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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Secretary-General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by Secretary-General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Mr Hon. Antonio Veloso Cuenco and party, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 10 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Committees and officials from Hluttaw office.

At the meeting, two sides had a cordial discussion on implementation of ASEAN community in 2014 at a time when Myanmar takes ASEAN Chairmanship, promoting the role of AIPA and seeking ways for further development of AIPA in the future.

After the call, the Speaker and Secretary-General Mr Hon. Antonio Veloso Cuenco posed for documentary photos together with the members.—MNA

Roberto Mancini says Newcastle game tougher than facing Man Utd

LONDON, 4 May—Manchester City’s visit to in-form Newcastle United on Sunday (12:30 GMT) will be more difficult than last Monday’s match against title rivals Manchester United, according to manager Roberto Mancini.

The Italian said fifth-placed Newcastle would approach the game against Premier League leaders City in an extremely confident mood after their 2-0 victory at Champions League finalists Chelsea on Wednesday.

“Newcastle played a fantastic game at Chelsea and I think this game will be more difficult for us,” Mancini told reporters on Friday.

“The Manchester United game was at home and we played very well to win 1-0 but Newcastle is away and I think it will be harder.”

The two Manchester clubs are locked together on 83 points with two games left to play this season, with City top on goal difference.

Mancini said City would keep a particularly close eye on red-hot Senegal striker Papiss Cisse on Sunday. “Cisse is incredible,” said the Italian. “He scored two fantastic goals against Chelsea. “He has 13 goals in 12 league games for Newcastle and he’s a good player. But not just him, their whole team is playing very well.

“They play to win in every game, they have a good mentality and for this reason I think it will be a good game on Sunday.”

Manchester United entertain Swansea City at 15:00 GMT and Mancini dismissed the suggestion that Manchester City would be under more pressure because they play first on Sunday.

“Our players know they have everything in their own hands,” he said.—Reuters

Preparations for achievement in tennis discussed

YANGON, 4 May—A meeting to exchange views on achievements in tennis in the XXVII SEA Games was held at Myanmar Distribution Group (Head Office) on East Race Course Road in Tamway Township yesterday morning.

Present were Vice-Presidents U Khin Hwe and U Win Swe, executives and officials of the Myanmar Tennis Federation, selected players and former coaches U Than Lwin, U Gyo Ba Maung, U Robert Thein Tun and U Maung Maung Lay, Myanmar tennis coach Technical Director Mr Robert Davis of the US.

They discussed achievement for success in tennis.—MNA

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$195 million Sea Shadow stealth ship for sale, only $10,000 deposit required

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Man Utd’s Wayne Rooney scores his award-winning goal against Man City in February 2011.

WEB SIMPSON OF US hits an approach shot on the third hole during the first round of the Wells Fargo Championship on 3 May, 2012 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Great strides towards prosperity

Since a year ago, when a civilian government took office, Myanmar has seen a lot of changes in every sector. These changes are very encouraging, and the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar who has taken the reform measures shows his superb courage to change Myanmar into a democratic and prosperous nation. Among these bold measures taken by the president were releasing of prisoners and taking measures for national reconciliation.

At such a time, newsmen from the country’s leading paper and journals got a rare opportunity to have interview with Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, the other day.

In his question, the chief editor from the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information asked whether there is a plan of the United Nations to persuade some countries who have yet to participate in Myanmar reform process as ASEAN member countries are calling for lifting sanctions against Myanmar and Japan is providing assistance to her but these some countries did not participate in the process fully. His second question dealt with the assistance of the United Nations to Myanmar.

The answer of the UN Chief is very encouraging. He said, “Now international community is showing their positive response. European Union has decided to suspend non-military sanction. Australia and Japan are joining in the process and Americans are also very serious in considering this. I think the world is responding positively. I am going to urge the international community members who are still sanction to consider lifting or suspending sanctions in my formal speech to the parliament (Hluttaw).”

Regarding the second question, the UN Chief said, “UN is also going to normalize our operations. First of all we will discuss with the member states and try to normalize our operations as soon as possible. Right after my visit, we will discuss this matter with the governing body of UNDP. We will try to provide full economic assistance.”

“As you may know, I am going to launch Global Compact of the United Nations. This will be very fortunate occasion for local entrepreneurs to engage with the international business counterpart.”

“We will also try to discuss with the donors how to increase the Official Development Assistance. I think you are one of the lowest accepted countries in terms of ODA. In parallel with very positive democratization process, I think, the international community should provide more assistance. United Nations will mobilize and persuade the international community.”

As pledged by the chief of the United Nations, the assistance from the UN will flow into the country sooner or later. And many others are eyeing investing in our country. On our part, let’s try our best for our nation’s prosperity. Let’s welcome international cooperation together!”

Union Minister holds talks with WFP resident representative, Director of Nippon Foundation

**Nay Pyi Taw, 4 May**—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received Mr Carlos Veloso, Resident Representative of the World Food Programme (WFP) and Mr Xuyi Mori, Director of the Nippon Foundation (Head Office) in Japan, at his office here at 2 pm and at 3 pm today separately.

At the meeting with Mr Carlos Veloso, the Union Minister discussed matters on promoting cooperation between Myanmar and WFP and increasing food supplies to internal displaced people in Kachin State and to fur-flang areas.

At the meeting with the delegation led by Mr Xuyi Mori, they discussed matters on promoting cooperation in border areas development issues and extending project areas and MoU. Also present at the meetings were Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and directors-general of the departments under the ministry.—MNA

National Environmental Sanitation Activity-2012 opens

**Nay Pyi Taw, 4 May**—“Four sanitation tasks are crucial for health care of the State and contribute to the development of socio-economic status of people”, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, at the opening ceremony of the National Environmental Sanitation Activity-2012, jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and UNICEF, at the Ministry of Health here yesterday morning.

The Ministry of Health is drafting National Five Year Strategic Plan for Water Supply, Sanitation & Hygiene (2012-2017). According to the WHO’s annual reports, 1.8 million people are died of diarrhoea, most of whom are children. According to the research findings, systematic sanitations can reduce the outbreak of diarrhoea.

Aftewards, UNICEF Resident Representa- tive Mr Ramesh Shrethe explained in a presentation on water, hygiene and sanitation in 24 townships in Myanmar. Aftewards, the implementation of the CLTS (Community Led Total Sanitation) program in Pyay District, Bago Region (West), was shown with video slides. The ceremony came to an end.

