Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Vice-President of German Parliament

U Shwe Mann received Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

During the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said democratic reforms were already taking place in Myanmar. However, democratic transition could not be successful unless combined with economic reforms. Germany was the leading global economy pioneering in the field of science and technology. The Speaker requested the Vice-President to participate in the reform process of Myanmar, proposing for close cooperation between the two parliaments.

The Vice-President of the German Parliament praised the democratic reforms of Myanmar, saying that Germany was willing to take part in economic reforms of Myanmar. Businesses in Germany were independent ones without the government’s involvement. The government only assisted the businessmen where necessary. There must be reliable and safe investment laws to make investments in Myanmar. There must also be laws deterring the undesirable intervention as businessmen from Germany were just waiting the emergence of such laws to make investments in Myanmar especially in small and medium enterprises.

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In Germany, people’s representatives conveyed the rights of the people to the parliament which elected the government and the government in turn took care of the public wishes. Thus, democracy was going from strength to strength, noted the Vice-President. He added that he was willing to cooperate with Myanmar’s Hluttaw for the benefits of the peoples of Myanmar and Germany. The Hluttaw Speaker discussed current cooperation between the two nations.

Also present on the occasion together with the Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairman of Hluttaw committees and personnel of Hluttaw Office. The German delegation was accompanied by German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Christina-Ludwig Weber Lortsch.—MNA

Work Committees for Promotion of Production and Market Competency in ASEAN Region meet

The Work Committees for Promotion of Production and Market Competency in ASEAN Region held the fourth coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development this afternoon. At the meeting, the respective work committees touched mainly upon preparations for ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA), coordination of associations and private sectors over future work programmes, linking and distribution of information work committee-wise, measures to be taken according to the timetable of the work committees, steps to be taken for distribution of information on ASEAN activities to the regions and states, preparations for meetings to be held in Myanmar as a host nation and future tasks.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, chairman of the work committees for implementation of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and secretaries, the President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and invited guests.—MNA

ASEAN Food & Beverage-2012 exhibition on 16-18 Oct

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—ASEAN Food & Beverage-2012 exhibition, organized by ASEAN-Japan Centre (AIC), will be held at AIC in Tokyo of Japan from 16 to 18 October. AIC invites 30 companies from ASEAN countries—three companies per one country. The exhibition aims to penetrate ASEAN’s foodstuff into Japan market and to promote trade volume.

The items to be put on show are canned food, footstool, soft drink, seasoning powder, sea foods, canned dessert, fruits and vegetables. Interested companies may contact the Trade Affairs division of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFFCCI) and International Trade Promotion Division under the Ministry of Commerce (Ph-067-408411).

Three out of the companies that applied for the exhibition will be chosen based on facts like quality of products, production capacity and production of goods that are in high demand at Japan market. AIC will bear the cost of round-trip air tickets and accommodation expenses for these companies.—MNA

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Make ongoing reforms more transparent and visionary

Changes take time and need patience. Changes need to be well embedded and guaranteed so that people can feel confident in their own future. Everyone has the right to fulfill their dreams but not at the expense of others. Do not forget that Rome wasn’t built in a day.

Soon after its inception, the new government has embarked on a series of political, economic and administrative reforms in the process of transition to democracy. The reform process has come as a surprise to many in the international community who are waiting any subsequent policy changes to make a better assessment.

There will be no turning back in the process of democratic reforms of Myanmar. The success strategy the new government initiates is irreversible and there will be no backsliding or derailment in the road to democracy.

Our transition to democracy is indeed not without challenges. We are prepared and resolute to overcome all these challenges and continue our endeavours until we achieve our stated goal. The president himself called on the stakeholders to exercise bottom-up initiative rather than top-down approach to make ongoing reforms more transparent and visionary.

As reform is a long, arduous haul, the country used the best international practices distilled from other global nations’ experiences for its nascent reforms to be more profound and meaningful. In this context, just and fair view rather than one-sided one would be closer to the right answer, for people may hold different views and often place about twice as much significance on a loss as on a gain.

At such a crucial juncture, the international community should provide encouragement and support, ensure lasting and irreversible reforms of the incumbent government and cooperate to further enhance aid coordination among its development partners and conduct investment in a manner beneficial to the people of the country. So, we all are obliged to participate in today’s reform.

Myanmar, Japan ink MoU on technical aids for capital market

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 May—A ceremony to sign MoU on technical aids for development of Myanmar’s capital market between Central Bank of Myanmar and Daiwa Research Institute and Tokyo Stock Exchange of Japan was held at Amara Hotel here yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue Chairman of Capital Market Development Committee U Hla Tun attended the ceremony, saying Myanmar would establish its capital market development committee. In his speech, he said.

The CBM governor and the two Japanese presidents signed and exchanged MoU.

It was also attended by officials of CBM, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Daiwa Research Institute and Myanmar Capital Market Development Committee.—MNA

Union Construction Minister inspects maintenance of roads and bridges

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe addresses School Enrollment Day observed in Yangon.

YANGON, 30 May—A ceremony to hold School Enrollment Day for 2012-2013 Academic year of No.3 Basic Education Department (Yangon Region), was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Latha Township, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

Afterwards, the Region Chief Minister accepted cash donated by the district administrators, and Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, K 5 million by Naing Group Construction and 1,000 dozens of books by U Than Khuang Soe, U Aung Myint.

U Maung Aye and U Hla Soe, Director (Education) U Myint Soe of No.3 Basic Education Department explained the preparations for school enrollment. At today’s ceremony, wellwishers donated cash and books worth of K156.4 million.

Union Health Minister receives British guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received delegation led by President and CEO of General Healthcare Mr John Dineen of the United Kingdom at the ministry here this morning.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, Director-General of Health Department Dr Tun Naing Oo, Deputy Director-General (Disease Control) Dr Saw Lwin, Deputy Director-General (Treatment) Dr Min Than Nyunt and officials.—MNA

Ayeawady Region to draft plan for regional development project

Ayeawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung addresses coordination meeting on drafting and implementation of regional and civil development project of the region.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 May—Ayeawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung addressed coordination meeting on drafting and implementation of regional and civil development project of the region at Ayeawady Showwah Hall in Pathein on 28 May.

He admitted that there is no significant economic development in the region with specific reform plan for regional development. The meeting was aimed at drafting the plan in consultation with scholars and submitting it to the Union government, he said.

Region Planning and Economic Minister U Hla Khang explained objectives of poverty alleviation tasks Region level departmental heads and officials discussed tasks for regional and civil development. —MNA
New deadly quake shakes northern Italy

CAYENNE, 30 May—An earthquake killed 17 people and injured about 150 in northern Italy on Tuesday, spreading fear among thousands of residents living in tents after a similarly strong tremor in the same region flattened their homes nine days ago. Rescuers were searching through the rubble of houses and warehouses in the Emilia-Romagna region, where several buildings had just reopened after the previous quake on 20 May. Officials said 17 people were confirmed dead, more than twice the number killed in the 20 May quake that, like Tuesday’s, had its epicenter near the city of Modena. The number of those forced to leave their homes doubled to 14,000. Many residents ran out of buildings when they felt the 5.8-magnitude tremor, which hit shortly after 3 AM EDT just as operations to rebuild the quake-struck region were underway.

