President U Thein Sein to pay goodwill visit to Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—At the invitation of Her Excellency Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will pay a goodwill visit to the Kingdom of Thailand in the near future.—MNA

Coord Meeting (2/2012) of Micro-credit Supervisory Committee held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The coordination meeting No. 2/2012 of Micro-credit Supervisory Committee was held at the hall of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue here on 29 May, with an address by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

In his address, the Union Minister said that necessary steps have been taken for bringing micro-credit into action adopting laws, rules and regulations, adding that those who want to engage in micro-credit activities are to be registered in line with rules and regulations of micro-credit without fail. Only then, will the advent of micro-credit be possible.

Next, Managing Director of Myanmar Small Loans Supervisory Enterprise U Hein Lin clarified matters on micro-credit, followed by a general round of discussions. Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than touched upon matters presented.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by Union Minister U Hla Tun.—MNA

Libraries open in Kyauktan Township

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—An opening ceremony of Pyin-nya-alinyaung library in Ywathitgyi village took place at the library in Ywathitgyi village, Kyauktan township, Yangon South District on 29 May. It was built with the contribution of Myanmar Library Foundation and local people.

Likewise, Lunge-ar-man library was opened in Wegyi village in Kyauktan township on the same day. It was built at a cost of K 2.5 million contributed by Myanmar Library Foundation and wellwishers.—MNA

Six blasts across Baghdad kill at least 17

BAGHDAD, 31 May—Six explosions hit neighborhoods across Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 17 people and wounding dozens more in the most deadly attacks on the Iraqi capital in more than a month.

The attacks - a truck bomb in a market, a car bomb and roadside explosives - broke weeks of relative calm in Baghdad just as Iraq's government, shared among Shi'ite, Sunni and Kurdish blocs, wrangles over a crisis in western Baghdad, police and hospital officials said. It was not clear whether the attacks were coordinated.

Two roadside bombs also exploded in Amiriya district, killing two people and wounding four more, while roadside bombs killed one and injured 15 more people in other mixed neighborhoods in western and southern parts of the capital.

Violence in Iraq has fallen sharply since the height of the sectarian slaughter triggered a few years after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein. Suicide bombings and blasts claimed hundreds of lives daily in 2006-2007.

In the last major attacks, 20 bombs hit cities and towns across the country in mid-April, killing 36 - including 15 people in mainly Shi'ite areas in Baghdad - and raising fears of renewed sectarian strife.

Since the last U.S. troops pulled out in December, Sunni Islamists have often targeted local security forces and government buildings, but have also sought out Shi'ite victims in an attempt to stir sectarian tensions.

Many Iraqi Sunnis say they fear Maliki wants to shore up Shi'ite power by sidelining Sunni leaders from the power-sharing government set up over a year ago after inconclusive 2010 elections.

Reuters
Drink more water

“We can live without food for seven days, but without water we cannot survive even half a day.” This Myanmar saying shows how our people value water for life. And science says that because of the water in liquid form, our planet Earth, unlike its cousins of the Universe, holds life.

So, water is a vital source for the survival of all living things both plants and animals. Every system in our body depends on water which is its principal chemical component. Our body uses water which makes up about 60 percent of its weight for transporting nutrients and wastes, lubrication, temperature regulation, and providing a moist environment for ear, nose, and throat tissues.

In fact we are losing water through our breath, perspiration, urine and bowel movements every day. For our body to function well we must refill its water supply by consuming beverages and foods that contain water.

Water deprivation results in life-threatening dehydration within a few days. Loss of body water exceeding five percent of body weight leads to decreased endurance, culminating in heat exhaustion. Older people are likely to have a higher risk of developing dehydration than younger adults.

But the simple question here is how much water do we need to consume everyday? But the answer may be hard to find, as it's a complicated matter. In fact, it depends on our age, our occupation, the temperatures of the place we live in and many other factors.

Normally, a man may need three liters of water a day. And for a woman it may be 2.2 liters. But that is just a rough average daily consumption for adults. We can drink more than that, as plentiful fluid consumption may be protective against diverse medical conditions, including kidney stones, constipation, colon cancer, and bladder cancer.

In this context, we all need to drink water as much as we can as there is no question that water is vital to the body’s overall health.

Knowledge on game management system shared

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May— At the meeting hall of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, a presentation of game management system for the 27th SEA Games to be held in Myanmar was made by Strategic Planning/Team Manager Mr. Aaron Sang Min Yoon of Digital Solutions & Services Co Ltd.

The event covered about preparations for the Olympics Game hosted by the Republic of Korea last year, as well as work procedures for marketing, game management, broadcasting and IT, accomplished by SK, Samsung, Hyundai and LG companies of BOK, in the World Cup and Asian Games.

