True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Polish counterpart

NAVPITAW, 2 May—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Bronislaw Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland which falls on 3 May 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates Prime Minister of Poland

NAVPITAW, 3 May—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Donald Tusk, Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland which falls on 3 May 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein receives Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of ROK and party

NAVPITAW, 2 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr Kim Sung-hwan and party of the Republic of Korea at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.
Also present at the call were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and departmental heads.
The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong.
At the call, they cordially discussed further strengthening of bilateral relations, more cooperation in technology, engineering and other advanced sectors and sports sector, promotion of economic cooperation through investment in energy, mineral and foodstuff sectors, deep sea ports and special economic zones.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein shakes hands with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr Kim Sung-hwan of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr Kim Sung-hwan and party of the Republic of Korea at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace.

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Premier League Players’ Kit Scheme re-opens

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A visitor takes photos of the financial skyline on the ‘OCBC Skyway’ linking the Supertrees, ranging from 25-50 metres in height and serving as vertical gardens in the nearly completed Gardens By The Bay just next to Singapore’s busy financial district.
Myanmar, ROK Foreign Affairs Minister meet

NAV PI TAW, 2 May—Coordination meeting on Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and the Korean delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea Mr Kim Sung-hwan took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here this morning. The two foreign ministers discussed matters relating to strengthening of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries, and exchanged views on regional and international issues.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Korean minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea Mr Kim Sung-hwan holding discussion.—MNA

Union Health Minister addresses 22nd AGM of MMCWA

NAV PI TAW, 2 May—The opening of the 22nd Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at MMCWA (Central) Hallin Dekkhin thi Township here this morning. The meeting was attended by Honorable Patrons Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Maung Kham, Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin, the MMCWA chairperson, the president of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation, CEC members, council members, directors-general and deputy directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, officials of UN agencies and related ministries, reps of social organizations, patrons, chairpersons and members of Region/State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees and guests.

Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin in his address recognized the contribution of above 13 million MMCWA members nationwide to building a modern, developed and democratic nation and to social development of the people.

He said the leaders of the country have instructed to focus on maternal and child care as mothers and children constitute 60 per cent of the whole population and mortality rates of mothers, infants, and one year old and five years old babies are fundamental indices. Active participation of MMCWA, departments, related social organizations and the entire people in education, economic and social activities could lead to achievement of Millennium Development Goals. Established with helpful and patriotic members, MMCWA could nurture reliable human resources as a result of its yearly plan, he said.

Participation of MMCWA members in rural health education activities and prevention, treatment and health improvement tasks side by side with related departments under the ministry and organizations concerned is its milestone, he said.

Encouraging results in reproductive health activities are outcomes of MMCWA members nationwide, he said. He said reports and research papers of the association were classifier year by year. He also urged MMCWA to keep in touch with the changing world and contribute to all-round development of rural people more and more.

The honourable patrons, the union minister and guests viewed documentary photos displayed in the hall by MMCWA.

Honorable Patrons Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Maung Kham, Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin view documentary photos displayed in the hall by MMCWA. —MNA

Basic tailoring course 11 May

YANGON, 2 May—The Women’s Life Uplifting Work Committee of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation will open the basic women’s wear course 2/2012 at Room 301 of Building 169 on Aung San Road in Ward 5 of Kanayut Township on 11 May.

A total of 20 trainees will be admitted for the course. The training course will be conducted from 10 am to 2 pm from Monday to Friday.

Applications for the course may be taken out from the training centre and the applications are to be sent there, not later than 10 May.

For further information, dial 379231.—Thaw Aung

Corrigendum

Please read “call for” in place of “demand for” in Line (12), Paragraph (4), Page (2) of the New Light of Myanmar dated 30 April 2012 under the title “Union FM attends 19th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting”. —NLM
Obama signs strategic pact with Afghanistan

Wednesday shortly after he arrived in the Afghan Capital Kabul for a surprise visit, local TV channels reported. According to local Tolo News, the agreement will grant stay for some US troops after 2014 when most of the foreign soldiers withdraw. Previously US officials have said as many as 20,000 US troops may remain in Afghanistan after the combat mission ends, but Afghan officials said it still has to be negotiated.

The surprise visit and the signing of the US-Afghan strategic partnership pact coincided with the first Afghanistan's Qaida leader Osama bin Laden by US special forces in Pakistan. The controversial agreement has been welcomed by local analysts as a security stabilizing factor in the militancy-ridden Afghanistan. Before the pact was finalized, the Afghan government had signed two key deals with the United States which obliges US military to hand over the charge of the Bagram detention centre to Afghan administration and allows Afghan security forces to lead special operations including the controversial night raids.

According to a fact sheet provided by the White House, the Strategic Partnership Agreement “provides for the possibility of US forces in Afghanistan after 2014, for the purposes of training Afghan Forces and targeting the remnants of al-Qaida.”

Israel, Palestinians exchange fire on Gaza border

Gaza, 2 May — The Israeli army and Palestinians exchanged fire along the Gaza border Tuesday in a series of clashes that wounded one person, the Israeli military and Palestinian security sources said. The Israeli military said its forces came under fire while “performing routine operational activities near the security fence in central Gaza.”

Two armoured vehicles were damaged. IAF (Israel Air Force) aircraft and Armoured Corps soldiers responded with fire towards suspicious locations.

Security sources and witnesses said Palestinians opened fire towards Israeli forces as they staged an incursion into Gaza and began clearing land along the border area in the early afternoon. The Israeli military maintains an exclusion zone inside the Gaza Strip along the border and regularly carries out military activity in the area. Palestinian medical sources said Israeli forces opened fire again later in the afternoon in the same area, leaving one Palestinian wounded. A Gaza militant group later reported the death of one of its members, but in circumstances unrelated to the border fighting.

Al-Nasser Salaheddin Brigades, the military wing of the hardline Popular Resistance Committees, said in a statement that “senior leader” Abdallah al-Taweel died on “a jihadi mission,” a phrase used to indicate a training accident or other mishap. On Tuesday evening, a rocket fired from Gaza landed in open ground in southern Israel’s Ashkelon coast district, a spokesman for the region’s council told AFP. There were no reports of casualties or property damage.

Airstrike on al-Qaeda vehicle kills three in Yemen

Sanaa, 2 May—A Yemeni military official said Wednesday an airstrike on a vehicle carrying al-Qaeda militants has killed three in south Yemen. The official said on Tuesday the airstrike near Zinjibar, the capital of Abyan Province, was one in a series of air raids on al-Qaeda hideouts in the southern province where the militant groups have found a safe haven. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters. For several weeks, government troops have been waging an offensive against the militants, who have taken advantage of political turmoil in Yemen to expand their presence in the south. Also Tuesday, al-Qaeda-linked militants attacked military vehicles carrying soldiers and a French oil expert. One soldier was killed, and the French expert was wounded.
Yellowstone supervolcano more active, less ‘super’

WASHINGTON, 2 May—Yellowstone’s supervolcano has erupted more frequently but with less violence than previously estimated, US researchers say. The biggest Yellowstone eruption, creating the 2.2-milion-year-old Huckleberry Ridge deposit, was actually two different eruptions, researchers reported on Monday.

