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Indian Prime Minister and wife arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—At the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, a goodwill delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur arrived here at 6.45 pm today.

The delegation was welcomed by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kya and wife, Deputy Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and wife, departmental heads, officials, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife, and embassy staff at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.

National race damsels presented bouquets to the visiting Indian Premier and wife.

Schoolchildren welcomed the delegation on their way from the airport to Aureum Palace where they would stay, waving miniature flags of the two countries.—MNA

Shwesangyoung Bridge, 14th of its kind in the time of new government opened

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Shwesangyoung Bridge lies on Milepost No. 344/1 of Pathein-Monywa road section in Seikpyu Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region. It is of bole pier foundation with RC lower frame and steel beam on upper structure. The 900 feet long bridge is facilitated with 24 feet wide motorway flanked by 3 feet and 6 inches wide pedestrian lanes on either side. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.

Shwesangyoung Bridge was built with the aim of overcoming transport difficulties in monsoon in the region since vehicles to cross Shwesangyoung Creek had to wait two or three days near the creek when it was raining incessantly.

With the emergence of the bridge plus the construction of Pathein-Monywa motor road, local (See page 8)

Cheryl Cole’s new song aimed at ex-husband

Donovan hat-trick as US hit five past Scots
Be happy and satisfied with what you have

Positive thoughts attract good luck and positive feeling function the same. This rule is widely acknowledged in the teachings of nearly all philosophies and religions. It is one of the most important rules of how to be lucky, meaning that ignoring it leads to despair or failure, and even committing suicide.

Be happy and satisfied with what you have in life, no matter what it is worth compared to other people. The more you appreciate what you already have, the more will come to you. This rule is virtually important, but at the same time also one of the least understood and most ignored rules of luck and success. Even the least lucky person can promptly achieve success if only they acknowledge this rule and always implement it.

You can be the luckiest man in the world now if only you are happy and satisfied with what you have and enjoy every moment. Be grateful for what you have now and you will be luckier than most of people worldwide. Happiness in leading one’s life might not depend on your ability to create the desired result or outcome. Failure teaches human beings many things while success is also coveted.

There will always be some people who are richer, more successful, better looking, have a bigger house or a nicer car. But that doesn’t matter. Be grateful for every tiny thing you have. When you think about it, what criteria do you use to judge how one person is luckier than another?

The answer is not what you can see, hear or feel. It is all about the individual mindset of each person. How thankful are they for their every moment in life?

If only you appreciate your life now, you are the luckiest person in the world.

Union Defence Minister to attend ASEAN Defence Ministers meeting

YANGON, 27 May—A delegation led by Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min left here this morning to attend the Sixth ASEAN Defence Ministers meeting to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Union minister will also attend the Asia Security Summit in Singapore.

Goodwill delegation led by Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut arrives back from PRC

YANGON, 27 May—A goodwill delegation led by Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut (Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office arrived back here by air yesterday afternoon from the People’s Republic of China, and they were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, Commodore Maung Oo Lwin of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command, senior military officers and the Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar—MNA

Officials welcome back delegation led by Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Shock over arrest in NYC boy’s 79 disappearance

NEW YORK, 27 May—When police dug up a Manhattan basement last month in a fruitless search for the remains of Etan Patz, a 6-year-old boy who disappeared in 1979, Lucy Suarez saw the news on TV and wished that the family of the missing child would finally get some peace. “My sister and I prayed about it. We prayed and we said, ‘Let justice be done,’” Suarez said. “Never did we think it was going to be done,’” Suarez said. “Never did we think it was going to be done. We were heartbroken. We were broken-hearted.” Suarez said she believes the family of the missing child would finally get some peace.

Police said Pedro Hernandez, a 51-year-old, churchgoing man, had given an emotional confession earlier in the week to luring the little boy away from his school bus stop with a promise of a soft drink, and then strangling him in the basement of a convenience store where he had been working as a stock clerk. The admission surprised investigators, who had been confounded by the disappearance for three decades and never considered Hernandez a suspect until this month. Just weeks ago, they had focused their attention on another man, and even ripped up a basement he had once used as a workshop in the hope of finding clues. Suarez said her family is reeling, too, despite having had concerns for years that her brother had once done something bad to a child. Hernandez, now living in Maple Shade, N.J., was 18 when Etan vanished. When he moved to New Jersey not long after the disappearance, he said something to relatives about having hurt a child back in New York. Suarez said her brother never spoke to her directly about what had happened, and the family’s knowledge of the incident was vague.—Internet
defence system.—Development Organization said.Akash is developed by Chandipur. The testfiring has the integrated firing range at took place at 11:15 am from the same place. a similar Akash missile from country successfully testfired This comes two days after the from Chandipur in the eastern surface-to-air missile Akash region and where they were known to have been extorting to have fled the town, which was their main base in the region.

The latest testfiring took place at 11:15 am from the integrated firing range at Chandipur. The testfiring has been successful and the missile intercepted an unmanned aircraft over the Bay of Bengal,” the sources said.Akash is developed by India’s Defence Research and Development Organization as part of the country’s air defence system.— Xinhua

Expert says Iran has enough uranium for five bombs

VIENNA, 27 May—Iran has significantly stepped up its output of low-enriched uranium and total production in the last five years would be enough for at least five nuclear weapons if refined much further, a US security institute said. The Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS), a think-tank which leds Iran’s nuclear programme closely, based the analysis on data in the latest report by the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) which was issued on Friday.

Progress in Iran’s nuclear activities is closely watched by the West and Israel as it could determine how long it could take Teheran to build atomic bombs, if it decided to do so. Iran denies any plan to and says its aims are entirely peaceful. During talks in Baghdad this week, six world powers failed to convince Iran to scale back its uranium enrichment programme. They will meet again in Moscow next month to try to defuse a decade-old standoff that has raised fears of a new war in the Middle East that could disrupt oil supplies.

Friday’s report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), a Vienna-based UN body, showed Iran was pressing ahead with its uranium enrichment work in defiance of UN resolutions calling on it to suspend the activity. It said Iran had produced almost 6.2 tons of uranium enriched to a level of 3.5 percent since it began the work in 2007 — some of which has subsequently been processed into higher-grade material.— Reuters

Irish envoy criticizes Western media for politicising technical issue in IAEA report

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World War Two battleship USS Iowa sets off on final voyage

RICHMOND, 27 May—The battleship USS Iowa, which served the United States through victory and tragedy during six decades at sea, set off on its final voyage on Saturday, a trip to Los Angeles to become a museum. With a chest, volunteers in hard hats cast off the last of a dozen thick lines that had moored the 175-foot-tall gray dreadnought in the Port of Richmond. Then it slipped slowly into the San Francisco Bay, towering over the three tugboats that pulled it.

Thousands of onlookers gathered as the ship sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge. It was a sentimental send-off for the Iowa, which saw service in the US Navy conflicts around the world before being decommissioned in 1990 and sold to the nonprofit Pacific Battleship Centre in May 2010. The Los Angeles Harbour Commission voted unanimously on 17 May to create a permanent home for the ship at the city’s port, where it will drop its gangplank to the public on 7 July.

As the Iowa headed into San Francisco Bay, spectators swapped tales of the Iowa’s storied past. It carried the late President Franklin Roosevelt across the Atlantic to his historic meeting with Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin in World War Two. The battleship was equipped with a special bathtub for Roosevelt — who was partially paralyzed following a polo — and it remains on board.— Reuters
X-ray spacecraft to search for black holes

PASADENA, 27 May—NASA says final preparations are under way for the launch of a space telescope that will use X-ray vision to search for hidden black holes in the universe. The Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array, or NuSTAR, will launch from Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, reported on Tuesday.

The observatory will air launch from the belly of Orbital Sciences Corp’s L-1011 “Stargazer” aircraft aboard the company’s Pegasus XL rocket, JPL said.

