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Four political objectives

* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
* Strengthening of national solidarity
* Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accordance with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

* Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

President U Thein Sein to pay State visit to Indonesia, attend 18th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—At the invitation of His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will pay a State visit to the Republic of Indonesia and subsequently attend the 18th ASEAN Summit scheduled to be held in Jakarta in the near future.—MNA

Instead of being complacent about present achievements, companies should try to achieve the goal of bringing about a capital market

UMFCCI, sister associations to care for quality control, keep compromises, and sell goods at right prices to stand as regular suppliers in foreign trade

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry held the 20th Annual General Meeting at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this afternoon, with an address by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Union Ministers and deputy ministers, diplomats from foreign embassies in Myanmar, departmental heads and officials, the president, vice-presidents, CEC members and executives of UMFCCI, chairman, executives and members of congenial associations and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo said that he firmly believes CEC members, executives and members and private entrepreneurs of sister associations and merchants who are attending the 20th Annual General Meeting of the UMFCCI will maintain the fine traditions of the federation with the concept that they all will make collaborative efforts in their respective sectors for enhancing the development of State economy.

In reviewing the situation of international community, all the countries are competitively carrying out progress of national wealth and strengthening of national economy, putting the national interest in the fore.

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**Raise productivity with might of workers**

In his message sent on Workers Day, which falls on 1 May, President of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein said, “...if workers and peasants work with might and main under the leadership of the government in productivity and services, the nation will enjoy greater development in the political, economic and social sectors.”

Now, the first sessions of Hluttaws have been held successfully in accord with the approved constitution. And according to democratic practice, legislative, executive and judicial bodies have been formed firmly for democratization.

The nation will keep implementing industrialization process with peasants and workers, the two main social classes.

Now, sound foundations have been laid for further development of agriculture for economic development. And the government is taking steps to meet the requirements for national industrialization by raising funds based on natural resources and bringing about a growing number of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

National entrepreneurs and the government are establishing modern factories, plants, and industrial regions and zones. Workers are familiar with modern machines and electronic devices. So, workers are enjoying higher salaries, rights and jobs.

At a time when the nation is in the process of being built into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic one, workers and peasants are to join hands firmly with the government in pursuing the goals of sustainable development in agriculture, industrialization guarding the nation against neo-colonialists and their stooges’ disruptions to nation-building tasks.

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**A & I Union Minister calls for effective utilization of land**

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views Mezali Diversion Weir.—A&I

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited over-100-year-old Ai-ma Diversion Weir on built in 1891 at Mann Creek near Ai-ma Village in Minbu Township, Minbu District, Magway Region today. The Union minister in meeting with staff called for to be model in effectively using vacant land on either side of the irrigation system by growing annual and perennial crops and trees and setting up farm for welfare of staff preserving the dam.

The Union minister then visited century-old Mezali Diversion Weir at Mone Creek near Mezali Village, Pwintthu Township, Minbu District. The diversion weir is still benefiting 82623 acres of farmland for cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy.

The Union minister and party then oversaw repair of spillway of Manchaung Dam at Mann Creek about three miles of Ngaphe which was damaged by Giri storm and called for completion of the repair work in May.

The dam with water storage capacity of 120000 acre feet is currently supplying irrigation water to 4591 acres of farmland.—MNA

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**Regional development work in Mawlamyine, Thaton townships inspected**

Chief Minister U Ohn Myint of Mon State looks into harvesting of paddy at Beyan Model Village.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint met with officials at Kyiakmaraw Township General Administration Department on 28 April. At the meeting, he explained matters related to a cement factory to be built in Niton Village, Kyiakmaraw Township. He spoke of the need for responsible people to systematically implement the project as it is aimed at developing the region, promoting the local people’s status and creating jobs.

Next, he met with departmental personnel and called for making efforts for ensuring good governance and clean government.

Then, the chief minister inspected progress in construction of extended building of Nyaunggon model village middle school in Mudon Township, digging of Kalar cannel in Beyan model village and harvesting of paddy.

Later, he visited Myanmar central agricultural farm, production of paddy strains and construction of new building of primary school in Thatayagon village.

On 29 April morning, the chief minister attended the opening of the fourth ICT Show (2011) at Ngwe Moe Hotel in Mawlamyine. He also inspected construction a new building of Kyonpa village primary school in Thaton Township and University of Computer Studies.—MNA
Mayor orders flood-threatened Illinois city evacuated

CHAMPAIGN, 1 May—The mayor of a small southern Illinois city threatened by two swollen rivers ordered all residents to leave by midnight Saturday because a “sand boil,” an area where river water was seeping up through the ground behind the levee, had become dangerously large. Cairo Mayor Judson Childs issued a mandatory evacuation order for the city of 2,800 residents late Saturday afternoon hours after meeting with Maj Gen Michael Walsh, the Army Corps of Engineers officer tasked with deciding whether to blow a hole in the Birds Point levee in Missouri, downstream from Cairo, to relieve pressure on levees along the dangerously high Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Walsh, who toured Cairo’s levee area, described the boil that has been growing since it was first spotted Tuesday as the largest he had ever seen, the Southeast Missourian newspaper reported.

Three Killed, 12 wounded in Iraq violence

BAGHDAD, 1 May—Three people, including a security officer, were killed and 12 people wounded in gunfire and bomb attacks in northern and central Iraq on Sunday, police said. Lieutenant Colonel Nozad al-Talebani, an Iraqi counter-terrorism officer, was killed when gunmen in their car opened fire on Talebani’s car in southern the city of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, a police source in the city told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In central Iraq, an Awakening Council group member was killed and his son wounded when a roadside bomb detonated outside his house in Abu Ghraya area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, a local police source told Xinhua.

The Awakening Council group, or al-Sa’wa in Arabic, consists of paramilitary groups, including some powerful anti-US, Sunni insurgent groups, who turned their rifles against the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.—MNA/Xinhua

Three civilians killed, 11 injured in suicide bombing in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 May—Three civilians were killed and 11 injured Sunday morning when a suicide bomber blew himself up in Afghanistan’s Patika Province 155 km southeast of capital city of Kabul, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

“A suicide bomber detonated an explosive device attached in his body at around 07:30 am local time (0300 GMT) in Ashkin bazaar in Barmal District. As a result three innocent civilians were killed and 11 others injured,” said the statement released by Interior Ministry here.

However, the statement did not Provide more details, saying police has initiated an investigation and details will be released to media later.

Xinhua

Hotel fire in China kills 10, injures 35

BEIJING, 1 May—A fire at a hotel in northeastern China killed 10 people and injured 35, state media reported, in the latest deadly accident to highlight lax Chinese fire safety.

