President U Thein Sein receives US Senator Hon Susan M. Collins and party

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a goodwill delegation led by United States Senator Hon Susan M. Collins and party, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and departmental heads.

The delegation was accompanied by Charge d’ Affairs ai Mr Michael E. Thurston from US Embassy.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on socio-economic development, providing assistance for investment and technologies, anti-corruption, training for emergence of skilled workers, cooperation in the sectors of education, health, culture and language and totally lifting of economic sanctions for more influx of investments. — MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Vice-President of German Parliament

Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms and party, at the hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 5 pm today.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on socio-economic development, providing and amicable relations, progress of internal peace-making process and success of political process and promoting cooperation between the parliaments of both countries.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Thant Shin, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shin, Director-General of President Office U Zaw Min and departmental heads.

The delegation was accompanied by German Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Christian Ludwig Weber-Lortsch.

Southwest monsoon sets in

Southwest monsoon sets in— NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today that during the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the Central Bay of Bengal and Deltaic areas. — MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (29-5-2012)

Launglon 3.66 inches
Yangon 2.75 inches (Kaba-Aye)
Kawthoung 2.12 inches
Cocogyun 1.81 inches
Kyeikkhame 1.77 inches
Dawei 1.73 inches
Monywa 1.50 inches
Hkamti 1.45 inches
NyaungU 1.42 inches
Nay Pyi Taw, 29 May—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tin Hsan received a delegation led by President Mr Bandarik Kosolvity of Thailand-based The City Hotel Sriracha at his office yesterday.

The foreign guests asked about investment in Myanmar’s hotel industry with great interest and foreign investment laws, rules and regulations to run hotels.

The Union Minister explained the development of tourism industry, steps taken by the ministry to ensure smooth arrivals of foreign tourists, rules and regulations over foreign investments in hotel industry. —MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Committee meets Mon State govt., state Hluttaw, social organizations

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 May—Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee met Mon State Government at the state government office in Mawlamyine in Mon State on 27 May. It was attended by State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, Committee Chairman U Hsai Paung Nat, committee members, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Kyin Pe, state ministers and officials.

The committee chairman and Committee Secretary U Khin Htain Nan explained objectives, aims and undertakings of the committee.

State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint extended greetings and presented tasks for development of the state.

The committee met the speaker, deputy speaker and representatives of the state Hluttaw, state national races affairs minister, representatives from political parties and town elders at 10.30 am and those from Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women’s Affairs Organization, War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society, Fire Brigade, other social and religious organizations, New Mon State Party at 2.15 pm at the State Hluttaw’s meeting hall separately.

The committee chairman and the secretary explained study tours of development in the region and the state they had stopped, necessities the national brethren revealed, chances of officials and town elders in Mon State to disclose the state’s needs frankly, and measures to be taken for reporting the requirements of each area to the Pyidangsu Hluttaw.

The state Hluttaw speaker and representatives, the state ministers, officials of political parties, chairs and secretaries of social organizations and those present elaborated on things to be fulfilled for the good of the region and the people.

The chairman, the secretaries, ministers and legal scholars made discussions upon their reports.

The state Hluttaw speaker presented the committee chairman the book of brief history and collected articles and papers on Mon nationals and the book of pictorial Mon history. —MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 May—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint received Board of Director Dr Hernando Garzon of Britain-based Relief International and party at his office yesterday.

The Relief International held a discussion with the deputy minister on providing maternal and child welfare health, spreading their project into three townships—Taungtha, Myingyan, Natogyi and exchanging views on provision of health care between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Lwin (Prevention Disease), Deputy Director-General Dr Thein Thein Htay (Public Health) and responsible persons.

MNA
BOSTON, 29 May — Security experts said on Monday a highly sophisticated computer virus is infecting computers in Iran and other Middle East countries and may have been deployed at least five years ago to engage in state-sponsored cyber espionage. Evidence suggest that the virus, dubbed Flame, may have been built on behalf of or on behalf of that nation that commissioned the Stuxnet worm that attacked Iran’s nuclear programme in 2010, according to Kaspersky Lab, the Russian cyber security software maker that took credit for discovering the infections.

Kaspersky researchers said they have yet to determine whether Flame had specific mission like Stuxnet, and declined to say who they think built it. Iran has accused the United States and Israel of deploying Stuxnet. Cyber security experts said the discovery publicly demonstrates what experts privately classified information have long known: that nations have been using pieces of malicious code as weapons to promote their security interests for several years.

“This is one of many, many campaigns that happen all the time and never make it into the public domain,” said Alexandre Klimburg, a cyber security expert at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs. A cyber security agency in Iran said on its English website that Flame bore a close relation to Stuxnet, the notorious computer worm that attacked Iran’s nuclear programme in 2010 and is the first publicly known example of a cyber weapon.

Ipso facto, a member of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), has the world’s fourth largest oil reserves and can offer some of the last potentially rich untapped territories in its energy sector was left under-developed by decades of war and economic sanctions.

Foreign energy companies are hesitant over Iraq’s offer of service contracts, under which they would be paid a fee for their services. Such deals are seen as less advantageous than production-sharing contracts, through which explorers can claim a share in profits from output.

The auction, now scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, has already been postponed several times by the oil ministry to address complaints by potential bidders about contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause on clause contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause contract terms.
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**Early Jews in Portugal**

**Silves, 29 May**

German researchers say the oldest archaeological evidence of a Jewish cultural presence on the Iberian Peninsula has been found at a Portuguese excavation site.

Archaeologists of the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena said a 16-by-24-inch marble plate that may have been a tomb slab bears a Hebrew inscription and has been dated to AD 390. The earliest archaeological evidence of Jewish inhabitants in the region of modern-day Portugal had been a tomb slab with a university release said on Friday.

The earliest Hebrew inscriptions from the region known until now date from the sixth or seventh century, researchers said.

"We were actually hoping for a Latin inscription when we turned round the excavated tomb slab," researcher Henning Wabersich said.

The archaeologists said they were unsure which language they were looking at, as the inscription was not cut with particular care, but they eventually received help from Spain.

"Jordi Casanovas Miro from the Museu Nacional d’Art de Catalunya in Barcelona — a well-known expert for Hebrew inscriptions on the Iberian Peninsula — is sure that the Jewish name

**Dragon supplies delivered to space station**

**Cape Canaveral, 29 May**

— Hours after the Dragon docked with the space station, the astronauts opened the capsule’s hatch and began taking delivery of 1,014 pounds of food, water and clothing, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Private space company SpaceX’s Dragon capsule became the first commercial cargo vessel to visit the space station. "Like the smell of a brand new car," NASA astronaut Don Pettit said after going into the capsule.

Live coverage of the hatch opening began just after 3 am on Saturday on NASA TV and on the Web site of SpaceX, officially named Space Exploration Technologies Corp, a company based in Hawthorne, Calif.

The delivery of the supplies was to show the space capsule could link up with the $100 billion space station’s on-board computer, the Times said.

The Dragon on Friday became the first privately built and operated space capsule to dock with the space station.