A successful launch simulation of the Pegasus rocket was conducted last week, officials said.

Technicians at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California are installing the rocket’s fairing, or nose cone, around the observatory in preparation for the launch, targeted for 11:30 am EDT on 13 June. NuSTAR and its rocket are set to be attached to the Stargazer plane on 2 June and the aircraft will depart California on 5 June, arriving at the Kwajalein launch site on 6 June.

The NuSTAR mission is being led by the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena and managed by JPL.—INTERNET

Study: Seagrass can combat climate change

WASHINGTON, 27 May—Beds of ocean seagrasses can store twice as much carbon as the world’s forests and are a vital part of the solution to climate change, US scientists say.

An article in the journal Nature Geoscience has reported the first global analysis of carbon stored in seagrasses that determined coastal seagrass beds store up to 225,000 tons of carbon per square miles, mostly in the soils beneath them.

In comparison, a typical terrestrial forest stores about 82,000 tons of carbon per square mile, most of which is in the form of wood.

Although seagrass meadows make up less than 0.2 percent of the world’s oceans, they are responsible for more than 10 percent of all carbon buried annually in the sea, researchers said.

“Seagrasses only take up a small percentage of global coastal area, but this assessment shows that they’re a dynamic ecosystem for carbon transformation,” lead study author James Fourqurean of Florida International University said.

“Seagrasses have the unique ability to continue to store carbon in their roots and soil in coastal seas,” he said in a release from the National Science Foundation. “We found places where seagrass beds have been storing carbon for thousands of years.”

Seagrass meadows store 90 percent of their carbon in the soil and continue to build on it for centuries, the researchers found.

Conserving and restoring seagrass meadows may reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon stores while delivering important “ecosystem services” to coastal communities, they said.

Cellphones battle malaria in Africa

GABORONE, 27 May—Mobile phones have cut the time needed to report malaria outbreaks in Africa from weeks to minutes, allowing more timely government responses, researchers say.

The results of the first year of a mobile disease response pilot programme were reported last week by Hewlett-Packard, along with partners Positive Innovation for the Next Generation, the Clinton Health Access Initiative and mobile network provider MASCOM, Mashable reported.

“We see technology having a profound impact on disease surveillance, which has a highly antiquated process,” Paul Ellingstad, HP’s director of global health, said.

While it can take three to four weeks to get a report of cases of malaria to a district health clinic, and then to the Ministry of Health of a respective country, cellphone reports can speed up the process to a matter of minutes, he said — meaning the respective government can immediately send net and alert citizens to take precautions.

Since the pilot programme began in June 2011 in Botswana’s Chobe region, 1,068 notifications were reported to Ministry of Health officials by healthcare workers who use mobile devices to collect malaria data and report outbreaks to authorities.

This is an example of the role technology can play in fundamentally transforming and improving existing programmes within the public health sector,” Ellingstad said. “What’s critical in doing so is partnering with governments and other leading NGOs to appropriately implement technology, rather than providing technology and letting the process sort itself out.”

Seven-inch Google tablet said imminent

NEW YORK, 27 May—A 7-inch tablet computer is coming from Google and could be in the market in July, DigiTimes, a tech Web site based in Taiwan reports. An initial shipment of about 600,000 units, manufactured for Google by Asus, based in Taipei, is set to begin in June, the site said.

Details of the tablet’s specifications are not known yet but there has been speculation about a quad-core processor running version 4.0 of Android, CNET.com reported on Wednesday.

If the tablet does appear, and a rumoured 7-inch “iPad Mini” from Apple also surfaces, competition in the 7-inch tablet arena will increase, as Amazon is already a major force in the 7-inch market segment and Samsung has recently begun selling its 7-inch Galaxy Tab 2, CNET.com said.

DigiTimes said plans call for production of 2 million units of the Google tablet for 2012.

LA could adopt electric freight vehicles

LOS ANGELES, 26 May—Los Angeles may be one of the first cities to adopt a new electric freight trucking system dubbed eHighway, its German developer says.

Engineering giant Siemens Corp recently unveiled the system that uses overhead electrical wires to transmit energy to freight trucks in select vehicle lanes, similar to modern-day streetcars.

“Most people think about cars when they think of vehicle emissions, but the reality is it’s freight trucks,” Daryl Dulaney, chief executive of North American infrastructure and services for Siemens, told the Los Angeles Times.

Siemens is working on a pilot project along Interstate 710, in which electric trucks would move freight from the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to inland destinations.

More than 40 percent of freight that arrives in the United States in shipping containers comes through the two ports and then has to be trucked to rail stations and other points of distribution, officials said.

“The ports have made tremendous improvements, but goods-movement-related air pollution remains our largest source of air pollution in Southern California,” Barry Wallerstein, director of the South Coast Air Quality Management District said.

“We’re hopeful that we will get [the eHighway] off the ground in the next 12 months,” said Wallerstein, who hopes to secure grants from the US Department of Energy to build it.
Long-term contraception more effective for women

WASHINGTON, 27 May—Women who choose birth control pills, the patch or vaginal ring are 20 times more likely to have an unplanned pregnancy than those using long-term methods such as IUDs and implants, a study released Wednesday found.

Among young women under 21 who chose the pill, the patch or vaginal ring, the risk of unintended pregnancy is almost twice as high as that for older women, according to researchers at the Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis.

The study, carried out on 7,500 participants between the ages of 14 and 45, appears in the May 24 New England Journal of Medicine.

“This study is the best evidence we have that long-acting reversible methods are far superior to the birth control pill, patch and ring,” says senior author and OBGYN Jeffrey Peipert. Intrauterine devices “and implants are more effective because women can forget about them after clinicians put the devices in place.” Unplanned pregnancies remain a major health problem in the United States. About three million pregnancies per year—half of all pregnancies—are unplanned, very high for a developed nation. “We know that IUDs and implants have very low failure rates of less than one per cent,” said lead author Brooke Winner. “But although IUDs are very effective and have been proven safe in women and adolescents, they only are chosen by 5.5 per cent of women in the United States who use contraception.”

IUDs are inserted by a nurse or doctor, but few women can easily afford them as the cost can reach around US$500. However “when IUDs and implants are provided at no cost, about 75 per cent of women chose these methods for birth control,” Winner added.

That means that greater use of longer acting contraceptive methods by teens and young women could prevent substantially more unplanned pregnancies.

Health Tip: Get the most from your nap

As more people join the ranks of the sleep-deprived, experts say a daily nap may do a world of good. Then again, poor napping habits can leave you groggier than before.

The National Sleep Foundation offers this advice about feeling refreshed after a nap:

* Keep your nap to no more than 30 minutes. Sleeping longer can make you feel groggy, and cause you to have trouble sleeping at night.
* Nap in a comfortable environment that’s cool, dark and quiet.
* Don’t nap too late in the day, to avoid interfering with bedtime.
* Don’t nap too early in the day either, as your body may not be ready for sleep again.—Internet

One-in-12 UK babies hospital-infected

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US banks in quarter earned $35.3 billion

WASHINGTON, 27 May—US banks earned $35.3 billion in profits in the first three months of the year, a federal regulator said.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp, said profits rose by $6.6 billion from the first quarter of 2011, a 22.9 percent rise. Average return on assets rose above 1 percent for only the second time out of the past 19 quarters.

Income for banks, however, has improved compared to the same quarter of the previous year for 11 consecutive quarters, the FDIC said.

In the first quarter, 67.5 percent of the country’s banks and savings institutions reported year-over-year gains in earnings with only 10.3 percent of banks losing money in January through March, the lowest level since the second quarter of 2007.

In a sharp turnaround, only 16 banks out of 7,307 failed in the first quarter, the smallest number of failures since the fourth quarter of 2008, when 12 banks failed.