Before the researchers determined the one eruption was in fact two, it had been estimated as the fourth largest known to science. “The Yellowstone supervolcano’s previous behavior is the best guide of what it will do in the future,” WSU researcher Ben Ellis said. “This research suggests explosive volcanism from Yellowstone is more frequent than previously thought.”

The scientists say the output of the first eruption was 644 cubic miles, roughly 12 percent less than previously thought, and then a second eruption of 85 cubic miles took place more than 6,000 years later.

By comparison, the 1980 eruption of Mount St Helens produced 0.26 of a cubic mile of ash.

That first Yellowstone eruption still deserves to be called “super,” the researchers emphasized, as it is one of the largest to ever occur on Earth and darkened the skies with ash from southern California to the Mississippi River.

The US Geological Survey says the term “supervolcano” implies a volcanic centre that has had an eruption of magnitude 8 on the Volcano Explosivity Index, meaning the measured deposits for that eruption is greater than 240 cubic miles.

Microsoft teams up with Barnes & Noble on e-books

WASHINGTON, 2 May—Microsoft teamed up Monday with US bookselling giant Barnes & Noble to buy a venture at grabbing a bigger share of the rapidly growing market for electronic books. The world’s biggest software group will make a $300 million investment in a new Barnes & Noble subsidiary focusing on the bookseller’s digital reading capabilities, including its Nook tablet, and its college businesses.

The move ends a long patent dispute between the two firms and brings them together to battle Amazon’s popular Kindle tablet and e-book reader, as well as the surging Apple iPad.

The Nook, which is the B&N competitor in the segment, will get an application for Microsoft’s Windows 8 operating system.

This “will extend the reach of Barnes & Noble’s digital bookstore by providing one of the world’s largest digital catalogues of e-books, magazines and newspapers to hundreds of millions of Windows customers in the US and internationally,” a joint statement said.

The investment will give Microsoft a 17.6 percent stake in the as-yet unnamed unit that “will accelerate the transitions to e-reading, which is revolutionizing the way people consume, create, share and enjoy digital content,” the statement said.

The alliance appeared to offer benefits for both firms. Microsoft gets an entry into the tablet computer segment dominated by Apple and devices powered by Google’s Android operating system, while B&N gets a much-needed cash injection.

“This is big news for both Microsoft and B&N,” said independent analyst Jeff Kagan.

“It not only gives the Nook a shot in the arm, but gives Microsoft new ground to expand their brand and market new services.”

Neil McDonald of the consultancy Gartner said that the primary motivation for Microsoft was to get the Nook to use the Windows operating system.

“This is really Microsoft playing catchup in the market for e-readers, he said, “but I don’t believe it fundamentally changes the e-book market.”

Barnes & Noble, which has been struggling with red ink from its brick-and-mortar stores, saw its shares skyrocket in opening trade as much as 85 percent, and in morning trade had gained 65 percent to $22.53. Microsoft shares gave back early gains and were down a marginal 0.05 percent at $31.96.

Analysts noted that the investment values the Nook unit at $1.7 billion, more than the current $800 million market capitalization of its Nook tablet, with the same $199 price tag as Amazon’s Kindle Fire.

By the announcement comes weeks after the US Justice Department sued Apple and five publishing firms alleging a conspiracy to raise prices and limit competition for e-books. The suit is expected to open up competition in the market.

More than $2 billion will be spent this year on e-books, according to Forrester analyst James McQuivey, and the figure is projected to top $10 billion dollars annually by 2016.

Slightly more than a fifth of US adults reported having used an e-book during the past year, their ranks swollen by the popularity of Kindles, Nooks, iPads and other gadgets during the year-end holiday gift-giving season, according to one survey.

Last year, Microsoft sued B&N and others, claiming the Android-based e-reader violated Microsoft patents. Barnes & Noble responded by alleging Microsoft was illegally trying to kill the Android system by asserting patent infringement.
Consumer protection improvement essential to support ASEAN single economy community: Indonesian official

JAKARTA, 2 May—Consumer protection is an essential measure that needs to be conducted in ASEAN countries regarding the implementation of ASEAN Single Economy Community by 2015, a statement released by the trade ministry said here on Wednesday.

“In single economy regime, markets in ASEAN territory will be more integrated. In bid to create high competitive region, we cannot neglect the consumers’ role,” Indonesian Trade Deputy Minister, Bayu Krisnamurthi, said in the statement.

The senior official’s comment was addressed to the conduct of ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP) ke-5 meeting held in Bali from Wednesday to Friday this week. Bayu said that Indonesia intends to take part in the region’s intensive efforts to improve consumer protection measures that would eventually create smart, critical and independent consumers.

On the other hand, the measures were also expected to encourage business to be more responsible in producing their goods sold in the market, he said.

“If the measures are well implemented, there will be higher quality of goods and services available in the market,” Bayu said.

The ACCP was initially conducted in 2007, divided in three working groups that comprised Working Group on Rapid Alert System and Information Exchange (WG RAPEx) led by Indonesia, Working Group on Cross Border Consumer Redress (WG CBCR) led by Malaysia and Working Group Training and Education (WG T&E) led by Vietnam. The latest working group has established cooperation with Australia, conducting several researches, is formed under ASEAN Australia Development Cooperation Programme (AADCP)—Xinhua.

Scientists find gene that inhibits pancreas cancer spread

PARIS, 2 May—Scientists have identified a gene that slows the spread of pancreatic cancer tumours, paving the way for targeted treatment of one of the deadliest forms of the disease, said a paper published Sunday.

After discovering the gene dubbed USP9X at work in a study of pancreatic cancer in mice, the international research team found it also played a role in humans.

“We looked in human tumour specimens and we found that it was missing in a fraction of patients—the patients that did very poorly ... the people who died the fastest,” researcher David Tuveson told AFP.

“Patients that had a low-level of the gene expression... they died very quickly after their operation and the patients who at the end of their life had lots of metastasis (spreading of the cancer), they had also a very low-level of this protein.”

The existence of the gene, which is found in all of our cells but goes missing in some tumours, was known before but not its role as a cancer suppressor, said Tuveson.

Three other pancreatic tumour suppressor genes are known to exist, but this is the one whose absence “probably causes metastasis—that is what kills people with pancreatic cancer,” said the scientist.

The discovery means that “we can wake up the gene by using drugs” known as epigenetic modulators, he added.

“Our observation allows us to potentially treat people who have lost this gene in the pancreas tumours. It allows us to offer a therapy for the patients that actually have the worst prognosis.”

Tuveson said these kinds of drugs have already been developed, “but people haven’t figured out where exactly they would be useful.”

“We are proposing that these drugs would be used, not only in this subset of pancreas cancer patients.”

