resource which must be used by management to increase it or to multiply it. Money is wealth which is a form of asset. It is managements' job to continuously increase the value of the organization's assets.

Money is said to be like a second God. It is said that money makes everything. But it is the management's duty to see to it that money must be legitimately used to earn legitimate profit. All management people should be fully aware of what the Bible says: “The love of money is the root of all evil.”

One of the important duties of management is : To be financially viable.

MATERIAL (Material Resource)

It is management's job to practice JIT. JIT means “Just in Time”. Materials must be kept in stock just as needed for the current use. Just the right amount of materials must be at hand; no more or no less. There must not be excess nor shortage of materials.

MACHINE (Mechanical Resource)

Machines are the means:

- To substitute manual labour
- To raise productivity
- To have a cutting edge in competition, and
- To grow the business

Management must see to it that up-to-date, and if possible, state-of-the-art machines are efficiently used in the business. The right use of machines will deliver: Greater, better, faster, more economical and more sustainable results.

METHOD (Technological Resource)

In this globalized, ICT age, technology is the main source of competitive advantage. Without the continually upgraded technology, core competence and distinctive capability cannot be maintained. The ideal method is :

- Strategy
- Cutting edge
- Distinctive Capability
- Core Competency
- Comprehensive Resources

MENTORING (LEADERSHIP)

Mentoring means : A system of using people with a lot of experience, knowledge, skills, etc. to advise other people at work, or in their professional life : e.g. Support for you in your new job will be provided by a system of mentoring.

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Myanmar, Pakistan discuss military, trade ties



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Pakistan's President Mr Mamnoon Hussain.—MYAWADY

ISLAMABAD, 8 May—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing called on Pakistan's President Mr Mamnoon Hussain at his office in Islamabad on Thursday. They discussed further strengthening bilateral relations and trade.

The commander-in-chief spoke about exchange of visits of leaders at various levels to cement

ties between the armed forces of Myanmar and Pakistan. The Pakistani President expressed thanks for Myanmar's assistance to Pakistan in 1971.

The senior general was welcomed by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee of Armed Forces of Pakistan General Rashad Mahmood in Islamabad on Thursday morning.

The commander-in-chief inspected a guard of honour before a meeting with the chairman of Pakistan's Joint Chiefs of Staff committee.

This year is the 67th anniversary of Myanmar-Pakistan diplomatic relations and 63rd anniversary of military relations.

After the meeting, the military operations de-

partment of the Pakistan Armed Forces explained the security perspective of Pakistan to the senior general.

At 11:30 a.m. local time, the senior general met General Raheel Sharif, Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan at the latter's office.

After the commander-in-chief expressed his heartfelt sadness for attacks against the Peshawar military high school, they discussed regional and local issues.

In the evening, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee hosted a dinner in honour of the senior general and party.

At 1.20 p.m., the senior general received Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman at the of-

fice of the Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan. They discussed further cooperation in training, exchange of trainees, and sharing of experiences between two air forces.

The commander-in-chief also received Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Zakauallah of Pakistan at the latter's office at 3 p.m. to focus on further cooperation between two naval troops.

The senior general met with Pakistan's Prime Minister Mr. Nawaz Sharif at the President Office of Pakistan at 3.45 p.m. Pakistan standard time to talk promotion of trade and economic sectors for enhancing bilateral relations of two countries and further cooperation between two armed forces in the defence sector.

Myawady

Union FM sends message of felicitations to Vice President of EC

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms. Federica Mogheri, Vice President of the European Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Europe Day, which falls on 9 May 2015.

MNA

Timetables announced for candidates of ASEAN scholarship 2016

YANGON, 8 May—Candidates for ASEAN scholarship 2016 are to sit tests for English, Mathematics and Science subjects in the preliminary exam on 14 May.

The candidates from Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions, Kachin,

Kayah, Chin, Shan (East), (North), and (East) states and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area are to sit the preliminary exam at No 16 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay and those from Yangon, Taninthayi, Bago (East), (West)

and Ayeyawady regions, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine states at Ahlon BEHS No 4.

The result of the preliminary exam will be announced at the exam centre on 26 May.

Winners in the exam are to apply for the ASEAN

scholarship at Myanmar Education Research Bureau Department at No 426 on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township from 1 to 3 June. They must take the writing exam in July and interview conducted by officials of Singapore in September.

MNA

Performing Arts Competition continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—The 21st National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition of Myanmar continued at the designated venues on Friday.

The amateur level (second class) men's dancing contest, the basic education level (aged 15-20) women's and higher education level women's dancing contest were held at the convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science.

Singing contest in

classic and modern events took place at the assembly hall and lecture hall of University of Agriculture.

Orchestra event was held at the hall of Forest Research Department while harp contest took place at Padamya Hall of University of Agriculture, Dobet contest at Agricultural Research Department and piano contest at the convocation hall of Forestry University.

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Khin Khin Thet

EU project aims to develop Myanmar ...

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EU aid package to Myanmar, is slated to start soon after his findings and MFF suggestions are collated, the general secretary added.

According to the ministry's data, aquaculture is integral to the country's fishery sector. Between 1991 and 2013, the area of aquaculture cultivation increased from 12,225 to 180,614 hectares, while production rose from 6,397 to 944,809 metric tons. The sector employed around 130,000 farm workers in 2014.—GNLM



Fish are farmed in an artificial pond in Ayeyawady Region, where fish and shrimp farming businesses are likely to receive funding as part of an EU aquaculture project.—PHOTO: Credit to fao-org.com

The Model Management

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Mentoring is just a leadership tactic; There are other leadership tactics such as:

- P for Persuading
- O for Organizing
- E for Enabling
- T for Teaching
- I for Inspiring
- C for Caring

MOTIVATING (Inspiring)

Motivating means: Making someone want to achieve

something and making them willing to work hard in order to do it : e.g. a good teacher has to be able to motivate her students. Motivate somebody to do something: The profit sharing plan is designed to motivate the staff to work hard.