The agency’s ominous “Problem list,” which keeps track of banks in trouble, dropped from 813 banks to 772 in the quarter. Total assets among “problem” banks dropped from $319 billion to $292 billion in the quarter.—Internet

Nissan to recall 194,434 vehicles for parts defects

TOKYO, 27 May—Nissan Motor Co is to recall 194,434 vehicles of the Caravan model and the Como, a van supplied to and sold by Isuzu Motors Ltd, because of defective parts according to a filing with Japan’s transport ministry on Thursday.

Vans produced between May 2001 and July 2011 may have defective bearing systems, which will make them unstable, and other problems include clutches and cables, the company filing said.

The company said it had received 237 reports of problems linked to the defects, but no accidents, the filing said.—Reuters

An overweight woman watches a street performer at Venice Beach in Los Angeles, California, on 11 May, 2012. An overweight woman watches a street performer at Venice Beach in Los Angeles, California, on 11 May, 2012. An overweight woman watches a street performer at Venice Beach in Los Angeles, California, on 11 May, 2012. An overweight woman watches a street performer at Venice Beach in Los Angeles, California, on 11 May, 2012. An overweight woman watches a street performer at Venice Beach in Los Angeles, California, on 11 May, 2012.
Pyin-nya-shweoh library opens in Dawbon Township

Yangon, 27 May—A ceremony to open Pyin-nya-shweoh library, was held at the library in Yamonna-2 ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon East District, here, on 25 May. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Myint Wai of Township General Administration Department, Township Information and Public Relations Department staff officer Daw Khin Htay Myint, ward administrator U Hla Tun and library chairman U Chan Tha formally opened it.

Later, officials accepted cash, books and publication donated by director (production) U Aye Kywe of IPRD, Myanmar Library Foundation, Township IPRD and the chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization and Transport Department (Dawbon Shipyard) and wellwishers.

Saplings distributed in Toungoo Township

Toungoo, 27 May—Forest Department of Toungoo Township held an educative talk on environmental conservation and poverty alleviation, and distribution of saplings, at Basic Education High School in Kaytumadi Myothit in Toungoo Township, Bago Region on 23 May.

At the ceremony, Ranger U Sai Khun Phone of Toungoo Township Forest Department gave talks on forest laws and growing of plants for rural development.

After that, a total of 800 teak saplings and 1800 eucalyptus saplings were distributed.

Cash assistance provided to Kayan Township GAD staff’s offspring

Yangon, 27 May—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for education of staff of Kayan Township General Administration’s offspring, took place at the Township administration office yesterday. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Tin Myint delivered a speech and presented K 619100 for 58 students.

Duties assigned to officials in Kengtung

Kengtung, 27 May—A duty assignment of Kengtung District was held at Kengtun District General Administration Department, on 17 May. At the ceremony, Kengtung District commissioner U Khin Win delivered a speech. Assistant Director U Khin Maung Tin of District Planning Department explained planning objectives for 2012-2013.

After wards, the district administrator presented duty assignment letters to the district-level officials and the administrators from Kengtung, Monghsat, Mongyan, Monglar townships.

Good news for bookworms

Yangon, 27 May—Book festivals will be held at Myanmar Book Centers in Yangon and Mandalay from 2 to 6 June.

Books for primary to IGCSE level, classics, Juvenile readers, dictionary, Encyclopedia and international course syllabus books will be on show.

School enrollment day observed in Yankin Township

Yangon, 27 May—A collective school enrollment day ceremony of No.3 Basic Education Department (Yangon Region) under the Ministry of Education, was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Yankin Township on 25 May. At the ceremony, the Township education officer explained the facts about completion of all school-going age children programme, and Yankin Township administrator U Win Aung delivered a speech.

After wards, wellwishers donated books, stationery and cash through officials.
The journey of democracy is a grueling reform process. It may sometimes be comfortable and sometimes hard with twists and turns. It may sometimes continue with pace and sometimes test our patience with delays. I am pretty sure that the journey above some situations and we must sometimes move towards smooth, incremental and systematic transition. Thus, we should never forget maturity, compassion, determination and farsightedness of a democratic reform is a must.

People are at the heart of democracy. It is the practice that recognizes the desire of the majority (the people) and sticks to the decision of the majority (the people). The people are decisive factor in democratic reform. Holding this pivotal role made complete with maturity, compassion, determination and farsightedness, the people are to realize future success through cooperation.

The first phase of reform strategy for development of Myanmar has somewhat been completed. Now is time to step up the second phase. It is no doubt that the government has committed to adopting far-reaching reforms, putting the desire of the people who are demanding change in the forefront.

The government will speed up plans for improvements of living standards, transportation, job opportunities each citizen has to deal with on day-to-day basis or socio-economic conditions. It will otherwise make each individual tackle everyday issues and redefine their socio-economic life. Such People-Centered Development objective requires the cooperation of civil societies.

It is reality that Myanmar is on speedy path towards reform under this new administration. The cabinet led by the President does not hesitate to bring about required reforms overnight. Claiming “The Voice of the People is the Voice of the Hluttaw”, the parliament is shaping the new mechanism. With media relaxations by the government, the Fourth Estate will soon become the one that exercises freedom and responsibility, and freedom and rationality in parallel.

Thanks to genuine goodwill and commitment, Myanmar is developing at a speed that anyone including ones from international community did not expect. From international community to Myanmar citizens, the expectation on such sweeping reforms was low. Nonetheless, we all witnessed that the government in its own initiative implemented such reforms with all heart. Everyone was surprised and awestruck. Positive responses were made in recognition. This is the reality.

It is the public knowledge. The situations in the past and present are completely different. The improvements can be felt. Freedom and opportunity help are on the increase. Each citizen has enjoyed much more rights, positions and dignity. Prospects, expectations or rights, positions and dignity. Prospects, expectations or rights, positions and dignity. Prospects, expectations or rights, positions and dignity. Prospects, expectations or rights, positions and dignity. Prospects, expectations or rights, positions and dignity. Prospects, expectations or rights, positions and dignity. Each and every individual have access to adequate health care.

Frankly speaking, the government is not saying no to current demands of the people. It is common knowledge that it is doing its best within its affordability and it would not change in the future too. Do not forget that Rome was not built in a day. We should not anticipate that democratic nation could be built overnight. More haste would often lead to speed. It needs to learn to out our coat according to our cloth. If we work in the right direction, we could do more than can be done, and then we should share its burden and cooperate it with a sympathetic heart. As far as I am concerned, reform is not a completely smooth route, but changing from one situation to another, from a state to another and one ideological belief to another and thus compromise, sacrifices, devotion, hard work, losses and others are unavoidable comers on the path towards the goal, success of the reform or transition. It is a business of doing petty penny in pursuance of pound and thus small sacrifices had to be made before the big benefits come. It is not a short trip but a long journey and thus we should control our hurried actions with wisdom and awareness. We should not forget such lessons of Arab Spring including Egypt and Libya which had to sacrifice big for not taking time to take democracy reforms step by step systematically.

Each and every individual has equal democratic rights. No one has more or no one has less. However, if the hasty actions of a group would harm the thrust for stability and development of the vast majority, then……

The ongoing reforms of the incumbent government are transparent and very far-reaching ones. The president himself has instructed to exercise bottom-up initiative rather than top-down approach. In addition, objectives to be achieved in drawing and implementing reforms have been articulated. All must be aware that “to ensure each individual and household have access to adequate water and electricity” is one of the objectives to be accomplished. Talking of the incumbent government, it respects the people and their wishes as well. So, it has been working hard to fulfill the requirements of the people. No doubt, what dreams are today would become reality tomorrow or the day after tomorrow.

“Every citizen is responsible for development of the nation. If there is only will and no hard work, discipline and unity, we would still be behind the other countries. Whatever natural resources we have, if we do not work hard, we would still be in poverty. One and the only way to walk out of LDC list is to work, to work under laws.”