Pancreatic cancer kills about 96 percent of its victims within five years of diagnosis, one of the lowest cancer survival rates.

Early diagnosis is difficult, so the disease is often discovered only after it has already spread.

Health Tip: Don’t forget aerobic exercise

There are plenty of easy ways to work aerobic exercise into your day without visiting the gym.

The American Diabetes Association mentions these suggestions:

* Get off the bus one stop earlier and walk the rest of the way to your destination.
* Wash your car, rake leaves or do some work in the garden.
* Engage in vigorous play with your kids.
* Walk around at a brisk pace while you’re on the phone.
* Park your car at the far end of the store parking lot.

Scientists find gene that inhibits pancreas cancer spread

To eat better, buy a fruit bowl

OLEAN, 2 May—People who want to eat healthier might do so well to use a fruit bowl, as it seems to promote consumption of some fresh fruits, US researchers suggest.

Gregory J Privitera and Heather E Creary, both of St. Bonaventure University, in Olean, tested a total of 96 college students by placing apple slices and carrot cuts in either clear or opaque bowls at a table close to the participants or at a table 2 metres away.

Participants watched as the food was taken out of its packaging and were told they were welcome to eat the snacks. After leaving the students alone with the food for 15 minutes, the researchers found when apples and carrots were left close to the participants, those healthy foods were more likely to be eaten. Interestingly, making the food more visible to participants by placing them in clear bowls increased the intake of the apples but not the carrots, the researchers said.

The researchers explained this might be due to the fact that fruit is sweeter and may induce more motivation to eat than bitter-tasting vegetables.

“Apples, but not carrots, have sugar, which is known to stimulate brain reward regions that induce a ‘wanting’ for foods that contain sugar,” the study authors wrote. “Hence, apple slices may be more visually appealing than carrots.” The findings were published in the Environment and Behaviour.—Internet

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Canada may find canola too much of a good thing

WINNIPEG, 2 May — Western Canada’s farmers might be getting too much of a good thing by planting canola more often than usual to satisfy voracious demand for the oilseeds, which is used in everything from vegetable oil and livestock meal. Canadian farmers are expected to plant a record 21.7 million hectares of canola for the sixth straight year, snatching acres from cereals and soybeans out of their usual rotations.

Canola planting too often allows disease-causing microorganisms to build immunity to resistant crop varieties, while also cutting production yields an average 7.3 percent by some estimates, leaving room for the second of consecutive plantings. “Nobody can argue that there is no risk,” said Mervyn Hartman, a former specialist for the Alberta government. “Farmers” seem to put more emphasis on disease and less on term and less emphasis long term.” Crop specialists urge farmers to plant canola no more than every four years, but many are more aggressive and some are even planting the oilseed in consecutive years.

Over time, lower yields would slow steadily rising production in the No. 1 grower in the world, reducing world vegetable oil market prices and heavily stressing oilseed products such as chips, petrochemical products and liquid crystal displays (LCDs) panels also declined over the same period. Demand for grains, petrochemicals and liquid crystal displays (LCDs) panels also declined over the same period.

Auto exports, however, expanded 13.6 percent on-year in April, shoring up the export- driven economy’s growth momentum, with shipments of ships and telecommunication devices. A fall in working days stemming from general election last month contributed to April’s weak exports, the ministry said. Exports of telecommunication devices sank 37.1 percent on-year in April, with overseas shipments of ships and petroleum products declining 23.4 percent.

High-end Chinese brands coming soon

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 2 May — Foreign luxury brands compete to carve out portions of China’s fast-growing market, experts are predicting that Chinese companies will soon develop luxury brands of their own. It is time for domestic enterprises to establish luxury brands, since China has already become the dominant driver of growth in the luxury sector, said Zhou Yaqing, director of the research center for luxury brand knowledge economy.

For the second of consecutive years, Chinese companies have announced plans to change their attitudes toward luxury and intend to develop high-end brands.

Ohio to return wild animals to widow

COLUMBUS, 2 May — Five wild animals will soon be returned to the widow of a man who released them into the Ohio countryside last year, state officials said on Monday, raising concerns of a repeat of the panic that gripped the state when dozens of beards including lions, tigers and bears roamed free.

Seven months after Terry Thompson released 56 exotic animals near Zanesville, Ohio, and then committed suicide, the Ohio legislature still is struggling to draft regulations on wild animal ownership. Ohio is one of only a handful of states with no restrictions on exotic animal ownership.

The state Agriculture Department said on Monday that it is legal to prevent the five remaining animals — a spotted leopard, a black leopard, two Celebes Macaque monkeys and a brown bear — from being given to Thompson’s widow. Mariam Thompson has said she will take them back to the farm and put them in the cages they had last October.

“This raises concerns, as she has indicated the cages have never been repaired and has repeatedly refused to allow animal welfare experts to evaluate if conditions are safe for the animals and sufficient to prevent them from escaping and endangering the community,” the Agriculture Department said.

The only hope of preventing the animals’ return to the Thompson family within 24 hours is for the county Humane Society to seek a court order to inspect the farm, the agency said.

“I’d love to take the law into my own hands, but I don’t have the authority,” Governor John Kasich said. The local Humane Society could not immediately reach comment, nor could Mariam Thompson or her attorney. Terry Thompson had been charged with animal cruelty last November 11 times in the seven years before he released the animals last October.

Lady Gaga teacup hits $50,000 and rising in Japan

One World Trade Center has become the tallest building in New York City on Monday, overtaking the height of the Empire State Building. The placement of a column of a hundred floor brought the colossal new steel structure of One World Trade Centre tower to a height of 1,271 feet — exceeding frame of the Empire State Building, which was New York’s tallest structure for 44.11 billion dollars.

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Asian tour.— Internet

US pop diva Lady Gaga drinks tea with tea cup with “Play for Japan” at a Press conference in Tokyo on 23 June, 2011. Fans have offered more than $50,000 by Tuesday, with five days left before the hammer falls.— Internet

A perforated from the group Legs On The Wall dances while suspended from cables in front of camera crews during a media call for their production “The Voyage”, in Sydney on 1 May, 2012. The Voyage will be performed in Birmingham’s Victoria Square, in the United Kingdom, as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.— Internet

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A toy bear hangs on the entrance to Terry Thompson’s property, where exotic animals were kept, in Zanesville, Ohio on 20 Oct, 2011.— Reuters
Nay Pyi Taw, 2 May—The 23rd day Pyithu Hluttaw session took place at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 343 MPs.

At the session, affirmation was taken, one bill ratified and parliamentary matters explained.

The name list of the 37 elected as Pyithu Hluttaw representatives in the 1st April by-elections was announced with Notification No. 17/2012 and No. 20/2012 of the Union Election Commission and 34 of those 37 attended the today’s session.