The Times said SpaceX has received nearly $400 million in seed money from NASA.

The company has a $5.16 billion contract with the agency to haul cargo in a dozen flights to the space station.

**Scientists unveil ‘self-changing tyres’**

**Leipzig, 29 May** — Are you fed up of having to change your summer tyres for winter tyres at the first sign of snow? A group of German researchers have developed a tyre that “changes itself.”

The researchers at Leipzig university are driving a car on the motorway even while you are driving.

"But we’ve patented it already, just in case," Riemer said. "The driver no longer has to change his tyres. It automatically adapts itself to the prevailing weather conditions even while you are driving."

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A team of researchers headed by Detlef Riemer at the University of Applied Sciences in Leipzig unveiled the “adaptive tyre” at this year’s Hannover Fair, the world’s biggest industrial fair taking place in the north German city this week.

"Today’s choice of tyres are always a compromise between the ability to brake and petrol consumption," Riemer said. "The car driver has to take into consideration every sort of weather condition and you can’t change the tyres while you’re driving."

But Riemer’s “adaptive tyre” is equipped with electronic sensors which recognise different sorts of terrain — whether motorway or dirt roads — and whether it’s dry, rainy or snowing.

And accordingly, the tyres’ profiles are automatically raised or widened, even when the car is in motion. “That means your car is always equipped with the best possible tyre and noise and petrol consumption are automatically optimised, too,” Riemer enthused.

"The driver no longer has to think about adapting their tyres. The tyre itself ‘thinks’ too."

The tyre is a long way from a finished product and research is still ongoing, notably on the materials that can be used for the moveable parts of the tyre’s profiles.

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**GFS maker describes in-dash solutions**

**Olathe, 29 May** — Global positioning system-maker Garmin has begun moving away from touchscreens to a console-mounted controller that will help divers navigate with fewer distractions.

Known for its portable GPS devices, Garmin has begun developing systems that can be integrated into the dash of a vehicle, the company recently announced its first fully integrated infotainment system, to be available for most 2013 Suzuki vehicles. — Internet

**Debris from Japan tsunami arriving sooner**

**Seattle, 29 May**

Scientists and lawmakers say debris from the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan last year is reaching US shores sooner than expected.

Fishing floats, soccer balls, fuel tanks and fishing vessels let loose by the 9-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami pushed thousands of miles across the Pacific Ocean, carried by currents and winds, already started to arrive on US shores. The US Coast Guard recently blew up a Japanese fishing vessel drifting through the Gulf of Alaska.

And in all, more than 200 bottles, cans, baubos and floats was reported to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which says none of the material is considered radioactive because it was dragged to sea before the Fukushima nuclear disaster, the Los Angeles Times reported on Saturday.

Tracking the flotsam specifically by Japan is difficult because it generally lacks something identifiable, scientists said.

"Unfortunately 99.999 percent of debris doesn’t come with a label," retired Seattle oceanographer Curtis Ebbesmeyer told the Times. "Lawyers want something with a street number or boat name on it."

Ebbesmeyer compiles reports from West Coast beachcombers on his blog and has tallied at least 500 foam and plastic floats and fuel cans that have shown up from Japan since October — about 67 times the normal rate.

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**Rescue robot tested at Calif. beach**

**Malibu, 29 May**

Lifeguards in Los Angeles County say they’ve tested a robot rescue craft that could save struggling swimmers.

Officials of the Los Angeles County Fire Department said the remote-controlled rescue robot can be guided through the surf to reach stranded swimmers who can then hold on to the machine until lifeguards arrive.

Mock rescue tests have been conducted in the surf at Zuma Beach in Malibu, the Los Angeles Times reported on Thursday.

A robot named Emily, which stands for Emergency Integrated Lifesaving Anywhere, are being tested this summer by Los Angeles County, California life-guards as the newest tool to rescue people in water. — Internet

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**Proposed in-dash GPS and infotainment system.— Internet**

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China to encourage private capital in banking industry

BEIJING, 29 May—China will give private capital the same entry standards to the banking industry as other capital, state media said on Sunday, as the government makes its hardest push in a decade to lure private investors by welcoming them into a handful of sectors.

Private companies would be allowed to buy into banks through private stock placements, new share subscriptions, equity transfers, and mergers and acquisitions, the official China Daily said, citing the China Banking Regulatory Commission.

Private investment would also be permitted in trust, financial leasing and auto-financing companies, the report said.

No plan to revise diesel, LPG or kerosene prices

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Volkswagen AG, the world's biggest carmaker, sharply lowered its annual sales forecast on Monday after it temporarily halted sales of its jet-engine-powered Passat sedan in the United States following the death of a young man who died in a crash involving the German luxury car.

REUTERS

Health Tip:

Walk at work

There are plenty of ways to squeeze in exercise and some social time at work without sacrificing productivity, the American Council on Exercise mentions these suggestions:

- Skip the coffee/smoke break and ask a co-worker to join you for a 15-minute walk.
- If you have a regular one-to-one meeting with a co-worker, make a walking meeting.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator, and see how many co-workers will join you.
- Walking group to walk on breaks, during lunch and after work.
- Visit a bookstore, gallery or museum for a small walk.

BSE Sensex gains, tracks Asian indexes

NEW DELHI, 29 May—The BSE Sensex gained 0.5 percent, while the 50-share NSE index NSEI was up 0.6 percent. State Bank Of India gained 2.1 percent while Tata Motors (TAMO NS) is flat ahead of earnings due on Tuesday.

Asian shares edge up as opinion polls showing a lead for Greece's pro-bailout camps help ease risk aversion. With pressure mounting on the Indian government to consider a partial rollback of a petrol price hike, investors also held to see if the government mutes the call to increase diesel and LPG prices. Foreign investors were net sellers of Indian stocks worth 6.24 billion rupees on Friday, provisional exchange data showed, and total net sales of 8.51 billion Indian rupees for the week.—Reuters

One-hundred Yuan notes are seen in this picture illustration in Beijing on 22 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Cholesterol levels.

New study suggests that consuming isoflavones or placebo tablets for six weeks, Wong, a nutrition researcher at Cornell University said, cited the report.

New York, 29 May—Soy-rich diets have been linked to lower rates of heart disease, but soy supplements alone may not do anything for older women’s blood pressure, according to a US study.

The findings, reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, add to the mixed evidence on the health benefits of soy isoflavones — compounds that are thought to have weak estrogen-like effects in some body tissues.

Researchers have long known that Asian populations with soy-rich diets have lower rates of heart disease compared with people who eat “Western” diets, but it has not been clear whether soy isoflavones supplements have cardiovascular benefits, such as cutting blood pressure or cholesterol levels.

A number of studies have found that intravenous infusions of soy isoflavones may boost the body’s production of nitric oxide and help blood vessels dilate.