The above is the excerpt from the concluding remark of the instruction of the President at the coordination meeting on more effectively implementing national and regional development undertakings on 11 May. What he said is right. Despite of our country possessing natural resources superior than other countries, we are on the LDC list. It is of no use pointing the finger to someone now. Each and every citizen is responsible for development of the country. And all of us is longing for development. Of the parents. As the parents are doing their best step by step under the laws, we would still be behind the other countries. Whatever natural resources we have, if we do not work hard, we would still be in poverty. One and the only way to walk out of LDC list is to work, to work under laws. Whatever natural resources we have, if we do not work hard, we would still be in poverty. One and the only way to walk out of LDC list is to work, to work under laws. Whatever natural resources we have, if we do not work hard, we would still be in poverty. One and the only way to walk out of LDC list is to work, to work under laws. Whatever natural resources we have, if we do not work hard, we would still be in poverty. One and the only way to walk out of LDC list is to work, to work under laws. Whatever natural resources we have, if we do not work hard, we would still be in poverty. One and the only way to walk out of LDC list is to work, to work under laws.

In the near future, the wishes, hopes and anticipations of the entire national people would be fulfilled for sure. We all are obliged to participate in today’s reforms. Translation: HKA+TTK

Winners in short story contest awarded

YANGON, 27 May — A ceremony to award the winners of “Unique Gratitude of Parents” short story contest jointly organized by preparation committee for formation of Myanmar Writers Association and the Myanmar Writers Union Sizein Gems Co took place at Serpar Beikman on Merchant Street here this morning. The short story contest was organized by the chairman of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the chairman of the preparation committee and CEC members, owner of Aung Sizein Co and personnel, prize winners and guests.

MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chti) delivered an opening speech and Aung Sizein Gems Co owner U Aung Gyi and personnel awarded the first, second, third and special prize winners.

On behalf of the prize winners, first prize winner Emon Taya spoke words of thanks. The family of U Maung Maung Phyu donated K 100,000 to the MWJA through treasurer U Maung Maung Aye (Maung Hayma) as to the fund for health care.

MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chti) speaks at the prize presentation of short story contest.—MNA

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Myanmar’s Apex Industrial Co signs deal with Ta Ta

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — Ceremony to sign contract between Apex Greatest Industrial Co Ltd (AGI) of Myanmar and Ta Ta Motors Limited of India was held in Kumudra Hotel here this evening.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung and Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan addressed the ceremony. Apex Greatest Industrial Co Ltd is manufacturing heavy turbo trucks under joint venture with No. 13 General Heavy Industries of the Ministry of Industry and is the sales agent of vehicles of the Indian company.

Ta Ta commercial and passenger vehicles displayed at India Trade Show at Tatmadaw Convention Centre in Yangon during last November won attention of the people. The Myanmar company is planning to distribute Ta Ta light trucks and dump trucks in Myanmar market.

No. 13 General Heavy Industries in Magway Industrial Region is an auto assembling factory built by Ta Ta Motors Limited with US$ 20 million loan by the Indian government under India-Myanmar cooperation pact. It could assemble trucks from four tons to 21 tons and from 1000 to 5000 vehicles a year.

Management Committee of Hotels and Tourism Ministry meets

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — Meeting (5/2012) of the Management Committee of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism took place at the ministry here this afternoon with an address by Union Minister U Tint Hsan.

In his speech, the minister spoke of the need to establish mini hotels in regions with the arrangement of the ministry or Region/State Government concerned through micro-financing so as to reduce poverty in Kengtung, Putao, Falan and Haka in submitting reform strategy report to the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, to draw short-, medium- and long-term projects after master plan and include catering capacity for hotel zones and gave other necessary instructions.

At the meeting, one hotel license, four licenses for construction of hotels, three tour licenses for national-owned tour companies and one tour license for foreign-owned tour company were permitted.
Agreement reached with Japan to hire out three 120MW gas turbines to fulfill Myanmar’s electricity needs

Union Industry Minister attends 18th International Conference on Future of Asia

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Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee, Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee meet Kachin State Hluttaw representatives and national race representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee and Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee met with Hluttaw representatives and national race representatives of Kachin State at the city hall of Myitkyina, Kachin State yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee U Thein Zaw and committee members, State Chief Minister U La John Nang Hsai, Kachin State Hluttaw Speaker U Rat Wanjan, the Kachin State Chief Justice and state ministers, Hluttaw representatives and others.

At the ceremony, Chairman U Thein Zaw made a speech, State Chief Minister U La John Nang Hsai clarified measures being taken by Kachin State Government, member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Tin Htwe explained functions of the commission, the State Speaker clarified functions of the the State Hluttaw.

This was followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee. And then, the chairman presented cash assistance for displaced persons through State Social Affairs Minister Daw Bank Jat.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee meets Kayin State government, Hluttaw representatives, social organizations

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—A meeting between Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee and members of Kayin State government, Hluttaw representatives and members of social organizations took place at the government office in Hpa-an of Kayin State yesterday morning.

State Chief Minister U Zaw Min first extended greetings and Committee Chairman U Hsai Paung Nat elaborated on the purpose of the committee’s visit to Kayin State. Next, State Hluttaw Speaker U Zaw Aung Kyaw Min made a speech and Committee Secretary U Khet Hein Nan invited open discussions in the interests of the region and the nation.

In the afternoon, the committee met chairmen of national race literature and culture associations, national race representatives, pro-rectors and principals of Hpa-an University, Technology University and University of Computer Studies, religious organizations and peace groups at the same venue.

The national race representatives explained the need of making peace with mutual trust, understanding and loyalty, matters on formation of committees for addressing more national races affairs in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and national races literature and cultural affairs. The committee chairman and secretary made their clarifications. Then, they posed for documentary photos.

After that, the committee chairman and members viewed the offices of the State government and the State Hluttaw. They then inspected Hpa-an Industrial Zone construction project. They were conducted round by Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee Chairman State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Lwin and officials.

Later, U Hsai Paung Nat and party studied Yebok Dam in Hlinebwe Township. On 25 May, they visited Lombok Garden and Zwegabin Mountain, Yetagun Lake and Kyaukkalat.

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Deputy Culture Minister attends Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting

Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin at the 5th ASEAN and ASEAN+3 Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting and the first ASEAN+China Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin attended the 5th ASEAN and ASEAN+3 Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting and the first ASEAN+China Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting held in the Republic of Singapore on 24 and 25 May.

Also present at the meetings were the minister of Information, Communications and Arts of Singapore, the culture and arts minister, deputy ministers, high-ranking officials from ASEAN countries, China, Japan and Republic of Korea.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin discussed matters on cooperation in culture and arts among ASEAN+3 nations and promotion of culture and arts of youth.

The deputy minister together with ministers from ASEAN+3 countries and deputy ministers called on Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong at the Istana Prime Minister Residence and attended the ASEAN arts festival. At the festival, Myanmar culture troupe members of the Ministry of Culture presented entertainment.

In the evening of 26 May, the deputy minister and party arrived back in Yangon.—MNA

Union Industry Minister attends 18th International Conference on Future of Asia

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein attended the 18th International Conference on the Future of Asia held on 24 and 25 May in Tokyo of Japan under the sponsorship of Nikkei Inc and Japan Center for Economic Research.

Union Minister U Soe Thein, ASEAN Secretary General Mr Surin Pitsuwan, Former Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Kwan Yew, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Vietnamese Vice-President Ms Nguyen Thi Doan, Former Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing, Pakistani Foreign Affairs Minister Ms Hina Rabani Khar, Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Koichiro Gemba, Minister of Economy and Information of New Zealand Mr Craig Foss, Former Thai Deputy Prime Minister Mr Olam Chipa-pravat, heads of the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, World Bank and ADB and scholars participated in the conference.

The main theme of the conference is ‘Asia’s Role in a Turbulent World’ In Search of a New Growth Model.