The blaze broke out about 3:30 am (1930 GMT Saturday) at a hotel operated by Chinese budget hotel chain Home Inns in Tonghua city in Jilin Province, the official Xinhua news agency said. It was extinguished half an hour later.

The victims died of smoke inhalation after the fire started in the stairwell and sent thick plumes of smoke to the upper floors of the hotel, Xinhua said, citing the city’s publicity department.

The injured have been taken to hospital, including three in a critical condition, Xinhua said.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the blaze.

Deadly fires are common in China and are typically blamed on lax observation and enforcement of fire-safety measures. Last week, 18 poor migrants died and nearly two dozen were injured when a fire swept through an illegally constructed building in Beijing.—Internet

In this photo distributed by China’s Xinhua news agency, spectators look at a hotel after fire in Tonghua, northeast China’s Jilin Province, on 1 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Child suicide bomber ‘kills four’ in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 May—A 12-year-old suicide bomber killed four people and wounded a dozen in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, officials said.

The boy — thought to be one of the country’s youngest-ever suicide attackers — detonated a vest packed with explosives in a marketplace in Paktika Province, on the border with Pakistan, provincial spokesman Mikhil Afghan said in a statement.

“The head of Shkin District council, Shair Nawaz, a woman and two other men were killed and 12 others were wounded,” the statement said. The Afghan interior ministry had earlier put the death toll at three, with 11 wounded.

Civilians are increasingly getting caught up in the violence that has blighted Afghanistan since a US-led invasion in 2001 ousted the Taliban, triggering an militancy whose intensity has increased in recent years.—Internet

Suicide bomber kills eight, wounds 19 in Northern Iraq

MOSSUL, 1 May—Eight people were killed and 19 wounded on Saturday when a suicide bomber blew himself up at an Iraqi army checkpoint next to a market in the northern city of Mossul, police and hospital sources said.

Attacks against Iraq’s army and police are rising as they prepare to take full responsibility for security in the country ahead of a full withdrawal of US troops by 31 December, more than eight years after the US-led invasion of Iraq.

Eight killed, 19 wounded. Five soldiers were killed and three civilians, and two soldiers among the wounded,” Nineveh Province police Lieutenant Colonel Mahmoud al-Jibouri told Reuters. The toll is final. A hospital source confirmed the number of dead and wounded and said the attack had taken place at a popular market in eastern Mossul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad.—Reuters
Alien Giant Tortoise helps restore ecosystem

Rather than wreaking havoc on a tiny island in the Indian Ocean — as alien species can sometimes do — a giant tortoise appears to be helping to restore the native ecosystem. Wildlife scientists introduced Aldabra giant tortoises — which can reach up to 661 pounds (300 kilograms) — to an island, called Ile aux Aigrettes, off the coast of the island nation of Mauritius. By 2009, 19 adult giant tortoises called the island home. The tortoises were to replace the role of their extinct kin. Before humans first arrived on Ile aux Aigrettes, various giant tortoises lived there, as did giant skinks — a type of lizard — and, most likely, flightless dodo birds. The disappearance of these animals affected other things living on the island, in particular the native ebony trees, which have been devastated by people hunting for firewood.

The giant tortoises and the skinks ate the fruit of these trees, spreading the seeds. Without these fruit-eaters around, the trees could no longer disperse; young trees only grew directly below the adults.

Worldwide, invasive species are considered one of the greatest threats to biodiversity, so, the idea of replacing an extinct creature with a foreign one is controversial. It has been done elsewhere with the new species often closely related to the one being replaced. For example, the North American peregrine falcon was re-established from seven subspecies from four continents, and yellow crowned night herons have been introduced to Bermuda to replace extinct herons and to control pesky land crabs. At the most extreme end of the spectrum, conservation scientist Josh Donlan has suggested that the Pleistocene ecosystems of North America be reconstituted with large African mammals — horses, camels, tortoises, lions, elephants and cheetahs — thus protecting these species from the threats they face in their natural range.

Scientist rethinks wallowing pigs

NEW YORK, 1 May — A Dutch scientist says pigs’ love of wallowing in mud may have a courtship function and may help explain how whales evolved.

Marc Bracke of Wageningen University published his report on porcine wallowing in a British journal, Applied Animal Behavior Science, the BBC reported.

In the past, scientists have suggested pigs wallow to keep cool because they do not have sebaceous or sweat glands. Bracke suggested the opposite is true, that pigs did not develop sweat glands because they spend so much time in cool mud. Bracke believes the love of mud has roots deep in time.

“We all evolved from fish, so it could be that this motivation to be in water could be something that was preserved in animals that are able to do so,” he said. His suggestion about wallowing playing a reproductive role comes from observing deer. They do not wallow, but they do mark off territory by rolling on the ground, a behavior that is a mating ritual.

As for whales, Bracke believes they may have been wallowing animals who spent so much time in the mud and water they evolved into marine mammals.

Google brings video chat to Android via update

WASHINGTON, 1 May — On its Google Mobile blog, the Mountain View company has announced the imminent arrival of its video chat software for Android phones, Google Talk with video. While some apps for Android phones already allow you to video chat (eg. Fring and Tango), Google Talk will become part of the forthcoming Android OS update (2.3.4).

Google Talk with video will allow users to video chat with others using either the same software or Gmail with Google Talk on computers. It’ll be possible to make calls over 3G, 4G or Wi-Fi — unlike, for example, Apple’s FaceTime, which currently only works over Wi-Fi.

Google’s blog post explains: “In your Google Talk friends list, a video or voice chat button will appear next to your contacts and you can simply touch the button to connect with them. Any text chats from the person you’re talking with will be overlaid on your phone’s screen so you can read them without having to leave the video.” The post continues, “And, if you need to check something else, the video pauses automatically so you can go back to your phone’s home screen or another app. The audio will keep going even though the video has paused.”

For most people, it just doesn’t feel natural to look down the lens of a camera while talking — unless you happen to be a news anchor Still, at least having the video chat software available gives us the option, and allows Granny on the east coast to see her grandchildren on the west any time she wants.

Verizon to warn cellphone buyers on tracking data

NEW YORK, 1 May — Verizon will put a peel-off sticker on the screen of cellphones it sells, warning that the user’s location may be tracked. The sticker also advises users to be careful which apps they install if they wish to avoid location information being shared with third parties.

The move isn’t in response to the recent location-tracking scandal surrounding Apple iPhone and Google Android phones; it’s a Verizon initiative that has been planned for some time. It was revealed in a written response from Verizon to the House Bipartisan Privacy Caucus (PDF link), which had written to the four major mobile companies last month after learning that a German mobile operator tracked users’ locations.