One of the important tasks of management and leadership is to inspire the people:

- To participate
- To involve themselves, and
- To have ownership in the striving for achieving the goals.

MOBILITY (Ability to Move from Place to Place)

Mobility means : Lean management, alert communication, agile operation and fast logistics and

effective coordination. Besides, an organization should have career mobility and career advancement opportunities.

MOBILIZING INNOVATION (Innovative Culture)

A model management should make it its top priority to build an innovative culture in the organization. It must dare all the time to mobilize all the resources of the organization to be a peerless innovative company. It is said: "Innovate or die!"

CONCLUSION

A Model Management must make meaningful milestones magnificently.

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Two Ukrainian servicemen killed, 26 wounded in past 24 hours — Ukrainian military



Newly mobilized Ukrainian paratroopers fire anti-tank grenade launchers during a military drill near Zhytomyr on 9 April, 2015. —REUTERS

Italy says may have found ship that carried 900 drowned migrants



Migrants are disembarked from the Italian navy ship Vega in the Sicilian harbour of Augusta, southern Italy, on 4 May, 2015. — REUTERS

ROME, 8 May — Italy's navy said on Thursday it believed it had found the wreck of a boat that sank last month killing up to 900 migrants off the coast of Libya, the Mediterranean's most deadly migrant tragedy in living memory.

Only 24 bodies have been recovered since the 18 April disaster and the discovery of the wreck 375 metres (1,235 feet) underwater some 135 km (85 miles) north of Libya would notably increase the chances of finding more remains.

Search teams based on two minesweepers and a smaller navy vessel used sonar instruments and a submersible to locate the hulk of a 25-metre blue boat which fitted the description of the one that sank, the navy said in a

statement.

Asked if Italian authorities believed the migrant boat had now been found, a navy spokesman said, "Yes — The location and length are correct, but we cannot be certain."

Lawlessness in Libya, where two rival governments are vying for control, has given almost free rein to traffickers. Two survivors of the disaster were arrested on the island of Sicily last month on suspicion of trafficking people on the ship.

After interviewing survivors, prosecutors concluded that more than 750 people were likely to have been aboard, many locked in the hold. Other reports suggested the death toll could be up to 900. Twenty-eight people were saved.

The scale of the disaster shocked the European Union into tripling funding for its sea patrol mission Triton, which replaced Italy's now-defunct, broader "Mare Nostrum" mission.

Some 51,000 migrants have reached Europe by sea this year, 30,500 of them via Italy, according to the UN refugee agency, and calmer seas in the run-up to summer have encouraged thousands to take the risk in recent weeks.

About 1,800 people are thought to have drowned in the Mediterranean so far in 2015. In the latest known tragedy, members of a group of roughly 240 migrants who arrived in Sicily on Tuesday said they had been travelling with about 40 others who had drowned.

Reuters

KIEV, 8 May — Two Ukrainian servicemen were killed and 26 wounded in separatist eastern territories over the past 24 hours, Ukraine's military said on Friday, as attacks continued despite a ceasefire.

In a speech to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of World War Two, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said he would stick to the Minsk peace agreements that the separatists accuse him of violating.

"Questions of war and peace are as relevant today as ever before ... No matter how much my peace

plan is criticised, I will not swerve from this path," he told parliament.

Violence has fallen significantly since a peace accord was signed in Minsk, Belarus, in February, but both government troops and pro-Russian rebels accuse the other side of violations and casualties are reported almost daily.

"Banned weapons are used all along the frontline ... this is evidence of deliberate attempts by the enemy to sabotage the Minsk agreements," Ukrainian military spokesman Andriy Lysenko said in a televised briefing.

He said rebels had fired

mortars at government positions and described the situation near the rebel-held town of Horlivka, north of Donetsk, as the most intense, with separatists firing from tanks and guns.

Meanwhile, rebel officials accused Ukrainian troops of firing at Horlivka and reported that one civilian had been wounded in the attack, separatist news agency DAN said.

He said 1,675 Ukrainian soldiers had been killed since the rebellion erupted last April. Over 6,100 people have died as a result of the conflict, according to UN figures.—Reuters

Iraqi journalist shot dead by unknown assailant

BAGHDAD, 8 May — The body of an Iraqi journalist critical of the government has been found at his home in Baghdad with a single bullet wound to the chest after he received threats, relatives, acquaintances and police said on Thursday.

Raad al-Jubbouri was a presenter on local television channel al-Rasheed and wrote editorials about institutional corruption for an Iraqi newspaper.

A photograph of the body seen by Reuters showed bruising to the face. Initial police reports said the injuries indicated Jubbouri had scuffled with his assail-

ant before being shot in the heart late on Tuesday at his home in the western Qadisiya district. The identity of the killer was not known.

"He paid the price of being a journalist in Iraq," said Jubbouri's brother Ahmed. The head of the Journalistic Freedoms Observatory and a person who knew Jubbouri said the presenter had been threatened several times before his death and gave them telephone numbers to call if anything should happen to him. "He received letters threatening him a year ago," said the person who knew Jubbouri but declined to be identified. "I read two of

them, they contained death threats and foul words". Iraq has consistently ranked amongst the most dangerous places in the world for journalists, long-running civil conflict combining with political tensions in Baghdad.

The head of the Institute for War and Peace Reporting Ammar al-Shahbender was killed in a car bomb explosion in Baghdad over the weekend.

The Committee to Protect Journalists, a media advocacy group, says that at least 15 journalists have been killed in Iraq since the beginning of 2013.

Reuters

Pakistan helicopter crash kills envoys of Philippines, Norway, 5 others

ISLAMABAD, 8 May — The ambassadors of the Philippines and Norway and the wives of the Malaysian and Indonesian ambassadors were among seven people killed in the crash of an army helicopter in northern Pakistan on Friday, a Defence Ministry spokesman said.

