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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann leaves for Germany, Belgium

YANGON, 6 May—A Myanmar delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann left here by air for Federal Republic of Germany and Belgium this morning at the invitation of Brussels-based European Parliament Speaker Mr Martin Shultz under Hann Siedel programme to observe and pay goodwill visits to assemblies in Germany and Belgium.

The delegation was seen off by Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye, Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, chairmen, secretaries and members of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw committees, the speaker and deputy speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw, the German ambassador to Myanmar and officials at Yangon International Airport.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Projects and Financial Development Committee U Soe Tha, Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Economic and Trade Development Committee U Maung Maung Thein, Chairman of Investment and Industrial Development Committee U Htay Myint, Secretary of National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee Daw Dwe Bu, Member of Bill Committee Daw Nan Wah Nu and officials accompanied the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker as delegation members.—MNA

Union A&I Minister inspects dredging of Bago River

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing yesterday inspected dredging of Bago River in Bago Township by heavy machinery.

He instructed the staff there to inform the Marine Administration Department of the Ministry of Transport and the region government of the annual conservation of Bago River although Irrigation Department assumed the responsibility momentarily.

The Union Minister cordially greeted local farmers and presented Palethwe rice.

He viewed right canal of Khabaung Dam and tributaries and 95 days old thriving Palethwe paddy plantation in Ottwin Township. He called for disseminating technology to farmers who will put 30000 acres of rain-fed field in Bago Region under Palethwe paddy, saying the cultivation of Palethwe paddy would bring about development of the region which has over 3 million farmlands and dams and reservoirs. —MNA

Silt from Bago River being dredged by machinery for proper flow of the river.—MNA

MYANANDAR AND MYANMAR THINGYAN

Scientists use airship to look for meteorites

Peter Jenniskens, right, the NASA scientist in charge of a group of researchers searching for pieces of a meteorite, walk to the zeppelin, Eureka, at McClellan Air Park in Sacramento, Calif, on 3 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Sebastian Coe, chairman of LOCOG presses the button with nine-year-old Niamh Clarke-Willis (L2 F) to officially open the Olympic Stadium during day two of the BUCS VISA Athletics Championships 2012 LOCOG Test Event for London 2012. —INTERNET
Change with climate change

Embracing change is an important behavior as change is inevitable. It seems obvious that since the climate is changing we have to change as well.

Scientific evidence of climate change is increasing. Many private and public initiatives have made climate change a well-known topic for action. However, the level of awareness is not yet high enough, and the need for decisive action is not yet thoroughly recognized.

Climate is a common good, crucial to all of us and to future generation. What we can see so far is that the interests of nations regarding climate change are not aligned.

Climate-oriented technologies are improving the status of private enterprise. Some examples are the automatic industry offering cars with lighter weight and engines that can run on biofuel, plug-in electric cars and even fuel-cell vehicles; the chemical industry reviewing production process to save significant amount of energy; the construction industry promoting affordable green buildings. And we should push for energy replacement wherever possible, intensifying our demands for solar-, wind-, and water-generated power.

One decisive form of action to achieve long-term impact on climate change is education. All schools from primary to universities should teach climate science. As individuals we should also constantly learn about environmental protection, health and safety impact and new technologies becoming available.

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Yangon Region government gets two ambulances

YANGON, 6 May—Pine Forest Co of the Republic of Korea made a donation of an ambulance to Yangon Region government at the office of Yangon Region government here this afternoon, in the presence of Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw, Deputy Speaker and region ministers, department heads, donors and organization members.

Administration Director of Pine Forest Co Mr. Park Chong Ho presented the purpose of the donation and handed the related documents over Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr. Myint Thein.

The Region Chief Minister expressed words of thanks and paid a close attention to the two Hyundai Stares ambulances. —MNA

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Bago Region Chief Minister waters Bo tree

YANGON, 6 May—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win on yesterday afternoon attended the 62nd ceremony to pour water at Bo tree at Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago.

The congregation took the Five Precepts from Ovdadera’riya of Pagoda Board of Trustees Koethein Monastery Sayadaw.

Next, the Chief Minister and party went round the pagoda and poured water at Iko tree. —MNA

Rakhine State Chief Minister attends Fire Brigade Day ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—The 66th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day was observed at Sittway Fire Station in Sittway on yesterday morning. Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin awarded Kyaukpyu Township Fire Station for sanitation.

State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Aung Kyaw Min presented certificates of honour to fire brigade members who participated in the parade company representing Myanmar Fire Brigade.

The State Chief Minister and party viewed rescue equipment in fighting fire.

At the office of the Rakhine State Superintendent Engineering, the State Chief Minister delivered an address at the coordination meeting on Building, Airport, Road and Bridge works. —MNA

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Ten Yemeni soldiers injured by al-Qaeda mortar shells

ADEN, 6 May — Militants of the al-Qaeda terrorist group fired three mortar shells on a base of the Yemeni army forces in the southern province of Abyan on Saturday, injuring at least 10 soldiers, a local military official said. Xinhua

"All of the projectiles were fired from the al-Qaeda-held mountain near the Bajdar neighborhood in Zinjibar’s suburbs where army troops stationed since two weeks," the official said. "Two high-ranking army officers visited the military base shortly before the rocket attack to inspect the operations against the al-Qaeda group in Zinjibar." he added.

A spokesperson of the al-Qaeda confirmed to Xinhua on condition of anonymity, "The attack, saying that "we would not stop firing mortar shells and launching overnight attacks on the positions of the puppet army.

Meanwhile, a government official told Xinhua anonymously that fighters jettisoned 24 air strikes on Saturday against the al-Qaeda group in Abyan. "Up to eight terrorists were killed in Saturday’s air raids near the Lala Mountain," the official said, adding that "air bombing on the al-Qaeda militants will continue during the upcoming hours."

During a graduation ceremony for military officers on Saturday, Yemeni President Abed-Rabbu Mansour Hadi pledged to continue the fight against al-Qaeda terrorists and unify the divided army.

Taking advantage of the one-year-long political conflicts in Yemen, the resurgent al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), locally known as Ansar al-Sharia (Partisans of Islamic Law), has taken control of several cities and swathes across the country’s restive southern provinces. The AQAP, mainly entrenched itself in Yemen’s southern provinces of Abyan and Shabwa, is on the terrorist list of the United States, which considers it as an increasing threat to its national security.

Two bombs explode on Damascus highway

DAMASCUS, 6 May — Two bombs detonated on a central Damascus highway on Saturday, destroying nine cars, residents said, in a further sign that rebels fighting to topple President Bashar al-Assad are shifting tactics towards homemade explosives. There were no immediate reports of casualties from the blasts from bombs planted under cars on al-Thawra Street, the last blast having left the community, which is crumpling UN-backed truce.

Fifty out of a planned total of 300 United Nations observers are now in Syria to monitor the ceasefire declared on 12 April, but their presence is not halted by the violence in a 14-month-old revolt that began with peaceful pro-democracy protests.

Deadly blasts have shaken major cities as insurgents seek to even the odds between their outgunned forces and the tanks, artillery and helicopters in Assad’s military arsenal. On 30 April, explosions blew the fronts off buildings in the northern town of Idlib, where state TV said 25 civilians were killed and more than 100 wounded, including security personnel.

Three days earlier, a suicide bomber killed nine, including security men, at a Damascus mosque, the Interior Ministry said. An Islamist group calling itself the Support Front for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant claimed responsibility for that bombing and for an April 24 attack on the Iraqi cultural consulate in Damascus. Iran is one of Syria’s closest allies. Assad has long argued that he is combating foreign-backed “armed terrorist groups” rather than a popular uprising. Syrian officials say rebels have killed more than 2,600 soldiers and police.

The United Nations estimates that the security forces have killed more than 9,000 people since the rebellion began.— Reuters

13 killed in Thai factory explosions, fire

BANGKOK, 6 May — At least 13 people were killed by explosions and fire Saturday afternoon in an industrial park of east Thailand’s Rayong Province, Thai media reported.