After the ceremony, the Union Minister and his guests viewed the National Environmental Sanitation Activities-2012 booths. It was also attended by Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Daw Myat Oo, Mrs Ramesh Shrethe and Dr Win Myint, directors-general and officials from the ministries related to the Ministry of Health, officials from Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, representatives from UN agencies and representatives of social organization at home and abroad.—MNA

Union Cooperatives and Livestock and Fisheries Minister receives Chinese guests

**Nay Pyi Taw, 4 May**—Chairman of Zhejiang Sifang Group Corporation of China Mr. Lin Guangpin and party paid a call on Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint at his office in the Cooperatives Ministry here yesterday morning.

They had frank discussion about measures for systematic transformation of agricultural producers association operating 500 acres of farmland and above into cooperative syndicates, provision of modern farming equipment and capital for better socio-economic life of the member farmers, and importation and distribution of quality farming equipment. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Than Tun and personnel from departments and enterprises.—HPA
China-US dialogue highlights will for new ties

China President Hu Jintao addresses the opening session of the fourth round of the China-Strategic and Economic Dialogue in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 May, 2012. — Xinhua

Beijing, 4 May—Russia’s top military officer has threatened a preemptive strike on US-led NATO missile defence facilities in Eastern Europe, if Washington goes ahead with its missile defence plan. Chief of General Staff Nikolai Makarov, gave the warning at the start of an international conference on missile defence in Moscow. Russia also said talks between Moscow and Washington on the US-led NATO plan in Europe were deadlocked. It dismissed Washington’s claim that the missile defence system is designed solely to deal with a missile threat from Iran, fearing it will undermine Russia’s nuclear deterrent.

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The new agreements proposed by the two countries are set to boost the economic growth of both countries, which are facing challenges such as high unemployment and poverty in their respective regions. The agreements will also help to strengthen the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Two bomb attacks kill up to 20 in Russia’s Dagestan

Makhachkala, 4 May—Suicide bombers killed more than 20 people and wounded 110 in attacks on a police post in the outskirts of the capital of Russia’s Dagestan Region, local investigators and law enforcement sources said on Friday. The attacks outside Makhachkala late on Thursday were the deadliest in months, undermining efforts by Russian security forces to contain an Islamist insurgency in the North Caucasus near Sochi, where Russia will host the late on Thursday were the deadliest in months, undermining efforts by Russian security forces to contain an Islamist insurgency in the North Caucasus near Sochi, where Russia will host the

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Iran’s Bushehr nuke power plant at full capacity from 23 May: Russian contractor

Moscow, 4 May—Iran’s Bushehr nuclear power plant will start reaching its full capacity from 23 May as scheduled, the plant’s Russian contractor Atomstroyexport said in a statement on Thursday. According to Atomstroyexport, Bushehr, the first nuclear power plant in Iran, has successfully reached 90 percent of its nominal capacity in routine trials in early May.

“Currently, the plant is operating at a lower capacity. The next stage of increasing Bushehr’s capacity (from 75 percent to 100 percent) is scheduled for 23 May 2012,” Atomstroyexport said in a statement. Earlier, Russian officials said work at the Bushehr plant was proceeding as scheduled and they expected Bushehr could switch to full power in the first half of 2012.

Construction of the Bushehr plant was started in 1975 by several German companies. However, the work halted when the United States imposed an embargo on hi-tech supplies to Iran after the 1979 revolution. Russia signed a contract with Iran to complete the construction in 1998. Completion of the plant’s construction was postponed several times by mounting technical and financial challenges and pressure from the United States.

Three agents shot, injured in SF Bay area incident

South San Francisco, 4 May—Three Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents were shot and injured on Thursday while serving “high-risk” warrants during an early morning sweep of San Francisco Bay area gang members, authorities said. The agents suffered non-life-threatening injuries after being shot with an assault rifle and were hospitalized in stable condition following the incident in Petaluma that was in connection with the investigation of a 2010 gang-related triple homicide in South San Francisco.

“We owe them a debt of gratitude,” US Attorney Melinda Haag said at a Thursday news conference in nearby South San Francisco. “My office is proud to be associated with professionals who put their lives on the line to protect others.”

Thirteen men were arrested — many members of the 500-Block C Street gang — during Thursday’s sweep that also included two other cities. They are among 19 who were indicted last week on charges including racketeering and murder. Four of the men charged in murder in the triple homicide could potentially face the death penalty, if convicted. Fifteen of the 19 are expected to make their first appearance in Federal court on Friday.

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Online retailers are hoping to lure shoppers with a host of deals on Cyber Monday, a day that marks the unofficial start of the holiday shopping season. Shoppers have a chance to save on items ranging from electronics to clothing, with discounts of up to 50 percent off.

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Black hole observed destroying star

Baltimore, 4 May— US astronomers say they’ve identified the “victim” of a massive black hole that tore a star apart when it approached too close to the gravitational behemoth. In 2010, scientists observed the flare that is the signature of a galaxy’s supermassive black hole shredding a star that wandered too close, and have identified both the black hole responsible and the “identity” of its unfortunate victim — a star in helium gas. “This is the first time we’ve actually been able to pinpoint what kind of star was disrupted,” study lead author Suvi Gezari, an astronomer at Johns Hopkins University, told SPACE.com.

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But expectations have risen that the central bank will point to recent data showing the region’s slide into a deepening recession and rising unemployment to hint at a policy change. “Given the recent weakness in the EMU economy indicators, we suspect the ECB will leave the door open for further action,” a statement by analysts.

The country’s borrowing costs are expected to rise to more than 8 percent in the near term. Ahead of the June 6 European Union summit, the central bank has been preparing for further stimulus measures, possibly including a new three- and five-year bond-issuance program.

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Aurangabad plant in Maharashtra makes the company’s biggest luxury vehicle brand. Audi to increase India plant capacity by 50 pct

Reducing calories may preserve memory

Scottsdale, Ariz., May—Cutting back on calories is a good idea to protect the heart, and US researchers say eating less also may reduce a person’s risk of memory loss.

Yonas Geda of the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., and colleagues looked at the association between eating and those with mild cognitive impairment.