As we were coming down the stairs, we heard the sound of crumbling houses around us. There was a big cloud of dust,” said 72-year-old Giulio in Cavedova, a badly damaged village about 30 km (20 miles) from Modena, where three died. Rescuers searched tirelessly for survivors despite initial operations being hampered by disruption to the mobile phone network and to the railway network around Bologna.

A woman was pulled alive from the debris of her house in Cavedova after 12 hours searching, according to Sky Italia. The quake was the most deadly to strike Italy since 2009 when a tremor partially destroyed the central city of L’Aquila, killing about 300 people and leaving thousands homeless. With its streets destroyed, Cavedova looked like a ghost town. A shop in the centre still had fruit displayed on stalls outside in the street. In a nearby empty coffee shop a half-eaten croissant was left on a plate on the bar and an apron lay on the floor.

China sacks official over dam accident amid flood concerns

PHILIPPINES, 30 May—A township official in central China’s Hunan Province has been removed from his post after the provincial flood control headquarters decided to hold local authorities responsible for a dam breach that occurred on Friday. The headquarters issued a circular on Wednesday stating that precautionary measures and warnings were not implemented before the collapse of a dam on the Huadong Reservoir on 25 May. Although no casualties occurred, a resulting flood inundated several houses and farms.

Liu Xiaoyang, the Communist Party of China (CPC) chief of Majitang township, has been removed from his post. Other officials involved are being investigated for their role in the incident, according to the circular. The provincial flood control authority said on Wednesday that the province is dealing with severe flooding following torrential downpours earlier this month.

Most of the province’s 13,000-plus reservoirs are nearing 80 to 90 percent of their maximum water storage capacity, the authority said. The authority has asked governments at multiple levels to organize round-the-clock patrols along river embankments and dams during rainstorms.

In Indonesia, US navies commence joint military drill

JAKARTA, 30 May—Indonesian and US navy commenced a joint military drill programme held in Indonesia’s East Java Province, aimed at improving ties and military operation professionalism between the two navies, local media reported on Wednesday. The 8-day joint drill operation, called “Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2012” (CARAT), beginning from Wednesday is held on waters off East Java Province’s coast cities of Surabaya and Situbondo. The US navy dispatched 830 mariners and three navy vessels—USS Vandegrift (FFG-48), USS Germantown (LSD-42), and USS Vandenberg (FFGF-78) and ESCG Waesch in the annual programme. Meanwhile, Indonesian navy engaged three vessels KRI Diponegoro 536, KRI Basalam I 592 and KRI Sutedjo Sembiring 378, several helicopters and navy surveillance planes. The navy also deployed some 1,244 mariners in the programme, the Antara news service reported. According to Indonesian Navy’s Eastern Fleet Commander, Rear Admiral Agung Prawono, this year the mariners and navy ships will undertake several exercises, among others Medical Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE), SMEE intelligence operation, SMEE Engineering and symposium aimed at honing up the navy’s operational skills.

Pakistan doctor in bin Laden hunt rejected US escape

WASHINGTON, 30 May—US authorities said a Pakistani doctor who helped the CIA track down Osama bin Laden turned down an opportunity to leave his country and resettle overseas with his family, two US officials told Reuters on Tuesday. Dr Shakil Afridi was jailed last week in Pakistan for 33 years for treason and the Obama administration has not yet determined how it will deal with the situation, according to a senior US official who asked for anonymity.

The US officials said the resettlement offer for Afridi came after the 1 May, 2011, raid in which US Navy SEAL commandos killed the al-Qaeda leader at his complex in Abbottabad, Pakistan. They indicated that Afridi’s family would have been welcome to leave Pakistan with him as part of the resettlement plan. The officials said he rejected the offer for reasons that are unclear.

Afridi was accused of running a fake vaccination campaign in Abbottabad in 2011 and used used swabs to try to gather DNA from bin Laden’s children to confirm the identity of those living in the compound. The DNA effort ultimately did not succeed but US sources have told Reuters he helped American operatives locate and follow the bin Laden courier who led them to the Abbottabad hideout.

The offer for Afridi to leave Pakistan was confirmed independently by two US officials. The White House and State Department declined comment on the matter. Afridi’s case has damaged US-Pakistan relations with outraged US senators voting last week to cut aid to Pakistan by $33 million — $1 million for each year of the doctor’s prison sentence. Pakistan has said Washington should respect its court’s decision.

Pakistan authorities arrested Afridi several weeks after the bin Laden raid. In the intervening period, US authorities believed they would have had ample time to get him out of the country if he had wanted to leave. “Before he was arrested, Doctor Afridi was offered an opportunity to leave Pakistan with his family but he turned those down,” one of the US officials said.

Romney clinches Republican 2012 nomination in Texas

WASHINGTON, 30 May—Mitt Romney clinched the Republican presidential nomination on Tuesday with a resounding victory in Texas and now faces a five-month sprint to convince voters to trust him over Democratic President Barack Obama in the 6 November election. Although the race has been essentially over for weeks, Romney finally cleared the benchmark of 144 delegates needed to become the Republicans’ presidential candidate after a long, bitter primary battle with a host of conservative rivals. He will be formally nominated at the Republicans’ convention in Florida in late August. In a statement, Romney said he was humbled to win enough Texas’ 155 delegates to secure the nomination. “Our party has come together with the goal of putting the failures of the last three and a half years behind us. I have no illusions about the difficulties of the task before us. But whatever challenges lie ahead, we will settle for nothing less than getting America back on the path to full employment and prosperity,” he said.

Romney’s big day was overshadowed by his appearance with real estate tycoon and reality TV star Donald Trump, who organized a major fund-raiser for Romney in Las Vegas. A famous self-promoter, Trump has been loudly fixated over whether Obama was born in the United States despite clear evidence that he was born in Hawaii, and Romney did nothing to publicly rein him in.

Photo taken on 29 May, 2012 shows the Xiangjiang River with a high water level in Changsha, capital of central China’s Hunan Province. Due to lasting rainfalls, the water level of the Xiangjiang River in Changsha remained high. The water level reached 31.38 metres on Tuesday, approaching the warning level of 36 metres.

A car is covered in debris after the roof of a quake-damaged house collapsed in Cavedova. A strong earthquake has rocked northeastern Italy, just days after "our another quake in the same region wrought confusion and destruction. REUTERS
Facebook may launch smartphone next year

WASHINGTON, 30 May—Facebook may launch its first-ever smartphone by next year, a new report has revealed.

According to Stuff.co.nz, Facebook has sought engineers to work on building hardware for a Facebook smartphone, which would mark the social network's third attempt to develop a smartphone, the report cited.

The news comes as search engine giant Google completed the acquisition of Motorola Mobility for 12.5 billion dollars earlier this week, a move that could help Facebook counter with its own entry into the smartphone hardware business. Rumours have been going about a Facebook phone for the past few years. Although Facebook was reportedly first working on a smartphone in 2010, sources said the initiative stopped due to development complications. Meanwhile, it has also emerged that Facebook and manufacturer HTC were working together to develop a smartphone under the code name "Buffy", which is still under development.

Chinese man pleads guilty to NY Fed cyber theft

NEW YORK, 30 May—A Chinese computer programmer pleaded guilty to stealing software code from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in a case that raised cyber-security concerns when he was arrested five months ago. Bo Zhang, 33, admitted last August that he illegally copied the software code to an external hard drive and took it home. The FBI questioned him when he admitted the theft but did not arrest him until January. Congressional investigators became concerned that the New York Fed was vulnerable to cyber attacks after the arrest. Zhang has been cooperating and has been free on bail and prosecutors have recommended that he be sentenced to no more than 1 to 1-1/2 years in prison. He faces deportation after he serves his prison sentence. Instead of prosecuting Zhang under trade secrets or computer fraud and abuse statutes, US authorities charged him with theft of government property.