Spokesman Asim Bajwa also said via Twitter that the Dutch ambassador and Polish ambassadors were injured in the crash in the scenic Naltar Valley, located about 45 kilometers northeast of Gilgit, capital of Gilgit-Baltistan autonomous region. Local media said the ambassadors of Malaysia, Indonesia, South Africa, Lebanon and Romania were also injured

in the accident. The Mi-17 helicopter was carrying diplomats to Naltar Valley for the inauguration ceremony of a chairlift project to be officiated by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Bajwa said.

Nawaz was on his way to Naltar on a separate helicopter at the time of the crash and the prime minister's chopper returned to Islamabad without landing in Naltar, officials said.

The Taliban militant group claimed responsibility for shooting down the helicopter with a surface-to-air missile.

Bajwa refuted the aim, saying initial investigations show the crash was caused by a "technical fault while landing." A spokesman for Taliban Pakistan said the

militant group had targeted the prime minister in attacking the helicopter.

Bajwa tweeted that three Pakistanis were among the dead — two pilots and a crew member — while he earlier said 17 people — 11 foreigners and six Pakistanis — were in the helicopter when it went down.

A Japanese diplomat said that Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan Hiroshi Inomata was in one of the two helicopters that had landed safely at the site.

According to an eyewitness account, the helicopter crash-landed at a school building and caught fire. But there were no children in the school at the time as they were on holiday.

Kyodo News

Failed Russian spacecraft falls from orbit, burns up

CAPE CANAVERAL, 8 May — An unmanned Russian spaceship loitering in orbit after a failed cargo run to the *International Space Station* plunged into Earth's atmosphere on Thursday, the Russian space agency reported. The capsule, loaded with more than three tons of food, fuel and supplies for

the station crew, fell from orbit at 10:04 pm EDT (0204 GMT), the Russian space agency Roscosmos said in a statement. At the time, the *Progress-59* spacecraft was flying over the central Pacific Ocean, the statement said.

Most of the spacecraft was expected to burn up during its high-speed descent

through the atmosphere, but small pieces of the structure could have survived and splashed down in the ocean.

"Only a few small pieces of structural elements could reach the planet's surface," Roscosmos said in a statement earlier Thursday — similar to what happens at the end of routine *Pro-*

gress cargo missions.

The freighter was launched on 28 April from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, but never made to the station, a \$100 billion research laboratory that flies about 250 miles (418 km) above the earth.

Ground controllers lost contact with the *Progress*

spaceship shortly after it separated from the upper-stage of its Soyuz rocket about nine minutes after launch.

An investigation into the failed mission is under way, Roscosmos said. Russia has flown 62 *Progress* spacecraft to the station to deliver modules and cargo, two of which have not been

successful.

Various versions of the *Progress* freighters have been flying since 1978, supporting previous Soviet-era stations including *Salyut 6*, *Salyut 7* and *Mir*. The capsules are designed to burn up in the atmosphere after delivering their cargo.

Reuters

Huawei undeterred by Nokia's Alcatel-Lucent deal

BRUSSELS, 8 May — China's Huawei Technologies [HWT.UL] is undeterred by the merger of telecoms equipment rivals Nokia and Alcatel-Lucent and will keep growing in Europe, its rotating Chief Executive Guo Ping told *Reuters* on Thursday.

The merged European entity will become the global No 2 in wireless behind Sweden's Ericsson. It will also have a more complete product line encompassing both mobile and fixed-line operations, putting it in a stronger position to compete with Huawei, the leading telecoms equipment maker.

Finland's Nokia an-

nounced its acquisition of France's Alcatel-Lucent last month as it seeks to strengthen its position in telecoms equipment.

However, Huawei's Guo welcomed the deal, saying it would spur investment and competition, and expressed optimism about his company's ability to expand its own network gear business.

"The merged company will be much more competitive and for the industry as a whole this is a positive thing," he said.

"This is combining one company that is very strong in the wireless business with another company (that is) very strong in fixed networks."

Huawei expects lucra-

tive opportunities for its network gear business as more people use smartphones, everyday objects are connected to the web and machines are linked to each other via the Internet, Guo added. He said there could be 100 billion new connections in the next ten years.

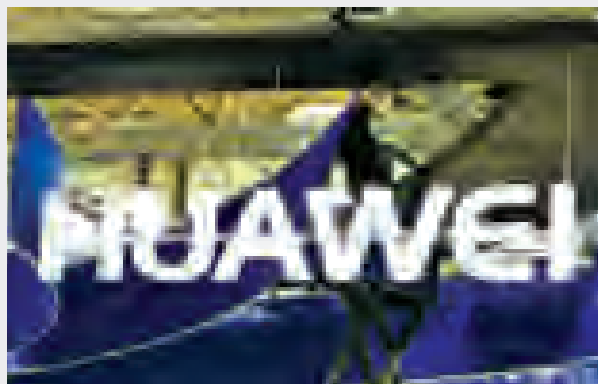
He also dismissed the effects of Huawei's exclusion from the United States over cybersecurity concerns, saying its global growth would not be stymied as a result.

"Without the US market Huawei will still be able to develop well," he said.

Huawei on Thursday announced plans for a new research institute in Brussels, signalling its intent to take part in Europe's race to be at the forefront of the next generation of mobile broadband technology.

Its sales in Europe, the Middle East and Africa grew 20 percent last year to 101 billion yuan (£10.7 billion), far higher than all other regions apart from China, where sales grew 31 percent, the privately held company's published results said.

Reuters



A worker adjusts the logo at the stand of Huawei at the CeBIT trade fair in Hanover on 15 March, 2015.

REUTERS

Alibaba in talks to buy \$1.2 billion stake in India phone maker Micromax

MUMBAI, 8 May — Alibaba Group Holding is in talks with India's Micromax Informatics to buy an about 20 percent stake in the smartphone maker, helping the Chinese e-commerce giant expand in one of the world's fastest growing markets for the devices, several people with direct knowledge of the matter said.