Verizon also revealed that it holds personally identifying data, including location details, for up to seven years. This in itself is astonishing. Do you know where you were on, say, 21 Nov, 2008? Verizon does, if you were using one of its handsets equipped with GPS, such as the popular Samsung Omnia or BlackBerry Storm phones, released around that time.

Of the other mobile carriers, AT&T says it’ll hold location data for anywhere from a few days to five years, while Sprint says it’ll hold it for five years. T-Mobile would only say it “retains personal information for only as long as we have a business need, or as applicable laws, regulations or government orders require.”
Folic acid may not accelerate cancer

HAMBURG, 1 May—Mandatory fortification of foods with folic acid is a subject of controversy in Germany, researchers say.

Wolfgang Herrmann and Rima Obeid say higher dosages of folic acid have been suspected of accelerating the growth of certain cancers. But they say they evaluated different international studies and conclude that suspicion is not supported by the evidence.

Their study, published in the Deutsches Arzteblatt International, found no such association. For example, for the observed increase in the number of patients with colorectal cancers. But they say they evaluated extensive folic acid fortification programmes begun in the United States and Canada, the researchers said.

Cancer increase can be explained by improved early detection programs during this same time period.

The study results could have an impact on whether doctors advocate women ingest folic acid before and during early pregnancy to help ensure their fetus does not develop spina bifida.

Every year, 800 pregnancies in Germany are diagnosed with spina bifida and most of these pregnancies are terminated. The researchers said extensive folic acid fortification of foods might prevent this defect in 85 percent to 100 percent of cases as it has in other countries, such as the United States where folic acid is added to food.

Melatonin may help in weight loss

GRANADA, 1 May—Melatonin, a natural hormone produced by the body and involved with the sleep cycle, may also help in controlling weight gain, researchers in Spain say.

The researchers from the University of Granada, the University Hospital San Cecilio in Granada, the University of Salamanca, the University of Jordan and the Service of Endocrinology of the Hospital Carlos III in Madrid found melatonin was found to be beneficial for young rats that had not developed metabolic or heart disease.

The study, published in the Journal of Pineal Research, found melatonin in the rats improved blood lipid profile, reduces triglycerides, increases high-density lipoprotein — the “good” cholesterol — and reduces low-density lipoprotein — the “bad” cholesterol — even without reducing food intake.

Researchers say melatonin might help in preventing heart diseases associated with obesity and dyslipidemia — an abnormal amount of lipids in the blood.

If this finding is confirmed in humans, administration of melatonin and intake of food containing melatonin — mustard, Goji berries, almonds, sunflower seeds, cardamom, fennel, coriander and cherries — might be a useful tool to fight obesity and the risks associated with it, the researchers say.

Profits of China’s listed companies up more than 30 pct in 2010

BEIJING, 1 May—Net profits of Chinese companies listed both in Shanghai and Shenzhen climbed more than 30 percent in 2010 from a year earlier, as all companies have released their annual reports till Saturday.

Data from the Shanghai Stock Exchange shows that the profits of companies listed in Shanghai climbed 37.25 percent from 2009 to 1,416.8 billion yuan (about 218 billion US dollars).

Only 55 companies, or 6.07 percent of all companies listed in Shanghai reported losses in 2010, down 6.83 percentage points from 2009.

Of companies listed in Shenzhen registered a total profits of 248.63 billion yuan last year, up 38.08 percent from 2009.—Xinhua

Insurance to drag on Berkshire Q1 results

OMAHA, (Nebraska) 1 May—Berkshire Hathaway Inc (BRKa.N) (BRKb.N) will report a significantly lower first-quarter profit, as one of the worst quarters ever for global catastrophes weighed on the company’s insurance businesses, Chief Executive Warren Buffett said on Saturday.

Profit is expected to be about $1.5 billion, down from $3.63 billion a year earlier, Buffet said at Berkshire’s annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. Year-earlier profit totaled $2,272 per Class A share.

Buffett also projected that for the first time in nine years, Berkshire would likely have a full-year loss from insurance underwriting. Insurance comprises close to half of Berkshire’s operations.

Buffett said the company lost $821 million from insurance underwriting in the first quarter, and had an estimated $1.67 billion of pretax losses from catastrophes.

He said the quarter was the second worst for the insurance industry in terms of global catastrophes, which included earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand.—Reuters

Australia to flag 4.5% unemployment in budget

SYDNEY, 1 May—Australia’s upcoming budget will forecast 500,000 new jobs to be created in two years as the country rides a mining boom, bringing unemployment down to 4.5 percent, Treasurer Wayne Swan said Sunday.

Swan said secure employment was the first responsibility of the Labour government of Prime Minister Julia Gillard and the budget to be delivered on 10 May would have that as its central emphasis.

“What I can say about the budget is that we will see the creation of an additional 500,000 jobs in the next couple of years, with an unemployment rate coming down to 4.5 percent,” Swan told Channel Ten’s “Meet the Press”.

“We are going to... get more Australians into work and we are going to spread the opportunities of the boom,” Swan gave no details on how this would be achieved in Australia, which currently has an unemployment rate of 4.9 percent.

“We are looking at a range of initiatives to lift workforce participation,” he said. “With an unemployment rate coming down at 4.5 percent we do not have to person to waste.”—INTERNET

A reclamer is seen in the Yandoicoina stockyard in Western Australia’s Pilbara region.

INTERNET
Flood-hit Australian city launches ferry terminal design contest

SYDNEY, 1 May—Australia’s third-largest city will run an international competition for a “cutting-edge” design to replace ferry terminals lost during devastating floods earlier this year, government officials said on Saturday.

Brisbane’s landmark ferry terminals were destroyed in floods that inundated the city and much of northeastern Queensland state in January. A total of A$145 million ($158 million) in government funding has been committed to rebuild the eight terminals, together with a riverside walkway, the state and federal governments said in a joint statement.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said it was an “opportunity to put a unique stamp on our city,” while Treasurer Wayne Swan said invitations would be opened to designers and architects from around the world. The winner will become consulting architect on the project.

PlayStation hacker may have obtained millions of users’ credit card info

Tokyo, 1 May — Kazuo Hirai, the head of Sony’s PlayStation video game business said Sunday that there was no concrete evidence that information from 77 million credit cards registered by customers through Sony’s PlayStation Network had been stolen by a hacker, the possibility did exist.

Speaking at a Press Conference convened by the firm at their headquarters in Tokyo, Hirai, Sony’s executive vice president, conceded that the hacker may have obtained the users’ credit card numbers, expiration dates as well as purchase history and password security answers. “While there is no evidence that the credit card data has been compromised, we also can’t rule it out.” Hirai said.