The New York Federal Reserve was given the task of moving the Government Wide Accounting program, developed to help track the billions of dollars the United States government transfers daily, from an antiquated IBM mainframe computer to the Internet, according to a person familiar with the project.

Zhang was hired in May 2011 as a contractor to help with the project.

Intel set to rise on move into mobile-Barrons

PETAL TIKVA, 30 May—Shares of computer chip maker Intel Corp (INTC O) could rise as much as 50 percent over the next two years as the company pushes into smartphones and other wireless mobile devices, according to a report in Barron's financial newspaper.

The growth in cloud computing — the storage and transmission of remote data — should also give Intel shares a boost as several major storage providers use Intel processors in their servers, the report in the 28 May edition of the weekly newspaper said.

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"Our aim was to image single molecules that are only a thousandth of the size of a human hair, and use the technique to see very fine detail" said Professor Graham Richards.

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Spanish bond prices fall

**Tokyo, 30 May**—Spain’s bond prices have fallen on growing concerns about the country’s fiscal health and its banking sector. Spanish bonds were sold in Europe on Monday, temporarily increasing the yield on the benchmark 10-year government bonds 6.5 percent. Last weekend, the Spanish government decided to effectively nationalize the country’s third-largest bank, Bankia, by injecting 19 billion euros, or 24 billion dollars in additional public funds. This fueled fears about more bank bailouts and a surge in government spending in corresponding. Spanish banks are struggling due to the after-effects of the collapsed property bubble. On the stock exchange in Madrid, Bankia’s shares lost nearly 30 percent at one stage. Shares of other major banks were also sold across the board.

Spain’s Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said at an emergency news conference that his government currently does not need to ask for EU assistance in acquiring funds needed to recapitalize banks.

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Scientists develop bird flu test kit

**Singapore, 30 May**—Scientists have developed a H5N1 bird flu test kit that can now rapidly detect all existing strains of the H5N1 viruses in a single test with almost 100 percent accuracy, within a few hours. The scientists are from the Experimental Therapeutics Centre under the Agency for Science and Technology Research and clinicians from Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

A joint statement by the various parties including A*STAR said the kit was co-developed by Dr Masafumi Inoue, a senior project director of research scientist and Technology Development from ETC and Dr Timothy Barkham, a senior consultant of Laboratory Medicine from TSHH. This newly launched H5N1 test kit has been clinically validated by several hospitals in Southeast Asia.

Local small and medium enterprise, AFFbiotech, a regional provider of genomics services and molecular diagnostics kits, has recently signed a licence agreement with Exploit Technologies, the technology transfer arm of A*STAR, to market this H5N1 kit regionally. World Health Organisation (WHO) director general Margaret Chan stands in front of the WHO sign after her speech before the World Health Assembly on 23 May, 2012 in Geneva.—INTERNET

Japanese shipbuilders to collaborate

**Tokyo, 30 May**—Two Japanese shipbuilding companies have formed a technological collaboration to cope with competition from Chinese and South Korean shipyards, and the strong yen. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries announced on Monday that it has signed an agreement to build container ships with Imabari Shipyards. Imabari is the top Japanese shipbuilder while Mitsubishi ranks 4th.

The two companies aim to merge Mitsubishi’s advanced technology with Imabari’s mass production capability. Mitsubishi will supply technology for liquefied natural gas fuel systems to cut emissions. The company will also provide an energy-saving system that uses air bubbles to reduce drag on the ship’s hull. The firms hope to recover market share in the lucrative container ship industry.—NHK

Service industry trade fair opens in Beijing

**Tokyo, 30 May**—A trade fair focusing on the service industry has opened in Beijing to boost domestic consumption and maintain economic growth. Companies from 82 countries, including Japan, are participating in the first fair of its kind to be held in China. In the opening ceremony, Premier Wen Jiabao said China’s service industry has potential for high growth. He expressed hope that foreign companies will expand their business in China.

Japanese companies have set up a huge booth to market their products and show their know-how to improve the quality of services.

One of the products attracting lots of attention was a customer data system that uses facial recognition technology. The system processes data including age and gender of customers.

It’s designed to help people like waiters at restaurants and salespeople to maximize their services. Visitors said Japanese companies are known for their courteous client services and have a good chance to succeed in China. The Chinese government is sponsoring the fair. It believes that the development of the service industry is necessary to increase jobs.

The country is struggling with a business slowdown triggered by the European financial crisis.—NHK

**WHO agrees to address research on neglected diseases**

**Geneva, 30 May**—Campaigners on Saturday welcomed a World Health Organization pledge to tackle research and funding gaps concerning some of the developing world’s biggest killer diseases.

Member countries are expected to hold talks later this year on an expert group’s recommendations that a globally binding convention is needed to address neglected tropical diseases (NTD), tuberculosis and others currently overlooked by the research industry. It follows a meeting of the WHO’s decision-making body, the World Health Assembly, in Geneva where members adopted a resolution calling on director general Margaret Chan to set up the meeting.

The document, the result of three-day negotiations, meanwhile urges governments and the private sector to boost investment in health research for diseases which disproportionately affect the developing world.

“Theese were extremely tough negotiations with the US, the EU — led by France — and Japan taking every effort to block progress on what health experts agree should be the way forward to meet the medical needs of people in developing countries,” said Michelle Childs from Medecins Sans Frontieres.

“While there’s no doubt we are disappointed that there was not an immediate decision to move towards a regional and development convention, countries have agreed to a formal process for considering the report’s recommendations and will bring these discussions back to the WHO in January,” said the policy director for medical charity’s success campaign.

The WHO-appointed group said in a report published last month that public investment in health research was currently dominated by wealthy countries and their own needs. The panel recommended a “global binding instrument” to help developing countries access the drugs and technologies they require and suggested member states commit 0.01 percent of their GDP to fund the work. In a draft resolution submitted to the WHO, Kenya urged the immediate set-up of a negotiating body to develop a convention based on the group’s recommendations.

This was countered by a document from the US, Japan and others supporting more informal consultations.

After about 15 hours of talks the agreed resolution requested WHO chief Margaret Chan “hold an open-ended member states meeting in order to analyse the report and the feasibility of the recommendations.”

The Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDI) said it hopes that national and regional-level talks also requested in the resolution will pave the way for a global response.—INTERNET

**Health Tip: Keep magnets away from children**

Small magnets that dislodge from toys or products for adults pose choking and ingestion hazards. If swallowed by young children, they can lead to chocking or serious injury to the stomach and digestive tract.

The American Academy of Pediatrics mentions these guidelines for parents to help prevent magnet-related injuries:

* Never allow very young children to play with or touch objects that contain magnets.
* Carefully watch older children who play with such toys.
* Don’t purchase large sets of magnets, in groups of more than 100, because it’s difficult to keep track of any that are missing.
* Make sure teens understand the serious dangers of using magnets as fake piercings.