After that, Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htay discussed matters on assisting in the game management system.

FSD chief inspects fire brigades in Myeik Township

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Managing Director U Tin Moe of Fire Service Department inspected fire brigades in Ottara Township and Pobbathiri Township here on 29 May. He viewed firefighters in action, maintenance of fire engines and readiness of the brigades.

Union Attorney-General meets UNDP delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received delegation led by Consultant Dr Marcus Brand of Bangkok-based Asian Pacific Democratic Governance of United Nations Development Plan at his office here this morning.

They exchanged views on legal affairs at the call which was also attended by Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Htun at the Office of the Union Attorney-General and officials.—MNA

Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin holds discussion with a delegation led by Consultant Dr Marcus Brand of Bangkok-based Asian Pacific Democratic Governance of United Nations Development Plan.—MNA

Dy Health Minister inspects healthcare activities in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin on 26 May addressed meeting for reviewing last year’s Myanmar Medical Conference at the office of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar).

The deputy minister also inspected People’s Hospital in Yekyi and Kyongyaw Townships in Ayeyawady Region, Ahtaung Station Hospital and Hinthada Nursing Training School where she chose designated site for construction of nursing trainees’ campus.

On 27 May, the deputy minister met health staff in Hinthada District People’s Hospital, Zalun Township People’s Hospital, Zalun Township Traditional Medicines Clinic, Duya Station Hospital, Niban Station Hospital, Sharke Station Hospital and Nyaungdon Township People’s Hospital.

Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin comforts patients.—MNA

Cash assistance provided to offspring of Myeik Township GAD’s staff

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of Myeik Township General Administration Department’s staff, was held at the Township GAD this evening.

At the ceremony, Myeik Township Administrator U Thein Win delivered a speech and Deputy Head U Chit Ko Ko Lin explained the purpose on providing assistance. After that, officials presented K 216,000 and books and stationery to 44 students.

Village administrators meet for socio-economic development of rural region

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The monthly meeting of village administrators of Myeik Township was held at the meeting hall of the Township General Administration Department, Myeik District, Taninthayi Region this afternoon, with an address by Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Ko of Myeik District GAD.

Next Assistant Director Daw Ni Ni Cho of the Region Information and Public Relations Department elaborated on development of socio-economic status in rural region, perpetuation of rural libraries, forwarding report on availability of books and furniture on a monthly basis and Township Administrator U Thein Win discussed matters on village administration.

MNA
Obama calls Romney amid growing campaign chaos

WASHINGTON, 31 May— US President Barack Obama on Wednesday congratulated Mitt Romney for clinching the Republican presidential nomination, while their campaign teams attack each other in an increasingly relentless manner. The two candidates for the 2012 presidential election “had a very good conversation,” which was “friendly” but “not particularly long,” White House Press Secretary Jay Carney said on a daily briefing. During the telephone talk, Obama told Romney that he looked forward to “an important and healthy debate about America’s future” between the two in the fall, Carney added. The president also “wished (former Massachusetts Governor) Romney and his family well throughout the upcoming campaign,” he said. A campaign aide to Romney described the phone call as “brief and cordial.”

Late Tuesday, Romney won the Texas primary with no surprise and surpassed the 1,144-delegate threshold he needed to claim the Republican nomination at the party’s convention in August. Since second-placed Republican candidate Rick Santorum dropped off in April, Romney has become the presumptive nominee for the Republican party, and the race between him and Obama has geared up.

William Galston, a US politics expert and senior fellow with think tank Brookings, said job creation and economic recovery will be the master of Obama’s fate on his re-election bid. Both the incumbent and the challenger, with the US economy have been warring over which would best lead the US economy. Romney’s campaign claims the successful private-sector background makes Romney more suited to improve the economy than the incumbent president. Obama’s campaign argues that the Obama administration has improved the job creation and the economy recovery out of an “inherited burden” left behind by the former administration of George W. Bush.

Colombian rebels free French reporter after month in captivity

BOGOTA, 31 May— Colombia’s FARC guerrillas freed French reporter Romeo Langlois on Wednesday, a month after taking him hostage in a firefight that showed the leftist group is still a menace despite a truce accords of military blows. Langlois, the rebels’ highest-profile captive since French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt, was taken hostage in the southern Caqueta region on 28 April after he was caught in crossfire between a Colombian military unit he was embedded with and heavily armed FARC rebels.