Sony said that two weeks ago a hacker breached the company’s online video game network and Qriocity streaming entertainment service and swiped the names, addresses, e-mail addresses and birth dates of some 77 million users registered to use the firm’s network. Following the breach, which has potentially huge global implications, Sony suspended the two online services on 20 April. Hirai, while apologizing for the monumental blunder, said the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is looking into the matter, following Sony’s request.

The consumer electronics giant said they have created a new position to better oversee the protection of consumers’ private data. The measures taken include adding more firewalls and advanced encryption technology—Reuters

Police discover hidden arsenal in Ciudad Juarez

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 1 May— Mexican federal police said Saturday they discovered a basement arsenal hidden behind the mirrors of a home gym that included three anti-aircraft guns, dozens of grenades, a grenade launcher, AK-47s and other high-powered weapons.

The neatly ordered stockpile found in an upscale neighbourhood in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, also contained several makes of machine guns, rifles, a shotgun and more than 26,000 ammunition cartridges, according to Raul Avila Ibarra, the federal police commissioner in charge of the City. Police say they discovered the weapons Friday while searching a house near the US-Mexico border. Avila said the police acted on an anonymous tip that there were kidnapping victims in the house, but no one was found. The mirrors of the gym opened at the touch of a button near the floor, allowing access to the secret shelter, which also held more than 50 military uniforms, as well as bulletproof vests and gas masks.

Three money-counting machines were also found. No one was detained in the search. The police didn’t reveal the origin of the weapons found.—Internet

Storm cellar saves Alabama couple, as neighbours perish

PHIL CAMPBELL, 1 May—Travis Roberts invited his neighbours into the storm cellar he built for $600, but they figured they would ride out the twister bearing down on them. Five were killed and two critically injured when it struck, splintering their homes, but Travis and his wife Brenda survived below ground in their storm-rocked concrete shelter.

“We did not respect the warning enough,” said Roberts of the tiny Alabama town of 1,100 people, which was largely flattened in the deadly tornado outbreak that killed at least 350 people across seven states. He credits his wife Brenda’s fear of twisters for saving their lives.

When they bought their property in the town 35 years ago, he accommodated her worries by building a storm cellar. “It is patterned after a Cold War fallout shelter. I spent $600 on it. I got my money’s worth,” Roberts told Reuters.

The families behind and in front of his home did not elect to join him, and five of them did not survive the storm. “Two of my neighbours chose to ride it out. They rode all right literally about 200 yards. I rescued them,” he said. The other two remain in critical condition in hospital. During the storm, the concrete shelter shook with the violent winds. He knew his house was gone before he clambered out of the shelter. “It wasn’t wind, it was an explosion,” he said.—Reuters

Tea expert Zhou Xiaofen (L) from southwest China’s Sichuan Province shows her skills during the 2011 Houston International Festival in Houston, the United States, on 30 April, 2011. The 2011 Houston International Festival opened here Friday, with an emphasis on the ancient Silk Road trade route that links China, India, Turkey and other cultures.—XINHUA

An arsenal containing grenades, grenade launchers, assault rifles and other high-powered weapons are stored inside a basement warehouse in the city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico on 29 April, 2011.—INTERNET

Escaped prisoner shoots four in Mass rampage

DEERFIELD, 1 May—A fugitive prisoner in Massachusetts shot one man dead and wounded three others—including two police officers—before being shot by police, authorities said on Saturday.

Tamik Kirkland, 24, had escaped from a medium-security prison in Shirley, Mass, on Monday morning, where he was serving 2-4 years on weapons charges. The spree began at around noon on Saturday when Kirkland shot one man dead and wounded another at a beauty salon in Springfield, police said. Kirkland then ran from the salon and hid in a house a few streets away.

Later, a woman in a silver car backed up to the house, and Kirkland climbed into the trunk. After being challenged by police, Kirkland popped up out of the trunk and shot and slightly wounded two officers, Springfield Police Sgt John Delaney said.

The officers returned fire multiple times, striking Kirkland, who was taken to a local hospital in critical condition.—Reuters
Aharathukha Market in Nay Pyi Taw, a centre of fruit and vegetables
Byline: Kyaw Thu Win (Myanma Alin); Photos: Thiha (Myanma Alin)

Aharathukha Market is one of the large markets in Nay Pyi Taw, Capital of Myanmar, established for comfort and convenience of the dwellers. Now, the market has become a housewives’ paradise as it directly gets fresh fruit and vegetables from growers.

Most of the goods on sale in the market come from the farmlands in Lewe and Tatkon townships in Nay Pyi Taw District. Fruit and vegetables from Aungban in Shan State also flow to the market. Some of the goods that are transported to the market go to other markets across the nation including Thaybygon Market, Myoma Market, Pyi Shwe San Aung Market and Ywadaw Market.

Aharathukha Market is composed of 100 brokerage houses alongside five complexes, each of which has 240 shops. The day market runs and the evening market, from 5 am to 6 pm from 3.30 pm to 9 pm for the residents. Major goods on sale in the market are onion, garlic, potato, cabbage, cauliflower, mustard, watermelon, pineapple, apple, orange, cucumber, coconut, banana and vegetables. For smooth transport for shoppers and swift flow of commodities, a Tawwin Bus Line and many other bus lines ply between the market and many other regions. There is a garbage system with two garbage trucks in the market in order that there is no detriment to the health of sellers due to rotten goods and the goods are fresh and hygienic. In addition, mosquito pesticide is sprayed the whole market once a week. The market has a fire service group which undergoes firefighting drills regularly. Moreover, inspection tour is made around the market three times in daytime and one time at night.

Merchant U Tin Ohn, also the proprietor of a brokerage house of onion, garlic and potato, said that his house had been busy since the opening of the market. Daw Thein Nu said that she lived in Mandalay and sold fruit and vegetables and Shan traditional foods there. U Myint Aung who sells coconut and banana said that he traded mostly in Shwengi banana from Pinlau, Rakhine banana from Ngatezu Village and plantain banana from Kyaukse; and he was getting on with his business.

Previous to Aharathukha Market, for local growers, to transport their goods to and get goods from other regions was a big challenge, but now due to smooth transport, the commodity flow had become swift and they could supply fruit and vegetables to consumers daily.

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Instead of being complacent about present...

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With the aim of enhancing the national interest, the Article 35 of the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar clearly states that the economic system of the Union is market economy system. The Article 36 also states that the Union shall:

(a) make all economic forces, such as the State, regional organizations, cooperatives, joint-ventures, private individual, so forth, to take part in economic activities for the development of National economy;
(b) protect and prevent acts that injure public interests through monopolization or manipulation of prices by an individual or group with intent to endanger fair competition in economic activities;
(c) strive to improve the living standards of the people and development of investment;
(d) not nationalize economic enterprises;
(e) not demonetize the currency legally in circulation. These provisions were adopted for strengthening the State economy.