But Wong, a nutrition researcher at Baylo...
Man in crane at Texas college says he’s armed

Police waited late into the night Monday for a man holed up in a crane on the Southern Methodist University campus to surrender and desist, even after the man spent a sweltering afternoon on the crane that towers over the campus in University Park, a posh north Dallas enclave, after he told officers he was armed and threatened to shoot anyone who approached him. Special tactics officers from the Dallas Police Department were working with SMU campus police to manage the scene and try to talk the man down from the crane. No injuries had been reported.

Dallas police Senior Cpl. Melinda Gutierrez said campus police “did call us about a person who had climbed up into the crane who was possibly armed with a handgun. At this time, we are not confirming that he does have a handgun.” The person on the crane had a radio, Gutierrez said, but she did not know if the person was communicating with police on the ground. She said police were attempting to establish radio contact. Gutierrez declined to say if police knew the man’s identity. The man was first reported about 11:30 am on Monday.

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On 28 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Space debris strikes Texas college campus

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The two-way trade will also be allowed to move in a wider range than the narrow band at which the dollar and yuan change hands, Dow Jones Newswire and the Nikkei business daily reported.

China will set a daily rate based on dealer quotes with trade allowed to move within a 3 percent band above or below that rate, compared with a 1.9 percent band fixed to yuan-dollar trading.

The Chinese central bank earlier Tuesday introduced a rate of 7.9480 yuan for every 100 yen, Dow Jones said. However, there will be no fixed rates in Tokyo trade with the currencies trading freely, according to the same media reports which provided no further details.

The Humboldt penguin after it was recaptured and taken back to Tokyo Sea Life Park. The penguin, which was recaptured last week after nearly three months at large in the polluted waters of Tokyo Bay, has conjunctions, an aquarium official said on Monday.—INTERNET

The New Light of Myanmar Wednesday, 30 May, 2012

An employee of Samsung Electronics walks past one of its 3D LED televisions displayed for visitors at the company’s headquarters in Seoul on 30 April, 2010.—Reuters

Rocket debris hits homes

BEIJING, 29 May— The debris of a carrier rocket hit some houses and high voltage wires in central China’s Hunan Province on Sunday night, causing a blackout in a village. The debris of the Long March-3B carrier rocket crashed on some houses and hit a 10kv high voltage wire in Wugang Township and Shuikou Township in Saining County around midnight, local news portal Rednet.cn reported yesterday.

The Long March-3B carrier rocket was used to launch a telecommunications satellite “ChinaSat 2A” into orbit on the evening of 26 May. The satellite was successfully launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China’s Sichuan Province.—Xinhua

There will be a full investigation and we’ll be able to determine then what went wrong.”—Xinhua

Fake silicon bellies are pregnant with possibility

BEIJING, 29 May—It may have been a very fertile business mind that came up with the idea of selling fake silicon bellies to make the wearers appear pregnant. “We both exporting and domestic business, and they use it as a prop to increase come effects, in addition to their use in art performances, while some Chinese buy the bellies to dress themselves up as pregnant women.”

Some buyers use artificial bellies during the transition in surrogacy or adoption situations, sellers said, so that neighbours, co-workers or even family members will not know the baby is adopted. According to Wang, who also runs an online shop on taobao.com, the sales of fake bellies made of silica gel have only started to soar. “I’d say Chinese consumers started to know about fake bellies only in recent years and that’s when we shifted our production focus from solely making fake breasts to both breasts and bellies,” said Wang.

“We offer a one-year guarantee and there’s a special discount to those who may three bellies of various sizes,” she said. The strap-on bellies range in prices from 400 ($63) to 3,600 yuan, simulating 2-4 months, 5-7 months and 8-9 months. “On top of that, we have twins-size,” said a salesman named Li from Longfeng Silicone Technology in Shenzhen. Li said that the fake belly can also be customized. “We request a photo of your skin color before making the belly. Other information such as a customer’s weight, height and waistline is also needed to make the fake belly look like a real one,” he said.

Many clients request us to keep their names secret while purchasing, and they even tell us to leave the ‘item’ option blank when filling out the information for delivery,” said Wang. “Xue Liya from the Social Development Institute of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences told China Daily that women from infertility shouldn’t be the only reason to explain why fake belly is so popular. “There are plenty of reasons to explain such phenomenon,” Xue said. For example, some fathers in the United States and Japan wear them so they can grow along with their wives during pregnancy, and experience weight gain, breast enlargement and a kicking baby.”

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Residents in Mississauga, where the airport is located, called police around the time of the accident, saying chunks of metal falling from the sky damaged their cars. Air Canada has not confirmed whether the flying debris originated from the plane.

There have been reports of debris, but I don’t have any confirmation at this time,” Air Canada spokesperson Peter Fitzpatrick told the National Post.

There will be a full investigation and we’ll be able to determine then what went wrong.”—Xinhua
School enrollment day marked in Pyapon Township

PYAPON, 29 May—A ceremony to observe school enrollment day of Pyapon Township, was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 25 May. At the ceremony, district deputy assistant education officer (inspection) U Htay Win delivered a speech, and township education officer Daw Phyu Phyu Win explained the school enrollment day. Afterwards, school enrollment lists were handed over to chairman of Township education supervisory committee Tun. The chairman of Township education supervisory committee presented 21500 dozens of books donated by the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister through the township education officer.

School enrollment day observed in Nyaungdon Township

NYAUNGDON, 29 May—School enrollment day of Nyaungdon Township was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Nyaungdon on 26 May. At the ceremony, acting Township administrator U Nay Lin Tun. The chairman of Township education supervisory committee presented 21500 dozens of books donated by the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister through the township education officer.

School enrollment day observed in Nyaungdon Township

Three Friends Construction Co provides cash assistance for education

YANGON, 29 May—A ceremony to provide monthly assistance and cash assistance for education of staff’s offspring, needy students and social organization, was held at Shwepazun hall in Thakayta Township this afternoon. At the ceremony, managing director U Myo Naing of Three Friends Construction Co., Ltd explained the purpose of providing assistance. Afterward, cash assistance were provided. The company is planning to provide assistance on a by-annual basis and sometimes on the committee’s decision. Plans are under way to provide monthly assistance in cooperation with donors.

Prizes awarded to winners of “Tug-of-War” or “Rain Call” contest

MEIKTLA, 29 May—A prize awarding ceremony of “Tug-of-War” or “Rain Call” contest was held at Meiktila yesterday. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Kyaw Swe and committee members presented awards to winning teams. The competition was being held from 26 to 27 May. —Kyemon

Books donated to self-reliant village libraries in Pyawbwe Township

PYAWBWE, 29 May—A ceremony to donate books and publications to self-reliant village libraries in Pyawbwe Township, was held at Township Information and Public Relations Department on 21 May. At the ceremony, the government donated 13100 dozens of books for primary students in the township.