The researchers compared eating habits and diagnosis of memory loss in 1,000 participants ages 70 and older. “Caloric consumption of more than 2,143 calories per day is associated with twice the increased risk of having mild cognitive impairment,” Geda said in a statement. “It is important to see your doctor regularly to check for signs of serious memory loss.”

The findings were presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology.

Employees work in an assembly line at a plant in Hardward on 8 April, 2008. — Reuters

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**Woman who lost Ark lotto ticket entitled to $1m**

Sharon Jones, centre, who cashed a winning lottery ticket after taking it from a trash can of discarded lottery tickets at a convenience store in Beebe, a city about 40 miles northeast of Little Rock, Jones’ attorney, James Simpson, said he plans to appeal.

Jones had testified that she already spent some of the money on a new truck and cash gifts to her children.

Simpson noted that Duncan testified she threw away the ticket after the read-out on a ticket scanner said, “Sorry. Not a winner.”

The attorney argued that people shouldn’t be allowed to throw items away and then say, “ooh, I want to un-abandon it.” “We’d have garage-sale law all over the place,” he said.

It became trash when someone threw it away,” White County judge Thomas Hughes, however, said Jones never met the burden of proof that Duncan abandoned her right to claim $1 million.

“The $1 million was never found money,” Hughes said.

Earlier Tuesday, Jones testified that she gathered a handful of discarded tickets from the trash can — as she had done many times before — and said there was no sign alerting customers not to take tickets.

That contradicted Super Stop store manager Lisa Petriches’ earlier testimony that she had taped a sign that read “Do not take” on the can.

But a former store clerk testified that Petriches posted the sign only after Jones claimed the prize.

Petriches brought the lawsuit against Jones, and Duncan joined it after the judge said at a January hearing that she may be the true owner of the ticket.

Hughes ruled that Petriches and the store’s owner, Louie Dujani — whose corporation, SummerOne LLC, joined the suit — weren’t entitled to anything.

The judge instructed the winning side to write the judgment for his signature, and it will become official once Hughes signs it. Jones’ attorneys will then have 30 days to file an appeal.

The $1 million was the last piece of the puzzle for the investigation and awarded the prize.

Duncan’s attorney, James “Red” Morgan, argued that she simply made a mistake by throwing away a $1 million ticket and that the only right she willingly parted with was to enter the ticket for the possibility of a secondary prize.

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**Handout photo shows fairy penguin Dirk at Sea World in Queensland’s Gold Coast.**

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Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

It is known that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been a predominantly Theravada Buddhist nation in the world for nearly one thousand years, and over 90 per cent of nation’s population has taken faith in Theravada Buddhism since then. Furthermore, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been recognized as a permanent higher learning centre of genuine Theravada Buddhism not only in the Buddhist world but also throughout the world. According to historical records of Buddhism, the Fifth and Sixth Great Buddhist Councils (Synods) were successfully convened in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with a view to purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana (the Buddha’s teachings) all over the world. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council, which was attended and participated by Maha Theras from Five Theravada Buddhist Nations, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, was successfully held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in 1954.

In order to carefully preserve genuine Theravada Buddhism, a great number of Buddhist Monastic Institutions and Learning Centres of Buddhist Scriptures have been established in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for years. For the time being, the two Pariyatti Sasana Universities, one in Yangon and another in Mandalay have been so far established to promote and propagate the Theravada Buddhism throughout the world. At present, Buddhist monk students are attending these two universities, and if they have got through the prescribed examinations held by these Universities, they will be conferred Takkasa Dhammacaryya Degree (Bachelor of Arts) in Buddhism and Tekkasa Maha Dhammacaryya Degree (Master of Arts) in Buddhism respectively. And now, the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, the very first one in the Buddhist world has been also already established in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in order to propagate, promote and flourish genuine Theravada Buddhism throughout the world, and to share the knowledge of Buddhism both in theory and practice with the peoples of the world to promote their happiness and moral well-being.

According to the Pariyatti (learning canonical Texts) Education System of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, there are seven kinds of religious examinations including the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination yearly held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The seven kinds of religious examinations are as follows:-

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(2) Dhammaçariya Examination
(3) Pariyatti Examination
(4) Pahanamalat Examination
(5) Pathamange Examination
(6) Abhidhamma/Visudhimagga Examination (only for Laymen and Nuns)
(7) Five Nikaya Examination

Out of these seven kinds of religious examinations, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination has been separately held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar since sixty-four years ago (1948). Buddhist monk candidates who wishes to appear for this Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination must have passed at least the Pariyatti Examination. In fact, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination is quite different from other religious examinations because the candidates have to take 33 days for this examination. They have to take both oral examination and written examination consists of Pali Texts of 9026 pages of Tipitaka canons and the written examination consists of Pali Texts, Athakatha (Commentaries) and Tika (Sub-Commentaries) of 9934 pages of Tipitaka canons respectively. Only the candidates who have got through both oral and written examinations will be presented the Title of Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida (the Title of Religious Heroes). Up to now, only twelve outstanding members of Sangha (Bikkhu) were presented the Title of Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida within over 63 years’ duration of the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination.

It is learnt that many members of Sangha throughout the country appeared for the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination from year to year. However, most of them were not successful. In fact, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examinations is the most difficult of the religious examinations which are yearly held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Such Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination can be held only in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which has carefully preserved the genuine Theravada Buddhism for nearly one thousand years. It is learnt that such examination cannot be held in other Theravada Buddhist nations.

Members of Sangha, multifarious Buddhist people and Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, hand in hand, are striving to propagate, promote and flourish genuine Theravada Buddhism not only in homeland but also at abroad. We all Buddhists know that the Sasana is of the most important one which mainly leads to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana (the noble teachings of the Buddha). The aims and objectives of holding the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination are to preserve, promote and flourish the genuine Theravada Buddhism all over the world.

Firewood distributed to local people free of charge

NAV PI TAW, 4 May—

Firewood was distributed to local people free of charge in Aungthiri Village of Pobothu Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 29 April.

Assistant Director U Tet Toe of District Forest Department and Staff Officer U Han Myint Tan of Taikton Township explained the purpose of distributing firewood to the local people.

Later, staff members of the department shared 10 tons of firewood to 124 households of Aungthiri Village—Kyawun

Loan from Aungthiri Village to 124 households.