With regard to economic development of the State, the President in his address at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw said, “Ours is an agro-based country. Successive governments paid serious attention to agriculture, so the country has enjoyed surpluses of crops. However, agricultural development alone is not enough for the country to become a developed one. So, we must turn to national industrialization to transform country into a developed, rich one with a lot of employment opportunities and high per capita income. Therefore, our government will try our best for national industrialization while scaling up agricultural development. For emergence of the market economic system, necessary infrastructures, law and rules, procedures have been adopted.”

In reviewing the trade sector, Myanmar has achieved remarkable trade volume, which is about 20 times than that of 1988-89 when the market-oriented economic system commenced in the nation. The Myanmar economy was called the rice economy due to placing too much reliance on paddy only in the successive eras. At present, the nation can extend export promotion for beans and pulses, maize, sesame, rubber products and paddy in addition to new export items such as natural gas, ready-made clothes, marine products and jewellery year after year thanks to encouragement of the government and collaborative efforts of the private entrepreneurs.

To be able to see development of the economic sector in the long run, it is necessary to improve the industrial sector through progress of agricultural sector. Moreover, it is needed not only to extend the export of primary items but also to establish the export oriented industries. As the State has enacted the Special Economic Zone Law and solved problems for the foreign direct investment and small- and medium-scale industries, the private entrepreneurs are to try their best for trade promotion and increasing the value-added exports.

Moreover, it is necessary to start to establish firms for their stand because there may be tough competition in the ASEAN Free Trade Area that will be launched in 2015.

To ensure sustainable development of agricultural exports, measures have been taken for systematic domestic production and trade, and systematic drawing of the rules for brokerages with right commodities, right price and right trading in various regions for ensuring equal standardization across the nation and exchange of market price and information. At present, the people are enjoying the fruits of economic development to some extent due to formation of 29 brokerages in the entire nation under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and the leadership of the UMFCCI. Thus, the brokerages are to calculate production of commodities, consumption and surplus or deficiency and build the information network for market, price and commodity flow. In doing, it is necessary to create the network as a centre that can disseminate market price, information and new technology to the farmers and information on marketable crops.

Farmers’ requirements are met and agricultural production has been boosted to some extent due to the farm subsidiaries, seeds of high-yield strains of crops and fertilizers supplied by special companies formed with the public private partnership system since 2009.

The companies have to sustain such prudent programmes and remedy the weak points through heart-to-heart discussions among shareholders and to find out the difficulties farmers are facing. The federation will keep observing the functions of each company and render assistance for their development.

Instead of being complacent about present achievements, the companies should try to achieve the goal of bringing about a capital market. In that case, the federation should try to stay in touch with the developments in the national and international economy, do research, distribute facts about markets and commodity prices and information, disseminate business knowledge and conduct more seminars, talks and courses with national and foreign experts.
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Last year’s recruitment of 1439 new members brought the total membership to 21,162, and now the federation has become a strong one with 59 brother associations under it.

Moreover, ambassadors and charges de affaires of 20 foreign embassies and 2139 entrepreneurs of business organizations and enterprises visited the federation. It is heartening to note that it sent 453 entrepreneurs to attend seminars, courses and meetings in 15 foreign countries, sent 623 entrepreneurs to attend 23 international trade affairs in 10 foreign countries with the aim of boosting trade. And it is cooperating actively with regional organizations including ASEAN and has signed 75 MoUs with 20 foreign countries. The federation is believed to be able to boost trade with foreign organizations.

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Now, global climate change is worsening, which has adverse effects on agricultural productivity more or less. They should not harm domestic food security in trade inside and outside the country.

Development of the private sector is large part in building up a modern, developed nation with sustainable progress. So, the government will generate better opportunities, and in response, the federation and entrepreneurs should work in collaboration for economic growth of the nation.

In conclusion, the Vice-President called on the federation and congenial associations to preserve fine traditions and keep working hard to achieve the federation’s goals and future plans; to try their best to stand tall with dignity as traders and industrialists with high calibres in the ASEAN and international economic and trade field, and to compliance with the President’s economic guidelines in building a modern and developed nation such as for proper evolution of the market economy, transforming the nation into an industrialized one maintaining the development momentum in the agricultural sector, and bringing about more national entrepreneurs by creating opportunities for individual entrepreneurs and private enterprises in regions and states.

The Vice-President and guests observed the documentary photos on the federation’s activities implemented at home and abroad, and on works of brothers associations.

Rehabilitation undertaken in Giri-hit regions

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 May—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi discussed post-Giri rehabilitation, the remaining tasks and reducing loss due to natural disaster in meeting with Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin and State Ministers, at Sittway of Rakhine State on 29 April.

The Union Minister, the Chief Minister and the Ministers inspected relief supplies at the office of Head of Relief and Resettlement Department at Bumay ward. There, the Union Minister met staff under Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

After that, the Union Minister visited dispensary of social security board, labour exchange office of Labour Department and maintenance of fire engines and water tanks at State Fire Station and relief supplies warehouse at Pyidawtha ward.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister and party met village administrators and local residents from storm-hit villages at Natshin village, Paakraw Township and presented gifts to local people.

They also met local people at Laungdareik Village, Myebon Township and provided them with gifts.

In the evening, the Union Minister and the Chief Minister discussed rehabilitation tasks and preparedness against natural disasters, at Myebon Township General Administration Department. The Union Minister handed over presents to local people.—MNA

KNU mine injures villager

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 May—U Maung Naing, 38, who lives in Aukbote Village, Kawkareik Township of Kayin State, stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgents while wandering in search of bamboo shoots today about two miles west of the village. The mine blast cut his left ankle. Officials provided medical treatment to him at Kawkareik People’s Hospital.—MNA
From democracy transition to emergence...
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The proposal to establish “ASEAN Natural Disaster Risk Management Centre” is absolutely seconded as the regional and international cooperation plays an important role in implementing rescue and rehabilitation tasks promptly and effectively in a short period of time.

Strategic objectives and procedures of ASCC Blueprint will be continued to carry out for further achievement in Myanmar’s education and health sector. Distance College Education system started in 1981 to provide all students who completed high school to be able to pursue higher education. Languages of ASEAN-member countries and other nations are being taught at Universities of Foreign Languages and plans have been laid to conduct undergraduate course of ASEAN studies in universities.