The deal, if completed, would see Alibaba investing as much as \$1.2 billion (1 billion pounds) in Micromax, the second-largest smartphone brand in India by sales, at up to \$6 billion, two of the people said. India is the world's third largest smartphone market and was the fastest growing in the Asia Pacific region in the third quarter of last year, according to industry research firm International Data Corporation.

Micromax and Alibaba began talks on the stake sale after discussions with investors led by Japanese telecoms firm Softbank Corp stalled over differences in valuations, the sources said.

"The Softbank talks are not officially over, but it'll be hard to get back on track," said one of the people. Softbank is the largest shareholder in Alibaba.

All the sources involved in the process declined to



The logo of Alibaba Group is seen inside the company's headquarters in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province early on 11 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

be named as they were not authorized to speak to the media about ongoing talks. Micromax, SoftBank and Alibaba declined to comment. The sources said Alibaba wants to use the Micromax deal to tap into the boom in the number of internet users in India, which is also one of the world's most rapidly growing smartphone markets.

Growth in India, and especially in mobile transactions, would help Alibaba offset stiff competition at home from domestic rivals including JD.com Inc, as well as what appears to be growing e-commerce user saturation. Strong revenue from mobile transactions helped the company report a 45 percent increase in quar-

terly revenue on Thursday.

"The talks are centered around using Micromax devices as a platform to get into a serious business of its own in India," said one of the sources, referring to Alibaba.

Alibaba, for example, would be able to roll out services such as Alipay, its online payment platform, on Micromax phones. Ant Financial Services Group, which owns Alipay, is China's largest payment service provider and is controlled by Alibaba's executive chairman and founder Jack Ma.

The stake sale is aimed at helping Micromax raise capital as it expands into new business segments including personal computing.

Reuters

Scientists turn smartphone into microscope for rapid parasite detection

WASHINGTON, 8 May — An international team of researchers said on Wednesday they have developed a mobile phone microscope that can rapidly and accurately detect parasitic worms in the blood, an advance that may aid efforts to eradicate neglected tropical diseases such as river blindness and elephantiasis in Africa.

"We previously showed that mobile phones can be used for microscopy," lead author Daniel Fletcher, professor at the University of California, Berkeley, said in a statement. "But this is the first device that combines

the imaging technology with hardware and software automation to create a complete diagnostic solution."

A drug called ivermectin has been used to treat and control the spread of the debilitating parasitic diseases river blindness and elephantiasis. However, while ivermectin is safe and effective for these two diseases, it has proven dangerous to individuals also infected with the parasitic worm *Loa loa*, which causes another disease, loiasis, or African eye worm. In patients with high blood levels of the worm's larval form, called micro-

filariae, the drug causes brain damage and even death.

Mass public health campaigns to administer the medication have been suspended in certain areas of West and Central Africa where *Loa loa* infections are common, leaving millions left untreated for the two diseases.

A strategy to identify and exclude people highly infected with *Loa loa* from treatment has been recommended. However, the current gold standard method requires a conventional light microscope to manually count the worms in a blood

smear, which can take a trained technician at least a day to complete.

To rapidly screen for *Loa loa* infections in community settings, the team developed CellScope *Loa*, a video microscope integrating an Apple iPhone 5s.

With the help of a custom iPhone app, the device automatically captures and analyzes videos of the characteristic "wriggling" motion of microfilariae, enabling quantification of microfilariae in blood from a finger prick in less than two minutes. No special preparation of the blood is required,

limiting potential error and sample loss, and healthcare workers need minimal training to use the automated device, they said.

When used to screen 33 potentially *Loa loa*-infected individuals in Cameroon, the device closely matched results from standard microscopy.

Although additional work is needed, the researchers predicted that a team of three workers could screen up to 200 people during the four-hour midday window when *Loa loa* circulates at its peak in the blood.

"This research is ad-

ressing neglected tropical diseases," said Fletcher. "It demonstrates what technology can do to help fill a void for populations that are suffering from terrible, but treatable diseases."

The researchers are now expanding the study of CellScope *Loa* to about 40,000 people in Cameroon.

The study, also involving researchers from the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and collaborators from Cameroon and France, was published in the US journal *Science Translational Medicine*.—Xinhua

Brazil increases pressure on Venezuela to set election date

BRASILIA, 8 May — Brazil urged Venezuela's government on Thursday to set a date for a parliamentary election as soon as possible, stepping up pressure on its leftist ally and neighbour to resolve a simmering political crisis.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira said he met with Venezuelan government officials this week and told them a date must be set quickly for the

National Assembly election that is meant to be held before the end of the year.

"I insisted that elections should be called as soon as possible and held within the legal time frame," Vieira said at a news conference.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's opponents see the parliamentary election as a chance to capitalise on widespread discontent over a deepening

economic crisis and advance towards ending more than 15 years of socialist rule.

Surveys show Venezuela's opposition leading in projections of voters' intentions and Maduro's popularity has slipped since he took office two years ago after the death of Hugo Chavez.

Dates for internal party primaries have been set, but the lack of a date for the parliamentary vote has led some opposition politicians to doubt whether the election will be held at all.

Vieira spoke to reporters after the wives of Venezuela's two most prominent jailed opposition leaders visited Congress and were applauded by lawmakers, including members of parties in President Dilma Rousseff's governing coalition.

Rousseff and her Workers' Party have faced increasing criticism for

maintaining close ties to Maduro. Brazil's Senate on Tuesday passed a resolution criticizing Maduro's government for arbitrarily imprisoning opponents.

"A nation like Brazil that has a president who was once a political prisoner cannot keep silent when it sees a neighbouring country keep almost 90 political prisoners," said Aecio Neves, leader of Brazil's centrist PSDB opposition party.

"It is time the Brazilian government acted in defence of democracy in Venezuela," he said at a meeting with Mitzy de Ledezma and Lilian Tintori, wives of the jailed Venezuelan opposition leaders.

Rousseff did not agree to meet with them but sent a letter in which she said Brazil was "tirelessly" seeking a peaceful resolution to Venezuela's political crisis.