Union Minister U Soe Thein discussed the situation of Asia and today’s new Myanmar, Myanmar’s prospect and the future aim of Asia and replied the queries raised by those present.

Union Minister U Soe Thein met Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Mr Yukio Edano on 24 May and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Koichiro Gemba on 25 May and explained Myanmar’s latest developments, Myanmar’s electricity shortages and ways to solve the problem. Agreement was reached with Japan to hire Myanmar three 120 MW gas turbines to fulfill the electricity needs.

Moreover, Union Minister U Soe Thein exchanged views on bilateral affinity and cooperation in mutual interest. He arrived back in Myanmar yesterday.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein attended the 18th International Conference on the Future of Asia.—MNA
CASH DONATED: U Pe Sein and family of Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon donated K 1 million to Jivitadhana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) through member of Board of Hospital Administration U Tin Maung Win.

Writers Association signboard erected in Insein Township

YANGON, 27 May—A ceremony to erect signboard of Insein Township Writers Association was held at Insein Township Yangon North District on 21 May.

It was attended by Township Information and Public Relations Department staff officer Daw Khin Hnin Kyi, Patron of Township Writer Association director Maung Kyaw, Chairman of the Association Director Phone Wai, executive members, members and guest. At the ceremony, the IPRD staff officer, the patron, the chairman and the vice-chairman opened it, and they had a documentary photo taken.—Kyemon

Fire preventive measures inspected in Ngamoeyeik Sanpya market

YANGON, 27 May—A fire preventive measure team led by Staff officer Ye Kyaw Thu Nyan Tun of Thingangyun Township, assistant engineer U Ngwe Phyo Aung of Township Electric Engineer Office, assistant administrator U Zaw Min Tun of Township Development Affairs Organization and the incharge of Ngamoeyeik Sanpya market inspected preventive measures against fire in Ngamoeyeik Sanpya market in Thingangyun Township, here, on 24 May.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DAY MARKED IN KAMAYUT TOWNSHIP

YANGON, 27 May—A collective school enrolment day was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Kamayut Township, here, on 25 May.

At the ceremony, Township education officer Daw Sandar Aung explained facts about completion of all school-going age programme. After that, member of the Central Committee for all school-going age programme pro-rector U Ko Ko Kyaw Soe of Yangon University made a speech. Wellwishers donated school uniforms, books, stationery and cash through officials.—Myanma Alin

Use of farm equipment demonstrated: Kyaikto Township Agriculture Mechanization Department demonstrated use of farm equipment at the farm of farmer U Khin Maung Oo in Boyargyi village in Kyaikto Township, Mon State on 21 May.—MNA

PALETHWE HYBRID PADDY MODEL PLOT HARVESTED IN PAYY

PAYY, 27 May—A ceremony to harvest Palethwe hybrid paddy model plot of Khittaya Hintha paddy specialized company, was held at Zeeouk village of Zee village-tract Palethwe hybrid paddy model plot harvested in Pyay

Myanmar delegation leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 27 May—A delegation led by Secretary U Tin Haling of Myanmtaga Iron and Steel Industrial Zone, treasurer U Kyaw Kyaw, Director U Kyaw Soe of Steel King Co and U Maung Maung Lay left here for Indonesia to attend South East Asia Iron and Steel Conference to be held in Bali of Indonesia from 28 to 31 May.

A total of 455 delegates from ASEAN countries will attend the conference, and 68 companies display show rooms there.—Myanma Alin

SANITATION TASKS UNDERTAKEN: Collecting of litters was carried out in wards of Mawlu model village in Indaw Township on 21 May.—KYEMON
Mexican drama wins new talent prize in Cannes

CANNES, 27 May — The Mexican drama “Despues de Lucia” has won the top prize of the 65th annual film festival’s new talent section, or the “Un Certain Regard”, as the top movie town of Cannes launched its cornerstone showcase is set to close on Sunday. The jury of the new talent section, chaired by British director Aronofsky, who made the choice out of 20 films and revealed it at a ceremony on Saturday night.

“This was an extraordinarily strong group of films and our deliberations were passionate. The film makers never once failed us!” said Arrow.

Directed by Michel Franco, the film features a young woman and her father who move to a new town and leave their old lives far behind. Suzanne Clement and Emile Dequenne were both awarded as the section’s best actress, for their roles respectively in “Laurence Anyways” and “A Perdre La Raison”.

The special jury prize went to Le Grand Soir directed by Benoit Delepine and Gustave Kervern, while Aida Begic’s Djeva was named as the special distinction to the jury. Other members in the jury include Leila Bekhti, Sylvie Pras, Tonie Marshall and Luciano Montegudo.

The new talent section was launched in 1978 by Gilles Jacob at the festival, aimed at encouraging young and inexperienced directors. The coveted top prize Palme d’Or is to be announced on Sunday at the end of the festival, for which 22 selected films are competing.

Woman shot by Colorado homeowner to face trespass charges

BOULDER, 27 May — A 21-year-old woman who was shot after she wandered drunk into a Colorado couple’s home in the middle of the night will face charges of felony trespassing, her lawyer said on Saturday.

Zoey Ripple walked through an unlocked screen door leading into the bedroom of the couple, who said they shouted for her to leave before the husband fired a single gunshot in the dark when she kept coming into the room.

Ripple, who was unarmed, was shot in the hip during the incident on Wednesday in Boulder, Colorado.

In a 911 call, the couple said she appeared to be “kind of stoned or something.” Police said Ripple’s blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit.

She is recovering in a hospital, her lawyer, Colette Cribari said.

An arrest warrant for Ripple is expected to be issued in the coming days and she plans to turn herself in, Cribari said, citing conversations with prosecutors.

The couple is not expected to face any charges because of Colorado’s “Make My Day” law, which allows people to use deadly force against home intruders, Boulder County District Attorney Stan Garnett has said.

Cribari called the felony charge too severe for Ripple, who is a recent graduate of the University of Colorado in Boulder.

“She wasn’t trying to commit a crime. She was just in the wrong place at the wrong time,” Cribari said. “You would hope getting shot would be enough punishment.”

Wildfires hit six US states, small towns evacuated

SANTA FE, 27 May — A wildfire burned out of control for a fourth day in the steep mountains of southwestern New Mexico on Saturday, one of several blazes that have consumed more than 200 square miles (520 square km) of rugged land in six US states.

Efforts to contain the blazes spreading in sparsely populated areas of Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah have been hampered by gusting winds and tinder-dry conditions in recent drought-stricken regions.

Several small towns, including the historic Wild West town of Mogollon — now nearly a ghost town — were ordered to evacuate, as were the surrounding fire-scarred miles of forest, brush and grass.

New Mexico’s Whitewater-Baldy Complex fire, which was started by lightning 10 days ago, had raged across 82,252 acres as of Friday and officials said the area could now be much larger than that. “We know that there was significant growth yesterday, but we don’t have a hard and fast number,” said Fire Information Officer Dan Ware.

More than 580 firefighters and support crew were fighting the blaze.

“This is the biggest show in the country right now in terms of fire size. So a lot of resources are available to us. We’re just not sure we’ll be able to do a lot of flying,” Ware said.

He said the fire had been the chief difficulty as it was burning in very steep, rugged terrain where firefighters were not able to cut through the brush and timber.”

Gunman in Indiana standoff had three bullet wounds

CHICAGO, 27 May — A Texas gunman who held hostages in an eight-hour standoff with police in an Indiana real estate office suffered three gunshot wounds, including two to the head, a coroner said on Saturday.

Police have said he shot himself twice in the head after the standoff on Friday in Valparaiso, about 40 miles southeast of Chicago. Porter County Coroner Chuck Harris said Roy Ferguson, 48, sustained gunshot wounds below his chin and to his right temple and a third wound to the right upper part of his torso.

Harris said the wounds were established in a preliminary examination of Ferguson. A full autopsy likely would not be completed until after the Memorial Day weekend. “We are pretty sure we know what happened, but I am not going to make any determination until after the autopsy,” Harris said.