As to the public health sector, the Ministry of Health is undertaking emergency health management projects and national-level contagious disease prevention projects. In addition, it is taking cooperative measures with internal and international organizations for reduction in the death rate of infants, promotion of the health care for pregnant women, combating of infectious diseases including HIV/AIDS and malaria and reduction in HIV/AIDS outbreaks that are included in the millennium development goals. Thus, Myanmar supports the proposal to mark the 10th anniversary of ASEAN declaration on HIV/AIDS at ASEAN Summit to be held in Indonesia.

Myanmar also favours the plans for promoting reintegration of the disabled into human society. The nation has about 1.3 million disabled people. The Social Welfare Department is taking measures for them to be able to take part in education, social and sport activities at township to national levels. Moreover, the work plan (2010-2012) for the disabled is being drawn.

Myanmar will remain as a good neighbourly nation as well as a member of ASEAN. From the democracy transition to the emergence of a modern, developed democratic nation, Myanmar is committed to working more steadfastly not only for ASEAN socio-cultural community but also for ASEAN creating the single community, said the Union Minister.

At the fifth ASEAN socio-cultural meeting, matters related to designation of 15 June as ASEAN DHF Day, issuance of declaration on sharing of cultural characteristics that contributes to establishment of the ASEAN community and stances on the map of millennium development goals in the ASEAN region were discussed. Next, the meeting approved the report of ASEAN socio-cultural community council to be submitted to the 18th ASEAN Summit and holding of a meeting by forming the group of ASEAN sports ministers.

The meeting was attended by ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials from ASEAN countries and the secretary-general of ASEAN.

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Dy Commerce Minister visits cargo checkpoints in Yepu, Muse

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan on 28 April looked into inspection of commodities at the export checkpoint, import checkpoint and small vehicle gate at Yepu Cargo Checkpoint in Hsenwi of Shan State (North).

At the 105th-Mile Trade Zone in Muse, he inspected loading and unloading process at the export checkpoint and import checkpoint and viewed construction of the office for Myanmar Cargo Inspection and Test.

At the of Border Trade guesthouse in Muse, he met merchants and responsible persons from brokerages and gave instructions.

MNA

Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair (Muse) concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—With a view to promoting bilateral trade and economic cooperation, seeking business opportunities and bolstering friendly relations between Myanmar and China, Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair (Muse) 2011 was held at 105th-Mile Border Trade Zone in Muse, Shan State (North) on 29 April.

The opening of the border trade fair was attended by Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, and Shan State ministers and departmental personnel, Vice Governor Mr Gu Zhaoxi of Yunnan Province and officials.

Beans and pulses, marine products, forest products, Myanmar furniture, finished woods, statues, paintings, mosaics, handicrafts are on display at 224 booths, of which PRC and Myanmar exhibiting 108 each, Thailand, Bangladesh, India and Laos eight each.

The border trade ended today.

MNA
**Nivea cream marks 100th birthday, wrinkle-free**

FRANKFURT, 1 May—With its distinctive smell, texture and iconic blue pot, Nivea cream turns 100 this year as a brand found in bathrooms in 200 countries that is nonetheless battling to keep up with copycat products.

In 1911, a German named Oscar Troplowitz, head of pharmaceutic firm Beiersdorf, pioneered the use of the oil-in-water emulsifier “Eucerit” that proved to be an instant hit because it did not go rancid like its competitors. He then added extract of orange, bergamot, lavender, rose, lilac and a touch of lily and christened his new invention “Nivea”, a name taken from the Latin word “nivesus” meaning snow-white.

The new cosmetic proved popular among the well-to-do but quickly took hold with the masses as well, to the point where today it is sold in more than 200 countries, with the most blue pots bought in the United Arab Emirates.

Last year, Beiersdorf sold 100 million pots.

“Everyone has a blue pot at home,” said Anne Zavan, marketing director at Beiersdorf in France.

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**China pays price for world’s rare earths addiction**

BAOTOU, 1 May—Peasant farmer Wang Tao used to grow corn, potatoes and wheat within a stone’s throw of a dumping ground for rare earths waste until toxic chemicals leaked into the water supply and poisoned his land.

Farmers living near the 10-square-kilometre rare earth mining dumping site say they have lost teeth and their hair has turned white while tests show the soil and water contain high levels of cancer-causing radioactive materials.

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**TEPCO to build makeshift bulwark around Fukushima nuclear plant**

BEIJING, 1 May—The Tokyo Electric Power Company is to build a makeshift bulwark around the stricken Fukushima nuclear plant, in case bigger aftershocks might further harm the already damaged structures.

TEPCO said a tsunami triggered by a strong earthquake in future may submerge Fukushima’s plants with 1 or 2 meters of water. The bulwark will be located at a place 10 meters above sea level between No3 and No4 nuclear reactors. The whole construction is set to be completed by mid-June.

TEPCO has also warned of the danger of hydrogen explosions inside the No1 reactor, citing unusual low pressure inside the reactor may be the culprit. But TEPCO is working toward a solution of the problem.—Xinhua

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**Premier Wen visits low-income housing construction sites in Beijing**

BEIJING, 1 May—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Sunday visited a low-income housing construction site in eastern Beijing, extending Labour Day holiday greetings to workers there and stressing the central government’s determination to stabilize prices of the real estate and to advance a healthy development of the sector.

“I chose this low-income housing construction site for a visit on Labour Day, which fell on Sunday, as the central government has attached great importance to construction of new low-income housing units,” said Premier Wen.

He reiterated the central government’s unswerving determination to work to ensure that the prices of the real estate remain largely stable and to strive to advance a healthy growth of the sector.

“We are determined to bring down the high flying housing prices in some cities and make sure that the prices of housing could return to a reasonable level,” said Wen.

“Our determination is unswerving that special care is given to the needy and low-income families and make sure they could afford housing,” said Premier Wen.

While visiting the Wangsiying low-income housing project in Beijing Chaoyang District, Premier Wen wore a hard hat and went inside a newly capped building designed for low-rent housing to check a two-room apartment there.—Xinhua

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**Infosys eyes buys in Europe, Japan, and healthcare sector**

BANGALORE, 1 May—Infosys Technologies Ltd, India’s No 2 software services exporter, is on the hunt for acquisitions in Europe and Japan and in industries including healthcare and public services, its chief executive said on Sunday.

Speaking to Reuters a day after the company announced changes in its top-level management, S Gopalakrishnan said Infosys was also seeking acquisitions in new areas like cloud computing.

“Our philosophy has always been that you plan organic growth,” said Gopalakrishnan, who is set to step down as chief executive and become co-chairman in August.

“You keep your eyes and ears open, you have a dedicated team looking at acquisitions,” he said.

Infosys would make an acquisition when it found a target that was at the right price with the right strategic fit, he said.