UMFCCI officials meet Thai entrepreneurs

YANGON, 4 May—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Federation of Thai Industries of Thailand jointly organized the Seminar on Economic Matching Among Neighbouring Countries: Thai Myanmar and the Investment Opportunities & Potentialities for Thai Entrepreneurs in Myanmar at the federation on 25 April afternoon.

It was attended by President of the federation U Win Aung, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin, U Thaung Tin and U Mya Han, Joint General Secretaries, CEC members, departmental officials, Myanmar entrepreneurs, Minister-Counsellor of Thai embassy Mr Kaliyana Vipatipumpiprates, President of the Federation of Thai Industries Mr Payungsk Chartsutipol and Thai entrepreneurs.

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General Secretary U Moe Kyaw of the federation submitted the paper on investment opportunities of Myanmar and Thai economic counsellor Mr Prajapun Supine the paper on facts about salient points for investment in Myanmar.

Next, the attendees followed the meetings on respective businesses.

Trade promotion meeting held in Myawady Trade Zone

MYAWADY, 4 May—Myawady Trade Zone of Border Trade Department is undertaking promotion of bilateral trade and realization of regular route of trade by implementing five aims.

The trade promotion meeting was held at the hall of Myawady Trade Zone on 30 April, Deputy Commissioner U Myint Tin of Myawady District GAD delivered an address.

Director of Myawady Trade Zone U San Lwin explained matters related to promoting trade and replied to queries raised by merchants.

Mussel collectors earn increased incomes in summer

YIDDAYE, 4 May—Water level of rivers and creeks decline in April in summer, so those who collect mussels can earn incomes.

The collectors may collect over 200 mussels at lakes, creeks and drains daily, selling it at K 1600 to K 2000 per viss. The mussels are washed in water and then boiled in pot. After opening the covers, flesh of mussels is to be boiled. Then, the flesh can be cooked with the use of various cooking materials or made as salad. Despite how the least number of mussels in previous years, the collectors sell mussels at markets due to gathering larger number of mussels this year. —Ko Lwin (Swa)
I & P Ministry learns int’l census work for 2014-census
NAV PYI TAW, 4 May — To be able to take the census in 2014 in accordance with international set standard, Ministry of Immigration and Population held a meeting on discussing international census work today. It was attended by Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win, directors-general, deputy directors-general, directors and officials of the departments under the ministry.
During the meeting, Director-General of the Population Department U Myint Kyaw reported on findings related to taking census in Thailand in 2010, organizational set-up of committees for taking census, the census law and works for taking census, schedules, technology and use of machines question forms and situations.
Afterwards, participants of the meeting discussed the matters related to findings, suggestions for the work and requirements.
Union Minister U Khin Yi stressed the need for reviewing the census taken in foreign countries and for using the census taking system which is suitable for Myanmar.
He also called for reviving the method which was used in Myanmar previously, for drawing systematic plans for promoting the information sector to educate the people to participate in the work, for sharing the method in regions and states and for systematic preparations.—MNA

Union Defence Minister receives Member of House of Councilors of Japan
NAV PYI TAW, 4 May — Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min received a delegation led by Member of House of Councilors of Japan Mr Yoshiko Isozaki of Liberal Democratic Party at his office here this afternoon.
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Dy Foreign Minister holds discussion with American guests
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During the meeting, they cordially discussed on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the United States and Myanmar.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 May — Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin and Zalun Road section. Then, the deputy minister assigned duties to Maubin and Hinthaung District Public Works and Road/Airport Special Groups.

YANGON Region Chief Minister receives Hong Kong guests
YANGON, 4 May—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe received Chairman of Asia and Pacific Committee Mr Marc Castagnet of General Chamber of Commerce of Hong Kong at the government office, here, yesterday morning.
They discussed matters related to economic cooperation. Also present at the call were Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock U Soe Min, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myo and Region government secretary.

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Dy Construction Minister inspects road works in Ayeyawady Region
NAV PYI TAW, 4 May—Dy Construction Minister U Kyaw Lwin on 30 April morning looked into maintenance of Sakkaw-Danubyu-Zalun Road with the use of heavy machinery in Ayeyawady Region.
In meeting with engineers in Zalun Township, the deputy minister gave instructions on improvement of Hinthada-Zalun road section. Then, the deputy minister assigned duties to Maubin and Hinthaung District Public Works and Road/Airport Special Groups.

KIA (Kachin) armed group destroys rail track in Mogauung
NAV PYI TAW, 4 May—KIA (Kachin) armed group blasted the rail track between Hlainghmaw and Hohtu stations in Mogauung Township, Kachin State, yesterday afternoon. The group threw a 15-foot of the track, a concrete slipper and a wooden slipper at the mile post No. 577/10.
After the blast happened around 8.20 pm, there occurred an exhange of fire between a security unit for rail tracks and the KIA armed group.
An engineering group from Mogauung Station reached the site yesterday night to repair the damaged portion of the track.
KIA armed group has destroyed roads, bridges and rail tracks which are non-military targets. The local people and peoples across the country want the KIA armed group acts as the attacks have affected and hindered the socio-economy of the local people.—MNA

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April, Chairperson of District WAO Daw Khin Than Tun awarded the first prize to Mykyin Kyaw U Ko Aung. Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Yu Khaih Phyu the second prize to West Ward team. member of District WAO Daw Hla Hla Kyaw the third prize to Rakhine Paikseik Ward team.

Secretary of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Organization Dr Khin Hnin Htet and District Auditing Officer Daw Aung Thein presented consolation prizes to Thanpachaung Ward and Asoeya Ward teams.

**Fragrance Grinding Contest**

**Kyaukpyu District Women’s Affairs Organization held the 1373ME at Sasamsaikun in Kyaukpyu on 12 April morning.**

Chairperson of Kyaukpyu District WAO Daw Khin Than Tun made a speech. A total of 11 teams from wards and villages participated in the contest. The prize presentation ceremony was held on 16 April.

**Nylon hand-baskets marketable in Meiktila**

Meiktila, 4 May—Hand-baskets made of nylon are marketable than that of rattan and plastic in Meiktila. In the past, the hand-baskets made of nylon are popular among those from villages in shopping. Now, housewives in urban areas prefer hand-baskets made of nylon," said a seller of nylon hand-baskets in Meiktila Market. "Prices of hand-baskets made of nylon are in variety, depending on sizes. Moreover, the prices depend on one layer of basket or two layers. Two-layer baskets are higher prices because the products can be used in all places. Regularly, nylon-hand-baskets are sold at K 1500, K 2000, K 2500, K 3000 and K 4000," he continued.