The 35-year-old walked free after Colombia’s FARC guerrillas in Caqueta in this still image taken from video on 30 May, 2012.— Reuters

US military trainers trickle back into Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 31 May— The United States has sent a handful of military trainers back into Pakistan in a sign the two nations may be able to achieve some low-level cooperation against militants despite a string of confrontations that have left Washington’s relations with Islamabad in crisis. Fewer than 10 US special operations soldiers have been to a training site near the border city of Peshawar, where they will instruct trainers from Pakistan’s Frontier Corps in counter-insurgency warfare, a US official said. But Pakistan denied that any US military personnel had returned. The number of American military instructors in Pakistan dropped to zero after US aircraft killed 24 Pakistani soldiers in late November. NATO labeled the border incident an accident but it enraged Pakistanis and sent already tense ties with the United States into a tailspin. “I wouldn’t call that a watershed moment (but) it’s not insignificant that this is happening,” the US official said on condition of anonymity.

Pakistan’s military denied in a brief statement that US personnel had returned to Pakistan for training programs. “It is not true. American trainers have not returned to Pakistan,” a senior Pakistani military official told Reuters. The Pakistani official declined to comment when asked why a US official was saying US trainers had returned. In Washington, several American officials said cooperation between US and Pakistani intelligence remained dice as Pakistan officials resisted easing restrictions on issuing visas to US intelligence personnel. — Reuters

295 students tossed their mortar boards in a Guinness World Record attempt for the most people throwing mortar boards simultaneously in London. Xinhua

Iran cancels $2 billion dam deal with China

BEIJING, 31 May— Iran has cancelled a $2 billion contract for a Chinese firm to build a hydroelectric dam in the country, Chinese state media said on Thursday, a move that risks upsetting Beijing, one of Tehran’s most important economic and political allies. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is due to visit China next week for a security summit, where he is expected to hold talks with his Chinese counterpart, Hu Jintao, on Iran’s disputed nuclear programme.

In March 2011, Iran’s official IRNA news agency said China’s Sinohydro Corp had signed a contract with Iranian hydro firm Farah to build the dam, described as the world’s tallest, in Iran’s western province of Lorestan. It was designed to support a 1,500-megawatt power station. The Global Times, a popular tabloid owned by Chinese Communist Party mouthpiece the People’s Daily, said the Iranian government had decided to cancel the contract. The report did not cite sources or give a reason for the cancellation. But it quoted Iranian media reports as saying Iran’s central bank was “dissatisﬁed” with ﬁnancing options offered by China. Sinohydro was not immediately available for comment.

Guo Xian’gang, vice president of the China Institute of International Studies, a government think tank, said he did not see the cancellation affecting Sino-Iran ties. “Some projects may be cancelled due to some technical reasons, other projects will still going on it literally normal,” Guo said.

“Outside world does not need to exaggerate this,” Guo, who is an expert on the Middle East, added the cancellation would not affect Ahmadinejad’s visit. China and Iran have close energy and trade ties, and Beijing has repeatedly resisted US-led demands to impose tougher economic sanctions on Iran to curtail its nuclear ambitions. This will likely further strengthen Western suspicions that Iran is “tailoring” the site of any incriminating evidence before allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) into the complex.

“It is very clear,” one Western expert on Iran’s IAEA envoy, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, dismissed such accusations by Western officials, telling reporters after the briefing that “this kind of nonsense and allegations are baseless.” Wednesday’s disclosure followed inconclusive talks between the IAEA and six world powers in Baghdad last week to address concerns about the nature of its nuclear activities.

Azerbaijan cracks terrorist attacks in Baku

BAKU, 31 May— Azerbaijan’s Ministry of National Security detained a military group, which had planned terrorist attacks in the country during the Eurovision song contest, the ministry’s Press centre said in a statement on Wednesday. “A specially trained armed group equipped with different types of weapons, ammunition, explosives and other tools, aimed to commit series of terrorist attacks in some regions of Azerbaijan, to create uncontrolled situation and anarchy in the country, sow confusion and fear among the population, ethnic and religious confronations, violate stability and damage the international image of the country,” the text of the statement.

One of the main goals of the transnational criminal group was to commit terrorist and provocative actions, launch explosions and armed attacks in Baku last week to cause heavy human losses during the Eurovision 2012 song contest, an annual competition held among active member countries of the European Broadcasting Union, according to the statement. The military group led by Vugar Padarov had also planned an attempt to assassinate President Ilham Aliyev during his visit to the northwestern regions of Azerbaijan in April, the ministry said.

Iran shows buildings gone at Iran site: diplomats

VIENNA, 31 May— UN nuclear inspectors displayed new satellite imagery on Wednesday indicating that some small buildings had been dismantled and other possible clean-up work undertaken at an Iranian military site they want to visit.