NUTRITIOUS FOODS PROVIDED: Chairperson of Yangon West District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Myint Myint Kyi and members, presented cash, nutritious foods and medicine to No.3 Basic Education Department women’s football team and Yangon West District women’s football team, which are in camp training at No.1 Basic Education High School in Lannmadaw Township on 25 May. —Township PRD

Books donated to offspring of FSD’s staff in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 29 May—A ceremony to present books to offspring of Mandalay Region Fire Services Department staff, was held at Region Fire Services Department on 21 May. At the ceremony, Director U Aung Kyaw Nyunt delivered a speech. After that, U Tun Tun Min and wife Daw San Yu Mon family (Myodaw Biscuit) donated 500 dozens of books through the staff officer of Region Fire Services Department. These books will be distributed to 110 offspring of FSD’s staff in the Region.

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DISTRICT NEWS

CASH DONATED: To mark birthday anniversary of U Han Tha, U Han Tha and Daw Myint Myint Tha family, residing on 15th street, Pauklaung ward-2, Pyinmana Township, donated K 0.5 million to Hzigon Home for the Aged through Chairman of the Board (Reid) Lt-Col Kyaw Shein. —Home for the Aged
Union Foreign Affairs Minister holds talks with US Senator

**Nay Pyi Taw, 29 May—**
Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Senator Susan M Collins of the United States Senate at his office at noon today.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation on matters of mutual interests. Also present at the meeting were responsible officials from the Ministry. The US delegation was accompanied by Mr Michael E. Thurston, Charge d’Affairs of the Embassy of the United States of America. — MNA

Delegation led by Indian PM and wife proceeds to Yangon

**Nay Pyi Taw, 29 May—**
Delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur who were here on a goodwill visit at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, flew to Yangon this morning.

They were seen off 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 Kyaw 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 and embassy staff at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

Schoolchildren greeted the delegation led by the visiting Indian Premier and wife at the entrance of Nay Pyi Taw Airport, waving flags of the two countries. National races damsels said goodbye to the Indian Premier and wife who also took salute of the Guard of Honour.

The delegation led by the Indian PM and wife was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Villur Sundararaman Seshadri and wife. — MNA

Union Auditor-General receives World Bank PEFA Mission

**Nay Pyi Taw, 29 May—**
Auditor-General of the Union of Myanmar U Lun Maung received Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) Mission of World Bank at his office yesterday afternoon.

The meeting focused on the role of the Union Auditor-General’s Office in public expenditure and financial accountability. It was also attended by Deputy Auditor-General U Myo Myint and officials of the Union Auditor-General’s Office. — MNA

FIFA to cooperate with Myanmar for health and fitness of students

**Nay Pyi Taw, 29 May—**
Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe received the FIFA delegation at his office this morning, and had a discussion with the guests on holding educative talks on health and fitness of students with the joint sponsorship of FIFA, Myanmar Football Federation and Ministry of Education and training programmes.

The deputy minister for his part touched upon matters related to nurturing of fit and talent human resources in combination with sports and education.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and deputy directors-general under the Ministry of Education, the Chairman of MFF and officials. — MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives a delegation led by Senator Susan M Collins of the United States Senate. — MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa holds discussions with US Senator Susan M Collins of the United States Senate. — MNA

A goodwill delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur being seen off by officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. — MNA

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Dy Information Minister, Dy Education Minister receive delegation of The Mirror Comprehensive Magazine and Myanmar Technology and Education Development Foundation of China

**Nay Pyi Taw, 29 May—**
Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win and Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe received Director of The Mirror Comprehensive Magazine and Myanmar Technology and Education Development Foundation of China Mr Chui Say Hoe and party at the Education Ministry heret his morning.

The meeting focused on printing reports on developments of Myanmar in the Mirror Comprehensive Magazine distributed globally and cooperation in education sector. The meeting was attended by directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials of the Ministry of Education. — MNA

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win and Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe receive Director of The Mirror Comprehensive Magazine and Myanmar Technology and Education Development Foundation of China Mr Chui Say Hoe and party. — MNA
Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye receives a delegation led by Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms.—MNA

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye held discussion with a delegation led by Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms of Germany this office at 3:30 pm today. They had a cordial discussion on Myanmar’s reforms, electoral and political parties affairs.

Also present at the call were UEC members U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Thar Oo, U Win Kyi, U Nyunt Tin and Secretary U Win Kyi.—MNA

Union Minister, Norwegian Dy Foreign Affairs Minister, KNU officials meet in Kyaukkyi

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Member of Union level Peace-making Committee Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi met Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of Norway Mr Torgeir Larsen and party at KNU Liaison Office (Kyaukkyi) in Kyaukkyi in Bago Region yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the meeting together with Union Minister U Khin Yi were Bago Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Baby Ohn, Kayin National Races Affairs Minister U Saw LuPali San Hla, Secretary of KNU Military Committee Col Saw Tutu Lay and officials, representatives of displaced persons in Kayaukkyi Township, town elders, local and foreign media and together with the visiting Norwegian deputy foreign affairs minister was Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Katja Nordgaard.

Union Minister U Khin Yi for his part said the government understands bringing conflicts to an end is important for developing democracy and regional and regional development would be realized in cooperation on common ground after ending conflicts. He also thanked organizations which assisted systematic settlement of displaced persons in KNU Regimen No (3) Area in initial plan.

Citizenship scrutiny cards would be issued to Kayin nationals who are citizens by birth under existing laws and also to other displaced persons in Kyaukkyi region. Reunion and issuing of CSCs to those who fled to the neighbouring country for various reasons would be carried out in other regions, he said. Such measures are fruitful outcomes of peace process, he pointed out. He concluded his speech with the call for concerted efforts for eternal peace.

Mr Charles Petrie of Norway gave detailed explanation on the process and the secretary of KNU Military Committee presented successful peace-making process between the government and KNU and programmes that would profit displaced persons in Kyaukkyi region. The Union minister and the Norwegian deputy minister attended to the needs.

A townselder spoke words of thanks and Head of Bago Region Immigration and National Registration Department U Win Lwin presented CSCs to 36 displaced persons in Kyaukkyi region. Union Minister U Khin Yi, Norwegian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Torgeir Larsen and Col Saw Tutu Lay answered queries raised by the local and foreign journalists at the press conference after the meeting.—MNA

Union level Peace-making Committee member Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi makes speech in meeting with Deputy Minister Mr Torgeir Larsen of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway and party at KNU Liaison Office (Kyaukkyi).—MNA

UEC, political parties...

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Also, if a party member is in breach of the provisions included in the Section-6, he or she is no longer entitled to be as a party member. Therefore, the party member shall be expelled from the party in accordance with the Section 12 (a) (6). Even if he is not expelled from the party, it can be detrimental to his right to stand as a party member under the Section 12 (b).

Nowadays, protests are rife over power blackout in some areas and disputes occur between employers and employees at some factories and mills. It is learnt that some political parties were involved in the incidents. This being so, the prevailing situations over the incidents are to be discussed in details by those responsible from the relevant ministries.

The UEC would like to stress the need for political parties to do their utmost in dealing with the incidents to the most possible degree in cooperation with departments concerned, realizing the prevailing situations.

The hasty handling of what can still be possible could beget adverse effects on both the State and the handlers, even leading to unrest that can harm peace and stability of the State.