The standoff between Ferguson and the police ended at about 4:30 pm on Friday. He was pronounced dead at a hospital two hours later. Police said the gunman went to the office in a dispute over money with someone who turned out not to be there. He had been to the office previously.

South Korean actor Kim Kang-woo (R) and actress Kim Hye-jin pose during the photocall for film “The Taste of Money” at the 65th Cannes Film Festival, in Cannes, France, on 26 May, 2012. —Xinhua

China launches telecommunications satellite

XINGHAN, 27 May — China successfully sent a telecommunications satellite, “Chinasat 2A,” into orbit on Saturday evening, using a Long-March-3B carrier rocket launched from the southwestern Xichang Satellite Launch Centre. The rocket blasted off at 11:56 pm Beijing Time.

The satellite, developed by China Academy of Space Technology, will be used to meet the demands for China’s radio and TV broadcasting and broadband multimedia transmissions, according to China Satellite Communications Co Ltd.

Saturday’s launch marked the 163th mission of the Long-March carrier rocket series developed by China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology under China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

Everest season ends with 150 reaching summit

KATHMANDU, 27 May — A near-record number of climbers reached the summit of Everest as the season ended on Saturday following a repeat of last week’s deadly accidents, which had raised fears of overcrowding on the world’s highest peak.

Around 150 people reached the top of the 8,848-metre (29,029-foot) mountain at the end of the spring weather window — a week after four deaths led to calls for better safety measures to end “traffic jams” near the summit.

“A handful of climbers returned from camp four after being unable to move up. But the weather was good over the past two days and many took advantage of it. About 150 made it to the top today,” said tourism minister Tilak Pandey.

There are still a few Sharpas and other climbers who will try to reach the top for a couple of days. But the official season has ended and the climbers are now returning to the base camp.

A 48-hour stretch of good weather saw more than 250 climbers reach the top of the world, despite warnings of potentially deadly bottlenecks in the “death zone” above 8,000 metres.

Among those who achieved the feat was Wasfia Nasreen, 29, who is climbing the highest peak on each of the continents to celebrate 40 years of Bangladesh independence.

“We got our independence but we are still fighting for freedom,” she was quoted as saying from the summit on the expedition’s Facebook page.

“This is to the women of Bangladesh, who (risk) their lives every day for freedom, peace and equality.”

Another who reached the summit was Prakash Dahal, whose father Pushpa Kamal Dahal led the bloody 10-year Maoist insurgency in Nepal and is now a key player in mainstream politics.

Gunman in Indiana standoff had three bullet wounds

The first officers at the scene exchanged fire with the gunman around the entrance of the building. Dozens of officers then surrounded the building while the FBI negotiated with him, police said. A woman initially left the building with a head injury caused by Ferguson.

But it was unclear whether she was a hostage or someone fleeing the building.

The wound was not caused by a gunshot, and she was treated and released from a hospital, police said. — Reuters

Wildfires hit six US states, small towns evacuated

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), around 826 acres of land have been affected by wildfires in the state.

The wildfire season is expected to be active in Colorado due to the dry conditions caused by the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) phenomenon.

The CDPaneo increased the wildland fire danger to extreme in most of the state, with red flag warnings for high fire danger expected in the mountains and southern areas.

A red flag warning is issued when severe weather conditions are expected to create a high fire danger and extreme fire behavior.

Fire officials are urging residents to be cautious and take necessary precautions to prevent wildfires.

The CDPaneo is working with other state and federal agencies to monitor and manage wildfires.

The CDPaneo’s website contains information on fire danger levels, smoke forecasts, and fire restrictions.

The website also provides resources for fire prevention, fire behavior, and fire safety.

The CDPaneo advises people to avoid smoking, using candles, or using open flames, as these activities can start wildfires.

The CDPaneo also encourages people to report any wildfires or signs of fire danger to local authorities.

Residents are encouraged to develop a wildfire evacuation plan and to have a fire safe plan for their home.

For more information, visit the CDPaneo’s website or contact your local fire department.

A Laotian student shows dolls at an international student cultural festival of Tianjin University in Tianjin, north China, on 26 May, 2012. International students from 86 countries and regions took part in the event, which is part of the cultural and art festival here on Friday. —Xinhua

Reuters: Paramedics take a stretcher into a real estate office where authorities said a gunman was holding an unknown number of hostages in Valparaiso, Indiana on 25 May, 2012. — REUTERS

The New Light of Myanmar
**Obese UK woman cut out of house**

**London**, 27 May — Emergency workers who needed to take an obese teenager from her home to a hospital in Wales had to break through a wall of the residence to get her out and into an ambulance, officials said on Friday.

The unidentified 19-year-old remained hospitalized Friday and her medical condition was not released. Neighbours said her weight had risen as high as 380 kilos (835 pounds). The her wrists. Her husband, Ronald Smalls, discovered the scene when he came home Thursday afternoon from his job as a corrections officer and called 911. Police have not officially commented on possible motive for the killings.

She had something that she felt was justification but there is no justification... it’s a tragedy, two young babies dead and there is no excuse for that,” Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said. Ron Smallstold WPVI-TV on Friday that he and his wife had been having marital difficulties, but he did not elaborate. “We’ve had some problems and I’d suggested therapy for both of us,” he said. “She didn’t think it was important.”

Stacey Small changed her Facebook profile picture 19 May to a photograph of a car spray-painted along its side with the words, “Hope she was worth it.” She also listed her relationship status as divorced. A Facebook friend asked about the car image and Smalls replied that she found the photo online and “I liked her style.” Friend Ronald Smalls and check out what I wrote on his page.” The message may have been deleted, as Ronald Small’s most recent post appears to be on 13 May when he wrote, “Happy Mother’s Day!”

Stacey Smalls’ Facebook page also includes photos of her twins and 4-year-old daughter. She remained in police custody Friday and was put on suicide watch, authorities said... — Internet

**Workmen prepare to rebuild a hole in the upstairs of a house**, on 25 May, 2012, after the scaffolding ramp was constructed Thursday to take obese teenager from her home by Aberdare, south Wales, and into a reinforced ambulance to be taken to hospital.— Internet

**Singapore swimming pool 38 stores above ground**

**London**, 27 May — A Singapore property developer plans to construct a swimming pool 38 stories above the ground and connect two skyscrapers.

The infinity pool will dramatically connect Sky Habitat Singapore’s two towers once the ambitious project is completed in 2016, Daily Mail reported on Friday.

With 509 apartments, the Moshe Safdie-designed development in the central island suburb of Bishan will offer residents stunning vistas across the area. Flat owners will also be able to traverse the two structures via sky bridges on the 14th and 26th floors, the newspaper said.

Wong Heng Foke, CEO of Capitaland Residential Singapore which is developing the site, said: “With Sky Habitat, we are creating a habitat for the future; a condominium that is also a house.” — Internet

**Wildfire blows heavy smoke near Disney World**

**Orlando**, 27 May — A wildfire that is burning in Orlando blew heavy smoke near the busy hotel and attractions district of Walt Disney World on the start of the busy Memorial Day weekend.

The smoke also closed a section of Orlando’s main highway in the city’s tourist district for a couple hours Friday.

A section of Interstate 4 was closed in both directions because the billowing smoke cut down visibility. No injuries or damage to buildings were reported. By nightfall, the smoke had died down but the fire is still burning. — Internet

**Tropical storm warnings for Southeast coast**

**Miami**, 27 May — Tropical storm warnings have been issued for the Southeast coast from Florida to South Carolina as a cluster of thunderstorms was gathering strength on Friday night and expected to become Tropical Storm Beryl over the Memorial Day weekend.

The National Weather Service said that the storm’s maximum sustained winds were at 45 mph. But they are expected to increase as the storm moves over the waters of the Atlantic.