“We do not want to set a target for acquisition because we are not doing acquisition for growth. We are doing acquisitions for strategic fit and adding capability at this point of time,” he said at the company’s sprawling headquarters campus on the outskirts of Bangalore, India’s IT hub.—Internet

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**Dominican Republic, Haiti join force against cholera**

SANTO DOMINGO, 1 May—The Dominican Republic and Haiti have agreed to jointly fight the cholera epidemic, which has killed thousands of people in Haiti and spread to neighbouring Dominican Republic.

Among other agreements reached at a meeting of health officials from both countries here on Thursday, a permanent bilateral discussion mechanism will be set up to jointly monitor the situation of cholera, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and the dengue fever.

Bautista Rojas Gomez, health minister of the Dominican Republic, said the two sides also decided to articulate the important initiatives to be developed by non-governmental organizations.

Since its outbreak in mid-October, the cholera epidemic has killed some 5.000 people in Haiti, while leaving 12 dead and almost 1.000 infected in the Dominican Republic. Dominican authorities have stepped up border controls and health checks to stop the disease from spreading from Haiti.—Xinhua

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**The works of the Modulo Sperimentale Elettromeccanico (MOSE), a project intended to protect Venice from floods. Flood-prone Venice has launched an ambitious plan to build mobile barriers at the mouth of its lagoon to protect the city from rising sea levels.—INTERNET**
**Brasilia celebrates World Tai Chi Day**

Brasilia, 1 May—The World Tai Chi and Qigong Day was celebrated for the ninth time on Saturday in Brasilia, an event attended by about a hundred people, who practiced the 24 moves, the 19 form, the Tai Chi sword and the Tai Chi fan. About 70 counties and regions celebrated the date this year, which takes place on the last Saturday of April and is part of World Health Organization’s calendar as one of the “healthy events” linked to the World Health Day.

The Chinese Zhou Jiazheng, who has been living in Brazil for nine years and currently teaches mathematics at Brasilia University (UnB), was present at the event as a spectator and said he was thrilled to see Brazilians practicing Tai Chi. “I am very happy to see the Chinese culture spread in a foreign country. This shows the work that Master Woo has been doing for all these years here in Brasilia,” Zhou said.

Zhou referred to Chinese-born Moo Shong Woo, known to his pupils and admirers as Master Woo, who has introduced Tai Chi practice in Brasilia 37 years ago. He arrived in Brazil in 1961 and lives in the country’s capital since 1968. About 150 people of all ages attend daily Tai Chi classes given by him and his pupils, who became teachers themselves. Throughout these years classes are free and are held outdoors at the Square of Universal Harmony, which was declared an intangible cultural heritage of Brasilia in 2007.

**Nepal to organize global poetry competition**

KATHMANDU, 1 May—Global Federation of Nepali Literature is set to organize a worldwide open audio poetry competition in different phases. According to Sunday’s THT Online report, a meeting of the federation has set mid-May as the deadline for recording audio poetry in the first phase while the deadline for second and third phase will be up to 3 to 11 June, respectively.

The result of the competition will be announced on 13 July—the establishment day of the federation, informed federation’s general secretary Biswoodeep Chauhan. Participants of the competition could send their poetry to email address gfnl@ymail.com or skype address nepali литература. 

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Japan trims hair-cutting laws in quake zone

Japan has relaxed laws on haircutting to allow barbers and stylists in areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami to clip and style at evacuation shelters or makeshift shops, a report said.

The current law bans barbers and beauticians from cutting hair anywhere other than authorised shops, apart from for housebound customers or weddings.

The government has relaxed the regulations for a period of about two years starting this month, the Yomiuri Shimbun said.

Many hairdressers’ shops were damaged or destroyed in the 11 March quake and tsunami which wiped out whole towns along the northeast coast. The measure covers barbers and beauticians who cannot run their businesses as before or who are living in shelters due to the quake, the paper said. The paper said the law had been changed following requests from local people who were unable to travel to a proper barber shop or hairdressing salon.

Firefighter reassigned over calendar

Fire officials in Philadelphia said a firefighter was reassigned after “showing nipples” in a picture taken for a charity calendar. Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said Jack Slivinski, 31, has been removed from his position with Engine 1 and is being investigated for violating several protocols when he posed for photographer Katherine Kostreva’s charity calendar, the Philadelphia Daily News reported Thursday. “We get letters from children. They look up to us,” Ayers said. “We cannot allow them to be showing nipples in photographs of Philadelphia firefighters.” Bill Gault, president of Fire Fighters Local 22, said he wants Slivinski returned to his position.

Lohan wants to end necklace theft case

LOS ANGELES, 1 May—Lindsay Lohan wants to enter a no contest plea to end a criminal case filed over a $2,500 necklace reported stolen, a source close to the actress said Saturday.

The source, who is familiar with Lohan’s criminal case but was not authorized to comment publicly, said the actress wants to put the case behind her so she can focus on her career.

No court date has been set for Lohan to enter the plea.

She is scheduled to return to a Los Angeles court for a pretrial hearing Monday, the source said.

Lohan has been in court-ordered rehab roughly three weeks after Lohan, 24, was released from Kamofie & Co, a jewelry store in New York, where she is free on bail.

The charge was reduced last week to probation violation related to the theft case. She is facing any additional penalties.

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Lohan is expected to enter the plea with the help of Chef Sarah Hymanson for the exhibit at the Michael Mert Gallery in the East Village neighbour- hood, the New York Daily News reported. The “Human Che- ese” exhibit, which opened Thursday and closes Monday, invites visitors to sample the final product.

Major modern art pieces at New York auction 3 May

NEW YORK, 1 May—Master works by Monet, Picasso and Gauguin will be highlights of a spring auction of impressionist and modern art next week in New York.

“We are feeling confident and expect a very busy few days,” said Conor Jordan, head of auction house Christie’s Impressionist & Modern Art. The sales are expected to make in total some 160 million dollars.

Claude Monet’s 1891 oil painting masterpiece “Les Peupliers,” valued between 20 and 30 million dollars, is one of the main attractions at the Impressionist and Modern evening sale on 3 May.

The other star attractions will be the large Picasso “Femmes d’Alger,” also valued at 20 to 30 million dollars, and the “La fenetre ouverte” by Matisse, estimated at 8-12 million.

Slightly more accessible — at a few million dollars less — are De Chirico’s “Ettore e Andromaca” for five to seven million dollars, and Dali’s “Chevaliers en Parade,” expected to raise 1.2 to 1.8 million dollars.
LONDON, 1 May — Harry Redknapp has called for the introduction of goal-line technology following the controversy surrounding Chelsea’s opening goal in the 2-1 defeat of Tottenham. Spurs manager Redknapp was left frustrated when Frank Lampard’s shot was adjudged to have crossed the line after being spilled by keeper Heurelho Gomes.