Under the Section 8 (b) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law, 34 Hluttaw representatives took affirmation in the presence of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

Foreign Currency Expenditure Bill, which was sent back to the Pyithu Hluttaw with the amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw Complex here today, was approved by a voice vote. At the session, Speaker clarified the bill.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives in the 1st Pyithu Hluttaw session took place at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Pyithu Hluttaw. The third regular session lasted for five days, and the final day of the third regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw concludes.

The Hluttaw Speaker then appreciated the cooperation of the all the MPs, committees and commissions including the Bill Committee.

The Hluttaw Speaker noted that he had to coordinate with ministries concerned, and related Union level organizations respecting the separate proposals of the MPs for the people their constituencies concerned in addition to questions and proposals of the MPs. Moreover, the Speaker had held discussions and made coordination with Hluttaw committees, legal affairs and special cases assessment commission and civic society.

In the third regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw, members of some Hluttaw committees and legal affairs and special cases assessment commission had also proposed to re-draw the seven laws and thus there had been 57 laws to be amended, cancelled and re-enacted. It would take time to discuss, amended and repeal all the laws. If the constitution was to be considered as a law, there had been 397 existing laws so far.

Engaged in legislation, Hluttaw committees, commissions and MPs who had to shoulder the responsibilities of the Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives were to coordinate with Union government and Union level organizations concerned to amend, cancel and re-draw the laws after assessing the existing laws enacted for said fields. In so doing, they were to act seriously analyzing whether a law could protect the interests of the nation and its people, whether it was in conformity with the constitution, international laws, dogmatism, conventions and treaties contracted by the country. They while checking whether the rules and regulations, order, instructions, notifications and procedure manuals concerned with the laws enacted by the Hluttaw were in line with original laws, were bound to make sure all the interests in the State and citizens abide by those laws.

Hluttaw representatives had responded well in unison and unity without party attachment, dogmatism, regionalism, racism, and sectarianism to the urges of the Speaker and thus parliamentary works could be done effectively and successfully. The Hluttaw had appreciated and recorded the actions of all the representatives who discuss and suggest for ratification of national planning and budget bills which were of crucial importance to interests of the nation and its people.

In conclusion, Hluttaw representatives, being the people’s representatives were to put public interests and national interests in the fore, learning and assessing the voices, wishes and aspirations of the people. In so doing, they had to abide by the existing laws including the constitution and cooperate in unity and union under the laws. While the Hluttaw was adjourned, MPs were to visit the people who in their respective constituencies to explain functions of the Hluttaw to them and to learn the difficulties and requirements of the people so as to fulfill their needs under the laws. In conclusion, Hluttaw representatives were to try hard to be several people’s representatives who could serve the interests of the nation and its people, urged the Speaker in seriousness.

The session came to an end at 10.35 am, marking the successful completion of the third regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw.

34 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives taking affirmation in the presence of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.—MNA

Myanmar, Thai discuss Myanmar labour issues in Thailand

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 May—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint held talks with Labour Minister of Thailand Mr Phademchai Sasomsob over issues of Myanmar workers in Thailand on 23 April, at the latter’s office in Bangkok.

At the office of the Thai Labour Minister in Bangkok, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint raised the concern of Myanmar authority to Thai Minister and requested to ensure the equal rights of Myanmar labourers at Patana seafood factory and to fulfill the promised rights according to the contact signed by Charge d’ Affaires ai of Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok U Myo Tint together with Myanmar Labour Attaché and authority concerned from Thai Labour Ministry made through discussions with Myanmar workers’ representatives on 21 April and a 17-point agreement was signed.

The Deputy Minister requested to follow up the implementation of the agreements and release of eight Myanmar workers detained in Phuket region. Thai labour minister also conveyed the message that there were misunderstandings due to miscommunication between the owner and labourer at the Patana Seafood factory and it occurred while he was on duty. However, the Minister instructed his ministry to do necessary and promised to protect and treat Myanmar workers equally.
**Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chairman of International Labour Organization (ILO) Governing Body and party**

**NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—** Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Chairman of International Labour Organization (ILO) Governing Body Mr Greg Vines and party at Naypyidaw, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, General Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Commander-in-Chief’s Office, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Judge Advocate-General Lt-Gen Yar Pyae.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) Governing Body Chairman and party were accompanied by Employers’ Group Vice-Chairman Mr Brent Wilton of ILO Governing Body, Secretary of Employers’ Group Mr Greg Vines and party at Naypyidaw, here, this afternoon.

The ceremony was undertaken by the Government and ILO Governing Body.

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**Union NPED Minister receives Assistant Secretary-General of UN for Peace Building Support**

**NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—** Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein received Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations for Peace Building Support Ms Judy Cheng Hopkins at his office here this morning.

During the meeting, they had a discussion on aids to be provided for basic needs of the people and job opportunities, and effective management of local and foreign aids for the people.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Kan Zaw and officials concerned and UN Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator Mr Ashok Nigam.

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**Union F&R Minister leaves for Manila to attend 45th annual meeting of Asian Development Bank**

**NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—** Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun together with Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein left here by air yesterday morning to attend the 45th annual meeting of Asian Development Bank to be held in Manila of the Philippines.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the managing directors and directors-general of departments and enterprises of the ministry.

**Union F&R Minister leaves for Manila to attend 45th annual meeting of Asian Development Bank.**

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**Kayin State Chief Minister opens Eng: proficiency course in Hpa-an**

**NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—** Opening of Summer English Proficiency Course -2012 was held at No 4 Basic Education High School, Kayin State on 25 April, with an opening address by Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min.

A total of 254 teachers and service personnel are attending the course for the course.

After the ceremony, the State Chief Minister U Zaw Min held a meeting with Ms Yumi Bae, Chief of Field Operations of UNICEF at the meeting hall of Kayin State government office over social issues in Kayin State.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister and Ms Yumi Bae went to Kayin State People’s Hospital and provided cash assistance to quadruplets.

The state chief minister also attended a ceremony to give loans to farmers as part of the rural area development and poverty alleviation plan at a monastery in Kawkyeik Village, Hpa-an Township.

During the ceremony, State Chief Minister U Zaw Min and Kayin state ministers and head of Kayin State Cooperative Department presented agricultural loans to farmers at K1 million for 10 acres at a rate amounting to K20 million.

They also visited a chicken farm near Taungthugon Village and inspected land reclamation by Kayin State Irrigation Department for rice-cum-fish farming.

**Kayin State Chief Minister opens Eng: proficiency course in Hpa-an.**

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**Bago Region Chief Minister attends Workers’ Day celebration**

**NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—** Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win attended a ceremony to mark the Workers’ Day for 2012 in Bago yesterday.

During the ceremony, he read out the message for the Workers’ Day sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.

The Region Chief Minister viewed the documentary photos on activities of factories in Bago displayed at the ceremony.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw, Bago region ministers, departmental officials and workers from factories in Bago.