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**TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE**

A woman walks past a logo of Tokyo Stock Exchange at the bourse in Tokyo on 18 May, 2012. Japan’s Nikkei share average slipped in early trade on Tuesday as a surge in Spanish borrowing costs kept investors away from riskier assets.—REUTERS

**Illustration of research scientists at work.**—INTERNET

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This file photo shows a bank teller holding Japanese yen banknotes in Tokyo. Tokyo said Tuesday it will start direct currency trading with China for the first time, scrapping the Dollar as an intermediary unit for the first time to push business between the two Asian economic giants. —REUTERS
World No Tobacco Day 2012

Dr Aung Tun (Ministry of Health)

World No Tobacco Day is celebrated around the world every year on May 31. This yearly celebration informs the public on the dangers of using tobacco, the business practices of tobacco companies, what WHO is doing to fight the tobacco epidemic, and what people around the world can do to claim their right to health and healthy living and to protect future generations. The theme for World No Tobacco Day 2012 is “Tobacco Industry Interference”. The campaign will focus on the need to expose and counter the tobacco industry’s brazen and increasingly aggressive attempts to undermine global tobacco control efforts.

The Tobacco Industry

Total consumption of tobacco products is increasing globally, though it is decreasing in some high-income and upper-middle-income countries. More than 80% of the one billion smokers worldwide live in low- and middle-income countries, where the burden of tobacco-related illness and death is heaviest. Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death. More than 5 million people die each year from a tobacco-related heart attack, stroke, cancer, lung ailment or other disease. That does not include the more than 600,000 people who are killed each year by second-hand smoke. The annual death toll from the global epidemic of tobacco use could rise to 8 million by 2030. Having killed 100 million people since the tobacco use control movement was born 21st century. Tobacco users who die from tobacco use, including the 100 million people who die each year from tobacco use, could rise to 8 million by 2030. Tobacco users who die from tobacco use, including the 100 million people who die each year from tobacco use, could rise to 8 million by 2030. Tobacco users who die from tobacco use, including the 100 million people who die each year from tobacco use, could rise to 8 million by 2030. Tobacco users who die from tobacco use, including the 100 million people who die each year from tobacco use, could rise to 8 million by 2030. Tobacco users who die from tobacco use, including the 100 million people who die each year from tobacco use, could rise to 8 million by 2030.

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In 2003, the Tobacco Free Youth Programme was also implemented by School and Youth Health Project since 2009. The Myanmar Tobacco Control Programme has been implementing its activities in line with the six MPower policies recommended in the “WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic 2008.”

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2. Develop and strengthen health systems: There are many strategies used by the industry and its allies to counter tobacco control measures and voice for the need to expose and counter the tobacco industry’s brazen and increasingly aggressive attempts to undermine global tobacco control efforts. Eight domains of tobacco industry interference can be identified as follows:

   - Attempts to undermine science and legitimate messages from scientific quarters
   - Manipulation of the media
   - Public relations
   - Tactics designed to gain control of the public agenda
   - Lobbying
   - Use of front groups and artificially created grassroots movements
   - Intimidation
   - Harassment of tobacco control professionals

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In May 1999, the World Health Assembly the governing body of the World Health Organization adopted a resolution (WHA 52.18) which paved the way for starting multi-lateral negotiations on the WHO FCTC and possible related protocols. Myanmar along with fellow Member States actively participated in the negotiating process of the WHO FCTC and strongly supported the convention. Myanmar delegates expressed their strong commitment towards a comprehensive tobacco control measures and voiced for the need of a comprehensive ban on all forms of tobacco advertising including cross-border advertising. Myanmar proudly hosted the 4th Inter-country Consultation Meeting in August 2002, where the countries of South-East Asia Region issues the ‘Yangon Declaration’. Myanmar became a signatory to the FCTC on the 23rd of October 2003 and became a Party to the Convention on the 20th of April, 2004; it was the 11th country to become Party to the Convention.

Tobacco Control in Myanmar

The National Programme on Tobacco Control was officially launched in January 2000 with the drafting and approval of the National Policy on Tobacco Control and Plan of action. In collaboration with Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health has launched the Tobacco Free School Programme in 2003.

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Sometimes, I come across the warning ‘Don’t smoke!’ in the esteemed daily. Although the warning is unable to organize nonsmokers, it can attract so many readers to know the dangers of tobacco.

Once, I happened to meet a late prolific writer who had written so many articles on anti-smoking. Amazingly, there was a cheroot or cigarette in his hand while he was writing anti-smoking articles. What was more, he used to say that he had given up smoking so many times. Believe it or not?

I remember him when I have to write the articles on anti-smoking.

When I learned to smoke, I was only ten years old. I did so simply because I saw my parents and some elders smoke cheroots. I thought it was a youthful or grownup style. I bought cigarettes with my pocket-money and smoked on the fly. I started smoking a little at a time and soon I was used to it. To be frank, I fled to prey to tobacco. At that time, we came to be addicted to the bad habit because of lack of knowledge.

Although the elderly people urged us not to smoke, saying that tobacco could affect our health, we did not obey them. Why? It was because they themselves passionately smoked.

Later, people come to know dangers of tobacco—cardiovascular disease, heart failure, and respiratory illnesses. In spite of dangers, more and more people become smokers. Many young people begin smoking as an act of independence. Most adults smoke to reduce their craving for nicotine. The effects of nicotine help make smoking pleasurable. Actually, nicotine stimulates the nervous system and the heart and other organs. However, its effect on the nervous system also causes many people to become addicted to it.

Such an addiction makes it hard for people to give up smoking.

Since doctors and governments first warned about the health hazards of cigarette smoking in 1960’s, millions of people have stopped smoking. Most of them have been able to stop on their own although some made several attempts before they were able to stop completely. Many smokers attend special clinics set up to help them overcome their addiction.

Some of my friends tried to give up tobacco by substituting it with chewing betel quids. However, they became addicted to these two bad habits. As for me, I had to substitute smoking with other activities such as physical exercises. Only when I became father of a child, could I stop smoking. It gets easier addicted than wiped out!

We do not know the exact period when the bad habit of smoking emerged. According to records, American Indians smoked tobacco in pipes long before Christopher Columbus sailed to the New World in 1492. Columbus brought some tobacco seeds back to Europe, where farmers began to grow the plant for use as a medicine that helped relax. Spaniards and some other Europeans began to smoke hand-rolled cigarettes in the 1600’s. The use of tobacco products has been a controversial issue for many years.

During the 1500’s, European doctors declared that tobacco should be used only for medicinal purposes. During the 1960’s, scientists established that smoking tobacco products—especially cigarettes—could increase the risk of lung cancer, heart disease, and other illnesses. The first study on the effects of smoking showed that men who were lifelong smokers died almost 8 years earlier than men who had never smoked. According to the report, a 30-year-old man who smoked can expect to die at the age of 64.

To make matters worse, increasing evidence indicates that cigarette smoke also harms nonsmokers.

In a new study, a team from Duke University Medical Centre reviewed the cases of 845 patients who had had surgery for kidney cancer or renal cell carcinoma between 2000 and 2009. They found that current and former smokers were 5.1 times more likely to have advanced cancer than nonsmokers.

Heavy smoking (smoking for a longer period of time and smoking more) was associated with advanced renal cell carcinoma.

Why shouldn’t give up such a bad habit once and for all? The earlier, the better! Don’t smoke!!