The customers choose the colours of products and quality of durability. That is why nylon hand-baskets take place of rattan and plastic wares.

**Tornado hits Ywathit Village of Monyo Township**

Yangoon, 4 May—A tornado hit Ywathit Village of Monyo Township in Thayawady District of Bago Region at 6:30 pm on 1 May. In the event, two women were wounded. The tornado broke the mango tree down on the hut of U Soe Win in the village. Thus, Ma Yin Kyi, 39 was injured at her left shoulder.

EVD AND BOOKS DONATED: Ko Aung Myint Hlaing-

Me Min Min Thun of Mya Thawda Textile Shop of Mingala Market donated one Smart EVD player and 300 books to Thuta Bank Library in Kanyaung Village of Kangyangon Township of Yangon Region on 2 May. The Chairman of the library committee accepts donations—Township IRPD.

**Heavy rains, hailstone hit Yamethin**

Yamethin, 4 May—Heavy rains hit Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region in the last week of April. On 26 April, hailstones dropped in Yamethin in addition to heavy rains. While there was heavy rain, strong winds hit the town on all sides. The winds blew off roofs of some houses and broke some trees in the urban areas. Due to rapid change of climate, the lightning stroke at one buffalo each in the paddy farm of southern area of Yamethin and in a village, south of Yamethin. Local people were delighted at raining due to declining of heat and safety of danger of fire in a short period. Moreover, the farmers who nurture chilli saplings thanked the rains for coldness.

**Passengers continue trips with use of dozers in rains of Rakhine State**

Meiktila, 4 May—Pre-monsoon rains showed in various regions of the nation recently. Due to the rains after 28 April, passenger services faced difficulties in Rakhine State and Yangon Region and their transportation delayed in the rains.

When it rained in the region, rainwater flowed down from the hilly areas. In the rains, passenger buses faced slips and derailed into the silt. Some buses spent night in the valley. Fortunately, most of the buses continued their trips with the assistance of dozers being used in construction of the roads,” said a traveler to MraukU.

Most of the passenger buses are Hyundai brands that faced engine faults and overheat of engine in the poor conditions of roads and rains. Moreover, these vehicles faced slips on the roads and derailed into the silt. “The roads in Rakhine State are slippery in the rainy season and dusty in summer. On my trip, the passenger bus I took was pulled by dozens of the construction sites,” recounted a Rakhine nation on his travel experiences in An valley.

This open season, travel agencies give better services to the tourists and travelers to make trips to Ngapali beach of Rakhine State and MraukU by car and hovercraft.

**Wind and Vietnam**

Phukhet, 4 May—As part of preparations for second leg of the MNL 2012, Yadanabon FC playing tune-up matches in Thailand played a goalsless draw with Phuket FC at Surakul Stadium in Phuket of Thailand at 6 pm on 2 May.

Yadanabon FC deployed star players Paing Soe, Aung Myin Aye, Kyaw Naing Win and Yin Min Aung (keeper) and three foreign footballers. Yadanabon played vice versa attacks with Phuket FC in the match. Yadanabon FC plans to reshuffle foreign players this transfer season and tests one US player and three African players.

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**Myanmar sports delegation back from Singapore**

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April, the conference was attended by leaders of the special sports teams and executive directors from 25 countries of Asia-Pacific region.

Myanmar will host the Mekong Region 5-Aside Football Tournament of five Mekong regions in November—Ky Mo
Japan switches off last nuclear power plant; will it cope?

Tokyo, 4 May — Japan shuts down its last working nuclear power reactor this weekend just over a year after a tsunami scarred the nation and if it survives the summer without major electricity shortages, producers fear the plants will stay offline for good.

The shutdown leaves Japan without nuclear power for the first time since 1970 and has put electricity producers on the defensive. Public opposition to nuclear power could become more deeply entrenched if non-nuclear generation proves enough to meet Japan’s needs in the peak-demand summer months.

"Can it be the end of nuclear power? It could be," said Andrew De Wit, a professor at Rikkyo University in Tokyo who studies energy policy.

"That’s one reason why people are fighting it to the death," he said. "Japanese managed to get through the summer without reactors, how will they fire them up? They know that, so they will try their damnest but I don’t see how."

Japan has 54 nuclear power reactors, including the 1,094-MW Kashiwazaki Kariwa plant in northern Japan, which was weighed down by its methodology in March - albeit from a higher level after revision to its methodology in March - which was weighed down mainly by a continuing downturn in the real estate sector.

Markit Economics, which compiles the HSBC sponsored survey, detected a broad-based rise in key service sector indicators.

"April data signaled a further rise in new orders placed by Chinese service providers.

Although below the long-term trend for the survey, the rate of new order growth was solid, and the sharpest in 10 months," Markit said in a statement of survey findings.

"Companies commented on better demand conditions, new product launches and the success of promotional campaigns.

Staff numbers in the services sector rose for a 39th consecutive month. April’s rate of job creation was the sharpest since November 2011 and survey respondents typically attributed hiring to a rise in new business. The robust showing for the services sector signals both a further incremental strengthening of the economy away from its reliance on investment-led factory output to China by 2020 as part of an ambitious plan to expand New Zealand’s tourism industry.

The airport management on Friday released the Ambition 2020 growth plan, saying there was potential to grow the number of international visitor arrivals from 2.6 million last year to more than 3.5 million in 2020.

"Asia, especially China, will provide the largest growth potential both in visitor arrivals and in the amount they will spend when they are here," said Glenn Wedlock, Auckland Airport general manager aeronautical commercial.

"China is a vital growth market for New Zealand and we see the market developing from 160,000 today to over 430,000 arrivals by 2020.

More importantly, we need to target more direct flight visitors who could grow from 50,000/year to 170,000 by 2020, said Mr. Wedlock.

"To achieve these results, and to achieve other ambitious trade targets outlined by the government, we will need to see air services between New Zealand and China reach around three times the number of direct flights today," the airport would also be targeting Southeast Asian markets, such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore, which could "easily each develop into 100 million NZ dollars plus (80.02 million US dollars) visitor spend a year," he said.