About 95 people were injured and sent to hospital, English language newspaper The Nation reported in messages sent to subscribers.

The blast started at around 3:30 pm after explosions hit a factory in Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate, according to earlier reports. Rayong Governor Seree Jitkaekasem ordered evacuations of people and workers nearby.

The factory is far from living quarters.— MNA/Xinhua

Four killed, six injured in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 May — Four people were killed and six others injured in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in central and northern Iraq, the police said on Saturday.

In Iraq’s northern Province of Kirkuk, a member of the government-backed Awaken- ing Council group was killed and another injured when a roadside bomb went off near their car in al-Rashad town near the Kirkuk city, some 250 km north of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The Awakening Council group, also known as Sons of Iraq movement or Sahwa, consists of mostly former anti-US Sunni insurgent militant groups, who turned their rifles to fight al-Qaeda network after Sahwa’s leaders became dismayed by al-Qaeda’s brutality and religious zealotry in the country.

In Iraq’s western Province of Anbar, a civilian was killed and another wounded when a sticky bomb attached to his car exploded in the morning in the city of Haditha, some 200 km west of Baghdad, a provincial police source said.

In a separate incident, an Iraqi army officer was killed when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated late on Friday night in Baghdad’s western district of Yarmouk, an ministry source anonymously told Xinhua.

Seven were killed and two others injured in an explosion in Kirkuk's northern town.

Four Taleban commanders among 16 surrender in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 May — Pakistani officials said that 16 Taleban militants including four commanders on Saturday surrendered before the local authorities in a tribal region and denounced violence. The militants, who were part of the Tehrik-e-Talabistan Pakistan (TTP) and had been involved in terror activities in Kurram tribal region, gave up their weapons and the political administration in the presence of media persons in the area.

Four commanders Abdullah, Muhammad Rasham, Wafid and Rajefa were among those surrendered, who also confessed that they had been involved in crimes against local people and fought against the security forces, local administrator, Shahab Ali Shah said. The militants, whose faces were covered, told correspondents in the town of Parachinar that they belong to local tribes and have now abandoned armed activities against the security forces and the government-in-place rulers.

“We have shun over all past activities and now ready to stand with the people and the security forces,” a militant, seeking anonymity, told reporters. “We also want to start our new life because we had indulged forcefully when the TTP militants started their activities in Kurram Agency. We were forced to cooperate and work with them but now we have realized that they are killing our own people and not doing Jehad rather it is bloodshed of the innocent people,” the militant said. — Xinhua

The detonated military truck is seen at al-Thawra Street in Damascus, Syria, on 5 May, 2012. Two explosive devices planted under a military pickup truck went off in swift succession in the heart of Syria’s capital of Damascus. Saturday, leaving property damage but no casualties, reports and witnesses said. — Xinhua

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File photo shows the Map Ta Phut industrial estate in Rayong in 2010. — Xinhua

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Ancient fleas plagued ancient dinosaurs

Corvali, (Italy), 6 May—No creature is safe from fleas, not even dinosaurs that had to endure the bites of giant flea-like insects 165 million years ago, a US zoologist says. George Poinar Jr, a zoology professor at Oregon State University who wrote a commentary on the find of fleas in fossil form in Inner Mongolia may be the evolutionary ancestors of modern fleas but are more likely a separate and now extinct lineage, he said. "These are really well-preserved fossils that give us another glimpse of life in the really distant past, the Cretaceous and Jurassic," Poinar said.—INTERNET

We were distant destroyed worlds Earth-like?

Warwick, (England), 6 May—Dust from destroyed planets that once orbited dwarf stars suggests the shattered worlds were similar to components of Earth, British astronomers say. University of Warwick scientists using the Hubble Space Telescope to study the chemical composition of the atmospheres of white dwarf stars found the most frequently occurring elements in the dust around four dwarf stars observed were oxygen, magnesium, iron, and silicon — the four elements that make up roughly 93 percent of the Earth. “What we are seeing today in these white dwarfs several hundred light years away could well be a snapshot of the very distant future of the Earth,” Warwick astrophysicist Boris Gansicke said in a university release Thursday. “As stars like our sun reach the end of their life, they expand to become red giants when the nuclear fuel in their cores is depleted,” he said. The orbits of the planets could become destabilized by this, he said, causing collisions that could shatter entire worlds, leaving fragments and dust around the star with chemical composition mirroring that of the destroyed planets. One of the white dwarf stars studied stood out from the rest owing to the relative overabundance of the elements iron, nickel and sulphur in the dust surrounding it, researchers said. “It’s entirely feasible that in [white dwarf star] PG0043+516 we see the accretion of such fragments made from the core material of what was once a terrestrial exoplanet.”—INTERNET

Iceman mummy yields oldest blood seen

Bolzano, (Italy), 6 May—Researchers studying a 5,300-year-old body found frozen in the Italian Alps in 1991 say they found red blood cells around his wounds, the oldest ever seen. Hikers discovered “Oetzi the iceman” with an arrow buried in his back, and researchers had already determined he died from his wounds. The frozen blood body is remarkably preserved, and scientists writing in the Journal of the Royal Society say that preservation extends to the bleeding that occurred before his death, the BBC reported on Wednesday. Blood cells degrade quickly, and earlier searches for blood within the frozen body showed no signs of blood cells, researchers said. Albert Zink and colleagues at the Eurac Institute for Mummies and the Iceman in Bolzano, Italy, have now used a technique known as atomic force microscopy to examine thin slices of tissue taken from an area around the arrow wound and discovered structures with the tell-tale “doughnut” shape of red blood cells. They are by far the oldest red blood cells ever observed, researchers said.

Mars rover sees evidence of ancient water

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Alamo, (Nev), 6 May—Boeing completed a parachute test in Nevada for its new spacecraft, which would transport crews to and from the International Space Station, NASA said. A helicopter lifted the Crew Space Transportation spacecraft on Wednesday about 10,000 feet above the Delamar Dry Lake Bed near Alamo, Nev, and dropped the capsule. A two-parachute sequence deployed, and the capsule dropped smoothly to the ground, cushioned by six inflated airbags, a release from NASA said on Thursday. “Boeing’s parachute demonstration are a clear sign NASA is moving in the right direction of enabling the American aerospace transportation industry to flourish under this partnership,” NASA’s Commercial Crew Program Manager Ed Mango said. “The investments we’re making now are enabling this new path forward of getting our crews to (low Earth orbit) and potential the space station as soon as possible."

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Sacramento, (Calif), 6 May—a group of scientists took to the skies in a slow-moving airship on Thursday in search of meteorites that rained over California’s gold country last month.

It’s the latest hunt for extraterrestrial fragments from the 22 April explosion that was witnessed over a swath of Northern California and weighing in at 19 grams, or the weight of one AA battery. Researchers from NASA and the nonprofit SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif, said that the lookout for larger fragments failed. After a brief weather delay, they took off from a Sacramento airport aboard an airship outfitted with sensors and cameras. From the air, scientists plan to follow up with a search party.

“Only small pieces have been found. There has to be big pieces out there,” SETI Institute meteor astronomer Peter Jenniskens said before the trip. “We’re just hoping to collect more meteorites for research.”

Days after the approximately 154,300-pound meteor plunged through Earth’s atmosphere with a loud sonic boom that was heard from Sacramento to Las Vegas, Jenniskens organized a team and found a 4-gram meteorite in the parking lot of a park. NASA estimated the minivan-sized meteor released energy equal to one-third the explosive power of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima during World War II. An event this size occurs once a year usually over populated areas.

Initial inspection of rock fragments indicates this type of meteorite is among the oldest, dating to the solar system’s birth 4 billion to 5 billion years ago.—INTERNET
Costa Crociere gets new ship, new rules

VENICE, Italy, 6 May—Costa Crociere christened a new flagship in Italy Saturday as希尔和汉堡公司的 cruise ship launched new changes in procedures meant to improve safety, the company said.

The launching of the Costa Fincasino in Venice came less than four months after the deadly founding of the US-British company’s Costa Concordia off an Italian island. The 13 Jan maritime mishap left 32 passengers and crew members dead or missing, and the captain remains under house arrest while awaiting trial.