Union Health Minister meets FIFA, UNCIF, Head of Pyi Thet Khin

NAVP  30 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin attended a delegation led by FIFA Chief Medical Officer Mr Jiri Dvorak of FIFA at his office at 11 Pe Thet Khin received a delegation led by FIFA Chief Naoyuki Shinohara of IMF and Deputy Chief of Asia and Pacific of IMF.
NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—A delegation led by Vice President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms called on Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyin at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on potentials for cooperation in parliamentary functions between the two countries, duties and responsibilities of parliament, efforts of the government made in the interest of the State and the people, steps taken for internal peace and measures taken for participation of all the citizens in the democratization process.

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Director-General of Britain DFID

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Director-General Ms Jo Hutcheon of Department for International Development of Britain and party paid a call on Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this noon.

Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw and Secretary U Maung To, members of the occasion were chairmen of the Amyotha Hluttaw commissions and committees and officials from the Hluttaw Office, and the Vice-President of German Parliament was accompanied by German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortsch.

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CBM governor receives foreign guests

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyin receives US International Trade and Economic Advisor Mr Gabriel Adler.

U Myo Myint Than accredited to Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myo Myint Than as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Myanmar to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh. —MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Hossein Kamalian as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Hossein Kamalian was born on 5 September, 1956. He holds a M.A degree for International Relations.

Mr. Hossein Kamalian joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran in 1979. He had served as Deputy Head of Mission of Iran Embassy, Paris in 1989 and Ambassador of Iran to Yemen in 2003. He served as Deputy Director General of Persian Gulf, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2007 and Director General of Persian Gulf, Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2011 and he is currently serving as caretaker of Department of Persian Gulf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Hossein Kamalian will serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok. —MNA

Officials leave for Thailand to attend Buddhist Wisdom Performance

YANGON, 30 May—A ten-member delegation led by Assistant Director (Production Division) U Than Win Swe of the Ministry of Culture yesterday morning left here by air to attend Buddhist Wisdom Performance to mark the 2600th Anniversary Buddha Enlightenment to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 31 May to 3 June.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Rector U Kyaw Oo of University of National Culture and Arts (Yangon) and officials.

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Myanmar-Turkey to discuss promoting of bilateral cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein received Turkish Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar H.E Murat Yavuz Ates at his office here, this morning.

They discussed promoting bilateral cooperation and trade and investment sectors, provision of requirement for supplying adequate electricity in Myanmar, development of rural areas and technical aid for blooming of agriculture sector.

Also present at the call were the Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department, the Director-General of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration and officials concerned. —MNA

ASE opens automobiles showroom

YANGON, 30 May—An opening ceremony of ASE car showroom of Assurance Services Enterprise Co., Ltd, was held at the show in Ballo street in Sanyoung Township this morning. Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Planning and Economics U Than Myint and managing director Dr Khant Win of Assurance Services Enterprise Co., Ltd formally opened the show.

After that, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe pressed the button to open the showroom signboard.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister and guests looked round the automobiles on show.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman meets DFID Director-General

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Thein Zaw received a delegation led by Director General Ms Joy Hutcheon of UK’s Department for International Development’s (DFID) and party, at the hall of the committee in Hluttaw Building this morning.

Also present at the call together with the Chairman were Secretary U Maung Toe, committee members and officials from Hluttaw office. The Committee Chairman explained committee’s functions. They had a cordial discussion on assistance to be provided by the United Kingdom.—MNA

Deputy ministers inspect Kyaukse-PyinOolwin-Mogok road

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Deputy Minister at the President Office U Han Sein and Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected Kyaukse-PyinOolwin-Mogok road (PyinOolwin-Mogok section) on 27 May morning and met the deputy chief engineer and the district superintending engineer of the Public Works at PyinOolwin District superintending engineer’s office.

The two deputy ministers inspected roadworks and drains and bridges along the road.—MNA

Union Construction Minister meets Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received a six-member delegation led by Mr Makoto Udaka of Irie Miyake Architects & Engineers (IMA) of Japan at his office on 28 May. They frankly discussed matters related to cooperation in regional development and strengthening friendly ties between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Construction Minister U Kyaw Lwin, Director-General U Min Htein of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development and departmental heads.—MNA

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister receives Thai, Singaporean guests

Representative of IKL Gmbh of Singapore Mr G Bernard Huybens and party. The meetings focused on investment in Ayeyawady Region.

Also present at the calls were Region Planning and Economy Minister U Hla Kaing and Region Electricity and Industry Minister U Saw Mya Thein.—MNA

Deputy Sports Minister views trainings, meets personnel of IOC, OCA

YANGON 30 May—Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu encouraged tentatively-selected martial arts players in training at township Gymnasium in Dagon Myothit (North) and shooters in training Myanmar Shooting Federation (North Dagon) shooting range and met with personnel and coaches of the federation this morning.

The deputy minister, the general secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department and personnel met Project Manager Mr Edward Kensington, IOC, Olympic Solidarity and Director Mr Haider Farman of OCA at the National Stadium No (1) Thuwunna. IOC Secretary U Khin Maung Lwin explained formation of the MOC, condition of the stadiums and gyms that will host the XXVII SEA games, and opening of national level management courses and instructors courses jointly organized by the MOC and IOC.—MNA
Traffic rules course concludes in Mon State

NAV PTI TOW, 30 May—A concluding ceremony of traffic rules course No.1/2012, jointly conducted by Mon State Traffic Rules Supervisory Committee and Traffic Police Force, took place at Supply and Transport Battalion in Mawlamyine Township on 27 May. Commanding Officer Lt-Col Than Daing, instructors from traffic police force, drivers and motorcyclists attended the ceremony.

Members led by Mon State Traffic Police Force Police sub-inspector Aung Naing gave lectures on the traffic rules and regulations. Plans are under way to hold talks on traffic rules under the supervision of Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee and State Traffic Police Force soon.—MNA

RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity golf tournament concludes

YANGON, 30 May—RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity golf tournament, organized by Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North Township Pyithu Hluttaw held at No.3 Basic Education School (Branch) and held annual meeting of Namtu Township GAD.

In the evening, prize-awarding ceremony was held. U Hsan Tun, RMGCC Director of Golf (PGA Golf Professional Myanmar PGA delivered a speech at prize-awarding ceremony. After wards, officials presented prizes to the winners. The entrance fee collected from the tournament will go to orphanages.—Myannya Amin

UMFCCI officials meet Chinese delegation

NAV PTI TOW, 30 May—A five-member delegation led by Mr You Jianhua and party of China NGO Network for International Exchanges of China, paid a call on Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Water Polo contest will be held in Myanmar and turning out outstanding athletes, Water Polo contest will be held at National Swimming Pool, in Yangon from 23 to 25 June. The prizes designated for the contest are first prize (K 1.5 million), second prize (K 1 million), third prize (K 0.5 million) and best winner prize (K 150,000). A team with no more than 15 members must include a manager, a coach and 13 athletes. The team may register at Secretary U Myo Wunna Tun (ph-09-8300384) of Myanmar Swimming Federation, National Swimming Pool/Ph-01-378550), Secretary U Cho Maung of KoKine Swimming Association (Ph-09-500407 and(01)-542749) not later than 15 June.—Tin Zaw Tun

Oxygen concentrator donated in Namtu Township

NAMTU, 30 May—An annual meeting of Namtu Township blood donor association was held at City Hall in Namtu Township, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North), on 12 May. At the ceremony, Shan State Hluttaw representative U Zaw Moe donated oxygen concentrator through District doctor Dr Toe Toein in commemoration of the annual meeting.