Reuters

Mexico nabs cop allegedly involved in disappearance of students



Relatives of missing students of the Ayotzinapa Teacher Training College Raul Isidro Burgos stand in front of a monument of the number 43 during a protest to mark the seven months of the Ayotzinapa students' disappearance in Mexico City on 26 April, 2015.

REUTERS

MEXICO CITY, 8 May — Mexican police arrested one of the senior police officers accused of involvement in the disappearance of a group of 43 student teachers last year, the country's interior ministry said on Thursday.

Francisco Salgado, 41, was the deputy head of the police in the southwestern city of Iguala, where 43 student teachers went missing in September last year. The government says the group was detained by corrupt police officers who handed them over to a local drug gang that killed them and then incinerated their bodies.

The incident shocked Mexico, sparking nationwide protests, and plunged Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto into his deepest crisis since taking office in 2012. In a statement, Mexico's interior ministry said Salgado was captured in the central Mexican city of Cuernavaca, carrying AK-

47 cartridges.

Statements from police in Iguala and the nearby town of Cocula alleged that on the night of 26 September, Salgado had ordered that roughly 13 of the student teachers should be handed over to members of the drug gang, the interior ministry said.

Witness statements also alleged that Salgado received 600,000 pesos (\$39,187) a month from the drug gang in return for protection, the ministry said. Since his disappearance, the ministry said he had been hiding in residences belonging to family members.

In November, Mexican authorities captured Jose Luis Abarca, who was at the time of the incident mayor of Iguala, and his wife, Maria de los Angeles Pineda, in Mexico City. Abarca has since been charged with the kidnapping of the students.

Reuters



Supporters of Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro attends a rally to celebrate May Day in Caracas on 1 May, 2015.—REUTERS

Japan vows to advance steps to eradicate human trafficking

TOKYO, 8 May — Cabinet ministers on Friday vowed to implement measures to eradicate human trafficking in Japan in line with an action plan the government adopted in December.

Speaking to reporters after the first intergovernmental meeting on such trafficking, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga underscored the importance of promoting such measures given the expected increase in the number of foreign visitors to Japan in the run-up to the 2020 Olympics

and Paralympics in Tokyo.

The action plan calls for reinforcement of immigration controls, confirming the validity of travel-related documents, reviewing residence status, steps against fake marriages, measures to prevent illegal employment, and efforts to prevent prostitution.

"The government will make all-out efforts to eradicate trafficking in people," said Suga, the top government spokesman who chaired the meeting. "We want to raise public awareness of the issue."

The meeting, also attended by Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and Eriko Yamatani, head of the National Public Safety Commission, approved an annual report highlighting the current situation of victims and measures by government ministries and agencies to prevent human trafficking for purposes such as forced prostitution and forced labour.

The action plan says police and the Immigration Bureau of Japan will try to gain a thorough knowledge of establishments that em-

ploy foreign women, as well as construction sites and factories that employ foreign labourers, and to collect information concerning foreigners, brokers and employers perpetrating the crime of human trafficking.

The plan says human trafficking is "a grave violation of human rights and requires a prompt and appropriate response" as it "causes serious emotional and physical pain for the victims, especially women and children, and recovery from such damage is very difficult."—Kyodo News

Japanese astronaut Yui takes final exam before trip to space

MOSCOW, 8 May — Japanese astronaut Kimiya Yui and his crewmates underwent a two-day final examination through Thursday ahead of their trip to space scheduled for 27 May aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft.

Yui, a 45-year-old flight engineer, commander Oleg Kononenko from the Russian Federal Space Agency and another flight engineer Kjell Lindgren from the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration took the exam in a full-size model simulator of the International Space Station at a training center in the

suburbs of Moscow.

During the final examination, the three astronauts checked various kinds of operational procedures, according to the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and other sources.

The crew are scheduled to depart in the early hours of 27 May local time from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, and are expected to stay on the ISS for about six months to carry out various experiments.

However, the planned mission could be postponed due to the failed launch of a cargo craft on 28 April, according to a report by Russian news agency Interfax.



Undated photo shows Japanese astronaut Kimiya Yui, who will travel into space for the first time in Russia's Soyuz spacecraft as a flight engineer. Yui along with his crewmates underwent a final examination on 6 May, 2015, ahead of the scheduled on 27 May launch of their mission.

KYODO NEWS

"The flight programme of the ISS expedition preparing for the mission may be adjusted depending on possible postponements of the dates of launches of cargo spacecraft and amendments to the ISS flight programme," Interfax quoted a press release circulated at the training center as saying.

An expert at the Russian space agency has recommended that the launch of the crew to the ISS be pushed back by up to two months to focus on an investigation into the failed launch of the Progress M-27M spacecraft, the report said.

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**“Kumamon” mascot to promote
Kumamoto Pref at Cannes film festival**



File photo taken on 19 Nov, 2014, shows “Kumamon,” one of the most popular regional mascots created by Japan’s southwestern prefecture of Kumamoto. Kumamoto Gov Ikuo Kabashima said on 7 May, 2015, that Kumamon will appear at the Japan Pavilion at the Cannes International Film Festival in France.—KYODO NEWS

**Singapore’s PM Lee Hsien Loong opens
Indian Heritage Centre**

SINGAPORE, 8 May — The Indian community has contributed to Singapore “in deep ways,” Singapore’s Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said here on Thursday. During the launch of the Indian Heritage Centre which is located at the heart of Little India and blends traditional Indian and modern architectural elements, Lee said that Indians have contributed a lot to Singapore and the four-story centre “affirms the importance and vibrancy of the Indian community in Singapore.”



Singapore’s Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (L) and his wife Ho Ching attend the opening ceremony of Singapore’s Indian Heritage Centre (IHC), on 7 May, 2015. The Indian Heritage Centre, located in Singapore’s Little India, held an official opening ceremony on Thursday.—XINHUA

The museum, which is the first one dedicated to Indian history, starts with the early interactions between South Asia and Southeast Asia, then goes on to feature the origins

and movement of Indians from the 19th century to the 21st century. Singapore’s Minister of Prime Minister’s Office and Second Minister for Home Affairs and Trade and Industry

S Iswaran, also the chair of the centre’s steering committee, said the museum was also “strongly endorsed” by Singapore’s founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

Iswaran thanked the community for loaning or donating artefacts including family heirlooms.