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**8 THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Thursday, 3 May, 2012**
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Multi-ethnic group of acrobats who were born in China performed at the Ngu Seik Thaw Hall. They presented 10 programmes, including 15 acrobatic skills such as the high jump, balance, and tumbling. The audience waspresented bouquet of flowers by Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua. The show opened with the Chinese acrobatic dancers to make the concert livelier, he said. All in all, including concerts in such cultural exchange programmes could boost friendship between the two peoples, mutual understanding and bilateral engagement he said. He wished extension of such cultural exchange programmes and success of tonight show. He again thanked the Chinese acrobatic troupe.

Next, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua extended greetings. The Chinese acrobatic troupe entertained Yangonites for two nights on 29 and 30 April they will perform at Mandalay National Theatre on 4 and 5 May. The proceeds of the concert will go to charity for Myanmar Libraries Foundation. MNA

Work Committee for progress of border areas and national races holds coord meeting

NAI PYI TAW, 2 May—The work committee for progress of border areas and national races held its work coordination meeting No. 1/2012 today at Ministry of Border Affairs here today. Chairman of the committee Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanmar Industry Development Li-Gen Thein Htay, Secretary of the work committee Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and members of the work committee deputy ministers, state region security and border affairs ministers and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Li-Gen Thein Htay said 17 ethnic armed groups and 23 small groups had already returned to the legal fold since 1988 and the government had implemented yearly plans to assist in resettlement and livelihood of their families.

He called on work sub-committees for reviewing the tasks which were carried out in the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for coordinating the targeted plans to be implemented from the 2012-2013 fiscal year to the 2015-2016 fiscal year. From the 1989-1990 fiscal year to the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the ministry had spent K609,466,513 million on border areas development tasks in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

He stressed the need for extensive cooperation between the Union Government, state governments, international organizations, INGOs, local NGOs, people of national races for the development border areas.

Secretary of the work committee Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win said that the ministry would implement 29 projects for road facilities in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Regarding the situation in Kachin State, he said that Kachin State government has been working together with ministries concerned, Hluttaw representatives, NGOs, INGOs for resettlement and rehabilitation of Internally displaced people.

Participants of the meeting took part in the discussion and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Union Minister. MNA

Union Energy Minister receives General Director of Production Association BELORUSNEFT Company of Belarus

NAI PYI TAW, 2 May—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received General Director Mr A Lyakhov of Production Association BELORUSNEFT Company of Belarus at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed cooperation in oil and natural gas industry between Myanmar and Belarus, technological assistance of BELORUSNEFT to technicians of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and conducting of training courses.

The Union Minister also received Russian Ambassador Dr Mikhail M Mgeladze and General Director Mr Edward Kropp of JSC Dalmorenefgeofisica Company of Russia. The Russian company expressed their will that they would like to mutually cooperate with Myanmar in seismic exploration in offshore and onshore oil blocks. The Union Minister explained the rules and regulations for the oil industry and allowed the company to take part in the works in line with the prescribed procedure. MNA

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Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun inspected forests and poverty alleviation project as Paletwa township located in Paletwa and pledged that the union government would enjoy fruits of development, he said.

Besides, peace making process are being made in Chin State, he said.

The union government had been implementing tasks for development, poverty alleviation efforts stepped up in Paletwa Township.

The Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun views Basic Education High School in Paletwa Township.

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Nav Pyi Taw, 3 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 His Excellency Mr Radoslaw Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland which falls on 3 May 2012.

Nav Pyi Taw, 2 May—The 21st day third regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw was held at the Hall of Amyotha Hluttaw, Hluttaw Complex here at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 161 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives. At the meeting, four new Amyotha Hluttaw representatives took affirmation in accord with the Amyotha Hluttaw Law section (8), subsection (b) in the presence of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, and signed.

After that, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker wished the representatives reach their home without any difficulties, and may all representatives meet their wishes to the full. He also wished may all representatives attend fourth regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw which is scheduled to be held in coming July.

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The meeting came to an end at 10.15 am.

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Making a speech on the occasion, the Deputy Auditor-General urged the trainees to improve their English skills better than ever. This course aimed enabling the trainees to gain knowledge from the world as a result of learning English and to turn out many outstanding staff who are reliable for the department.

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**DISTRICT NEWS**

**TOUNGOO, 2 May**—Toungoo Township Writers and Journalists Association held the meeting at the hall of Township Information and Public Relations Department in Toungoo on 28 April.

**Meeting Chairman** U Aye Shwe (Aye Shwe-Ketumati), U Mya Thein (Toungoo-Aung Htoo), U San Hla (San-Ketumati), U Pwint Thu Aung (Tikkatho Pwint Thu Aung) and U Soe Myint (Lwan Thiha Ko Ko) formally opened the new meeting. Secretary of the association U Mya Thein submitted the report of the township executive committee, and treasurer U Yu Lwin (Maung Kyay Sitha) delivered speeches.

Some plans will be extended, including the construction of playgrounds. At present, upgrading tasks are being carried out at five parks and 22 playgrounds,” said the deputy head of Parks and Playgrounds Department of YCDC at an interview. The department calculates cost for the upgrading of the parks and playgrounds at present. It was reported that plans are underway to ensure tranquility and security for relaxation of the people at the parks and playgrounds. “The parks are Maha Bandoola Park on 7.43 acres of land, Kandaw Mingala Park on 22.02 acres of land, People’s Square and People’s Park on 135 acres, Kanbaya Kokkine Park on 2.13 acres of land and Shakhintha Park on 19.39 acres of land. All parks will be upgraded this fiscal year. With regard to playgrounds, priority will be given to upgrading the facilities in the busy places,” he continued. There are 58 parks and 85 small and large playgrounds in the municipal area of Yangon City Development Committee. In the previous years, upgrading works have been undertaken in the parks and playgrounds of the YCDC.

**ISSUANCE OF CSC INSPECTED:** Nyawnglebin Township Immigration and National Registration Department implemented Moe Pwint-2 Plan at Myoma Ward 1 Administrative Office in Nyawnglebin Township of Bago Region. On 20 April, Staff Officer U Myo Lwin of the Township INRD and staff carrying out issuance of the citizenship scrutiny cards under supervision of Bago Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Paing and officials.—TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

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**Plan to extend meteorological stations in five places**

**MANDALAY, 2 May**—A plan is underway to extend construction of meteorological stations for performing surveillance of climate change in Myanmar and for issuing weather forecasts to the people in time.

**Future Youth Library put into service in Ahmar**

**Ahmar, 2 May**—A ceremony to open new building of Future Youth Library was held in conjunction with the cash and book donation ceremony in front of the library in Aukseikwin Village of Ahmar Sub-Township in Pyapon Township of Ayeayawady Region on 9 April morning. Administrator of Ahmar Sub-Township U Aung Win, Deputy Head of Sub-Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Nay Lay Lyan and Village-tract administrator U Kyar Sein formally opened the building of the library.