Afterwards, Dr Toe Toein donated medicines to the association.

Books, stationery donated in Pathein

PATHAIN, 30 May—A ceremony to donate books and stationery was held at No.12 Basic Education Primary School in Pathein, Ayeyawady Region, on 27 May. At the ceremony, school head U Myat Thwin explained the purpose of donation. Afterwards, stationery donated by Ministry of Education and School Board of Trustees were handed over.

Assistant provided to farmers in Pyawbwe Township

PAWNBWE, 30 May—A ceremony to provide assistance to farmer near Natkar dam project in Medee Village-tract in Pyawbwe Township was held at post primary school in Kyisu Village, Kyisu Village-tract on 26 May.

At the ceremony, Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Oo delivered a speech and township administrator U Kyaw Aung Sun explained the construction of Natkar dam.

Afterwards, assistant director U Khin Zaw of Yamethin District Irrigation Department briefed on assistance provided and presented K 1.7 million to 47 farmers.

Land preparations have been made so as to grow crops on 85 acres of land.—Myannya Amin

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Malaysian, Canadian oil firms team up for exploitation

Kuala Lumpur, 30 May — Malaysia’s state-owned oil giant, Petronas Nasional Bhd, or Petronas said on Monday that it has awarded a production sharing contract to Canada-based energy company Talisman Malaysia Limited to further develop and recover crude oil from the Kinabalu fields off Malaysia’s east peninsula Sabah state.

“Petronas recognizes the need to continuously explore for innovative ways to unlock hydrocarbon resource potential in matured fields. Concerted efforts to further develop these more challenging fields are necessary so that Malaysia will not only be able to sustain but also increase oil production in the face of dwindling reserves,” said this statement.

Talisman Malaysia and Petronas will invest over $1 billion US dollars under the contract to achieve early production gains, improve operational efficiency and maximize oil recovery from the Kinabalu Fields, which comprised of several matured reservoirs off Sabah. Talisman Malaysia holds 60 percent participating interest in the contract area.

The contract, Petronas said, was signed on 23 May, with Talisman Malaysia represented by its country manager Ron Aston, Petronas Carigali president Abdullah Karim and Ramlan Abdul Malek said in a statement.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (077) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31-5-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (304)

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The Wedding Announcement

Mr & Mrs Kyaw Soe are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Zin Phyu, residence of No. 18, R 302, Aung Tha Pyay Street, Taryargone Ward, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon, Myanmar to

Omar Osman, son of Mr & Mrs Kyaw Win, residence of 784 Alam Rock Road, Birmingham, UK.

The wedding was held at Kandawgyal Tachan Pe Mosque in Yangon on Friday, May 25, 2012 according to Sunni Islamic law.

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ENSUERE, Mexico.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, May 30—Low levels of nuclear radiation from the tsunami-damaged Fukushima power plant have turned up in bluefin tuna off the California coast, suggesting that these fish carried radioactive compounds across the Pacific Ocean faster than wind or water current. Small amounts of cesium-137 and cesium-134 were detected in 15 tuna caught near San Diego in August 2011, about four months after these chemicals were released into the water off Japan’s east coast, scientists reported on Monday.

That is months earlier than wind and water currents brought debris from the plant to waters off Alaska and the US Pacific Northwest.

The amount of radioactive cesium in the fish is not thought to be damaging to people if consumed, the researchers said in a study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Without making a definitive judgment on the safety of the fish, lead author Daniel Madigan of Stanford University’s Hopkins Marine Station noted that the amount of radioactive material detected was far less than the Japanese safety limit.

“I wouldn’t tell anyone what’s safe to eat or what’s not safe to eat,” Madigan said in a telephone interview.

“It’s become clear that some people feel that any amount of radioactivity, in their minds, is bad and they’d like to avoid it. But compared to what’s there naturally...and what’s established as safety limits, it’s not a large amount at all,” he said. The scientists found elevated levels of two radioactive isotopes of the element cesium: cesium 137, which was present in the spring of 2011; and cesium 134, which was none in the Pacific for several years before the Fukushima Daiichi disaster in the spring of 2011; and cesium 134, which is produced only by human activities and was not present before the earthquake and tsunami that destroyed the plant.

Because cesium 134 is generated only by human activities — nuclear power plants and weapons—and there was none in the Pacific for several years before the Fukushima accident, they reckoned that any cesium 134 they found in tuna off California had come from Fukushima.—REUTERS
Malaysian license plate sells for $165K

Malaysia’s Sultan of Johor placed the high bid of $165,263 to obtain a “1” license plate for his vehicle.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha said the sum paid by Sultan Ibrahim and his wife, Tuanku Iskandar, who outbid 9,999 other interested parties, was the highest price ever paid for a license plate in the country, the Malaysia Star reported.

Transport officials said the bidding, which began on 30 April and ended on 14 May, reached such high levels due to “WWW” being an abbreviation for the World Wide Web.

Woman charged with stealing ambulance

Chicago police said they arrested a woman accused of stealing an ambulance and crashing it into two parked vehicles. Investigators said CASARZA, 20, allegedly took the ambulance around 10:45 pm on 27 May from outside Saint Bernard Hospital and then crashed it into two parked vehicles in the 6700 block of South Cottage Grove Ave. Police said the woman ran off.

Bieber being investigated for battery

CALABASAS, 30 May—Pop singer Justin Bieber is being investigated for battery after allegedly hitting a paparazzo who tried to take pictures of him, California authorities said. The incident happened Sunday afternoon outside the Calabasas mall The Commons, TMZ.com reported. Police said Bieber and his girlfriend, Selena Gomez, were leaving the mall, when a photographer, whose name was not reported, attempted to take Bieber’s picture.

Bieber allegedly got out of his car and got into some sort of altercation with the photographer, KABC-TV, Los Angeles, reported. The photographer told police Bieber hit him in the face then left the scene with Gomez.

Pop singer Justin Bieber Internet

New Breaking Dawn posters revealed

MUMBAI, 30 May—Makers of “The Twilight Saga’s Breaking Dawn Part II” uncovered three character posters to build the anticipation of its November release. Bella vamps out in new Breaking Dawn Poster. The Twilight Saga’s Breaking Dawn Part II’s finds as right after Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) meets vampires, he has delivered her vampire-hybrid baby with Edward (Robert Pattinson) and is now a vampire herself. In Breaking Dawn Part 2, Edward (Robert Pattinson) is the newborn-vampire baby Bella Swan-Cullen (Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart) must face against the Volturi Clan (Michael Sheen, Dakota Fanning, Jamie Campbell Bower, and others) in order to protect their hybrid baby Renesmee. Though harmless, Renesmee is perceived to be a dangerous baby vampire. The fifth and final installment of the “Twilight Saga” film franchise will bring back Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, the Cullens, as well as Bella, Edward and Jacob respectively.

‘Amour’ takes Palme d’Or at Cannes

CANNES, 30 May—Austrian director Michael Haneke’s film “Amour” won the Cannes Film Festival’s top prize, the Palme d’Or, officials said.

“Amour” is the story of an elderly couple’s relationship as the wife deteriorates physically and mentally. The Hollywood Reporter said “I think my wife, who has been putting up with me for years,” Haneke said on Sunday night.

Palme d’Or winner

Officer allegedly broke in to do laundry

Police in Pennsylvania said an officer was charged with trespassing and criminal mischief for allegedly breaking into a neighbour’s home to do laundry.