The Little India centre has received a total of 368 artefacts through a collection drive in 2011. More than 200 of these pieces are now on display. The centre cost the National Heritage Board 16 million Singapore dollars to build and another 5 million Singapore dollars to fit out.

Xinhua

**Peru to promote investment
opportunities in three Asian countries**

LIMA, 8 May — Peru plans to tout investment opportunities in infrastructure and public services during a three-country tour in Asia, Peruvian investment promotion agency ProInversion announced on Thursday.

Peru’s 2015 Asia Road Show kicks off on 11 May in China’s Beijing, then travels to Tokyo, Japan for a 13 May presentation, and wraps up in Seoul, South Korea on 14 May, the agency said in a statement.

The show will mount expositions in each city and hold meetings with potential investors interested in public-private sector partnerships opportunities in Peru, the agency said.

“Companies in these markets have the technical and financial capacity, and the experience needed,” ProInversion said.

China, Japan and South Korea are Asia’s main economies, in terms of gross domestic product, and Peru is already associated with them through the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC), as well as through free trade agreements, the agency said.

For Peru, it is important to carry out “promotion in these three countries, providing entrepreneurs with the information that will allow them to decide whether to participate,” the agency said.—Xinhua

WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 9th May, 2015: Weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Cast old and new unite at 'Mad Max: Fury Road' premiere



Director of the movie George Miller (C) poses with cast member Tom Hardy (R) and actor Mel Gibson at the premiere of "Mad Max: Fury Road" in Hollywood, California on 7 May, 2015. —Reuters

LOS ANGELES, 8 May —The much-anticipated rebooted version of "Mad Max" has seen cast members old and new unite on the red carpet with Mel Gibson, who starred in the original 1979 action film, making a surprise appearance.

The actor and director, 59, played anti-hero Max Rockatansky in the Australian movie, directed by George Miller.

Gibson joined the cast of the fourth instalment of the franchise "Mad Max: Fury Road", also directed by Miller, at the film's Hollywood premiere, posing for pictures on the red carpet. The film stars British actor Tom Hardy as Rockatansky and Oscar winner Charlize Theron as female lead Furiosa.

"We needed someone equal to Max in this story and that was Furiosa and it was cool to do it and Charlize was up to it," Miller said at the premiere on Wednesday night.

Guy Carawan, known for civil rights anthem 'We Shall Overcome', dies

NEW YORK, 8 May — Guy Carawan, whose rendition of the song "We Shall Overcome" became an anthem of the US civil rights movement, has died at his home in Tennessee, *The New York Times* reported. He was 87.

Carawan, a white folk singer, did not write the song, which has a long oral history that can be traced back to a church hymn in the late 19th Century that was taken up as a rally cry among labour activists in the 1940s.

Carawan first performed "We Shall Overcome", to a group of

The film is set in a post-apocalypse, dystopian Australia where police officer Rockatansky battles hardened criminals from the outback. Trailers have shown plenty of action with car chases, explosions and fight scenes set against a barren desert backdrop.

"It's really important that George is enthused not only about his old legacy of 'Mad Max' but by returning to the wastelands with his Mad Max character he's actually handed the baton over and given you Furiosa," Hardy said.

"(Having a female lead) leaves it open for both of these characters to move forward with their own territories."

"Mad Max: Fury Road" will have its world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival in an out-of-competition screening on 14 May. It hits US cinema screens a day later.—Reuters

black students in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1960 — and it quickly became the anthem of the civil rights movement, the *New York Times* said on Thursday.

It was sung at demonstrations and rallies throughout the 1960s, including the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery led by slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. In the decades since, it has been performed by Tiananmen Square protesters and at the dismantled Berlin Wall, the *Times* reported.

Reuters

Priyanka Chopra's 'Quantico' to air this September, October, November



Actress Priyanka Chopra's debut American TV project "Quantico" is set to air this fall.—PTI

MUMBAI, 8 May — Actress Priyanka Chopra's debut American TV project "Quantico" is set to air this fall.

The 32-year-old actress is the first Bollywood actress to star in a pilot at ABC. The for-

mer Miss World plays a young FBI recruit Alex Parrish on "Quantico", which also stars Jake McLaughlin, Dougray Scott and Aunjanue Ellis.

"Quantico" revolves around a group of young FBI recruits,

who battle their way through training at the Quantico base in Virginia.

Josh Safran of "Gossip Girl" fame has penned the script, while Marc Munden has directed the pilot.—PTI

Reese Witherspoon pursues polar opposite in comedy 'Hot Pursuit'

LOS ANGELES, 8 May — If Reese Witherspoon showed she can go raw and unglamorous in the drama "Wild," in her new comedy, the actress dons sensible shoes and big underwear to play the uptight cop to Sofia Vergara's voluptuous widow in teetering heels.

"Hot Pursuit," opening Friday in US and Canadian theatres, is a buddy comedy by women, about women, and mostly for women, and it started when Witherspoon - wearing her producer's hat - saw the potential of a comic pairing with Vergara.

"She's very fresh," said Witherspoon of the star of ABC television hit "Modern Family."

"I think she is one of the great comedy voices out there representing a whole other side of women and comedy."

Reuters

Matthew McConaughey feels grateful for wife Camila Alves



Hollywood superstar Matthew & Camila Alves

LOS ANGELES, 8 May — Hollywood superstar Matthew McConaughey says Camila Alves is a huge reason why he is so happy.

The 45-year-old Oscar-winning actor said she loves him a lot, reported E!Online.

"Now I get to wake up next to someone who I know loves me the way she does — my wife — who gave birth to our three beautiful, healthy children," he said.