There can be shortcomings and disadvantages in the country that is still in the process of transition to democracy. At a time when economic sanctions are being lifted and cooperation of the international community is all the more, it is to be serious to note that under the national development.

Therefore, in serving the interest of the State and the people, it is necessary to take into account all the factors including provisions of the laws and prevailing situations and coordinate with the government bodies in accordance with the laws.

Next, the Deputy Labour Minister reported on settlements of his ministry over disputes between employers and employees in accordance with laws, rules and regulations and the Deputy Electric Power No. 2 Minister on power generation and distribution, shortage of power supply in summer, current power blackout due to the blowing up of national power grid and steps being taken to resume normal power supply.

Afterwards, chairmen and secretaries of political parties participated in the discussions, saying that they are to cooperate with the departments concerned in accordance with the laws to deal with the current incidents as they came to realize the prevailing situations.

In his conclusion, the UEC Chairman called on those from the political parties to do their best in the handling of current protests and disputes in cooperation with the departments concerned putting in the fore the national interest rather than their own for peace and stability and national development.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Dy Speaker receives Senior International Trade and Economic Advisor

AMYOTH A HLUTTAW Dy Speaker U Mya Nyinei holds discussion with Senior International Trade and Economic Advisor Mr Gabriel Adler and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Amyotha Hluttaw Dy Speaker U Mya Nyinei received Senior International Trade and Economic Advisor Mr Gabriel Adler and party of the United States of America at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the Dy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw were Finance and Tax Committee Chairman U San Tun, Women and Children Welfare Committee Chairman Professor Dr Mya Oo, National Planning Committee Chairman U Zaw Myint Pe, Public Complaints and Appeals Committee Chairman U Aung Nyinei, International Relations Chairman Col Maung Maung Htoo and responsible persons from Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of political prisoners and amnesty affairs, implementation of peace-making and national races armed groups.—MNA

Union Transport Minister meets Thai guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Union Transport Minister Mr U Nyan Tun Aung received a delegation led by President of Thailand-based Empire Asia Energy Group Co Ltd Mr Tongchai Hongladarom at the ministry this evening.

They held discussions on establishing Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zone in Pathein Township in Ayeyawady Region under Myanmar’s Super Axis Program and upgrading Pathein Airport as International Airport under joint venture.

The U Tin minister said the ministry would extend help in establishment of the deep sea port and special economic zone, in-depth discussion would be made for upgrading the airport and joint venture would be established for inland transport delta region.—MNA
Union Mines Minister receives Advisor to Integrated Management Co., Ltd.

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Union Mines Minister U Thein Htaik received Advisor to Integrated Management Co., Ltd Mr Akihiko Sato at his office, here this morning. The meeting was also attended by directors-general and managing directors under the ministry.

Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman meets WB (PEFA) officials

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—A delegation led by Mr Robert Taliercio of Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) of World Bank paid a call on Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Thein Zaw at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning. Also present at the call were Secretary of Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe and party and members of Legal Affairs and Special Case Assessment Commission. They had a cordial discussion on undertakings of the Public Accounts Committee in Hluttaw. —MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman receives IMF guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Thein Zaw received Deputy Managing Director Mr Naoyuki Shinohara of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Deputy Head for Asian Pacific Region Mrs Meral Karasulu at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon. It was also attended by Committee Secretary U Maung Toe and members. The meeting focused expenditure accounts in monetary affairs, and on the government’s role in reviewing and reporting. —MNA

Automobiles of People Choice-2012 show on 8-12 June

YANGON, 29 May—A press conference on Automobiles of People Choice-2012 exhibition to be held by Myanmar Apex Business Group at City Hall in Pyay, Bago Region from 8 to 12 June, was held at Central Hotel here, yesterday.

At the ceremony, Director U Kyaw Kyaw of Myanmar Apex Business Group extended greetings. Director U Wunna Thet Wai of Shwe Bahar Automobile Co, managing director Daw Nilar of Shan Traditional Food (Shwe Yi Mon), executive director U Yan Shin of Yan Myo Naing Co, U Lin Htet Tun of Tech Space Journal and director U Wai Lin of Pothirikyaw Co replied to the queries.

The items to be on show are automobiles and accessories, construction materials, home decoration materials, bath room and kitchen utensils, air-cons, phone and related materials, stationery and medicines. For more information, contact 09-73181780 and 09-44800751. —NLM

Union Sports Minister receives FIFA Chief Medical Officer

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tin Hsan received FIFA Chief Medical Officer Chairman of FIFA Medical Assessment Research Centre Mr Jiri Dvorak and party at his office here this morning.

Mr Jiri Dvorak discussed matters related to FIFA Football for Health Project which is widely in action in western countries and which makes ASEAN debut in Myanmar. The minister raised questions regarding the project. The meeting was attended by personnel of FIFA Medial Committee, medical officials from Asian Football Federation and Thailand, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials of MFF, Sports Ministry and Health Ministry. —MNA

Indian Prime Minister wraps up Myanmar visit

YANGON, 29 May—Delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur, who were here on a goodwill visit at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Kyin Win, arrived in here from Nay Pyi Taw at 10.30 am.

They were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Htay and officials, and Indian embassy staff families at Yangon International Airport.

The Indian Premier had an hour long meeting with Chairperson of National League for Democracy Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Sedona Hotel here starting 11.30 am. He also met Myanmar entrepreneurs of Indian origin from 12.55 pm to 1.20 pm.

Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Ministers U Aye Kyu and U Aye Myint Kyu, Yangon Region Electricity and Industry Minister U Nyan Tun Oo, Economic Advisor to the President U Myint, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Vifur Sundararajan Seshadri, embassy officials, the president and CEO members of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry attended Ceremony for Mutual Cooperation for Development of India and Myanmar and Regional Development at Sedona Hotel this evening.

UMFCCI President U Win Aung extended greetings and the Indian PM delivered an addressed.

The ceremony came to an end with concluding remarks by the advisor to the President.

The Indian Prime Minister and wife and party visited Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, water and lights. The visiting PM donated replica of Buddha Image to be donated by India to Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung who returned mosaic of Shwedagon Pagoda to the visiting PM.

The visiting Indian PM signed the visitors’ book and paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

The delegation then visited and paid tribute to King Zafur Shah Mausoleum in Dagon Township. The goodwill delegation led by the Indian Prime Minister and wife left Yangon this evening. —MNA

Delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur pay tribute to King Zafur Shah Mausoleum in Dagon Township. The goodwill delegation led by the Indian Prime Minister and wife left Yangon this evening. —MNA
Loans disbursed to Shwebo poultry farm zone

SHWEBO, 29 May—A ceremony to disburse loans to Shwebo poultry farm zone, was held at the zone on 23 May. It was attended by Township administrator U Thet Lwin Tun and officials from Township Livestock and meat and fish production development committee.