Investigators said Rankin police Officer Jason Rocco was arrested after the owner of the home, who had not lived in the house for several months, told police he noticed the electric bill was unusually high and he visited the residence to discover the dryer running with clothes inside, WPXI-TV, Pittsburgh, reported.

Rocco was questioned by officers and he told them the back door to the home had been already broken and he just had to do the laundry.”

Elvis’ original crypt head for auction

A California auction house said Elvis Presley’s original crypt in Tennessee, where the King was entombed for two months, is going up for auction.

Burton Julian of Burton Julian’s Auctions said the crypt, at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Memphis, will be sold as part of the “Music Icons” auction on 23 June, TMZ reported. Julian said Elvis was entombed in the crypt, which also held his mother, Gladys, for two months following his 17 Aug. 1977, death.

DeGeneres, Portia DeRossi and Amy Adams. “Jessica and Justin were miring both separately and together throughout the party,” an attendee told US Weekly.

Timberlake and Biel celebrate engagement

LOS ANGELES, 30 May—Pop singer Justin Timberlake and actress Jessica Biel celebrated their engagement by throwing a cocktail party in California, friends say. The Saturday party took place at the home of Timberlake’s longtime friend and HomeMint partner Este Stanley, People reported.

Among the 100 friends and family who attended the couple’s event were celebrities Lance Bass, JC Chasez, Trace Ayala, Ellen DeGeneres, Portia DeRossi and Amy Adams. “Jessica and Justin were miring both separately and together throughout the party,” an attendee told US Weekly.

Moore denies reconciliation with Kutcher

LOS ANGELES, 30 May—Demi Moore has denied reports of reconciliation with her estranged husband Ashton Kutcher, saying her tweets have been taken out of context.

The 49-year-old has denied reports through her tweets. “You have to laugh at the media’s need to twist and take tweets out of context so they can create fictitious stories to sell to the public! Nice bit of wisdom passed on to me, the faster you find what’s funny about something, the better it is,” she wrote on her Twitter page.

Recently Moore and Kutcher attended a bash thrown by Kabbalah Rabbi Yehuda Berg, reports comacmusic.com The Hollywood couple split last year after six years of marriage and allegations that Kutcher cheated on her.

Legal proceedings have not yet started—Internet

Simon Cowell ‘smitten’ with Britney Spears

LONDON, 30 May—Simon Cowell has opened up about his romance for his latest X-Factor judge Britney Spears.

The pair has become inseparable since the shoot for the new series began. “I’m fascinated by her. She’s still hot, she’s resilient and she’s got star power,” the Mirror quoted Cowell as saying. However, the pair have not yet set wedding bands. Although the couple have not yet set wedding bands, he has fallen for Britney’s blonde looks and girly charm big-time,” an insider added.

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Haneke’s film stars actors Jean-Louis Trintignant and Emmanuelle Riva, both iconic in the French cinema world.

Meanwhile, Carlos Reygadas was named best director for “Post Tenebras Lux,” and Mads Mikkelsen won the best actor award for his part in Thomas Vinterberg’s “The Hunt.” The Jury Prize went to Ken Loach’s “The Angels’ Share.” “Thanks to the jury; you’re very nice,” Loach, an English director, said in French. “Cannes shows us cinema is not just a diversion, it shows us who we are and how we live together.”

Emmanuelle Riva (L), Michael Haneke (C) and Jean-Louis Trintignant Internet

Internet
Man appoint Glick as commercial boss

_Derby County CEO to join the new Barclays Premier League champions in August_

_LONDON, 30 May — Barclays Premier League champions Manchester City have appointed Tom Glick as their Chief Commercial and Operating Officer. Glick, who is currently Chief Executive Officer of Major League Soccer (MLS) Derby County, will take up his position at the Etihad Stadium in August. He has 23 years of sports management experience and will be responsible for all the commercial and operational teams at the club._

“This is an exciting time for all connected with City, and I am looking forward to joining and helping to drive the club’s off-field development on its future journey,” Glick said on his official website. “I have been impressed by the ambitions and plans set out by the Chairman and Board. I shall use my experiences here in England and in North America to help City build on its recent successes and achieve new milestones in Manchester and around the globe.”

Glick has previously worked for the New Jersey Nets and the National Basketball Association before joining Derby County in January 2008. The job is a new executive officer John MacArthur’s.

“With many milestones achieved in terms of on and off field developments, it is important that we recognise that we must now further evolve in order that we can continue to create and capture potential opportunities for the Club. “To do that we need the very best people and the Board believes that Tom is the ideal person for this role. We very much look forward to the contribution that he will make.”

Glick joins a club that won the first time with an extraordinary 3-2 victory over Queens Park Rangers on a thrilling final day of the season earlier this month. — Internet

Tom Glick joins a club that won the Barclays Premier League earlier this month. — Internet

Williams out of French Open

_PARIS, 30 May — Serena Williams was bundled out of the French Open after she suffered a shock defeat against world No 111 Virginie Razzano in the first round. It was the 13-time Grand Slam winner’s first ever exit at the opening stage of her 47-event Grand Slam career and her earliest loss at a major since she was knocked out of the Australian Open second round by sister Venus in 1998. The fifth-seeded Williams was two points from victory nine times in the second set, including leading 5-1 in the tiebreaker. But Razzano won six straight points to force a third set, and then took control of the match. “I made so many errors today, which isn’t the game I was playing in the past,” Williams said. “That’s life.” Williams entered the day with a 46-0 record in first-round matches at Grand Slam tournaments. She had been looking for her 14th major title, and second at Roland Garros.

Men’s second seed Rafael Nadal, who won the title of a record seventh crown at French Open, powered into the second round with a 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 win over Italian journeyman Simone Bolelli. Despite dropping his service game midway through the second set on the Philippe Chatrier showcourt, Nadal won comfortably in one hour and 58 minutes to book a meeting with Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan, who whipped Russian Igor Kunitsyn 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

Nadal, beaten only once in his entire career at Roland Garros as he attempts to go beat the record of Bjorn Borg’s six titles, said he was less stressed than last year. “Today I was more relaxed,” he said. “I was a bit frightened, but I think I controlled. I felt comfortable. “It’s a contest that’s not easy to play on, but the longer you stay on the court, the better it is. You can find your feet,” he said.

Serena Williams of the United States returns the ball during the 1st round match of women’s singles against Virginie Razzano of France at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France, on 29 May, 2012. Williams won the match 6-2, 7-5, 6-3 and qualified for second round. — Internet

No Euro surprises according to Ronaldo

_LISBON, 30 May — Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo played down hopes of his side lifting the European Championship title on 1 July on Tuesday saying he just hoped they could reach the knockout stages. — Internet_

_Cristiano Ronaldo laughs during a training session in Praia del Rey near Odibos, central Portugal. Ronaldo played down hopes of his side lifting the European Championship title on 1 July on Tuesday saying he just hoped they could reach the knockout stages._

_The 27-year-old — fresh from lifting the La Liga title with Real Madrid — couldn’t really see too many surprises on the horizon at Euro where his side faces a tough battle to progress from their group._

The Portuguese — who reached the final in 2004 when they hosted it and the quarter-finals last time out — have been drawn with three former Champions in Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark. “I don’t think that in this Euro there will be too many surprises,” said Ronaldo, who has often been criticised for not repeating his club form for his country. “Spain are really strong and behind them there are difficult sides to play. “We realise we are in a difficult group, the group of death, and our priority first of all is to get through the first phase.”