The delivery of the Costa Fincasino is an important stepping stone on our company’s road to recovery...” Costa Chairman Pier Luigi Foschi said without mentioning the Concordia by name.

Foschi said “after the recent incident” and despite the downturn in the economy, “Costa has bounced back and booking volumes are back to the same levels recorded this time last year,” The Miami Herald reported.

Seven safety measures were announced for Costa’s 15-ship fleet, including more collaborative decision-making process to encourage all staff on the bridge to “think out loud” as navigational decisions are made, the newspaper said.

Costa Crociere is part of the Carnival Corp. & PLC cruise network.

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Canton fair closes with drop in export transactions

GUANGZHOU, 6 May—The spring session of the annual Canton Fair, or 111th China Important Export Fair, closed on Saturday, with export transactions decreased for the first time since 2009. The value of export deals dropped by 2.3 percent year-on-year to 36.03 billion US dollars, or down 4.8 percent than the figure at the autumn session of the fair, said Liu Jianjun, spokesman with the fair.

This is the first time decreasing since the spring of 2009 as economic crisis hit the world from 2008, according to Liu.

Debt crisis from Europe Union countries and tough job market in the United States were among the factors that have caused the decrease, he said.

Although we have seen sharp export deal increase in new markets, such as Brazil, Russia, India, South Africa and other African countries, it cannot make up for the huge shortfall from European and American markets,” said Liu.

The purchasers attending the fair reached 210,000, setting a new record since the fair’s debut in 1957.

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Singapore, Brazil to boost economic ties

SINGAPORE, 6 May—Singapore’s Minister for Trade and Industry (MTI) Lim Hsien Ling, who will visit Brazil 7-10 May, said that there is confident that Brazil’s economy will continue to offer vast opportunities that Singapore businesses should seize.

“Today, there are already more than 50 Singapore companies operating in Brazil and I would like to encourage more to actively pursue the opportunities in all sectors, especially oil and gas, infrastructure and e-government.

Conversely, Brazilian companies that are looking to take advantage of Asia’s growth could use Singapore as a gateway to the regional market,” the Press release by MTI quoted Lim as saying on Saturday.

He said: “I am therefore happy to note that we are continually strengthening bilateral trade and investment ties between our two countries.”

During the visit, Lim meet Brazil’s Minister for Development, Industry and Foreign Trade Fernando Pimentel to advance discussions on economic cooperation between the two countries.

The Ministers will discuss ways to tap the growing business opportunities in both countries.

Emphasising that Singapore remains highly committed to enhancing economic collaboration with Brazil, Lim will also bemeeting with other senior officials, including the Governor of Rio de Janeiro Sergio Cabral and senior representatives from prominent Brazilian companies.

He will also visit Singapore companies in Brazil, including KeppelFELS Brazil’s BrazFELS shipyard in Angra dos Reis. KeppelFELS Brazil is a wholly-owned subsidiary of KeppelOffshore and Marine.

Brazil is one of Singapore’s top trading partners in Latin America. In 2011, bilateral trade amounted to 3.35 billion US dollars, an 11 percent increase over the previous year.

The number of Singapore-based companies with interests in Brazil is growing, in sectors spanning oil and gas, ports and shipping, freight and logistics, commodities, aerospace, consumer electronics and information and communications technology.

Xinhua
Fight against terrorism requires further global, regional cooperation: India

UNITED NATIONS, 6 May — India’s permanent representative to the UN, Singhi Puri, said in his statement at the meeting of the UN Security Council, that India has recently had a series of terror attacks which had resulted in the death of over 300 people. He said that the country’s response to these attacks had been quick and effective, but that more needed to be done to prevent further terrorist activity. Puri said that the country was committed to working with the UN and other international organizations to combat terrorism and to ensure that the country’s citizens were safe.

At the meeting, Puri said that in the view of the UN, the visible landscape of international terrorism has vastly changed over the years. He said that in the process of globalization, terrorists have found new methods to spread their ideologies and carry out attacks, including the use of cyberspace and connections with transnational organized crime. He warned that these new methods could fall into the hands of terrorists and that an effective counter-terrorism strategy, therefore, required greater international and regional cooperation than the international community has so far been able to achieve.

Puri said that the council was committed to continuing its efforts to strengthen cooperation in the fight against terrorism and to encourage the UN to consider creating the position of a UN Counter-Terrorism Coordinator. He said that the United Nations had made progress in this area, but that more needed to be done to ensure that the international community was working together effectively.

15-member Security Council voted unanimously to study the situation.
MYA NANDAR AND MYANMAR THINGYAN

By Ba Than

Myanmar are tradition reckoned the years, months and days by the lunar calendar, and Tagu marks the Thingyan festival which washes out the old year and heralds the new year the next day after King Sacce’s return to the celestial abode of awaiting four queens, so anxious that the earthly nymphs of Thingyan might not send him back, or that he wished not return. The fitting time for this article was last week. It will take the author a full year to await the next Thingyan to see in print. Wishing readers to enjoy Mya Nandar the theme song, Myoma Nyein the composer, Myoma music and the Silver Swan, the author with apology hereby presents the enduring spirit of mirth and hilarity. Traditionally the commencement of Thingyan and the advent of the New Year was calculated by a team of most learned astrologers of the realm, appointed by the Myanmar kings of the royal court, and later after Independence by the State and publicly notified through the news media. Correspondingly Thingyan falls more or less between 13 to 17 April by the Gregorian calendar.

Myanmar Thingyan usually lasts for three to four days followed by “Day One” of the New Year. It is the most enduring custom here to wash away the old year with cool refreshing water, so one emerges clean as the New Year is ushered in, to bring good fortune, love, peace and joy to one and all. As I have said, Myanmar Thingyan is the most hilarious, boisterous and enjoyable festival in which all can freely participate, and there is no bar to colour, race or stock of events of the outgoing year. The three or four days of Thingyan are meritoriously spent by visiting the monasteries, by giving charity and by practising acts of kindness. But for the young and vivacious it is a scenario that becomes eternally memorable.

Thingyan is a festival with socio-religious overtones. For the elders it is time to introspect, and take stock of events of the outgoing year. The three or four days of Thingyan are merrily spent by visiting the monasteries, by giving charity and by practising acts of kindness. But for the young and vivacious it is a scenario that becomes eternally memorable. The revelry is continued at night. The pandals are brightly lit. The girls present themselves in their best attire, and the dances and songs echo till the wee hours of the night. There is no water throwing at night and so the revellers as well as the spectators can enjoy the spirit of Thingyan with all its finery, and ecstasy. Most prominent among the floats is the Silver Swan, the insignia of the Myanmar musical troupe. It was founded by the then prominent youth of Mandalay (Dahdah U Thant, A U Aye Maung among many others), who were intent to inject fresh winds with emphasis on wind instruments and traditional drums into slow moving classical renditions. It was a resounding success, so much so that mention of Mandalay, and Myoma troupe will not be complete without Myanmar Nyein, the famous composer, himself a musician. He had created beautiful Thingyan songs, many of them became eternal hits. A born genius, the words he garlanded are simply ecstatic, tunes vibrant and scintillating, choreography mesmerizing.

One of his compositions: ‘Mya Nandar’ has now become a Thingyan theme song. The scenario centres on the Myoma troupe and its Silver Swan float, the lovely Thingyan girls, the enchanting Myoma Nyein lake and the Mandalay Hill. The backdrop is filled with redly beautiful intersecting to create a hypnotic effect. So popular is Mya Nandar that it has stretched its musical wings not only to the four corners of Myanmar, but also beyond its borders. It will not be an overstatement if I say that where there is a Myanmar anywhere in the world, you will hear the melodic strains of Mya Nandar especially at Thingyan. In fact the true title is ‘Mann Taung Weik Kho’ meaning ‘seeking refuge in the shade of Mandalay Hill’. It is more commonly known by the shorter and easily memorable ‘Mya Nandar’. Myanmar Nyein, when alive would scarce have imagined that his song would receive such global acclaim. He was a born genius, the words he garlanded are simply ecstatic, tunes vibrant and scintillating, choreography mesmerizing.