Cuba to start clinical trials of new pneumonia vaccine

HAVANA, 4 May — Cuba will this year begin clinical trials of a new pneumococcal vaccine developed by the island nation’s biotech industry, the official daily Granma reported on Thursday. The vaccine was developed by scientists at Havana’s Finlay Institute and the Centre for Biomolecular Chemistry, Finlay Director Conception Campa was quoted as saying by Granma. As one of the most deadly diseases, the bacteria leads to pneumonia and other afflictions such as meningitis and sinusitis, mainly among the elderly, children and those with weakened immune systems.

Campa is participating in the 16th International Seminar of the Caribbean Medical Association (AMECA), which began Wednesday in Havana and gathered 200 specialists from various countries. Campa gave a lecture on the impact on public national health of the more than 10 vaccines manufactured on the island. She headed the scientific team that created the first and only effective vaccine in the world against meningococcal group B (vaccine VA-MENGOC-BC), according to the Cuban medical authorities.
Police hold seven over qat “terrorism funding”

The arrests were a part of an ongoing investigation into suspected funding for terrorism overseas, London’s Metropolitan Police said. Qat is grown and widely chewed in the Horn of Africa and in Yemen. Its habit-forming and excessive use can cause insomnia, stress, depression and apathy. The plant, whose leaves must be consumed fresh, is legal in Britain but is a controlled substance in the United States and Canada. Police did not disclose the origin of the smuggled qat or where they believed the funding was targeted, but international authorities have previously said qat trade is used to finance militant groups around the world.

Vodafone hands over satellite station to Ghana’s new space centre

The management of Vodafone Ghana Limited, a subsidiary of Vodafone plc UK, handed over a total of 130 newlyweds here chose to attend the group wedding ceremony in Xian, capital of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, on 1 May, 2012. A jogger runs along the tow path approaching a bridge at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Brecksville, Ohio, on 1 May, 2012.— Xinhua

Pentagon report paints mixed picture of Afghanistan war

The report, which covers the period from May to October 2011, said that attacks on US and Afghan forces declined in 2011 for the first time in five years and that the positive trend appeared to be continuing into 2012. However, the report said Taliban remains “resilient and determined,” and will continue to regain lost ground and influence in the coming months. It noted the insurgents still have safe havens in Pakistan, posing biggest threat to the long-term success of the war. It also asked the question if the insurgents could hold on to the security gains made in the past years following a withdrawal of forces in the coming years. Foreign troops will be out of Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

Inquiry defends Israeli fatal airstrike in Gaza

Military prosecutors responded in a letter to claims made by B’Tselem, saying that, during the probe, they had not found any evidence of negligence on the IDF’s part. “It is unacceptable that no one is found responsible for an action of the army that led to the killing of 21 unarmed civilians, inside the building the army was in under soldiers’ orders, even if deliberately,” B’Tselem’s head of research, attorney Yael Stein, said on Tuesday.

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The Sino-US Joint Commission on Science and Technology Cooperation is an organization established between the governments of China and the US—Xinhua

Rescuers carry a tube which will be used to pump water out of the flooded Jumaynu No 2 Coal Mine in Hegang, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 3 May, 2012. Death toll of the colliery flooding that occurred at the coal mine Wednesday evening has risen to nine while five are still trapped in the flooded shaft. Rescue work is still underway. — Xinhua

A jogger runs along the tow path approaching a bridge at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Brecksville, Ohio, on 1 May, 2012.— Internet

The reported指出 that Sino-US cooperation in science, technology and communication is for the two sides but also for the world. Xinhua

Washington, 4 May—The US Defense Department on Tuesday painted a mixed picture of the war in Afghanistan, with an insurgency’s capable of withstanding losses and launching high-profile attacks even as it faces mounting pressure from US forces. The report, mandated by Congress, said the Taliban has been unable to reclaim territory taken by foreign and Afghan forces in Kandahar and Helmand provinces, as the Afghan security forces makes significant improvements during the past months. The report, which covers the period from May to October 2011, said that attacks on US and Afghan forces declined in 2011 for the first time in five years and that the positive trend appeared to be continuing into 2012. However, the report said Taliban remains “resilient and determined,” and will continue to regain lost ground and influence in the coming months. It noted the insurgents still have safe havens in Pakistan, posing biggest threat to the long-term success of the war. It also asked the question if the insurgents could hold on to the security gains made in the past years following a withdrawal of forces in the coming years. Foreign troops will be out of Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

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CHANGSHA, 4 May — Toyota said its sales rose 12% in April 2012, but they came at the expense of General Motors and Ford. Toyota said its sales rose 12 percent as its inventories finally return to pre-earthquake levels—INTERNET

Six missing in central China coal mine accident

CHANGSHA, 4 May — Rescuers in central China’s Hunan Province are racing to locate six miners who were missing in a coalmine accident, local authorities said on Friday.

The miners with the Congshan coal mine in the township of Shashi in Shaodong County went missing after their cage plunged into the shaft at about 8:45 Wednesday, according to the Shaodong government.

The government has since ordered production suspension of local mines for an all-out overhaul. Separately, 10 people have been confirmed dead in a coal mine flood in northeast Hei-longjiang province Friday, and efforts to rescue another four trapped miners are ongoing.

Xinhua
‘Dirty Cowboy’ book pulled from schools

A Pennsylvania couple convinced a local school board to pull award-winning children’s book “The Dirty Cowboy” from school libraries, officials said.

The parents went before the Annville-Cleona School Board with their objections to the book and the board voted 8-0 to remove it from district libraries, the Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot reported.

The book follows the story of a “dirty” cowboy who takes a bath and his dog then refuses to return his clothes to him because he doesn’t recognize the cowboy’s scent. The couple objected to the book’s depiction of the nude cowboy, whose private parts are covered by various objects in the book’s illustrations.

Superintendent Steven Houser told the Lebanon (Pa.) Daily News the parents “were asked what do you feel might be the result of viewing or reading this material, and their answer was, ‘Children may come to the conclusion that looking at nudity is OK and therefore pornography is OK.’” Amy Timberlake, author of “The Dirty Cowboy,” wrote on her blog that she was disappointed by the decision.

“Their clear fight is not about ‘The Dirty Cowboy’. This fight is about libraries providing access to all sorts of books [the ones we like and the ones we don’t],” for all sorts of people. None of us want a vehement few choosing the books we get to read,” she wrote.