The system was about 305 miles (490 kilometers) from Charleston, SC, at 11 pm and swirling toward the Southeast coast. Tropical storm warnings were issued for the Volusia/ Brevard County line in Florida to Edisto Beach, SC, and watches from Edisto Beach to the Sandy River. The storm is expected to eventually move southwest and the Georgia coast and northern Florida could see heavy rains starting on Sunday and into next week. Higher than normal tides will be crashing against the Southeastern coast and may cause flooding. Heavy rain is forecast and dangerous surf was expected along the coasts of northeastern Florida, Georgia and South Carolina over the holiday weekend.

Forecasters are classifying the storm as Subtropical Storm Beryl, which has more to do with how the center of the storm is forming, not wind speed, according to Weather Underground’s website. It is the second named Atlantic storm of the hurricane season that doesn’t officially begin until 1 June. Often when subtropical storms remain over warm water for several days, they become tropical because thunderstorms start building close to the centre. Forecasters were not indicating that the storm would become a hurricane.

**Pan mother charged with killing her toddler twins**

**Philadelphia**, 27 May — A woman was charged on Friday with killing her 18-month-old twins, named Adam and Eve, in the family home. Police said she also attempted suicide by cutting her wrists. Stacey Smalls, 41, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder, police said. Investigators believe one twin was strangled and the other was drowned. Authorities are awaiting autopsy results for the official causes of death.

Police also allege Smalls gave her 4-year-old daughter some type of substance to drink in an attempt to poison her. The girl is listed in stable but guarded condition at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children. A police spokesman said Smalls, who worked as a nurse at a nursing home, then tried to kill herself by cutting

This file photo shows an aerial view of a landslide in Indonesia, in 2009. A landslide in Indonesia killed eight people on Thursday night, according to an official, after days of heavy rain hit a mountainous part of the country’s main island. — Internet

**Eight killed in Indonesia landslide**

**Jakarta**, 27 May — A landslide in Indonesia killed eight people, according to a police officer, after days of heavy rain hit a mountainous part of the country’s main island. "The landslide occurred on Thursday night and killed eight people. We were able to retrieve all eight bodies by late Friday night," Bogor Disaster Mitigation Agency official Madek Renata said.

He said 16 people were illegally mining for gold in western Java in the mountains of Bogor district, south of the capital Jakarta, when the landslide struck "after days of heavy rain." We rescued the other eight, so everyone is accounted for," Rozak said. Landslides are common in Indonesia, particularly in heavily deforested mountainous areas. — Internet

**Miami police officers, kills naked attacker**

**Miami**, 27 May — A Miami police officer on Saturday fatally shot a naked man who was chewing on the face of another man on a downtown causeway off-ramp, police and witnesses said. The Miami Herald reported that gunshots were heard at about 2 pm on the MacArthur Causeway off-ramp, which is near the newspaper’s offices.

Witnesses said that a woman saw two men fighting and flagged down a police officer, who came upon a naked man mauling the other man. The newspaper quoted witnesses as saying that the officer ordered the naked man to back away, and when he ignored the demand, the officer shot him. Witnesses said that the naked man continued his attack after being shot once, and the officer shot him several more times.

Police said the other man was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital Ryder Trauma Centre. The newspaper said he had suffered critical injuries.

The police department confirmed in a news release that there was no officer-related shooting, but did not include many details provided by witnesses to the newspaper. A police spokesperson couldn’t be reached for comment by The Associated Press on Saturday evening. The police news release said the identities of the two men were not known.

A photograph posted on The Herald’s website shows an officer standing watch on the ramp next to two police cruisers, with a body lying on a pedestrian walkway.

Police requested the newspaper’s video surveillance taps. The shooting and investigation took place as crowds were arriving at South Beach for an annual hip-hop festival. — Internet

**This image provided by NASA shows Subtropical Storm Beryl along the South Carolina Georgia coastline. The image was acquired on 25 May, 2012 at 11:30 pm EDT. Tropical storm warnings have been issued for the Southeast coast from Florida to South Carolina as a cluster of thunderstorms was gathering strength Friday night and expected to become Tropical Storm Beryl over the Memorial Day weekend. — Internet**
Singer Katy Perry has computer allowing him to long hours in the studio jokingly told him “I’m autotune microphone, he interviewed him down an revelation while appearing competition, made the BBC’s ‘The Voice’ paid an estimated 200,000 he works. Will.I.Am has admitted to using autotune to make music, while he works on his singing abilities. The writer and producer said he utilised the technology to allow him to have someone who can make music singing myself and I write and produce. The writer and producer says the song for third installment of animated film “Madagascar”. “Katy just recently reported a special number for ‘Madagascar 3’. The song is upbeat and will be used for the climax sequence of the film,” said a source. The 3D movie titled “Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted” was premiered at ongoing 65th Cannes International Film Festival. It will release worldwide on 8 June.

**Florida Keys mayor wants crocodile gone**

“There weren’t any crocs around when I was a kid,” Reckwerdt said. However, he said recent crocodile attacks on people and pets in the Key Largo area have made him fear for the safety of pets and children. He said he no longer allows his young children to swim in the canal. “What’s it going to do to our tourism economy when another pet is killed or, God forbid, something else?” Reckwerdt said. The mayor said he is hoping a solution can be found that doesn’t involve killing the crocodiles but he will not rule out euthanizing the animals. “At what point do we do something about this?” Reckwerdt asked. “You look at areas where they’re plentiful — Australia, the Nile — they eat people.”

**Cheryl Cole’s new song aimed at ex-husband**

**British actress Keira Knightley is engaged.**

**Attended burglar becomes wedged in fence**

Police in Sweden released a picture of a heavyset attempted burglar who wound up wedged in a fence as he tried to make his getaway. Stockholm police said a homeowner called the emergency number to report a man who had attempted to break into his house was stuck in a fence outside of his home, The Local.se reported. Police snapped a picture of the suspect, who was not injured, before prying him free and placing him under arrest. The picture was posted to the department’s official Twitter page, which has about 4,500 followers.
Young secures England win in Oslo

Manchester United winger’s early goal secures victory start for new coach Roy Hodgson

London, 27 May — Norway 0 – England 2: Manchester United’s Ashley Young scored a fine goal as new England coach Roy Hodgson enjoyed a winning start to his tenure in Norway. The winger raced past Falkham defender Brede Hangeland and finished smartly into the corner in the early stages to ensure victory in the friendly international in Oslo.

It was a relatively comfortable night for the visitors as they faced a Norwegian team who threatened during the opening 45 minutes despite enjoying some lengthy spells of possession. Everton’s Leighton Baines was close with a free-kick which forced a good save out of Norwegian keeper Rune Jarstein after the interval.

Manchester United’s Phil Jones stuck the trick, although Liverpool’s Andy Carroll was in an offside position and the effort was unlikely to have stood. Fulham’s John Arne Riise provided the most uncomfortable moments for England with some searching crosses but Hodgson’s side held firm for their fifth victory over Norway since 1980.

Chapman takes 5-stroke lead at Senior PGA

Benton Harbor, Mich, on 26 May, 2012.— Roger Chapman arrived at Harbor Shores this week a virtual unknown. The highlight of his career was probably a win in the 1962 U.S. Open but he is now a fully credentialed player who is dangerous in international experienced senior circles. Chapman’s 54-hole score of 196 tied the tournament record set by Sam Snead in 1973, although Snead was 17 under when he set the mark. Steve Pate had a 67 to join 66-year-old Hale Irwin at 7-under. — Internet

Bulgaria stuns Netherlands with win in Amsterdam friendly

AMSTERDAM, 27 May — The Netherlands was disappointed with a 2-1 loss to Bulgaria in Amsterdam on Saturday in the first of three Euro 2012 friendlies before the start of the tournament. Chapman is one round from a win and is threatening to rout the rest of the field. The Englishman plays overseas, Chapman is hardly a star. The Englishman plays overseas, Chapman is hardly a star.