Pathin Association holds Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 6 May—The 91st Annual General Meeting of Pathin Township Association (Yangoon) was held at Ayeawady Region Dhammayon at 21/43C on Kyawdawya Road in Myoma Township on 25 March morning. Chairman of the association U Soe Lin made a speech. At the ceremony, respects were paid to 94 older persons of the association, prize presented to 13 outstanding students and one winner of Sarpy Beikman Manuscript Award.

Later, executives and members of the association donated K 4,948,000 to the fund of the association.

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Fire breaks out in Aungmyethazan Township

MANDALAY, 6 May—A fire broke out at the house of Ma Waing (a) Yin Yin Aung, 88 of No 13 block in DawnaBrick Factory Ward in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on 10.30 p.m on 29 April. The fire started from candle light that burnt 15 houses. Over 240 members of fire brigade put out the fire with the use of 52 fire engines and died out it at 11.30 pm. Notification was taken against Ma Waing at No 1 Police Station under Pa-95/2012 of Section 285.

Recruitment of blood donors explained

YANGON, 6 May —A ceremony to recruit blood donors was held at the hall of People’s Action Committee of Paukpya Township on Paukpya District on 25 April morning. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Zaw Soe made a speech. Head of Township Health Department Dr Nay Win explained the importance of recruiting blood donor with free from HIV virus and disciplines for blood donors.
**Htidaw-hoisting ceremony of TheindawU Pagoda held in Pyawbwe**

Minister U Myat Ko attended Taninthayi Region Chief officials prizes to presented K 500,000 and Region yesterday morning, at Koethein Sports Ground Brigade Day was observed.

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A total of 278 drug-related cases were exposed across the nation in April. The seizures were 171,577 kilos of opium in 37 cases, 1,074 kilos of heroin in 82 cases, 0.5886 kilos of opium oil in five cases, 4.3182 kilos of Caffeine in one case, 0.575 kilos of morphine in one case, 10.2943 kilos of drug powder, 0.655 kilos of chemical liquid, three cases of failure to register and other two cases.

Actions were taken against 363 persons—294 men and 69 women—in 278 cases under law.

**Artesian wells turn yellow... water.**

Because of favourable geographical conditions, artesian wells are success in the region. As groundwater recharge and groundwater discharge have been put into curious consideration for sustainable development, the project is an environmentally sustainable one.

**Union Minister receives President of Myanmar Region of CP Livestock**

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**Union Cooperatives and L&F Minister receives President of Myanmar Region of CP Livestock**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint received Mr Phichert Sivarsi (President of Myanmar Region) of Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed development of cow breeding, undertaking of development for livestock breeding zones through cooperative system, control of animal diseases, distribution of quality pedigrees and improvement of technology.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun, departmental heads of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and officials.—MNA

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Next, the Union Minister climbed the upper terrace of the pagoda and offered the diamond orb. Then, Sayadaws and members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda.

After the ceremony, the Union Minister and wife and family and donors offered day’s meal to the members of the Sangha.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister attended the Kason-water-pouring ceremony held on the Mahaw Bawdi Platform in Shwenyayungyu Village, Shwenyayungyu Village-tract and poured water on the Bo tree. He also attended the Kason-water pouring ceremony held in Theingon Model Village in Yamehin Township.—MNA

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**Artesian wells turn yellow... water.**

Thanks to the artesian wells, the once yellow plain in summer have been turned into greener one.

Translation: HKA

**Natual artesian well successfully sunk in Pyawbwe-Phayangahlaus region.**

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**Saggaing Region Chief Minister views regional development tasks**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Saggaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye on 2 May morning held a meeting with locals from Lakyetkyun, Myinhak, Nyaunghla villages after inspecting sitting in Kintat main canal near Saiyin Village, extension work of earthen embankment on Myaeyek-Saiyin Road and progress of generation of hydropower with self-reliant efforts in Konkyi Village.

After that, the Region Chief Minister attended the opening of “Pymmuyangyung” library in Nanyu Village, where he pressed the button to open and donated publications and Sky Net receivers and videos.

On 3 May morning, he urged the officials of Myoma Market in KhinU to keep its greening and development. Then, he inspected Myamina Railway concrete sleeper plant there, and roadwork being carried out on YeU-KhinU Road after presenting cash assistance for medical fund at the People's Hospital.

He was present at the openings of “Thuta YeU” Shwebo Library, a concrete bridge and archway of Thayetkon model village and looked into roads in the village and the village administrator’s office and the village's library.

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Plan to realize child-centred academic system

In the past, the teacher-centred academic system declined the own creativities. That is why, the ministry changed the academic system in line with the international education system. —Kyemon

World Veterinary Day observed in Hlegu

YANGON, 6 May—An educative talk on resistance of micro-organism in commemoration of the World Veterinary Day 2012 was held at the office of Hlegu Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department on 28 April.

It was attended by ward and village administrators, departmental personnel, veterinary staff, breeders and feedstuff sellers. Head of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Myo Win Shwe talked about prevention against resistance of micro-organisms, Deputy Head of Department Dr Saw Tha Taw resistance of anti-biotic vaccines in veterinary works, Deputy Head of Department Dr Wah Wah Ohm resistance of anti-biotic medicines in poultry farming.

Later, pamphlets were distributed to the attendees.

Survey experiences of children recounted

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—A ceremony to recount experiences in survey of children supervised by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Save the Children Myanmar was held at Thangha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone on 9.30 am on 3 May.

It was attended by the director of Social Welfare Department and officials, Country Director Mr Kelliland Stevenson of Save the Children Myanmar, children of the survey team.—Myo Htet Aung

Basic fire fighting course kicks off in Taikton

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—The basic fire fighting course No 2/2012 was opened at the hall of the Township Fire Services Department in Taikon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 27 April afternoon.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aye Lu delivered an address. Altogether 50 trainees from wards and villages in the township are attending the two-week course. —Myanya Alyn

Ginger, turmeric from Koekway, Taungkyaw regions become export products

Ginger and turmeric produced from Koekway and Taungkyaw village of Pinlaung Township are high demand of foreign countries. So, merchants purchase ginger and turmeric from Koekway and Taungkyaw villages in competitiveness, said merchant Daw Than Aye (Pyinmana).

“Any person may visit our Koekway and Taungkyaw hilly village from Pyinmana along 20 miles and three furlongs long route through Kintha junction, south of Taikon Township. In Koekway Village, local Kayin national races are engaged in cultivation of ginger, turmeric and banana. We purchase higher prices fro goods than that of previous year. This year, the products are exported, so merchants buy the products at higher prices. Last year, one vis of turmeric could be purchased at K 1200 for special item. This year, we turmeric is sold at K 1500 per vis. Despite spending higher amount of money, the products cannot get good prices in Yangon,” she said.

This year, ginger and turmeric from hilly regions east of Nay Pyi Taw become export items in Bangladesh. In Myanmar, local people in Kalaw, Aungpan and Taunggyi are engaged in cultivation of ginger and turmeric as main business to use them as materials in the making traditional medicines. Moreover, these products are used as essential spicy materials in cooking fish meals. —By Min Min Latt

Self-reliant concrete commissioned into service

On the occasion, Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw representative U Myint Aung, wellwisher U Ko Ko Oo-Daw Wah Wah Oo (Kyun Shwewah Sawmill) and wellwisher U Myo Kyaw formally opened the concrete road.

The newly-opened concrete road is 668 feet long built at cost of K 3.2 million contributed by wellwichers and local people.—Myanya Alyn

Blazed transformer substituted with new equipment in time in Pazundaung Township

YANGON, 6 May—Transformer from power station in Pazundaung Township was blazed, but it was put out in time. The damage parts of transformer could be substituted with new ones in time to be able to supply electricity.

A fire broke out at a 66-33 KV transformer of Thida Sub-power Station on 2 May morning.