"I get to live in a nice place,

and I have things to look forward to every day — work, play, and sometimes nothing at all. I look forward to Mondays. It's very rare to have a career where I don't need days off. I love going to work," he added.

While he continues to book new roles for the big-screen, McConaughey hopes the long shoots and not always ideal hours can be a teachable moment for his kids.

PTI



Zayn Malik & Louis Tomlinson

Zayn Malik requests fans to stop abusing him online

LONDON, 8 May — Singing sensation Zayn Malik, while asserting he loves his fans, has asked them to not abuse him for fighting with his former One Direction member Louis Tomlinson.

The 22-year-old musician, who quit the band this March, slammed Tomlinson after he indulged in a war of words with producer Naughty Boy, who is working with Malik on his solo album.

"Remember when you were 12 and you used to think those Mac filters for your pictures were cool haha! Some people still do," Tomlinson tweeted earlier, while poking fun at a picture of the singer and his producer friend Naughty Boy. The producer responded, "@Louis_Tomlinson and some people can't even sing.. but who's complaining when there's auto tune."

Tomlinson, 23, took a dig at

Naughty Boy, saying, "@NaughtyBoyMusic Jesus forgot you were such an in demand producer... How does it feel to be riding on the back of someone else's career?"

This supposedly angered Malik as he then asked Tomlinson to mind his business, "@Louis_Tomlinson remember when you had a life and stopped making bitchy comments about mine?"—PTI

GENERAL

China's Huawei hires James Rodriguez for brand promotion in Colombia

BOGOTA, 8 May —The multinational Chinese telecommunications company Huawei announced on Thursday that it signed up Colombian football player James Rodriguez as its brand ambassador to Colombia for the next two years.

The Real Madrid foot-

ball player scored six goals for Colombia at 2014 World Cup in Brazil and won the Golden Boot.

The company chose Rodriguez as "the new official face of the Premium line of mobile devices", according to the company, as the footballer was idolized by

Colombian football fans as the represent of the dedication, the determination and the ability that Colombians have to make their dreams come true. "Rodriguez will help Huawei to attract more consumers and we look to the future with optimism and determination," said

Maria Fernanda Chinchilla, Director of Terminals Marketing in Huawei's Colombian company.

Huawei revealed that last year their sales were worth 678 million US dollars in Colombia, which meant an increase of 40% year on year—*Xinhua*

Former Brazil football great Pele undergoes prostate surgery

SAO PAULO, 8 May —Brazilian football legend Pele has undergone prostate surgery and is in stable condition, a Sao Paulo hospital said on Thursday.

This is the second time Pele, 74, has been hospitalized in six months.

In a statement, the Albert Einstein Hospital said Pele had undergone a transurethral resection of the prostate. According to the US National Institutes of Health's website, the procedure involves removing an

internal part of the prostate gland in order to treat an enlarged prostate.

Earlier in the day, local news site Globo Esporte said Pele had a prostate condition known as hyperplasia, which it said increases the risk of a urinary infection. The report did not cite sources.

Pele, whose given name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento, was released from the same hospital in early December following a two-week stay with kidney problems. With more than



Legendary Brazilian soccer player Pele speaks to journalists during an exhibition. —REUTERS

1,280 career goals, and an unequalled three World Cup titles during his playing ca-

reer, Pele is considered by many the greatest football player of all time.—*Reuters*

Major El Nino event imminent, to lift global temperatures

CANBERRA, 8 May —Australian climate scientists have reportedly confirmed that a major El Nino event, which will lift global temperatures and lead to lower rainfall, is set to hit southeast Asia and Australia.

Fairfax Media reported on Friday that Australia's Bureau of Meteorology will announce on Tuesday the imminent arrival of the latest round of El Nino.

El Nino is the warm phase of a major climate system that occurs in the South Pacific, which sees sea surface temperatures anomalously warm or cold for long periods.

As warm waters spreads from the west Pacific to the east Pacific, it takes the rain with it, causing extensive drought in the western Pacific and rainfall in the normally dry eastern

Pacific.

Australia's threshold for an El Nino episode is sustained warmth of sea-surface temperatures 0.8 degrees Celsius above average.

"You can see a warming in the eastern Pacific, which looks to be a classic El Nino event," Dr Agus Santoso, an El Nino modeler at the University of New South Wales, told Fairfax

Media on Friday.

Santoso said if the El Nino conditions continue rising through winter and peak in summer, "a big El Nino" could be the potential result.

Santoso said it was quite rare that the build up of unusual warmth in the eastern Pacific was happening so early in the year. Regular El Nino years begin in or after July.—*Xinhua*

More storms headed for Great Plains after tornadoes kill one, injure 12 in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, 8 May —Thunderstorm and flash flood warnings were issued for several Great Plains states on Thursday, a day after a series of tornadoes

touched down in Oklahoma, causing one death, injuring 12 and flattening buildings.

One woman who sought safety in her home's storm shelter died when

it flooded in Wednesday night's storms, Oklahoma police said.

The weather system battered a region from Texas to Nebraska and spawned

dozens of reported tornadoes on Wednesday.

Large parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and North Texas were under flash flood and severe thunderstorm watches on Thursday. A tornado warning was issued for the area around the North Texas town of Jacksboro, the National Weather Service said.

Six people from a mobile-home park damaged by a tornado southwest of Oklahoma City were taken to a hospital in the region, including an 80-year-old woman in critical condition with hip injuries, hospital spokeswoman Brooke Cayot said.

Thousands of homes and business in Oklahoma were without power on Thursday morning, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission said.—*Reuters*



Alan Phillips (L), Nsilo Hunter Jr (C), and their father Nsilo Hunter Sr work to clean up fallen tree limbs from their home that was hit by a tornado in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on 7 May, 2015. —REUTERS

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Nadal breezes past Bolelli into Madrid quarters



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball to Simone Bolelli of Italy during their match at the Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain, on 7 May, 2015.