Manchester United’s Ashley Young scored a fine goal as new England coach Roy Hodgson enjoyed a winning start to his tenure in Norway. The winger raced past Falkham defender Brede Hangeland and finished smartly into the corner in the early stages to ensure victory in the friendly international in Oslo.

It was a relatively comfortable night for the visitors as they faced a Norwegian team who threatened during the opening 45 minutes despite enjoying some lengthy spells of possession. Everton’s Leighton Baines was close with a free-kick which forced a good save out of Norwegian keeper Rune Jarstein after the interval.

Manchester United’s Phil Jones stuck the trick, although Liverpool’s Andy Carroll was in an offside position and the effort was unlikely to have stood. Fulham’s John Arne Riise provided the most uncomfortable moments for England with some searching crosses but Hodgson’s side held firm for their fifth victory over Norway since 1980.

Chapman takes 5-stroke lead at Senior PGA

Benton Harbor, Mich, on 26 May, 2012.— Roger Chapman arrived at Harbor Shores this week a virtual unknown. The highlight of his career was probably a win in the 1962 U.S. Open but he is now a fully credentialed player who is dangerous in international experienced senior circles. Chapman’s 54-hole score of 196 tied the tournament record set by Sam Snead in 1973, although Snead was 17 under when he set the mark. Steve Pate had a 67 to join 66-year-old Hale Irwin at 7-under. — Internet

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Dos Santos flattened Mir with a huge right hand and finished him on the ground at 3:04 of the second round Saturday night, emphatically defending his belt at UFC 146 on Saturday night.

Dos Santos (15-1) picked apart the two-time ex-champion with superior boxing throughout the fight, eventually sending Mir stumbling onto his back before finishing him with one last blow to the head. Dos Santos then wrapped himself in the Brazilian flag while celebrating his first title defence since taking the belt from Cain Velasquez last fall.

“I’m feeling awesome!”

Junior Dos Santos, right, lands a punch against Frank Mir sending him to the mat in the second round of a UFC 146 heavyweight bout, on 26 May, 2012, in Las Vegas. Internet

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Union ministers visit hybrid paddy strain farms

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NAV P'TAW, 27 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint visited 500-acre Nyaunghbingyisa plantation in Pobbahthiri Township where Director-General of Agricultural Department U Kyaw Win reported on strains production of Basmati hybrid paddy and Palethwe hybrid paddy this morning.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing called for extending researches on the hybrid paddy species. The Union ministers and party inspected production and storage of strains.

Nadal braced to shatter Djokovic Slam bid

Novak Djokovic at the AFP Rome Tennis masters on May 21. Djokovic will accept the ‘unique’ French Open challenge of becoming the first man in 43 years to monopolise all four Grand Slams.

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PARIS, 27 May—Novak Djokovic will accept the ‘unique’ French Open challenge of becoming the first man in 43 years to monopolise all four Grand Slams, but six-time champion Rafael Nadal has his own history to make.

Only Don Budge, in 1938, and Rod Laver in 1962 and 1969, have achieved the feat of holding the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and US Open titles at the same time.

Now world number one Djokovic is just seven matches away from joining that exclusive club.

There’s only one problem and it comes in the shape of Nadal, who will become the only man to win seven French Open titles if he triumphs again on Roland Garros’ famed red brick courts.

“This is a unique opportunity that very few tennis players have in their lives. I’m aware of that, but I accept it as a challenge,” said Djokovic, ahead of the tournament which starts on Sunday.

“It makes me even more motivated. It makes me feel good about it, rather than feeling pressured and worried if something bad is going to happen.”

They then proceeded to 100-acre Teaygyiong plantation in Zahlabiri Township where Union Minister U Myint Hlaing urged the staff to educate farmers so as to minimize wastage in post harvest duration.

They also visited 100-acre strain production plantations in Dekhinathiri managed by Myanmar agriculturalists and scholars of Chinese CETC company. They heard reports submitted by officials and inspected pollination of paddy plants. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing called for bringing about farmer centered development and establishing of modern rice mill for quality rice production.—MNA

Since Laver’s 1969 achievement, only Pete Sampras, Roger Federer and Nadal have had opportunities to complete a non-calendar year Grand Slam.

Sampras lost to Jim Courier in the quarter-finals at Roland Garros in 1994; Federer lost to Nadal in the final at the 2006 and 2007 French Open while Nadal lost to David Ferrer in the quarter-finals at the 2011 Australian Open.

Djokovic defeated Nadal in the finals of Wimbledon, the US Open and this year’s epic Australian Open to arrive at his date with destiny.

Until the start of the claycourt season, he had also beaten Nadal in a total of seven successive finals.

But world number two Nadal has since defeated the Serb on clay in the finals in Monte Carlo and Rome.

Roland Garros remains the only major where Djokovic has yet to make the final.

Three times the 25-year-old has been a semi-finalist, losing to Nadal in 2007 and 2008 before seeing a remarkable 43-match winning run at Federer at the last-four stage in 2011.


His only blip, a 2009 fourth round loss to Robin Soderling, came at a time when he was plagued by the acute knee problems which have often threatened to overwhelm him.

INTERNET

Spain’s Fabregas ruled out up to 10 days

MADEIRA, 27 May—Barcelona midfielder Cesc Fabregas is set for a big chunk of Spain’s preparations for Euro 2012 after being ruled out for seven to 10 days with a hamstring strain, the Spanish club said on Saturday.

Fabregas picked up the injury when he came on for the last 10 minutes of Barca’s 3-0 King’s Cup final win over Athletic Bilbao on Friday.

The former Arsenal player is likely to be named on Sunday in Spain’s final 23-man squad to defend their title in Poland and Ukraine next month.

Spain coach Vicente del Bosque has so far been unable to call up players from Barca and Bilbao because of the Cup final, and has two warm-up matches left against South Korea and China before they open their Group C campaign against Italy on June 10.—INTERNET

Barcelona’s Cesc Fabregas celebrates after he scored against Valencia during their Spanish first division soccer match at the Mestalla Stadium in Valencia, September 21, 2011.—INTERNET

Communal novitiation ceremony held in Monywa Township

NAV P’TAW, 27 May—A ceremony to novitiate 528 boys from the wards of Monywa, Sagaing Region, was held under the sponsorship of the Sagaing Region government yesterday morning at Sasana Beikmandaw of Shwezigon Pagoda.

Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khing and officials attended the ceremony and offered day’s meals to Sayadaws, members of the Sangha and novices.—MNA

School Enrollment Day observed in Mon State

NAV P’TAW, 27 May—Mon State observed School Enrollment Day for 2012-2013 academic year at No.6 Basic Education High School in Monywa.

Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint spoke on the occasion.

Director-General U Kyaw Thu No.1 Basic Education Department made a speech and State Education Officer U Min Tun Tin explained the school enrollment rates.

Then, cash and kind were donated including K 15 million by public wellwishers, K 12.5 million by Daw Myint Myint Aye (Jewelry Trading) and 39 printers by Director U Khin Win (Reid) of the Ministry of Industry-2.

After the ceremony, the chief minister and guests viewed School Enrollment Day activities in Mon State.

At the celebration, the Education Minister and public wellwishers donated K 338.5 million.

State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Hla Oo and Director-General U Kyaw Thu visited the high schools in Mawlamyine where students were enrolling.—MNA

Magway Region Chief Minister oversees regional development tasks

NAV P’TAW, 27 May—Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe yesterday inspected the chosen site for construction of a station hospital in Thitakauk Village, Magway Township, reclamation of 200 acres of land at the entrance to Taungdwingyi, water and power supply tasks.

Next, he met personnel at Myothit Township General Administration Department and visited township people’s hospital.

After meeting with departmental staff at Natmauk Township GAD, the chief minister visited the township people’s hospital.—MNA

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