Head of Yangon Region Settlement and Land Records Department U Zaw Min and Head of Yangon North District SLRD U Hay Lin explained matters related to the laws.—Myanya Alyn

Farmland laws, vacant and virgin lands law clarified

YANGON, 6 May—A ceremony to make clarification on farmland law and vacant, fallow and virgin land management law 2002 was held at the hall of Settlement and Land Records Department in Hmaubwa Township of Yangon Region on 2 May afternoon.

The task was participated by members of Fire Brigade and Myanmar Police, departmental personnel and farmers. —Myanya Alyn

Over 260 people fall into storm victims in Maubin Township

YANGON, 6 May—In the strong winds and heavy rains, thirty huts and one small rice mill collapsed in five village of Ngaygyikat Village-tract in Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Region at 5.45 pm on 30 April.

According to the follow-up news, a total of 62 huts from three village-tracts collapsed in the strong winds on 1 May and it lost K 1.86 million. Roofs of one more huts were damaged and it lost K 30,000.

At present, 269 people from 62 households fell into storm victims. Member of Maubin Township Fire Services Department and 31 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade provided necessary assistance to the storm victims. The Ayeyawady Region government and Township Red Cross Brigade donated six pys of rice each to storm victim households.

Moreover, Township Health Department gave health care services to them.

Htet Khang-Sawmyaw

Dredging creek in Hsipaw hail Fire Brigade Day

The dredging tasks was contributed by wellwishers and farmers. According to the report of the technicians, the root causes of outbreak of fire was based on 30-year old transformer and its overheat shock. In the incident, insulator burst out from the transformer and it caused spraying of fuel to break out the fire. —Kyemon

Thida Sub-power Station substituted the damaged equipment with new ones for supplying electricity regularly.

The dredging tasks was supervised by Township Administrator U Mya Maung, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Kyaw Nyunt Haing, Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Thein Hseik Oo, Head of Township Fire Services Department U Ko Ko Oo and officials.

They fulfilled the requirements works.

—Myanya Alyn
China, Japan, ROK agree to enhance cultural cooperation

“Culture is exerting great power, as the economy in the northeast of the country is being integrated into the world economy,” Cai said, adding that many problems can be readily solved through the deepening of cultural cooperation.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the normalization of China-Japan diplomatic relations, as well as the 20th anniversary of the founding of the China-ROK diplomatic ties. China, Japan, and the ROK have planned a series of events to boost their ties. Hiromichi Hino, Japan’s minister of education, culture, sports, science and technology, said the Shanghai Action Plan is a “very valuable document,” and the three sides have reached consensus on the importance and value of culture. Cho Kwang Shik, the ROK’s minister of culture, sports and tourism, used a quote taken from Confucius (“a gentleman gets along with others, but does not necessarily agree with them”) to describe the three countries’ cultural exchanges. He said that the three countries have a long way to go in regards to boosting cooperation in their cultural industries.

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FBI investigating Arizona Neo-Nazi before shooting

Phoenix, 6 May — The neo-Nazi founder of an anti-immigrant border militia was already the subject of an FBI domestic terrorism probe before he went on a shooting rampage that killed four people, officials and news reports said on Saturday. The Arizona Republic newspaper reported that federal agents seized dozens of computers and interviews from a Phoenix valley home where white supremacist Jason Todd “JT” Ready was believed to have lived and interacted with others on Wednesday following a domestic dispute, before shooting himself.

After the shooting, the FBI contacted local police in Gilbert and asked for their assistance in the investigation, James Turgal, special agent in charge of the FBI’s Phoenix office, told the newspaper.

The FBI’s domestic terrorism investigation dated back to when Ready was a member of the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement and continued into his activities with the US Border Guard border-vigilante group, the newspaper reported. The probe was based on tips of criminal activity that Turgal declined to specify, but was unrelated to the shooting rampage on Wednesday, the newspaper reported. Manuel Johnson, a spokesman for the FBI’s Phoenix field office, confirmed to Reuters that Ready, was the subject of a federal domestic terrorism investiga- tion earlier this year, and that he declined to provide further details “due to the ongoing investigation.”

After the shooting, authorities retrieved two handguns and a shotgun from the crime scene, as well as live military grenades that were removed by an Air Force bomb disposal team. Ready, who founded the US Border Guard group, a private citizen militia in Arizona that advocated deadly force to stop illegal immigration over the border from Mexico, was blamed at the time on a drug-related phenomenon.

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Keep off beaches, Peru warns after mass pelican deaths

Lima, 6 May — Peru’s government declared a health alert along its northern coastline on Saturday and urged residents and tourists alike to stay away from long stretches of beach, as it investigates the unexplained deaths of hundreds of dolphins and pelicans.

At least 1,200 birds, mostly pelicans, washed up along a stretch of Peru’s northern Pacific coastline in recent weeks, health officials said, after an estimated 800 dolphins died in the same area in recent months.

The Health Ministry recommended staying away from beaches, though stopped short of a ban, and called on health officials to use gloves, masks and other protective gear when collecting dead birds.

The peak tourism season around Lima’s beaches is over, though many surfers are still venturing into the waters near the capital.

The Agriculture Ministry said preliminary tests on some dead pelicans pointed to malnourishment. Oscar Dominguez, head of the ministry’s health department, said experts had ruled out bird flu. “The Health Ministry ... calls on the population to abstain from going to the beaches until the health alert is lifted,” the ministry said in a statement posted on its website, along with a photograph of a dead pelican. The ministry said it had so far checked 18 bodies in and around Lima for dead birds, but gave no details on any findings. A mass pelican death along Peru’s northern coast in 1997 had blamed at the time on a shortage of feeder anchovies due to the El Nino phenomenon.

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Cuba to conduct anti-disaster drill

Havana, 6 May — Cuban authorities are preparing to conduct a nationwide anti-disaster drill aimed at taking stock of existing measures and heightening disaster awareness among the population, officials said on Saturday.

The May 19-20 drill, the 26th of its kind and code-named Meteor2012, will help to train people how to respond in case of such disasters as hurricanes, earthquakes, drought, forest fires and exotic diseases, officials said.

The exercise aims to raise the country’s disaster preparedness and review the measures to protect human lives and key economic targets in case of different kinds of disasters. The maneuvers will also include assessing the evacuation processes of the population in areas susceptible to quakes or tsunamis, he added.

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Two prison officials killed by gunmen in northern Nigeria

Maiduguri, 6 May — Two personnel of the Nigerian Police Service were killed in the restive northeastern state of Borno by gunmen believed to be members of the Boko Haram sect, police said on Friday.

The gunmen attacked a police station and a nearby prison in Maiduguri, the state capital. State police spokes- person Samuel Tzibe told Xinhua that the gunmen first attacked a police station in Banki town, but were repelled by the police. “Five hours later, the gunmen went and attacked a nearby prison in Kamashi town, killing two prison warders and setting free all the inmates,” he added.

The spokesperson said the police arrested 23 suspects in connection with the attacks.
Death toll from Kenya flash floods rises to 50

Nairobi, 6 May—Death toll from Kenya’s flash floods ravaging several parts of the country have so far killed at least 50 people and displaced thousands of others in the east African nation, a humanitarian agency said on Saturday. The Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) spokesperson Nelly Muluka said four people were swept away by floodwaters near Rongai on Friday night. The relief agency said the number of flash flood fatalities will still continue to rise due to heavy rains that have led to flash floods in several parts of the country.

“At least 50 people have lost their lives as a result of the flooding since March. Four people were swept away by flood waters near Rongai on the night of 4 May. Their bodies were found on top of the Rimpa bridge in Rongai on Saturday morning,” Muluka said. According to Muluka, on another case on the

Pakistan condemns US drone attack

Islamabad, 6 May—Pakistan has condemned in the strongest terms the US drone attacks in North Waziristan on Saturday morning, which killed at least 10 people, the Foreign Ministry said. Pakistan has consistently maintained that these illegal attacks are a violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and are in contravention of international law,” a Foreign Ministry statement said. “It is our considered view that the strategic disadvantages of such attacks far outweigh their tactical advantages, and are therefore, totally counter-productive,” the Pakistani Foreign Ministry said.