Later, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and well wisher local people donated books and cash to the fund of the library. Myanma Alin

**Hopin Sub-Township gets new gravel road**

**HOPIN, 2 May**—The gravel road, 1120 feet long and 12 feet wide, was inaugurated in Myayaze Ward of Hopin Sub-Township in Monthin District of Kachin State on 6 April morning. The road was built at a cost of K 7183900 by Township Development Affairs Committee in 2011-2012 fiscal year. Officials explained matters related to the road. Kachin State Hluttaw representative U Nyi Lay, Sub-Township Administrator U Khang Taw, in-charge of the Sub-Township Development Affairs Committee U Soe Than, IP Yan Naing Win of Sub-Township Police Station and Myayaze Ward administrator U Nyunt Win formally opened the new road.—Myanma Alin

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**Plans underway to upgrade parks, playgrounds in Yangon**

**YANGON, 2 May**—Parks and Playgrounds Department of Yangon City Development Committee has planned to upgrade parks and playgrounds this fiscal year.

“The task will be undertaken to upgrade present status of the parks and playgrounds for betterment. Mainly, plans have been adopted to enable the people to take relaxation at the parks and playgrounds. At present, upgrading tasks are being carried out at five parks and 22 playgrounds,” said the deputy head of Parks and Playgrounds Department of YCDC at an interview. The department calculates cost for the upgrading the parks and playgrounds at present. It was reported that plans are underway to ensure tranquility and security for relaxation of the people at the parks and playgrounds. “The parks are Maha Bandoola Park on 7.43 acres of land, Kandaw Mingala Park on 22.02 acres of land, People’s Square and People’s Park on 135 acres, Kanbaya Kokkine Park on 2.13 acres of land and Shakhintha Park on 19.39 acres of land. All parks will be upgraded this fiscal year. With regard to playgrounds, priority will be given to upgrading the facilities in the busy places,” he continued. There are 58 parks and 85 small and large playgrounds in the municipal area of Yangon City Development Committee. In the previous years, upgrading works have been undertaken in the parks and playgrounds of the YCDC.

**Khin Lay Myint Aung**
Mexico shaken by several quakes

MEXICO CITY, 2 May — Several earthquakes rattled Mexico on Tuesday, but there were no reports of injuries or damage as the country celebrated a national holiday.

The first quake shook near the northwest, off the coast of Baja California, just before 9 am local time and there were no reports of damage there.

That quake registered 5.0 magnitude at a depth of 6 miles, the US Geological Survey said. The second tremor, in the central state of Michoacán, struck before noon and shook Mexico City, although the epicenter was more than 100 miles away.

Traffic and street life in the capital continued as normal just minutes after the tremor, witnesses said. “I’ve lived through plenty of earthquakes. But I didn’t feel that one,” said Elias Munoz, 70, who runs a kiosk in Mexico City’s central Roma neighborhood.

The USGS said the quake hit Michoacan had a magnitude of 5.7 and was recorded at a depth of 50 miles.

The magnitude was revised from 5.5. The epicentre was 128 miles southwest of the Mexican Capital. Fausto Vallejo, governor of Michoacan, said on his Twitter account there were no reports of damage in the state.

Mexico City Mayor Marcelo Ebrard tweeted there were no reports of damage there.

The third quake, a magnitude 6.3, struck off the coast of southwest Mexico near the Guatemalan border, the USGS said.

Oscars’ home renamed Dolby Theatre

LOS ANGELES, 2 May — The home of the Academy Awards, former Kodak Theatre, is being renamed Dolby Theatre as the theater owner CIM Group announced on Tuesday a 20-year naming agreement with Dolby Laboratories. The theater’s operators said in a statement on its website that the Dolby Theatre would “serve as a showcase for the latest innovations from the leader in entertainment technology.”

It said that Dolby would start its enhancement of the 180,000-square-foot, 3,400-seat theatre first by installing Dolby Atmos, a breakthrough audio technology that delivers the most natural, life-like sensory experience. The company would also continue to update the theatre with newer technologies as it arrives.

“These improvements will make the Dolby Theatre a top venue for the world’s biggest movie premieres and launch events for years to come,” the statement said.

On the same day, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences CIM announced a new agreement to extend the lease to keep the awards presentation for 20 more years. Kodak signed a 20-year contract in 2000 for naming rights of the Hollywood landmark theatre. However, the deal was terminated as the century-old photography giant filed bankruptcy earlier this year.

Under the new contract, the Dolby Theatre will host the Academy Awards through 2023.

Dolby Laboratories was founded by American Ray Dolby in London in 1965 and then moved back to the United States in 1975. Since the 1960s, Dolby Laboratories has been a leader in audio innovation. Beginning with Dolby noise reduction, a form of audio compression and expansion that reduces background hiss and detail, Dolby Laboratories has developed many groundbreaking technologies, advancing the science of sound reproduction, including Dolby Digital 5.1 audio, Dolby Surround, Dolby 3D Digital Cinema and others.— Xinhua

Over 25% of Japanese in twenties mull suicide

TOKYO, 2 May — More than a quarter of Japanese in their twenties have thought about taking their own life, according to a survey released on Wednesday, in a nation without the world’s highest suicide rates.

The survey found that 28.4% of respondents in their twenties had contemplated suicide, the highest of any age group, while 36.2 percent of that group had considered taking their own life in the past year, according to the report.

“Data show that the younger people hesitate to talk to others, or cannot find anyone to talk to when they have a problem because of shallow relationships with others,” said the survey conducted by Japan’s Cabinet Office. “They tend to suffer alone,” it added overall, 23.4 percent of the more than 2,000 adult respondents said they had thought of committing suicide, up 4.3 percentage points from the previous and first such survey conducted in 2008. The ratio stood at 27.1 percent for women and 19.1 percent for men. With a population of about 128 million, has one of the world’s highest suicide rates, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. More than 30,000 people take their lives annually in Japan amid rising unemployment, with family troubles and health problems also cited as key factors behind many of those suicides.

Grandparents charged with towing kid behind SUV

KUALALUMPUR MALAYSIA, 2 May — Two Florida grandparents have been arrested after police say they hooked their grandson’s plastic toy car to their SUV and gave her a ride. A Sarasota County deputy said he spotted the 7-year-old wearing a bathing suit and no helmet as she was towed behind the SUV Sunday. Her toy car was tied to a trailer hitch with dog leashes.

She was not harmed.

The Sarasota Herald-Tribune reports the vehicle was travelling less than 10 mph. Paul Berloni was charged with driving under the influence, child endangerment and driving with a suspended license. Berlinda Berloni faces a child endangerment charge. Both admitted they had been drinking.— Internet

Claims Day Notice

MV ASIAN LEADER VOY NO (015)

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

MV CLIPPER MEADOW VOY NO (-)

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

MV DELIGHT VOY NO (157)

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

MV KOTKA TEGAP VOY NO (07A)

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

MV CLIPPER MEADOW VOY NO (-)

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Teacher suspended for student test bets

Officials at a Swedish school said a teacher was suspended and faces dismissal after making a cash wager with students about whether they would pass his exam. Vaxjo municipality education officials said the teacher, whose name was not released, told his students he would pay them each $14.85 if they passed the exam, but they would each have to pay him $29.75 if they failed. The loca[...]