“We have fallen among Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark, who beat us in the qualifying group (leaving Portugal to come through the play-offs), but I have a reasonable hope that we will qualify from the group.”

International Sports

_London, 30 May — Phil Jagielka’s side the Barclays Premier League has justified the defender’s call-up to the England squad for UEFA Euro 2012, says Everton manager David Moyes. The 29-year-old was drafted into Roy Hodgson’s squad for the tournament in Poland and Ukraine after Manchester City midfielder Gareth Barry was ruled out injured. Jagielka was originally relegated from England’s stand-by list by Moyes believes his call-up to the main squad is totally deserved. “I am really pleased for Jags,” says Moyes. “I said earlier I was disappointed he was only on the stand-by list because I thought he would bring something different. “I think the way he performed in the second half of last season meritised a spot in the squad, so I’m delighted he’s in there at last.”

Jagielka has been a consistent performer for Everton since he joined the club from Sheffield United in 2007. He made 30 League appearances this season, helping Everton secure an impressive seventh-place finish in the final table. Jagielka made his England debut in 2008 and won the last of his 11 caps when partnering former team-mate John painter in the centre of defence in Saturday’s 1-0 friendly victory over Norway. “When I look at England’s best displays, they have all come when Jags has been involved,” added Moyes.

He most certainly deserves to be in and around international company and it’s for him that he can now look forward to the Euros. “When I had him at Everton I felt I had the very best people and the Board believes that Tom is the ideal person for this role. We very much look forward to the contribution that he will make.”

Jagielka deserves England call-up

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_England play Belgium in their final warm-up match on Saturday while their first contest of Euro 2012 is against France in Donetsk on 11th June.— Internet_

_Sharapova proud of her Russian origin_

_MISSISSAUGA, 30 May — Russian top tennis player Maria Sharapova said on Tuesday she’s happy about her small-town-girl backgroud and proud to be a Russian. The 25-year-old Island, born in the Siberian town of Nyagan, moved to the United States when she was a little girl. Every time winning a game, hearing the broadcaster announcing her place of birth, was happy “surprised”的 coming from there and getting to the position I am today,” added Sharapova.

Maria Sharapova of Russia greets the audience after winning the 1st round match of women’s singles against Alexandra Cadanu of Romania at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France, on 29 May, 2012. Sharapova won 2-6 7-5 6-2. — Xinhua

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Chess kings in ‘Armageddon’ battle for world crown

MOSCOW, 30 May — India’s world chess champion Viswanathan Anand and his Israeli challenger Boris Gelfand on Wednesday clashed in a rapid fire battle of nerves to decide the biggest prize in the sport.

After drawing on Monday the final regular match in their 12-game Moscow series to leave the world championships level, the two grandmasters were forced into the chess equivalent of a football penalty shoot.

Dubbed the “Battle of the Armageddon” in chess circles, Wednesday’s match sees two of the finest players the world has ever seen locked in up to 15 thrilling chess games to determine the world champion.

The first game ended in a draw in which commentators said Gelfand, playing white, was initially in deep trouble but rescued himself with a series of brilliant moves that one mistake could cost them the championships.

Anand, dressed in his usual blue shirt, sat rooted to his chair as the more expressive Gelfand ran his hands through his hair and took long walks away from the board to think out his positions.

Wednesday’s series will initially feature four short 25-minute speed chess games. If this produces no winner then up to 10 more “blitz” 5-minute games can be played with even shorter time restrictions of just five minutes each.

If the scores are still equal after all that, the match would go to a sudden death single game “golden goal” deciding in which black would get four minutes and white five.

In a final game whose tension would be almost unbearable for the players, black would be declared winner in case of a draw because of the shorter time in which it can make moves.

Belgian Hazard opts to sign for Chelsea

PARIS, 30 May — Lille’s Belgian international playmaker Eden Hazard announced late Monday he had signed for Premier League winners Chelsea in preference to Manchester United.

The six seed will next play the winner of the tie between Nadia Petrova of Russia and Chanelle Scheepers of South Africa for a place in the last 16. — Internet

Stosur into French Open third round

PARIS, 30 May — Samantha Stosur of Australia reached the third round at the French Open on Wednesday with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Irina Falconi of the United States.

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Protection of migrant workers discussed

The Union Minister noted that the issue of migrant workers was a priority in protecting the workers, implementation of projects in cooperation with IOM and people-centred strategy of the government and called for suggestions of the departments concerned for further measures.

India to make investments in wood-based industries

The meeting No.1/2012 of Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee in progress.—MNA

Rakhine State School Enrollment Day held

The chief minister and the Region social affairs minister awarded stipends to the students. The chief minister and officials presented stationary and cash donated by wellwishers to students and viewed documentary photos displayed at the hall. —MNA

Taninthayi Region holds school enrollment day ceremony

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Free healthcare provided to rural people

The team was led by Chairman of Myanmar Business Management Executives Associations U Myin Maung Tun, and Chairman U Thein Tun and Vice-Chairperson Dr Daw Thet Thet Khaing of Ananda Myamna Myitta Foundation. —MNA

Federer gets record 234th Grand Slam match win

Roger Federer of Switzerland returns in his second round match against Adrian Ungur of Romania at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Wednesday May 30, 2012.—INTERNET

PARIS, 30 May—Roger Federer dropped a set before earning his record-breaking 234th Grand Slam match victory to reach the French Open’s third round. Federer eliminated 92nd-ranked Adrian Ungurov of Romania 6-3, 6-2, 6-16), 6-3 on Wednesday to break a tie with Jimmy Connors for most career wins at major tournaments in the Open era, which began in 1968.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion is now 234-35 in tennis’ top four tournaments, an 870 winning percentage.

Ungur, meanwhile, is 1-1; the French Open was his Grand Slam debut.

Seeded third this year at Roland Garros, where he won the 2009 title, Federer is on course for a semifinal showdown against No 1 Novak Djokovic, who won in straight sets on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Djokovic into French Open third round

PARIS, 30 May—Novak Djokovic edged closer to Grand Slam history with a 6-0, 6-4, 6-4 win over Slovenia’s Blaz Kavcic in the French Open second round on Wednesday.

The top seed and world number one, bidding to become only the third man after Don Budge and Rod Laver to hold all four Grand Slam titles at the same time, put down a gutsy challenge from world number 99 Kavcic. Djokovic fired 41 winners past the Slovenian, who had knocked out Australian veteran Lleyton Hewitt in the first round, and took victory on a fourth match point. The Serb will face either France’s Nicolas Devilder or Germany’s Michael Berrer for a place in the 16.—INTERNET

Serbia’s Novak Djokovic hits a return to Slovenia’s Blaz Kavcic during their French Open second round match at Roland Garros stadium in Paris on May 30. Djokovic edged closer to Grand Slam history with a 6-0, 6-4, 6-4 win on Wednesday.—INTERNET

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NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—United Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun receives Chairman Mr Ajit Kumar Sud and Executive Director Mr Ashit Sud of Mayar (India) Ltd. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received Mr Ajit Kumar Sud of Mayar (India) Ltd and executive director Mr Ashit Sud, at his office this morning. At the call, they discussed establishment of forest plantation and investment in wood-based industries and pulp factory. Also present at the meeting were director-general U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department and acting director-general Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department. —MNA

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