The Foreign Ministry says that the issue of American drone strikes will be taken up with the US authorities through diplomatic channels both in Islamabad and Washington. Security officials said the US spy aircraft fired two missiles on a house at the Dara-e-Nazir area in North Waziristan early Saturday morning. The area is just three kilometres from Afghanistan. The house was completely destroyed in the strike. Officials said that US drones were seen flying over the area before and after the attack, which was the third strike in the same region in nearly two months.

Three killed in gun battle in northeastern Nigerian city

Maiduguri, 6 May—Three civilians were killed while two other people wounded following a gun battle between soldiers and members of the dreaded militants in the northeastern Nigerian city of Maiduguri, military authority said on Saturday. The three civilians were shot when the military troops deployed to the area by the Nigerian Federal Government engaged the Boko Haram Islamic sect in a wedding ceremony in the metropolis.

The militants sneaked into Maiduguri five days ago to attack a wedding venue. The militants opened fire sporadically on the soldiers and members of the sect and managed to kill one civilian and injure another, a military official said.

A rescue mission was delayed due to fear of further strikes by the US drones, residents said. Security sources said that suspected militants had been using the house for several months. They said those killed belonged to the local Tabele group. They also said that several foreign militants were also staying in the compound at the time of the strike. Saturday’s US drone strike was the third this year. Data shows that nearly 93 people have been killed in US strikes in 2012.

Two Belgians arrested in Yemen for links to al-Qaeda

Sanaa, 6 May—Two Belgians were arrested in Yemen for links to al-Qaeda when they were about to leave Yemen, the National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedom said in a statement. “The weeks-long arrest of the two Belgians is against the Yemeni law and we call the Yemeni public prosecution to interfere into the case and allow the defendants to face a fair trial, or release them if there were not guilty,” it said. Like many other foreigners, the Belgians were in Yemen to study the Arabic language, according to the statement. The Yemeni interior ministry declined to comment and the intelligence agency could not immediately be reached for comment.—Xinhua

Russia identifies suspects of twin blasts in North Caucasus

Moscow, 6 May—Police have identified the perpetrators of two deadly blasts in Russia’s restive North Caucasus republic of Dagестan that killed at least 13 people and injured more than 100, Dagestani President Magomedmagomedov said on Saturday. The suicide bombers have been preliminarily identified as a brother and a sister named Aliyev,” Magomedov said. Detailed reports about the terrorists and their accomplices would be released soon, he said. The Russian Emergency Situati

Two bodies found in MS search for mom, girls

Jackson, 6 May—Two bodies have been found in Mississippi during the search for a missing Tennessee woman and her three children, but the identities are not known, authorities said on Saturday. The bodies were found on late Friday night or early Saturday morning in a residence associated with the man charged with abducting Jo Ann Bain and her children, FBI spokesman Joel Sisovic said. The spokesman said authorities on the scene were not able to positively identify the bodies. He would not say if the bodies were child

The FBI and US Marshals Service are offering a reward of up to $50,000 for information that leads to the location of the missing victims and the arrest of Mayes. Sisovic said the bodies were found in a residence, but it wasn’t clear if it was a house, mobile home or other building. He also wasn’t sure if the residence belonged to Mayes or an acquaintance of his. Sisovic said the bodies were found in Guntown, north of Tupelo. Lee County coroner Carolyn Green said the bodies were found outside Guntown in Union County.—Internet

This combo image made of undated photos provided by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety shows, clockwise from top left, Jo Ann Bain and her daughter, Adrienne, 14, Kyliyah 8, and Alexandria,12. Investors
Fox renames movie in wake of Trayvon Martin death

LOS ANGELES, 6 May — Movie studio 20th Century Fox on Friday changed the title of an upcoming summer comedy “Neighbourhood Watch” starring Ben Stiller to distance the film from the racially-charged shooting death of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin.

Fox said the title was changed to “The Watch,” and the studio also launched a new promotional trailer for the film about suburban dads hunting beings from another world.

“As the subject matter of this alien invasion comedy bears no relation whatsoever to the recent tragic events in Florida, the studio altered the title to avoid any accidental or unintended impression that it might,” the movie studio said in a statement. Fox in March removed from theaters posters showing a shadowy figure and a teaser trailer for “Neighbourhood Watch” following the national uproar over Martin’s death in Florida at the hands of neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman. Zimmerman was not initially charged because of a Florida law that allows people to use deadly force if they feel their life is in danger. However, he was subsequently arrested and charged with second-degree murder and is now awaiting trial. Along with Stiller, “The Watch” stars Vince Vaughn and Jonah Hill and will be released in US movie theaters on 27 July.— Reuters

Serbia, Bosnia agree to regulate international river navigation

BELGRADE, 6 April — Serbia and neighbourg Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) on Friday in Belgrade signed an agreement to regulate international river navigation on the Sava and Drina Rivers, Bosnian Minister of Communications and Transport, Damir Hadzic, and Serbian Minister for Infrastructure and Energy, Mihutin Mrkojnic, signed a technical agreement which provides for rehabilitation and modernization of navigation on international inland waters.

The River Sava flows from west to east, largely defining the border between Croatia and BiH, before reaching the Danube in Belgrade.

The River Drina flows south to north along the border between Serbia and BiH. The European Union has approved 5.5 million euros ($7.2 million US dollars) for studies for the stretch of the River Sava from Belgrade to Brcko, BiH. The repair and maintenance of navigability on the Sava River requires the cooperation of Croatia, Serbia and BiH. — Xinhua

2,500 students perform to mark Youth Day

BEIJING, 6 May — About 2,500 college students from more than 100 universities performed in an evening gala on Friday to mark China’s Youth Day. Li Changchun, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, watched the performance with students in Beijing.

The urged young people to study the keynote speech given by President Hu Jintao at the ceremony to mark the 90th founding anniversary of the Communist Youth League of China. He expressed hope they would cherish the chances provided by the country’s development and devote themselves to the country’s drive of reform, opening, development and modernization. The gala included music, dance and dramas developed and performed by college students.— Xinhua

Switzerland to send unarmed military observers to Syria

GENEVA, 6 May — The Federal Council of Switzerland has decided to send up to eight unarmed military observers to participate in the United Nations mission to monitor the ceasefire and the peace plan in Syria, the government said on Friday. On the basis of the Military Act and of a new resolution by the UN Security Council and an enquiry from the UN, the Federal Council has now decided to participate in the United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS), said a statement from the Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs. Switzerland’s Federal Council decided on 18 April that the country would participate in this operation in the form of an initial detachment. The military observer who is currently part of the initial detachment will be transferred to the UNSMIS, according to the statement. — Reuters

UK’s largest warship sails up Thames River

BEIJING, 5 May — Britain’s largest warship has sailed up the Thames River, as part of security pre-parations for the 2012 London Olympic Games. The 184-metre wide HMS Ocean, berthed at Greenwich in east London ahead of the major security exercise dubbed Olympic Guardian. UK Defence Secretary Philip Hammond visited the warship and addressed some of the crew members on-board. He said he hoped foreign visitors would be reassured by the significant military presence. The sailing of HMS Ocean marks the final phase of Olympic Guardian, which started earlier this week in Weymouth and in the airspace over the capital. The ship will focus on air security over the weekend, with river operations taking place between Tuesday and Thursday next week.— Xinhua

Leftist rebel leader tagged in foiled attack in S Philippines captured

DAVAO CITY, 6 May — Philippine police said Friday it had captured a top leftist rebel leader allegedly involved in the failed attack against a police station in southern Philippines.

Teddy Dumandan Bager, 42, a propaganda unit team leader of the New People’s Army’s North-eastern Mindanao Regional Committee, was arrested by soldiers and policemen inside his alleged hideout in Diatagon village, Lianga town, Surigao del Sur at around 3 am on Wednesday, according to Superintendent Martin Gamba, spokesperson of the Caraga police regional office.