Prosecutor investigated for pot growing

A California deputy district attorney is being investigated after authorities discovered about 150 marijuana plants growing at his home. Mendocino County Sheriff's Capt Kurt Smallcomb said a search warrant was served at the Ukiah-area home of District Attorney Sergio Fuentes shares with his mother, and deputies discovered about 150 marijuana plants growing inside the house, The Press Democrat of Santa Rosa reported.

District Attorney’s Office spokesman Mike Geniella said Fuentes has been placed on paid administrative leave while the investigation is ongoing. No arrests have yet been made in the case.

Legend replaces Richie on ‘Duets’

Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter John Legend has joined the cast of the US singing competition series “Duets,” ABC said Monday. Legend and fellow recording stars Kelly Clarkson, Jennifer Nettles and Robin Thicke will individually search the country for two singers each thinks is worthy of being their duet partners. The winning duet partner will be awarded a recording contract with Hollywood Records.

Chris Evans picky about dating

Actor Chris Evans, who has dated actresses Jessica Biel Amy Smart, says he has a strange choice when it comes to girls. "I like strange things. I wish you (almost) whatever I'd like on TV again. So thanks, E!

Thieves: Sheep are in ‘protective custody’

The culprits behind the theft of 31 sheep slated to be culled in Canada due to suspected illness said the animals are in “protective custody.” The sheep, belonging to Montana Jones of Whoolehr Farm Studio in Trent Hills, Ontario, were quarantined by Canadian Food Inspection Agency officials in January 2010 after a sheep sold to another ranch in 2007 was found to have died of the neurological disease scrapie, the Globe and Mail reported on Monday. Jones attempted to fight in court to have the quarantine lifted and prevent officials from having the animals culled, but the agency announced plans on 2 April to begin the 31 remaining sheep in the flock destroyed.

However, the sheep disappeared from the ranch that month, with a group calling itself the Farmers Peace Corps taking responsibility in a note. “We have taken the animals into protective custody until an alternative to killing has been found, or conclusive independent proof or clear evidence of disease has been proven. This has been done without the knowledge or participation of the owner,” the note read. Police said they are searching for the thieves and the flock.
Premier League Players’ Kit Scheme re-opens

LONDON, 2 May — The Premier League Players’ Kit Scheme has re-opened, with schools and clubs encouraged to apply for kits for the new football season. So far more than 700 teams have been selected by the Premier League Charitable Fund to receive the kits, which is a full set of strips and training gear. The teams successfully applied for the Scheme at premiershiplive.com during the first two application periods this season. A third and final application phase is now open and the Premier League is urging local clubs to get involved so that they can have brand new kits for the next football season.

Every defender Leighton Baines helped launch the latest application phase when he visited his old primary school in Kirkby, Merseyside to hand over the free football kit and training equipment in person. Baines surprised pupils by turning up to a special training session, which was being delivered by coaches from the club’s charitable trust, Everton in the Community, and offered the youngsters tips and advice about the game before taking part in a question and answer session. Speaking about the donation, Baines said: “It was great to come back and meet the kids and see some of my former teachers and it feels great to help the school out with the kit. “I’ve got a cousin who works at the school who said they needed it. I’m not sure if they were still using the same kit from the time I was here but by the sounds of it they might have been. The kids seem really happy and I’m sure it will go to good use over the coming years.” One of the 700 teams to benefit from the Premier League Players’ Kit Scheme was Bolton Woods Junior Football Club in Bradford, and General Manager Tony Miller explained how significant this would be: “Bolton Woods focusses on socially and economically deprived areas of the city,” said Miller. “We aim to help young people overcome feelings of isolation and to break down territorialism in a relaxed and non-competitive atmosphere through sport.”

Mancini: Title race is not over yet

Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini.

MANCHESTER, 2 May — Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini says the Barclays Premier League title race is far from over despite their 1-0 victory over Manchester United on Sunday. City’s slender win sent them top of the table on goal difference from United, who have a match left in the 2011/12 season. If City win at Newcastle United on Sunday and then at home to Queens Park Rangers the week after, it should be enough for them to lift the Premier League trophy for the first time.

But Mancini is refusing to get carried away, and the Italian still believes United — who have matches against Swansea and Sunderland left to play — are favourites. “We have the title in our hands, but Manchester United are still the favourites,” said Mancini after his side completed a League double over their neighbours. “It’s a great victory and we are top again, but United have two easy games left because Swansea and Sunderland have nothing to play for and we have two difficult ones.”

“It’s far from finished. If we think it is finished we are making a big mistake. I am happy we are top, but it doesn’t change anything. Football is crazy. “Tonight, we wanted to win and they wanted a draw. They had all their players behind the ball. That is the difference. We wanted to win, we played better and we took our chance,” Captain Kompany, who headed home at the end of the first half, told City all three crucial points, agreed with his manager that the team’s lastest win now lies in the next two matches.

Defending champion Davydenko upsets in Munich

Sixth-seeded Mikhail Youzhny of Russia, the 2010 champion, edged out Philipp Petzschner of Germany 7-5, 5-7, 6-4, and eighth-seeded Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus ousted Tobias Kamke of Germany 7-5, 7-6 (5). The 64-year-old’s elevation to the semi-finals was Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ernest Gulbis, Dustin Brown, Matthias Bachinger, Potito Starace, Tommy Haas and Martin Kotsis as a semifinalist. Also advancing were Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ernest Gulbis, Dustin Brown, Matthias Bachinger, Potito Starace, Tommy Haas and Martin Kotsis.

Defending champion Nikolay Davydenko of Russia.

West Bromwich Albion manager Roy Hodgson speaks to the media after he is named as England’s next football manager at a Press conference in Wembley Stadium, London. — Internet

Hodgson vows to win over Euro sceptics

LONDON, 2 May — Roy Hodgson insists he can win over the sceptics following his surprising appointment to the England manager’s job ahead of Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp. Hodgson was unveiled as England manager by the Football Association on Tuesday after emerging as the shock choice to succeed Fabio Capello following the Italian’s resignation in February. The 64-year-old’s elevation to the poisoned chalice of English football came amid a lingering sense of incredulity that the FA had not sounded out Redknapp as a possible candidate for the role.

However Hodgson, whose long career includes a semifinalist run at the World Cup, is confident that his experience of elite management will equip him for the task of convincing his detractors. The most important audience will be England’s senior squad, several of whom such as Wayne Rooney, Rio Ferdinand and Jack Wilshere are expected to issue public calls for Redknapp to be appointed back in February.

“Every coach has got to win over players,” Hodgson acknowledged. “It won’t be the first time I’ve stepped into a job where I’m meeting a group of players, many of whom I don’t know, and my job is to win them over. “I’d like to think that given my CV, given the work I’ve done over the years I’ve succeeded fairly well with that. “Every coach’s job when he enters a new job is to win the players over and make sure he gets the players united behind our cause.”