At the ceremony, Zeyapadaytha foundation disbursed a loan of K 92.5 million to 51 poultry farm owners.—Kyemon

Pho-Ya-Zar library opens in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 29 May—A ceremony to open Pho-Ya-Zar library in Meiktila, was held at Alegyi village in Meiktila, Mandalay Region on 26 May. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Kyaw Swe, village-tract administrator U Aung Lan and donor U Tin Maung formally opened it. It was built at a cost of K 2.6 million.—Kyemon

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking commemorative painting, cartoon, poster contests held in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 29 May—A ceremony to open painting, cartoon, computer painting, and computer poster contest in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June, took place at Khaibaung hall in Toungoo on 26 May. At the ceremony, Chairman of Toungoo District for Drug Abuse Control Committee Police Li-Col Win Sein delivered an address. A total of 79 contestants from six townships in the district competed in the contest.

Likewise, computer painting and computer poster contest was held at Toungoo University of Computer Studies on 27 May.—Myanma Alin

Duty assigned to officials in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 29 May—A duty assignment ceremony of Tachilek District General Administration Department, was held at Tachilek Township General Administration Department on 22 May. At the ceremony, Tachilek District GDA administrator U Thet Lwin delivered a speech, and Township Planning Department staff officer U Htay Pyin explained the facts about the duty assignment.

Afterwards, the district administrator presented duty assignment letters through township administrator U Ye Htoo. Then, the township administrator assigned duties to ward/village-tract administrators.—Myanma Alin

School enrollment day observed in Yesagyo Township

YESAGYO, 29 May—A ceremony to hold township-level school enrollment day of Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, took place at No 1 Basic Education High School in Yesagyo on 27 May. Township education officer U Nyunt Maung delivered an address on the occasion. Afterwards, officials handed over cash assistance and stationary to 58 students in the township.—Kyemon

Talks on danger of earthquake and disaster management on 2 June

YANGON, 29 May—A talk on danger of earthquakes and disasters management, jointly organized by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Myanmar Geosciences Society, will be held at UMFCCI headquarter in Lantaydaw Township, Yangon, on 2 June.

Patron of Myanmar Geosciences Society Dr U Thein (Retd professor) and Dr Yin Yin Nwe (Retd director) of UNICEF give talks.- Myanma Alin
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Consignes of cargo carried on MV OSSIAN VOY NO (12012) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.5.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and is subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Firefighters looking for second day to contain eastern New Mexico blaze

Calmer winds help New Mexico forest service crews go on offensive

SANTA FE, May 29 — Diminished winds helped fire crews take the offensive on Sunday against an 11-day-old blaze burning out of control through the rugged country of New Mexico’s Gila National Forest, but nearly 300 homes in the area remain under evacuation.

The so-called WhiteButt-Baldy Fire, which destroyed a dozen privately-owned cabins at the height of its rampage last week, has charred well over 122,000 acres of timber since it was ignited by lightning on 16 May, fire officials said.

The blaze ranked as the biggest of far or several large, uncontained wildfires still burning across four Western States — New Mexico, Arizona, California and Colorado — and in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, the National Interagency Fire Centre in Boise, Idaho, reported on Sunday. Those fires have collectively consumed more than 300 square miles (777 square km) of forest, brush and grasslands, the agency said.

Fueled by dense vegetation in the mountainous pine forests west of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, the WhiteButt-Baldy fire was stoked for several days by gale-force wind gusts that drove flames swiftly from treeline to treeline. On Sunday, the winds relented, giving firefighters working with hand tools and bulldozers a chance to go on the attack.

“The fire behaviour is much less extreme than it has been the last couple of days,” fire information officer Arlene Perea told Reuters: “We got a little bit of cooperation from the weather.” For the last five days, we’ve had fire running at our firefighters, and we’re finally able to get the opportunity to turn the tables,” Perea said.

A slightly cooling trend helped, too, as ground crews worked to deprive flames of fresh fuel by clearing smaller trees and brush that has yet to burn, she said. The calmer winds also allow helicopters and planes equipped to drop water and fire-retardant chemicals to return to action where needed.

Reuters

Eight civilians killed in NATO air strike in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 May — Eight civilians were killed Saturday night in an air strike conducted by the NATO-led coalition forces in the eastern Afghan Province of Pakita, an Afghan provincial official said Sunday.

The overnight attack happened in Gerdsar district and caused the tragic killing of eight Afghan civilians, spokesman of Pakita provincial government Rohullah Samon told Xinhua.

A spokesman from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) told Xinhua that “we are aware of the claims of the civilian casualties” in eastern Afghanistan but ISAF officials are working with Afghan authorities to investigate the incident.”

The ISAF spokesman said more details will be released in an appropriate time.

Also in Pakita, a total of 20 Taleban militants were killed on Saturday night in an operation by coalition forces and Afghan security forces, according to another Afghan official.

The joint operation was carried out in Sayed Karam district, said Abdul Rahman, the deputy provincial governor of Pakita.

Xinhua

Rally car strikes Irish crowd; two killed, seven injured

DUBLIN, 29 May — A race car went out of control on a rural Irish road and crashed into a crowd of about 30 spectators on Sunday, killing two people and seriously injuring seven, newspapers reported.

The car crashed through a fence and into the onlookers before coming to rest on its side beside a home near Bailieborough, 50 miles (80 kilometres) northwest of Dublin.

Police said two people — a 29-year-old woman from Cork, southwest Ireland, and a 50-year-old male photographer from the western city of Galway — were declared dead at the scene.

Seven others, including the car’s driver and navigational co-driver, were hospitalized with unspecified injuries.

Sunday’s accident heightened the dangers posed to drivers and viewers alike by Ireland’s annual high-speed contests on hinged, narrow country roads.

At least four other people have been killed during races over the past decade as hundreds of miles (kilometres) of unmodified local roads are blocked off for use by speed-seeking rally cars. Organizers of the Cavan Stages Rally involving about 100 cars in the border county of Cavan canceled the event following the accident. — Internet

A police inspection the blast site in southwest Pakistan’s Quetta on 27 May, 2012. At least three people were killed and seven others including two policemen injured in a blast that targeted a police van in Pakistan’s southwest city of Quetta on Sunday afternoon, local media reported.

Xinhua

Five killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 May— At least five people were killed and four others were injured in a US drone strike in Pakistan’s northwestern tribal region of North Waziristan in the wee hours of Monday, local media reported.

According to the report by local Urdu TV channel Dunya, the strike came at about 0:10 am (local time) when a US drone targeted a house and a vehicle in Mir Ali area of NW, one of the seven semi-autonomous tribal areas along Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

The US drone fired four missiles. Residents said the death toll may rise further as the injured were in critical condition. Identities of the killed and injured people are not known yet.

Some media reports said five drones are still hovering over the area, creating panic among the residents.

Monday’s drone strike is the 16th of its kind (counted on daily basis) in Pakistan since the beginning of this year.

To date, at least 117 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes in 2012. Pakistan views the US drone strikes as a serious violation of its sovereignty and a contravention of international law, but the United States insists that it is an effective way to fight against the terrorists.