According to Gamba, Bager has a pending case before a regional trial court in Surigao del Sur for the foiled attempt by a band of NPA rebels whom he led to storm and overrun the police station in nearby Lianga town on 28 April, 2011.

That attack was repulsed by policemen and soldiers. Recovered from the suspects were a fragmentation grenade, several electronic devices, cellular phones and more than 9,700 pesos (225 US dollars).

Gamba said the rebel leader was detained at the Lianga police station. The 4,000-strong NPA, armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, is fighting a 43-year leftist insurgency in 60 Philippine provinces. — Xinhua

Royal Navy helicopters carrier HMS Ocean docks at Greenwich, the Thames River in London, Britain, as part of London 2012 Olympic preparation security exercise, on 4 May, 2012. The monument pays homage to the hundreds of thousands of Canadian sailors who served during the Navy’s first 100 years. — Xinhua
Girl, 6, saves choking classmate

A 6-year-old California girl who rescued a classmate who was choking on a piece of apple said she learned the Heimlich maneuver from watching television.

Elspeth Mar, a student at Caroline Wenzel Elementary School in Sacramento, performed the Heimlich on first-grader Aniyah Rigmaiden in the cafeteria of the school and the girl said she knew what to do.

“Aniyah Rigmaiden choking, were honored in a school ceremony declaring them ‘Heroes of the Day.’

Principal Judy Montgomery said she was impressed with Mar’s actions.

“It was so matter-of-fact,” she said. “She got up, got the apple out of the little girl’s throat and then just sat back down. That is how it should be.

“But I was blown away at how a first-grader could handle something like that so seamlessly. Usually, I would expect them to yell, ‘Hey, help! Someone’s choking’,” Montgomery said.

Mar said she learned how to perform the Heimlich from Disney channel series “ANT Farm.”

I looked like moron: Justin Timberlake

LONDON, 6 May— Singer Justin Timberlake admitted he looks like a moron during his days with pop group NSYNC, especially with their attire.

“There were many moments in my teenage years where I succumbed to, um, the weirdness of the group I was in,” showbizspy.com quoted Timberlake as saying.

“...In trying to conform—we’re wannabes—I ended up looking like a moron,” he added.

The 31-year-old feels many modern men are over reliant on grooming products. "I don’t like when I see guys do too much hair gel. I don’t mean Paul Mitchell, because that’s basically performance art. But when you use enough hair gel that your hair becomes a sculpture and you wanted it to look that way? It’s just weird,” he said.

Heimlich maneuver from watching television.

Aniyah Rigmaiden in the cafeteria of the school and the girls

A piranha

Singer Justin Bieber

Los Angeles, 6 May— Singer Justin Bieber wants to make this Mother’s Day special for his mom Pattie Mallette. So he has penned a song for her and plans to release it on the occasion on 13 May.

The song will be a part of his next album “Believe”.

“I wrote a song for my mom. But I’m going to put it out on Mother’s Day,” aceshowbiz.com quoted Bieber as saying.

“It’s about the struggles, I say in the song. She had me at the age I am now. It’s about just the struggles she went through and how brave she was, and I think the world needed to know that,” he added.

Scarlett Johansson mastered Russian in two days

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“We are not married, actually. Not through any kind of. Through laziness, really. Our houses are married. It is very good to have. You definitely need your space,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted her as saying.

Piranhas found in Japan river

Officials in a Japanese town have banned children from a local stream after three piranhas recently were pulled from a nearby river.

MJ’s picture on Pepsi campaign

Los Angeles, 6 May— Late singer Michael Jackson’s image will be used to front a new advertising campaign for Pepsi. The soft drinks firm has agreed a deal with the singer’s estate to use his image in a new global marketing push.

Consumers in the US and China will be the first to see the campaign. It will be pushed out in varying forms to around 25 countries throughout the year, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The initial push, supplemented by a TV advertisement will see the company release collectable blue cans bearing an image of the late King of Pop.

Customers will be able to scan codes on the cans with their phones to download remixed tracks from Jackson’s albums “Bad”, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

The New Light of Myanmar

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Unusual town names on the decline

A North Carolina historian said US towns with unusual names, such as Grubville, Mo, and Battiest, Okla, are slowly disappearing.

Mike Hill of the North Carolina Office of Archives and History said the unusual town names, which were often given by settlers as a jok, are being replaced with more commonplace names dreamed up by developers to drum up interest in real estate, USA Today reported.

“For the most part,” Hill said, “we stopped making good new place names a long time ago.”

USA Today said the US Postal Service is seeking to close post offices in small towns, many of which bear unusual names such as Beethoven, Wis, and Dwarf, Ky, as their populations dropped between the Census counts of 2000 and 2010, while the overall US population increased 10 percent.

Jude Law prefers buying classic items

Los Angeles, 6 May— Actor Jude Law is a wine shopper, who likes to invest in classic items that last long and can even be passed on to his kids.

“I love the idea of durability, that you can buy a classic, beautifully-made suit or leather bag that will last for years,” contactmusic.com quoted the 39-year-old Law as saying.

“I like to keep things that I know I can pass on to my children. I’ve still got the tuxedo I wore to my first ever Oscars ceremony so I can give it to my son,” he added. Law said he underwrote a complete wardrobe makeover and even bought a moustache for his role in the “Sherlock Holmes” movies. He sported facial hair for his role as Dr John Watson in the movie, and admits his different look did not suit his regular wardrobe. So, he tried different look did not suit his regular wardrobe. So, he tried

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PSG eye Ligue 1 top spot as tension builds
Montpellier
Ponant, 6 May — In a French league full of twists and turns Paris Saint-Germain will go back to the top of the table if they can beat Valenciennes on Sunday before current leaders Montpellier play on Monday. Just days ago, PSG looked to have had their hopes of a first Ligue 1 crown since 1994
goodybye after slipping five points behind Montpellier in the wake of a 2-1 defeat at Lille.
But then Montpellier were held to a 2-2 home draw by Evian-Thonon-Gaillard to prevent a stoppage-time penalty before PSG beat Saint-Etienne 2-0 to close the gap back to three
points. Carlo Ancelotti’s side now go ahead of Valenciennes looking record-breaking-back-to-back league wins for the first time in two months, although the northern side have proven difficult to beat at their Stade du Hainaut home this season and will not make life easy for the men from the capital as they chase the win that will seal their survival.
PSG’s goal difference is inferior to that of Montpellier by one, but they have scored three more goals and will therefore go back to the summit, for 24 hours at least, with a win. Paris’ Italian international goalkeeper Salvatore Sirigu and his attendants have been through all the emotions this week but now has his sights set on top spot again.
“After the defeat at Lille I was sad and but never I said the title was lost,” he said.
Internet

Huck draws with Afobabi to keep WBO belt
Efur, 6 May — German cruiserweight Marco Huck retained his WBO title against British challenger Olajide Afolabi of Nigeria, with the novice of margins, a draw by majority decision on Saturday. In a rematch of Huck’s first defence of the title he won from Victor Emmanuel Ramirez in 2009, Afolabi had the better of the opening rounds. “I was tired early on, but I’m a fighter and I fought,” Huck said. “Thankfully it was just enough in the end.”
He was left with a bloody nose at the end of the third when his trainer urged him to “do something” if he wanted to defend his belt. The defending champ recovered and delivered a flurry of punches from both sides to start Afobabi in real trouble just before the end of the ninth. “I give Marco a lot of credit,” Afolabi said. “I thought he was tired around round six, but he just kept
coming until round 12.”
Both fighters gave everything in the final round, when exhaustion prevented either from delivering the telling blow. Huck particularly, wobbling but doing just enough to hang on. Judges Paul Thomas of Britain and Ingo Barnabas of Germany scored it 114-114, 112-112 and 113-112
in favour of the defending champ. But Huck was back at cruiserweight after losing to Alfonso Gomez of Peru for the WBA heavyweight belt in February. His record was 34-2 (25 KOs), while the Los Angeles-based Afobabi was 19-2-4 (9 KOs).