Postcard arrives after 55 years

A Virginia man whose postcard from his mother took nearly 55 years to arrive has been offered a free trip to the Chicago aquarium pictured on the card. Scott McMurry, 71, said the postcard his mother sent him from the John G Shedd Aquarium in Chicago in 1957 were able to locate McMurry in Virginia.

McMurry said the Shedd heard of the postcard’s long journey and offered him an all-expenses-paid trip to Chicago to see the aquarium, which he had never heard of until receiving the postcard.

Kesha wants to work with Bieber, Richards

LONDON, 4 May—Singer Kesha is eager to collaborate with Justin Bieber and Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards sometime in the future.

“The range of artists I want to work with is so vast, it’s bizarre. I would love to have Keith Richards on the record. I would sure as hell like to do a collaboration with Bieber and at the same time do a song with the Flaming Lips,” she told V magazine.

“If someone is a real artist, you can’t confine them to a particular genre. It’s my mission to make it all make sense somehow,” she added. The 25-year-old singer is very proud of her success so far, but says she still feels like the “dirty little sister” of the biggest pop stars.

“I do feel like there are the pop stars of the world and then I’m like their dirty little sister, running around with s**t on my face in combat boots because I can’t walk in heels,” she said. 

Miley Cyrus in talks to become ‘X Factor’ judge

WASHINGTON, 4 May—Miley Cyrus is in talks to join Simon Cowell’s US version of ‘The X Factor’, according to reports.

The ‘Climb’ hitmaker has reportedly been approached by Cowell’s team and is said to be in negotiations to take one of the two places on the judging panel left vacant after the departure of Nicole Scherzinger and Paula Abdul.

‘There have been talks with Miley,’ Contactmusic quoted a source as telling Celebuzz.

‘If Cyrus, 19, does take up the role she will join Simon, LA Reid and most likely Britney Spears, on the show.

Simon has previously confirmed talks with Britney, saying: ‘I would love to have her on the show . . . I think she would be a fascinating person to sit next to.’

Tom Cruise in ‘Van Helsing’ remake

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—Actor Tom Cruise is set to star and produce the remake of 2004 vampire movie “Van Helsing”.

Cruise will produce the remake of the Hugh Jackman-starring alongside Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci’s K/O Paper Products, reports contactmusic.com.

It will be one of the first works of Kurtzman and Orci under their new two-year production deal with Universal Pictures.

Kelly Clarkson, Usher set for Billboard show

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—Kelly Clarkson, Linkin Park, Nelly Furtado and Usher have been booked to perform at the 2012 Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas, ABC said.

The show is to take place on 20 May at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Additional acts and presenters will be announced in the coming weeks, the network said.

‘Blunderbuss’ tops US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—Jack White’s “Blunderbuss” is No 1 on the US albumchart, Billboard.com reported on Wednesday. Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard 200 is Adele’s “21,” followed by Lionel Richie’s “ Tuskegee” at No 3, One Direction’s “Up All Night” at No 4 and Lee Brice’s “Hard2Love” at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Kip Moore’s “Up All Night” at No 6, the Wanted’s self-titled debut at No 7, Nicki Minaj’s “Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded” at No 8, Gotye’s “Somebody That I Used to Know” at No 9 and Jason Mraz’s “Love is a Four Letter Word” at No 10.

Crossing guard has 11 college degrees

A British man with 11 university degrees, including a doctorate in philosophy, said he took a job as a school crossing guard to give back to the community.

Bruce Berry, a member of the high-IQ organization Mensa, said he took a job as a crossing guard five days a week near the Crofton School in Wakefield, England, The Sun reported.

“I love working for degrees but wanted to do something for the community. It’s nice to get kiddies to and from school safely,” said Berry, who speaks five languages fluently.

“Berry, who makes $325 per month at the job, said his father was a teacher at Crofton.

“‘I feel part of the family there,’ he said.

Miley Cyrus
crossing guard

‘Don’t Smoke’

‘Making Mirrors’ at No 9 and Jason Mraz’s “Love is a Four Letter Word” at No 10.
Rooney stunner wins 20 Seasons Best Goal

Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney has won the Premier League Goal of the 20 Seasons Award. "The atmosphere in the tunnel was not good at the beginning of the 2010 World Cup, but if you have eight players who join the team after winning the Champions League then that gives every team member a push," he said. "The atmosphere in the national team was not good at the beginning of the 2010 World Cup, but if you have eight players who join the team after winning the Champions League then that gives every team member a push," he said.

Pardew salutes ‘astonishing’ Cisse strike

Newcastle boss in awe of striker’s superb goals — especially the second — against Chelsea

LONDON, 4 May — Newcastle manager Alan Pardew has hailed Papiss Cisse’s second strike against Chelsea on Wednesday as an “astonishing goal.” Cisse produced two goals of extraordinary quality to help his side to a 2-0 win at Chelsea, a victory which boosts their hopes of finishing in the top three of the Barclays Premier League. But it was Cisse’s second that grabbed the headlines.

The 26-year-old was on the left wing and fired a volley with the outside of his right boot over Petr Cech and into the far top corner of the net. “It was an astonishing goal,” said Pardew. “We were so happy for the goal going 1-0. Cisse took a chance and you can see him say. He’s hit it true. It is one of the great goals.”

“Nothing’s there you can do about that. As soon as he hit it Petr Cech was struggling and it nestled in the far corner. “The fans who paid their money to come here, it will live long in their memories.” The brace continues Cisse’s superb goal-scoring form since his transfer from German Bundesliga side Freiburg in the January transfer window. He has scored 12 goals in his last 12 League matches to help the Magpies a real chance of qualifying for next season’s UEFA Champions League. And Pardew says he is delighted with how well the Senegalese striker has settled in at the club. “You can’t say that we could predict the impact and the goals that he has scored but we knew that he was a good player,” Pardew told BBC Sport.

The Bundesliga is one of the best leagues in the world. He gets more chances at this club and he has taken them and whenever he is near the goal, he is going to hit the target. “He has been brilliant and he has bought into everything that we do here.”

The win, Newcastle’s first at Chelsea since 1986, was the ideal response after they were beaten 4-0 by relegation battlers Wigan Athletic at the weekend. And it is the perfect preparation for Sunday’s crunch clash at home to title-chasing Manchester City.