Xinhua

21 Taleban militants killed, 19 arrested in Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 May — A total of 21 Taleban militants have been killed and 19 others arrested during military operations in different provinces in Afghanistan within the past 24 hours, the Afghan interior ministry said on Monday morning.

“Afghan police, army and NATO-led coalition forces launched 15 cleanup operations in Kabul, Paktia, Paktika, Nangarhar, Kunduz, Farah, Kundahar, Helmand, Ururzang, Wardak and Logar provinces, killing 21 armed Taleban militants and detaining 19 others suspects,” the statement said.

Some media reports said the statement was said without specifying daily operational updates. They also found and seized, weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces. Two more insurgents were wounded in the above operations, it said.

However, the Taleban militant group, which announced the launching of a spring offensive from May 3 against Afghan and NATO forces, has not made comment yet. Afghan forces and some 130,000 NATO-led coalition troops have intensified cleanup operations against Taleban and other militant groups throughout the country recently as spring and summer, known as “fighting season”, draw near. More than 800 insurgents have been killed and more than 1,450 others detained in the country so far this year, according to figures released by the ministry. — Xinhua

A soldier of the Venezuelan Army checks a citizen’s identity card in a bar, as part of the Bicentenary Security Operation (Dibise, by it’s acronym in spanish), in Guarico City, Venezuela, on 27 May, 2012. Dibise is held in 17 provinces of Venezuela to prevent homicide.

Xinhua

Smoke is pictured billowing from the site of wildfires at the WhiteButt-Baldy Complex in southwestern New Mexico in the Gila National Forest in this 17 May, 2012, handout photo obtained by Reuters on 27 May, 2012.

Reuters

A police inspects the blast site in southwest Pakistan’s Quetta on 27 May, 2012. At least three people were killed and seven others including two policemen injured in a blast that targeted a police van in Pakistan’s southwest city of Quetta on Sunday afternoon, local media reported.

Xinhua

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**News Album**

**Lady Gaga cancels Jakarta gig for security**

**JAKARTA, 29 May** — Lady Gaga has canceled her concert in Jakarta amid conservative Islamist threats, reported on Jakarta Post. Lady Gaga, the crew and audience members, The Jakarta Post reported on Sunday. “Gaga’s management team called off the July show at Mangkaro Stadium to eliminate risks to security.”

**‘Castle’ star Katic joins ‘CBGB’ cast**

**HOLLYWOOD, 29 May** — “Castle” star Stana Katic has signed on to join the cast of “CBGB,” a film about the storied New York rock club, The Hollywood Reporter said.

**Madonna asks for pool at Israeli venue**

**TEL AVIV, 29 May** — US pop star Madonna requested producers of her Tel Aviv concert build her a private pool on the grounds of the concert venue, sources told Haaretz. Madonna arrived in Israel Friday ahead of the Thursday launch of her world tour, The Jerusalem Post reported. Temporary luxurious housing, a private pool and game room were constructed on the grounds of Ramat Gan stadium, where the concert will be held, unnamed sources told Haaretz. Several Israeli Facebook pages have popped up lading the queen of pop as she sets in for the concert she has dubbed “Concert for Peace,” the Post reported.

**Cows crash party, drink all the beer**

**LOS ANGELES, 29 May** — “Men in Black 3,” starring Will Smith, left the US box office so far this weekend with $55 million in receipts. The film came in below expectations, despite its healthy box office. The film was released on 10 June.

**Kim Kardashian wants to be skinny for a day**

31-year-old said Kardashian says accepting yourself the way you are is a gradual process. “It’s a process. You have to learn to accept it. You have to learn to like what you see in the mirror, but there are definitely times when I don’t.”

**JLo, Anthony come together, again**

The former couple, who performed separately, were greeted with loud cheers as they embraced each other on stage, reports people.com.

**’Men in Black’ leads US box office**

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**Couple split over wife’s 550 cats**

An Israeli man says he was unable to divorce his wife because she refuses to part with her 550 cats. The man, whose name was not reported, petitioned the Rabbinical Court in Beersheba for divorce from his cat-loving wife this past week, The Times of Israel, Jerusalem, reported.

**A general view of the dock in East Belfast where the Titanic was built on 17 January, 2012.**

The Titanic, the largest liner in world when it was launched and dubbed “virtually unsinkable” at the time, sank after hitting an iceberg on 15 April, 1912, killing 1,517 people.

**Titanic II**

The original Titanic was built on 17 January, 2012. It is going to be designed as a modern ship with all the technology to ensure that it will be safe. Clive Palmer told reporters.

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**Singer Jennifer Lopez and her estranged husband Marc Anthony share the stage together for their show “Q’Viva! The Chosen” in Las Vegas.**

The former couple, who performed separately, were greeted with loud cheers as they embraced each other on stage, reports people.com.

**Men in Black:**

A movie about paranormal activities and its aftereffects. Its production was started for the new Titanic, which will have the same dimension as its old version with 840 rooms and nine decks.

**An Australian billionaire announced plans to build an “unsinkable” version of the Titanic, 100 years after the original sank after hitting an iceberg. Titanic II is expected to make its maiden voyage from England to North America, the old Titanic route, in late 2016. “It is going to be designed so it won’t sink,” mining and tourism tycoon Clive Palmer told reporters. “It will be designed as a modern ship with all the technology to ensure that doesn’t happen.”

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Cech signs new Chelsea deal

Blues goalkeeper to continue Stamford Bridge career until 2016

LONDON, 29 May

Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech has signed a new four-year contract which will keep him at Stamford Bridge until 2016. The 30-year-old joined Chelsea from French side Rennes in 2004 and has played an integral part in the club’s success over the last eight years. He has won three Barclays Premier League titles, four FA Cups, two Carling Cups, two

Crash put Williams’ boxing career ‘in jeopardy’

LOS ANGELES, 29 May—

Two-time welterweight world champion Paul Williams suffered spinal injuries that could end his boxing career in a motorcycle crash in Atlanta at the weekend, US media reported.

Promoter Dan Goossen told the Los Angeles Times that Williams has no feeling below his waist and was scheduled to undergo surgery on Wednesday. Goossen told the newspaper that he had been told that Williams apparently swerved to avoid contact with a vehicle on Sunday and lost control of his motorcycle. “Riding a motorcycle can be treacherous,” Goossen said. “I’m told Paul is in good spirits considering what has happened.” Goossen told USA Today that he had been told by Williams’ trainer and manager, George Peterson, that the fighter isn’t expected to walk again. “I don’t know the specifics about the spinal cord being severed. I do know that I’ve been told by George that he will never walk again,” Goossen said, adding that he still held out hope that Williams would defy the odds.

Peterson told WRDWT-

Sigurdsson agrees permanent Swansea switch

Swansea City have confirmed that they have agreed the permanent signing of midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson, subject to a medical.

The Swans have finalised terms with the 22-year-old after a £6.8m offer was accepted by Germany side Hoffenheim and Sigurdsson is expected to undergo a medical this week. A statement on the club’s official website said: “A club record offer of £6.8m has been accepted by the German club, and the 22-year-old is expected in Swansea later this week to undergo a medical before the move is confirmed.