Man United captain Vincent Kompany heads in their winner against Manchester United.

Internet

Fulham defeat won’t affect FA Cup confidence: Dalglish

Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish insists his team will still enter the Saturday’s FA Cup Final with Chelsea in confident mood despite a disappointing 1-0 home loss to Fulham in their last game before the Wembley showpiece. An early own goal from Martin Skrtel condemned Liverpool to another home loss in a season which has seen them set records for futility in terms of their league form at Anfield. With Dalglish opting to rest Pepe Reina, Daniel Agger, Luis Suarez and Steven Gerrard with Chelsea in mind, it was hardly ideal preparation for Liverpool’s second domestic cup final of the season.

But the Scotsman insisted that the defeat would have no bearing on the outcome on Saturday as his team attempts to add the FA Cup to the League Cup they won earlier this year. “If we had won this game 4-0 it wouldn’t have made any difference for Saturday,” said Dalglish. “It won’t affect the Cup Final but it is disappointing and doesn’t mean to say it makes it right. “The attitude and desire was not there. We have to move on and get back to winning ways. We have to move on and get back to winning ways. We have to move on and get back to winning ways.”

Anthony Kim on the track to nowhere

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CHARLOTTE, 2 May — The practice range at Quail Hollow was filled with PGA Tour players Tuesday afternoon, making it too busy for Anthony Kim. He took his game — or what’s left of it — behind a row of trees near the short-game area where no one could watch. He found a patch of grass where he could fire shots through a wide gap in the trees, and Kim stayed there for nearly two hours under a hot sun. Kim didn’t want anyone to watch. And he didn’t want their whispers that have followed him for the last four months. What’s wrong with this guy? He attributes it to niggling injuries — the left thumb that was operated on in 2010 and cost him a spot on the Ryder Cup team, right elbow, right wrist. There is no structural damage and nothing to keep him from playing, though he is losing practice time. And it shows. Kim has completed only two of the nine tournaments he has played. He has missed the cut four times. He was disqualified after opening with a 78 at Riviera.

He withdrew from the last two tournaments he played, after a 79 in the first round at Houston and midway through the opening round in San Antonio after he hit a 5-iron out of bush without realizing there was a rock next to his ball. Kim said the ball went 200 yards and the rock went 15 yards. Kim said his caddie cleaned out his locker at the Texas Open when he pulled out.

Liverpool’s English midfielder Stewart Downing (R) heads the ball during the English Premier League football match between Liverpool and Fulham at Anfield in Liverpool. — Internet

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U Hla Win
Aged (64) Years
Son of U Tin Hoke Hwet and Daw Lin Shwe Tin, beloved husband of Mrs. Huan Su Lei and Daw Nhin Wint Kyaw, residing at level (5), No. (57), 3rd Street, Lammadaw Township, Yangon, brother of Mr. Cheng Shing Chi (Sr. Consultant of MOB) + Mrs. Liu Zui Chui, U Tun Win, Daw Kyi Kyi Than(M.D of MOB)+ U Myint Thein (MD of Oriental Leasing Co.), and U Win Myint+ Daw Li Lei Khanging, father of Ma Yeon Hla Thin Kyaw, Ma Swa Hla Theingi Kyaw and Maung Pyi MinArt passed away peacefully on (2-5-12) Wednesday at (1:00)am and funeral service will take place at Yay Way Cemetery on (6-5-12) Sunday at (11:00)am. Transport will leave the residence at (9:30)am. Bereaved Family

Syria accused of war crimes, rebels kill 15
BEIRUT, 2 May—Syrian rebels killed 15 members of the security forces in an ambush on Wednesday, a monitoring group said, and a human rights organization accused Damascus of war crimes in last month’s “run-up” to a UN-brokered truce.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which has been tracking the 14-month-old uprising against President Bashar al-Assad, said two rebel militiamen also died in clashes that followed the ambush in the northern province of Aleppo. State media carried no news of the attack, the latest in a series of heavy losses inflicted on pro-Assad forces in some of the disparate

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The facility is 530 feet long. It was built at a cost of K 7.7 million by the local people.
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Pe Thet Khin, Chairman of the Environment Conservation Affairs Committee, U Htay Oo, General Ha Hay Win from Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Office, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Aye, deputy ministers, departmental heads of the ministries, personnel, acrobatic fanatics, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Anshus, and staff of the embassy. Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Democratic Affairs and Human Rights

**Nay Pyi Taw, 2 May—**Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham enjoys entertainment show of the Chinese acrobatic troupe at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall open air theatre this evening.

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Chinese acrobatic troupe at the entertainment show of the 13th Waxing of Kason 1374 ME.

Win Sein hailing 66th Anniversary Fire Services Department Ye Thurein Aung members led by Head of State Fire Brigade Day.

**Sanitation tasks, blood donation hail Fire Brigade Day**

Nav Pyi Taw, 2 May—...Fifteen fire brigade members, hailing Fire Brigade Day, donated blood at Blood Bank of General Hospital in Mawlamyine. The state minister, Medical Superintendent Dr Wai Wai Oo and in-charge of the blood bank Dr Than Htaik encouraged them.

**Myanmar Traditional Chess Championship kicks off**

Yangon, 2 May—The Myanmar Traditional Chess Championship, jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Chess Federation, was kicked off at Aung San Gymnasium, here, at 1 pm today. President of Myanmar Chess Federation U Maung Lwin extended greetings. Vice-President of the federation U Win Aung explained matters related to the championship.

**Hlawga Park to receive visitors on Kason Fullmoon Day**

Nav Pyi Taw, 2 May—Hlawga Park will be kept open extensively from 8 am to 6 pm on 5 May (Fullmoon Day of Kason) for public relaxation.

**Levante striker Arouna Kone 'scoring too many goals'**

Madrid, 2 May—Levante's Ivorian striker Arouna Kone faces a bizarre problem: he risks scoring too many goals. Kone has already put the ball into the net 17 times this season for the Spanish club in all competitions. But if he scores an 18th, his highly successful period with Levante would come to an abrupt end.

**Stoke’s Jermaine Pennant arrested over assault**

London, 2 May—Stoke City soccer player Jermaine Pennant has been arrested after a woman was assaulted in a nightclub in Manchester, police sources said on Wednesday.

The former Real Zaragoza and Liverpool player was also charged with drink driving, driving whilst disqualified and driving with no insurance, police said.

Pennant, 29, once tipped as one of England’s brightest footballing talents, was arrested early on Sunday morning following a crash between a white BMW and a silver Audi that occurred around two hours after the nightclub attack.

While in custody for the driving offences Pennant was also arrested over the assault, the sources added.

Greater Manchester Police said they had arrested and bailed a 29-year-old man on suspicion of “section 47 assault”, an offence involving actual bodily harm.

Pennant, a former England under-21 player who has also appeared for Arsenal, Birmingham City and Leeds United, is due to appear before magistrates over the driving offences on 9 May. —Reuters