Mourinho celebrates title

Madrid, 4 May — Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho celebrated his side’s 32nd league title in Spain with a brief interview with the club’s official television station on Thursday. Mourinho’s side clinched the title with a 3-0 win away to Athletic Club Bilbao to assure second place for FC Barcelona who are now unable to catch them in the table. “We scored so many goals and have won some great matches with high quality football that we have to celebrate. The players have been fantastic all season and all season they deserve it,” he said.

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Bayern victory would boost Euro 2012 chances: Neuer

MUNICH, 4 May — Bayern Munich can lift their own Allianz Arena in Munich 19 May, Germany, without a major trophy since 1996, reached the Euro 2008 final only to lose to Spain who also beat them in the semi-finals on the way to landing the 2010 World Cup. Spain are favourites to defend the European Championship again in the tournament in Ukraine and Poland that starts in June. “They will do everything to win the title. They are the favourites again,” Neuer told reporters. “The atmosphere in the national team was not good at the beginning of the 2010 World Cup, but if you have eight players who join the team after winning the Champions League then that gives every team member a push.”

Neuer is among eight Bayern players due to join up with Germany’s squad after the Champions League final at Wembley this weekend. “I am very happy to be here after winning the Champions League final at Wembley this weekend,” he said. “We have a great chance to be at the Euros in Poland and Ukraine this summer.”

Walker signs new Tottenham deal

LONDON, 4 May — Tottenham Hotspur full-back Kyle Walker has signed a new contract that will keep him at the club until 2017. The 21-year-old has been in fine form this season and has established himself as a key part of Harry Redknapp’s starting XI. He has played in 35 of Tottenham’s 38 Premier League matches this season and has chipped in with important goals against Arsenal and Blackburn Rovers.

Simpson seizes share of lead at Wells Fargo

CHARLOTTE, 4 May — Webb Simpson admitted his pairing with Tiger Woods made him nervous on Thursday, but it didn’t show as he seized a share of the first-round lead at the $6.5 million Wells Fargo Championship. Simpson, playing with Woods and former US Open champion Geoff Ogilvy of Australia, chirped in for eagle at the par-four eighth hole at Quail Hollow and drained a 66-foot birdie putt at 12 to seize the lead himself on 67.

He was tied with former British Open champion Stewart Cink and Ryan Moore for the lead, with five more players — England’s Ian Poulter, Davis, Rickie Fowler, DA Points, Patrick Reed and Australian John Senden — a stroke back on 66. “I was nervous playing with Tiger. I prayed a lot out there,” said Simpson, who lives nearby. “Once I made a couple birdies, I kind of enjoyed it.”

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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(5-5-2012) Saturday
7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Minung Sayadaw - Uppatassanti Paritta
7:40 am
2. Sermons on “Full Moon Day of Kasone, The Sacred Day” by Kyawsoe (Shwe Sedhi Parayirati Sarshintaik Sayadaw)
8:50 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song
11:00 am
4. Martial Song
12:55 pm
5. Delicious Dishes
1:10 pm
6. TV Drama Series
4:00 pm
7. Martial Song
4:05 pm
8. Songs of National Races
4:45 pm
9. Programme in honour of “Full Moon Day of Kasone”
5:00 pm
10. Songs in commemoration of Fullmoon Day of Kasone
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Deputy Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets Inter-Parliamentary Union-IPU delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyen received a delegation led by Ms. Norah Babic of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) at Committee Hall No.1 of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 9 am today.

At the meeting, both sides cordially exchanged views on Hluttaw affairs, cooperation with international organizations and the formation of Hluttaw committees.

Present at the call together with Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyen were Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin and officials from Hluttaw office.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Champion Challenge Cup eyes prospects for Int’l gold medals

Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Union Minister U Tint Hsan speaking at the meeting.—MNA

Myitkyina District women’s team emerges champion

YANGON, 4 May—Kachin State Women’s Sports Committee Chairperson’s Cup Inter-District Women’s Football Open Tournament continued at Kachin State Sports Ground in Myitkyina on 27 April afternoon.

In the final match, Myitkyina District team secured championship award with a 4-0 win over Blamo District team.

Officials presented best player awards to players in respective places. Patron of the Kachin State Women’s Sports Committee Daw Kang Hsi Hsiung Loe gave championship trophy to Myitkyina District team.—MNA

Villagers in Lewe Township enjoy electricity supply facility

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—A ceremony to launch of electricity supply facility was held in Tharyargyi and Gyozalok Villages of Pyayngaunggyi Village-tract in Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area with the use of generator on 30 April.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe, the Village-tract Administrator and the Chairman of Village Power Supply Committee formally opened the ceremony.

A total of 104 households in Tharyargyi Village and 126 households in Gyozalok have got electricity.—MNA

Di Matteo agonising over Chelsea’s FA Cup final lineup

LONDON, 4 May—Chelsea’s interim manager Roberto Di Matteo is agonizing over his team selection for Saturday’s FA Cup final against Liverpool (16:15 GMT) and has ruled out playing Didier Drogba and Fernando Torres together in attack. The Champions League finalists are bidding to win the FA Cup for the fourth time in six years and have all their players available for the trip to Wembley apart from injured central defenders David Luiz and Gary Cahill, who have hamstring problems.

“It is always a difficult decision when I have to leave players out, not just the two strikers, especially as we have so much competition for places at this club,” Di Matteo said on Friday.

“I think we all have to be happy we have two strikers who are both in good form at the moment and I will make a final decision tonight.” Chelsea have been playing a 4-2-3-1 formation since Di Matteo took over from the sacked Andre Villas-Boas in March and the Italian said he had not ruled out a change in the system for the game at Wembley. One thing for sure is that John Terry, who led Chelsea to FA Cup glory in 2007, 2009 and 2010, will again skipper the side against Liverpool. If the Londoners triumph, the central defender will become the first captain to win the FA Cup four times with one club.

Chelsea are desperate for the pair to recover quickly, with Terry and fellow defender Branislav Ivanovic suspended for the Champions League final against Bayern Munich at the German club’s stadium on 19 May.—Reuters

Significant Day Temperatures (4-5-2012)

Minbu (43°C)
Chauk (42°C)
Magway (42°C)
Myingyan (41°C)
Taungdwingyi (41°C)