The club are delighted to have agreed terms with both player and club following discussions with both parties. Sigurdsson’s hugely successful loan spell last season,” added

Troubled boxing champion

Johnny Tapia dies at age 45

Santa Fe, 29 May—

Five-time world boxing champion Johnny Tapia was found dead in his Albuquerque, New Mexico, home at the age of 45, officials said on Monday. Tapia, who was as renowned for his cocaine use and traumatic childhood as he was for his boxing talent, was found dead late Sunday night, police said. The cause of death was not yet known.

Albuquerque police were called to Tapia’s house late Sunday, where they found the boxer unconscious, said Albuquerque Police spokesman Robert Gibson. He later died. Branding a tattoo of his alias — Mi Vida Loca, or “My Crazy Life” — Tapia rose to prominence in the late 80s, and eventually

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Li Na of China greets the audience after winning the 1st round match against women’s singles against Sorana Cirstea of Romania at the French Open tournament at Roland Garros, Paris, France, on 28 May, 2012. Li won 2-0 to enter the next round. Xinhua

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Fish returns to Wimbledon after heart scare

LOS ANGELES, 29 May—

US number one Mardy Fish is eyeing a return to tennis competition at Wimbledon after a procedure to address a frightening heart arrhythmia, USA Today reported. “I felt like my heart was going to jump out of my chest,” Fish told the newspaper in a telephone interview. It was the first time Fish had spoken about the condition that had kept him off the ATP Tour, and which prompted to withdraw from the French Open, the second Grand Slam of the year now underway at Roland Garros. Fish told the newspaper he had a procedure called cardiac catheter ablation in Los Angeles on Wednesday to correct faulty wiring in his heart. “It has been so scary,” Fish said, explaining the condition caused him to wake in the night with heart palpitations. “It was super-hard to go to sleep,” he said. Fish said doctors believe the procedure “was very successful, and that it’s totally behind me now.” He said he expects to resume light training and return in time for Wimbledon or perhaps the pre-Wimbledon grass court tournament at London’s Queens Club.
Pakistan tests nuclear-capable missile

ISLAMABAD, 29 May — Pakistan said on Tuesday it had successfully tested fired a short-range nuclear-capable ballistic missile. The Hatf IX has a range of only 60 kilometres (37 miles) and can carry conventional warheads, the military said. “This quick response system addresses the need to deter evolving threats, especially at shorter ranges,” it added in a statement.

It was the third time Pakistan has tested fired a ballistic missile since arch-rival India last month launched its new long-range Agni V, capable of hitting targets anywhere in China. India and Pakistan which have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947 — have routinely carried out missile tests since both demonstrated nuclear weapons capability in 1998.

Defence analysts say India’s strategic priorities are moving away from Pakistan to focus more on China, while Pakistan is still concerned about its eastern neighbour. Internet

Asia’s biggest wine expo opens in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 29 May — The who’s who of the wine world was in Hong Kong on Tuesday for Asia’s biggest wine and spirits fair, hoping to tap the booming but relatively young Chinese market.

Organizers of the three-day Vinexpo Asia-Pacific expect demand for imported wine to weather the slowdown in Chinese economic growth, forecast to fall to 7.5 percent this year from 9.2 percent in 2011.

A deep dip in prices of Bordeaux’s most prestigious, investment-grade wines last year suggests the Chinese-driven speculative bubble may have burst, but the market is more modest mid-range wines will open up, they said.

China is “the promise of the Chinese market and the Asian market continues to be very high. The growth is still there,” Vinexpo chief executive Robert Beynat told AFP.

China leapt to fifth place of top wine consuming nations last year, overtaking Australia, and is expected to account for more than half of worldwide growth in consumption over the next three years, organizers said.

China is the world’s biggest drinker of spirits, with 995 million cases guzzled in 2010 — almost double the volume consumed in 2006, according to Vinexpo.

But the average mainland Chinese drinker still only consumes 1.3 litres (0.34 US gallons) of wine a year, compared with 2.4 litres in Japan and 50 litres in France.

Wine producers are looking forward to a “bright future” as the market matures and consumption grows, especially as Chinese drinkers learn that good wine need not cost a fortune, Beynat said.

“It’s fashionable (in China) to have very expensive wine and to offer your friends very expensive wine. The challenge for the industry is to show that there is good wine at every price,” he said.

Around 1,000 exhibitors attended the expo at Hong Kong’s harbourside convention centre, from the great French chateaux to major global distributors and the best of the “new world” such as California and Australia.

French wines account for around 45 percent of China’s imports in terms of value. The Bordeaux Region alone sold 334 million euros...
Mexico footballer ‘Chicharito’ named UNICEF envoy

NEW YORK, 29 May—Mexican footballer Javier “Chicharito” Hernandez, who plays for Britain’s Manchester United, was named a UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) ambassador.

“When I heard that UNICEF wished to invite me to become a National Ambassador, immediately I thought: if it’s about doing something for the kids of my country, I am in,” Hernandez said at his designation ceremony. The 23-year-old Manchester United striker will join singer and actor Cesar Costa, appointed in 2004, and singer Juliesta Venegas, appointed in 2009, in campaigning for children’s rights in Mexico on behalf of the UN body.

UNICEF said his work would particularly focus on child poverty and on children forced to leave school for work.

“Chicharito” is Spanish for “little pea.” Hernandez earned the nickname—written on his jersey—from his father, Javier Hernandez, a Mexican striker who played in the 1986 World Cup and was known as “Chicharito,” or “pea,” because of his green eyes. 

UEC, political parties meet

Chairman of UEC U Tin Aye meeting with Chairpersons and Secretaries from some political parties.—MNA

Chair of UEC U Tin Aye and commission members, deputy ministers from the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, officials, chairpersons and secretaries from invited political parties.

In his address, the UEC Chairman said that the aim of the meeting is to explain the prevailing situations over protests against electricity outage and disputes between employers and employees, as some political parties have been involved in the incidents.

In view of the organizational set-up rules, policy and attitudes of political parties, it is found that each and every party is committed to serving the interest of the State and the people.

In serving the interest of the State and the people, priority should be given to what ought to be or what can be, realizing the prevailing situations. Only then, will pragmatic results be possible.

In this context, priority could not be given to what can be rather than what to be, and instead to what ought to be, to the most possible degree.

In doing so, the political parties need to study and adhere to acts, laws, rules and regulations prescribed by the State. 

In the Section 404 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, it is stated that a political party is to be loyal to the State; in the Section 405 (b), it shall respect the Constitution and the existing laws. Moreover, when applying for registration as a political party, the political party had already pledged to abide by provisions included in the Section-6 of the Political Parties Registration Laws. 

Amyotha Hluttaw Dy Speaker receives US Senator and party

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received delegation led by US Senator Hon Susan M Collins at the meeting hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw in Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

They frankly exchanged views on political developments in Myanmar, undertakings of hluttaws, strengthening friendly ties and boosting cooperation between Myanmar Hluttaw and US Congress.