Television replays showed the decision to award a goal was wrong and the manager now believes the case for change is clear, pointing out that Lampard was denied a clear goal in similar circumstances when playing for England against Germany in the 2010 World Cup finals. “The linesman’s made a call, an honest judgement,” Redknapp said. “He’s guessed. He’s had a guess. He’s on the 18-yard line when the ball’s on the goal-line. It’s impossible to judge. No one can be sure. He’s guessed wrong and he’s made a mistake.”

Suarez (right) scores his third goal for Liverpool in Sunday’s 3-0 win.

Spur’s Redknapp demands goal-line technology

LIVERPOOL, 1 May — Goals continue to flow at Anfield under Kenny Dalglish as Liverpool strengthened their claim for European football next season with a 3-0 victory over their last three home matches, moved into fifth

Barclays Premier League matches were sandwiched between another for Max Rodriguez, who hit a hat-trick in the 5-0 win over Birmingham City last week, and one for the impressive Luis Suarez. Only a goal for Andy Carroll against his former club would have capped off the performance. The £35m striker came on for the final 20 minutes but made little impact. He was never going to be a major player in this match having missed last week’s victory with a knee injury.

The man who was the main reason Newcastle’s record of just two wins at Anfield in their last 39 visits was not improved was Suarez.

Carroll’s fellow deadline-day signing has made a much greater impression and his inventiveness and workrate were a constant problem to the Magpies.

Liverpool 3 - 0 Newcastle

Arsenal 1 - 0 Man Utd

LONDON, 1 May — Arsenal beat a poor Manchester United to blow the title race open with the leaders now just three points ahead of Chelsea with three games left to play.

Referee Chris Foy failed to spot a clear handball from Nemanja Vidic in the first half, with Robin Van Persie poised to nod in Theo Walcott’s cross. Though United went close with a Wayne Rooney free-kick, Arsenal’s general dominance continued after the break. And they were rewarded in the 56th minute when Aaron Ramsey slotted home. If defending champions Chelsea beat United at Old Trafford next Sunday, they will move to the top of the Premier League.

Arsenal celebrates its victory over Man Utd with 1-0 results at home.

Birmingham 1 - 1 Wolverhampton

LONDON, 1 May — Wolves missed the opportunity to climb out of the bottom three after they were held to a draw by 10-man Birmingham.

Steven Fletcher put Wolves ahead with a penalty after Ben Foster fouled Stephen Ward early in the contest. Sebastian Larsson hit the crossbar and later struck the equaliser after a poor header from Michael Mandemen.

Craig Gardner picked up a second yellow before the break, but a scrappy and goalless second half left Wolves 19th in the table, one point from safety.

Barclays Premier League Table

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Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

Full Barclays Premier League Table

Kyle Busch denies Hamlin weekend sweep at Richmond

RICHMOND, 1 May — If there’s one thing Denny Hamlin could change, he maybe wouldn’t have been so forthcoming about Richmond International Racing in all those Joe Gibbs Racing team meetings. But holding out information about his home track would make Hamlin a bad teammate, so he shared everything he knew. Then Kyle Busch used those tips to beat his teammate Saturday night at Richmond, denying Hamlin a weekend sweep at his home track.

“I learned from Denny last fall, and I’m not going to say what I learned,” Busch said after stretching his final tank of gas 107 laps to pick up his second win of the Sprint Cup season. It was Busch’s third consecutive win in Richmond’s spring race. Hamlin has won the last two fall races, and

Kyle Busch (18) is side by side in turn two during the NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va, on Saturday.

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The last non-JGR driver to win at Richmond was Jimmie Johnson in September, 2008. So it was no surprise to see Busch and Hamlin finish first and second for a JGR sweep Saturday night. Hamlin just wished it had been him out front.

Nigel De Jong scores his first goal for City to give the hosts the lead.

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Verdasco thrives in battle of rain men

Estoril, 1 May — Second seed Fernando Verdasco defeated fellow marathon man Milos Raonic to reach the Estoril Open final on Saturday.

The 27th-ranked Canadian breakthrough player had lost the first set after 41 minutes—saving a set point—then walked to the umpire’s chair to shake hands and retire 4-6.

Spain’s Verdasco will face off against Argentina’s eighth seed Juan Martin del Potro, who beat good friend Potro, who once stood inside the top five before wrist surgery ended his season.—

Weather

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 30-4-2011 was 81°F. Minimum temperature on 1-5-2011 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-5-2011 was (38%). Rainfall on 1-5-2011 was (Tr).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 30-4-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 1-5-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-5-2011 was (32%). Rainfall on 1-5-2011 was (0.28) inch.

Forecast valid until evening of the 2nd May 2011: Rain or thunder showers will be scattered in Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kachin State, fairly widespread in Taninthay Region, Kachin, Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy fall in lower Sagaing and Magway Region. Day temperatures were (4°C) above May average temperatures in Mon State, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in lower Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Kachin State, (7°C) to (8°C) below May average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Magway Regions. Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, (10°C) below May average temperatures in Bago Region and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.55) inch,Pyayon (2.75) inches, Gwa (2.68) inches, Dawei (2.24) inches, Kanbula (2.16) inches and Hinthada (1.97) inches.

Bay Influence: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South and East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-5-2011: One or two rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-5-2011: Some rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (90%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-5-2011: One or two rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35 to 40) m.p.h.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thunder showers in Coastal Areas.

Power wins pole for IndyCar’s Sao Paulo 300

Sao Paulo, 1 May — WillPower of Australia improved to four for four in IndyCar poles this season after earning the 200th for Team Penske at the Sao Paulo 300 on Saturday. Power, winner of the inaugural Sao Paulo race last year, will start at the front in Sunday’s race after clocking 1 minute, 21.896 seconds in the 2.5-mile, 11-turn Autolatium temporary street circuit.“Very good day with qualifying,” Power said. “I think it’s important to start up front, there is less chance of getting taken out on the start and maybe the first couple of restarts.” — Internet

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NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attended 5th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meeting at Jakarta of Indonesia at 9 am on 29 April and discussed issues of environmental conservation (climate change, transboundary environmental pollution, environmental sustainable cities); education developmental and educational priority and modernization; health development and prevention against contagious diseases; encouraging participation of disabled persons in community and declaring statement on sharing cultural characteristics which will facilitate the establishment of ASEAN Community.

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Regarding national level disaster risk management and rehabilitation, rehabilitation and promotion of socio-economic status measures had been taken in the regions devastated by cyclone Nargis in 2008 and long-term projects for prevention against future risk is being carried out.

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