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Maggi scores four to send Guardiola off with victory
Barcelona, 6 May — Lionel Messi scored four times to take his season tally to an unprecedented 72 goals and give Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola a 4-0 win over cross-town rival Espanyol in his last home game at Camp Nou on Saturday. Messi’s scoring display was a fitting farewell for the coach who helped the Argentine forward become the world’s best player and forged Barcelona into one of the best teams to have played soccer.
After scoring his Spanish league-record 50th goal, Messi went to the sideline to embrace Guardiola, who is leaving after 13 titles in four seasons. The only other player to have scored 70 goals in a single season was Archie Stark of Bethlehem Steel in the American Soccer League in 1924-25. Real Madrid, which clinched the league title in the last round, won 2-1 at Granada thanks to Cristiano Ronaldo’s 45th league goal and David Cortes’ own goal in stoppage time. “I did give me this gift during the past five years of being able to live with these players and enjoy this spectacle,” Guardiola told the packed stands following his 97th win in 118 home games. “I have been the privileged one, to feel so loved and admired during all these years. Many thanks to all, above all to those who I have worked with every day.”
Guardiola will coach Barcelona’s last league game at Real Betis before having a chance at a 14th piece of silverware in the Copa del Rey final against Athletic Bilbao. Guardiola’s 34-year-old assistant Tito Vilanova, will then take over.

Montpellier a 2-1 defeat at Lille.
Internet

Bolt speeds to year’s fastest 100 metres
Kingston, 5 May — Jamaican Olympic champion Usain Bolt of Jamaica sprang to win the men’s 100 metres event at the Jamaica International Invitational track and field meet in Kingston, on 5 May, 2012.

Alvarez wins title with decision over Mosley
Las Vegas, 6 May — Rising Mexican star Canelo Alvarez landed the heavier punches and moved on of them on Saturday night, defending his 154-pound title with a lopsided decision win over an aging Shane Mosley. Alvarez shook off a cut on his left eye from a head butt in the third round and dominated the fight, landing big punches to the body and occasional uppercuts to the head. He won all rounds but one on two scorecards, and all but two on the third. It was the fourth defence for Alvarez of his 154-pound title, and Mosley gave it a good try.
But at the age of 40 he simply didn’t have the physical strength to be competitive against the 21-year-old champion. Two judges scored it 119-109, while a third had it 118-108. The fight was on the Floyd Mayweather Jr-Miguel Cotto undercard. “It was a great experience,” Alvarez said. “I felt really good and I want to thank Shane for giving me the experience.” Mosley hasn’t won a fight in three years, losing five of his last seven. Mosley was trying to resurrect his fading career after losses to both Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao, but he came into the ring a decided underdog against Alvarez, who is considered one of the top young fighters in the sport.
He took punishment throughout and appeared hurt by shots to the body in the eighth round. But Mosley (46-6-1) never went down and was still fighting hard in the 12th round, though by then the fight had already been decided. “I didn’t think he was that good,” Mosley said. Alvarez, who remained unbeaten in 41 fights, said he tried to knock Mosley down every round, but was never able.
Mosley has never been stopped in a fight.

Simpson emerges with lead at Quail Hollow
Charlotte, 6 May — For someone playing so close to his house, Webb Simpson has been on edge all week. The home crowd. Two rounds with Tiger Woods. His name atop the leaderboard at Quail Hollow alongside Rory McIlroy and so many others late Saturday afternoon. It has caused him to try extra hard to block everything out except the shot in front of him.
So far, it has worked better than he imagined. Simpson broke out of a five-way tie for the lead with a 12-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole, and a 3-under 69 gave him a one-shot lead over Ryan Moore and DA. Points going into the final round of the Wells Fargo Championship.
“It seems like when guys on this level do get nervous, it’s like every single time they start little, they just lighten up their thoughts a lot better,” Simpson said. “I’m more nervous, for the most part, I play better. It’s not a good thing when we get comfortable out there because you start getting lazy and losing focus on your target. This is not the moment.”
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**Spurs kept outside top three by Villa draw**

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BO TREES WATERED: Damsels from Tayoksu, Zeedaw and Ponna villages pouring water at Bo tree in precinct of Tayoksu Taikkgaung Pariyatti Monastery in Singaing in commemoration of the Fullmoon Day of Kason.—MYANMA ALIN
**Toure brace strengthens Man City’s grip on title**

LONDON, 6 May—Manchester City moved to within touching distance of a first English league title in 44 years after Yaya Toure scored twice in a 2-0 win at Newcastle on Sunday.

Victory left leaders City three points ahead of Manchester United and put the pressure on the reigning champions ahead of their home match against Swansea later in the day, with just one round of fixtures left after Sunday’s matches.

It also meant, importantly, they had a goal difference advantage of plus 10 over their cross-town rivals.

Ivy Coast midfielder Toure opened the scoring in the 70th minute when he struck a curling shot from the edge of the box that had too much on it for Newcastle keeper Tim Krul.

City, last crowned champions of England in 1968, wasted several more chances to put the result beyond doubt before Toure, with Newcastle pressing for an equaliser, finished off a counter-attack a minute from full-time.

Roberto Mancini’s men are at home to struggling Queens Park Rangers a week on Sunday when United travel to Sunderland. Defeat left Newcastle in fifth place—just outside the top four—spot they need to have a chance of Champions League qualification.—**Internet**

**Results on Sunday, 6 May, 2012**

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**Ancient volcanic blast provides more evidence of water on early Mars**

SCIENCE DAILY, 6 May—The atmosphere of Mars is less than 1 percent the density of Earth’s. It’s one of the reasons liquid water covers much of our planet but cannot exist on the Red Planet. As more research points toward the possibility of water on early Mars, scientists have increased their studies of Mars’ surface features, said Dufek, an instructor in the School Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.

“The planet’s climate, the physical state of water on its surface and the potential for life are all influenced by atmospheric conditions.”

Dufek is attempting to learn more about the past atmospheric conditions by analyzing two unlikely sources: ancient volcanic eruptions and surface observations by the Mars rover Spirit. His new findings, published by the journal Geophy-sical Research Letters, provide more evidence that early Mars was saturated with water and that its atmosphere was considerably thicker, at least 20 times more dense, than it is today.

“ Atmospheric pressure has likely played a role in developing almost all Mars’ surface features,” said Dufek, an instructor in the School Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. “The planet’s climate, the physical state of water on its surface and the potential for life are all influenced by atmospheric conditions.”

Dufek’s first research tool was a rock fragment propelled into the Martian atmosphere during a volcanic eruption roughly 3.5 billion years ago. The deposit landed in the volcanic sediment, created a divot (or bomb sag), eventually solidified and remains in the same location today.

“Dufek’s next tool was the Mars rover. In 2007, Spirit landed at that site, known as Home Plate, and took a closer look at the imbedded fragment. Dufek and his collaborators at the University of California-Berkeley received enough data to determine the size, depth and shape of the bomb sag.—**Internet**

**Alin Saytaman Library opened in Indaw Township**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—A ceremony to open Alin Saytaman Library was held in Thithlataw Village of Tagundaing Village-tract in Indaw Township of Katha District on 5 May morning.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Naing Htay and Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Soe formally opened the library.—**MNA**

**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall**

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**Piranhas found in Japan river**

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**Artesian wells turn yellow plain to greener one**

Article: Tin Htway (MNA); Photos: Ko Htway

Pyawbwe-Phayanghgyu area in Pyawbwe Township of Yamethin District in Mandalay Region lies in arid zone at the core of Myanmar and was under the curse of drought and scarcity of water recourses for years, disabling the farmlands of the region in drought periods. The region ranges from Pyawbwe to Phayanghgyu village on the road from Pyawbwe to Taunggyi.

Under the directive of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Resources Utilization Department studied the area and set to sink 100 artesian wells as the department found it blessed with underground water resources.

Using five machineries, geologists, engineers and staff of Underground Water Resources Division sunk 50 artesian wells in the first installment in 2009-2010 fiscal year and the remaining 50 wells in 2010-2011 FY. The 23rd July, 2011, is the day the project accomplished its mission.

The three fourths of the well are natural artesian wells (See Page 8)