REUTERS

MADRID, 8 May —Local hero Rafa Nadal raced into the last eight of the Madrid Open when he brushed aside unseeded Italian Simone Bolelli 6-2, 6-2 on Thursday to set up a quarter-final clash against Bulgarian 10th seed Grigor Dimitrov.

Chasing a third straight title at the clay Masters event in the Spanish capital, and a fifth overall, third seed Nadal needed little more than an hour to see off an outclassed Bolelli, saving both break points he faced on his serve.

The Majorcan has a

good chance of claiming another Madrid crown as world number one Novak Djokovic pulled out to rest and Roger Federer, who took over from the Serb as the top seed, fell to Australian Nick Kyrgios in the second round on Wednesday.

After struggles with injury and illness, Nadal is attempting to rediscover his best form on his favoured surface before he makes a bid for a record-extending 10th French Open singles title in Paris starting at the end of the month.

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Wer Phaw strike puts Myanmar in final



HO CHI MINH CITY, 8 May — Striker Naw Arlo Wer Phaw's solitary strike in the second half was enough to put Myanmar in the final of the AFF Women's Championship after beating the Under-20 team of Australia 1-0 in the first semi-final that was played this afternoon at the Thong Nhat Stadium.

Wer Phaw scored the only goal of the game in the 51st minute.

"We know that the Australians were tactically stronger but I thought that our girls managed to raise the level of their game,"

said Myanmar coach Thet Thet Win.

"Now that we are in the final, it really does not matter who we play against. The target is to win the cup, so we must be able to beat any one."

The Australian girls who had been so dominant in the group matches seemed to be a little off colour on the day even though they tried hard through the wily Alexandra Chidiac.

But it was Myanmar who controlled most of the pace with Wer Phaw and also Yee Yee Oo the driving force in their attacks.

And had it not been for the hard work and timely interception of goalkeeper Teagan Mighah, the score would not have been a deadlock at the end of the first half.

But just six minutes in, Myanmar duly went forward when Wer Phaw tapped in the cross from Khin Marlar Tun.

"I have no complaint," said Australian coach Ante Juric afterwards. "They are still young girls and I thought that they played really well. They never give up."—*aseanfootball.org*

Thais beat hosts Vietnam in extra-time to make final

HO CHI MINH CITY, 8 May — Thailand made the final of the AFF Women's Championship after beating hosts Vietnam 2-1 in extra-time in the second semi-finals that was played here at the Thong Nhat Stadium.

With the win, the defending champions will take on Myanmar in the final match of the tournament this year in two days at the same venue.

"I thought that we were lucky," said Thai coach Nuengrutai Sri-thongvian. "We had a few chances to score but we managed to find the back

of the net twice. The game was very long so credit to the players for their commitment."

With several thousands supporting the Vietnam girls from the stands, it was no surprise that it was the home team who were the early aggressors. And it was Vietnam who scored first in the 31st minute when off a Tran Thi Thuy Trang corner, striker Nguyen Thi Lieu headed in the ball from the far post.

Thailand maintained their cool all the way into the second half and just seven minutes after the restart, they got their equalizer

when Nisa Romyen beat her marker Nguyen Hai Hoa to score. The game went into higher after that but neither side could find the winner which forced the game into extra time. And just two minutes in a long ball from deep, saw Nisa racing forward to lob the ball past the oncoming Vietnam keeper Dang Thi Kieu Trinh.

With cramps seeping into the Thai squad, the game was stopped several times and where at one point, they even had to play with just nine players on the field. But in the end, it was just too late for Vietnam to change the inevitable.

"We need to change some of the ways in which the Vietnam players approached the game," said

Vietnam coach Takashi Norimatsu. "We might not have beaten Thailand today but that does not

mean that we cannot beat them in the future. We have a lot of work still to do."—*aseanfootball.org*



Dnipro snatch draw at Napoli, Higuain frustrated

NAPLES, (Italy), 8 May — Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk substitute Yevhen Seleznyov snatched a late equalizer to earn a 1-1 draw at Napoli whose striker Gonzalo Higuain spurned several chances in their Europa League semi-final, first leg on Thursday.

David Lopez put Napoli ahead early in the second half on a frustrating night for their Argentina international Higuain, who saw four second half efforts saved before Seleznyov struck.

A frustrated Higuain was thwarted by goalkeeper Denys Boyko as the Serie A side pressed for a second goal.

Seleznyov then took advantage of slack Napoli defending to snatch an equaliser with nine minutes left to put the Ukrainians in pole position for a place in the final in Warsaw.

Holders Sevilla beat Fiorentina 3-0 in their first

leg in Spain to take charge of the tie ahead of next week's return.

Napoli coach Rafael Benitez suggested Dnipro's goal was offside, telling reporters: "Everyone saw what happened with the goal that changed the game. But we have to bear in mind our excellent performance in the second half when we created a lot."

Napoli, whose only European triumph was lifting the UEFA Cup in 1989, struggled to break down a stubborn Dnipro defence in the first half in Naples and, on the only occasion they got through, Lorenzo Insigne's shot struck the post.

The hosts appeared to have done the hard part when Spaniard Lopez headed them in front five minutes after halftime.

A second goal looked imminent as gaps began to appear in the Dnipro defence, but Dnipro keeper

Boyko had other ideas.

Higuain twice got clear on the right but Boyko saved both efforts with his legs, and did the same when the Argentine got free on the left for another chance.

The Dnipro stopper then tipped a rising shot over the bar after Higuain worked an opening on the edge of the area.

Dnipro, playing their

17th match of a campaign which began in the third qualifying round on 30 July, hit back against the run of play with nine minutes left.

Artem Fedetskiy sent

in a low cross from the right, the Napoli defence failed to clear and Seleznyov turned it in at the back post to completely change the complexion of the tie.

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Napoli's Silva David Lopez (2nd R) heads the ball to score against Dnipro during their Europa League semi-final first leg soccer match at the San Paolo stadium in Naples, Italy, on 7 May, 2015.—REUTERS