One image from 25 May showed signs that “ground- scraping” the site of any incriminating evidence before allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) into the complex was “not occurring” the site of any incriminating evidence before allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) into the complex.

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SECRET SUBMARINE REPAIR WORK IN RUSSIA: Zvezdochka, formerly known as Ship Repair Plant 853, was commissioned in 1954.—Xinhua

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Friday, 1 June, 2012
SpaceX Dragon capsule heading back to Earth

The SpaceX Dragon capsule carrying cargo for the International Space Station (ISS) is set to return to Earth on 21 May, marking the completion of SpaceX's fourth resupply mission to the space station. The Dragon capsule,which was launched on 11 April, will carry back to Earth the scientific research experiments and cargo that have been sent to the ISS by the US military.

Apple promises innovation in TV and more

Apple is expected to unveil a new Apple TV set-top box at its WWDC conference in June, according to reports. The set-top box is expected to feature a new user interface and the ability to stream content from the company's Intelligent Cloud service. The new Apple TV is expected to be released later this year.

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**New Delhi, 31 May—** UBS cut its 12-month price target for Tata Motors (TAMO.NS) to 270 rupees from 320 rupees, maintaining its “sell” rating after the auto maker’s weaker-than-expected operating earnings. UBS believes volume growth for unit Jaguar Land Rover could “incrementally disappoint.”

Bank adds domestic sales growth remains at risk due to India’s weak economic outlook and increasing competition. Shares last down 8.3 percent at 253 rupees. —Reuters

**Sanofi, Novo, Lilly shape up for big insulin fight**

**LONDON, 31 May—** Competition is ramping up in the multi-billion-dollar market for long-acting insulins, with Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly lining up new products that could trump Sanofi’s top-selling Lantus.

Worldwide, Lantus has some 50 percent of the market for long-acting, or basal, insulins used to treat diabetes and the product had sales of around $5 billion last year. Now rivals are coming in.

Denmark’s Novo has a new insulin called Tresiba, or degludec, that is awaiting a U.S. approval decision by 29 July and could also get a green light in Europe in the second half of the year.

And Lilly’s new long-acting insulin LY2605541, though still some years from reaching the market, is already causing a stir after signs in mid-stage Phase II clinical trials its it may help patients lose weight. If confirmed in later trials, that could give it a unique selling point against other therapies for controlling type 2 diabetes, a disease that is closely linked with obesity.

“Even modest—but real—weight loss could be a major commercial advantage over other basal insulins,” Mark Schueneman, an industry analyst at ISI Group, said. At the same time, Lantus faces indirect competition from so-called GLP-1 drugs like Byetta and Bydureon from Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Victoza from Novo and several others at the development stage.

More details on the changing landscape for diabetes treatments will emerge when scientists and doctors discuss progress at the American Diabetes Association annual meeting from 8 to 12 June.

**Lantus Slowdown**

Tim Anderson of Bernstein believes Lantus revenues, which grew 20 percent a year over 2007-11, will slow to an annual rate of 6.5 percent from 2012-16 and from 2016 onwards of the drug are likely to go into decline, assuming generic biosimilars arrive around 2014.

Consensus forecasts also predict annual Lantus sales to continue to rise to just under $7 billion by 2015 before declining thereafter, according to Thomson Reuters Pharma data.

**Sauudi boosts OPEC output despite price drop**

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The increase in supplies by Saudi Arabia has helped to cushion the impact of Western measures against Iran’s nuclear programme, still with Iraq unable to sustain an increase in exports and Libyan output falling, analysts say further rises in OPEC supply will be harder to achieve.

“Given sustainability concerns around current levels of Libyan output and infrastructure constraints in Iraq, it is unlikely these two countries will be able to raise production much further in the next couple of months,” said Harry Teal of investment bank BNP Paribas. In May, supply from the 12-member Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has averaged 31.80 million barrels per day (bpd), up from 31.76 million bpd in April, the survey of sources at oil companies, OPEC officials and analysts found.

OPEC’s total is the highest since September 2008, shortly before it agreed to a series of supply cuts to combat recession and collapsing demand, based on Reuters survey. OPEC’s output climbing and concerns increasing about the euro zone debt crisis, prices have fallen back. Brent crude was trading just above $107 on Tuesday. —Reuters

**Health Tip: Treating Osteoarthritis**

Osteoarthritis, often referred to as “wear-and-tear arthritis,” is characterized by the wearing away of the cartilage that covers the ends of bones that form the joints. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons says the pain condition can be treated without surgery. It mentions these potential treatment options:

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**Sun Pharma expects 18-20 pct FY13 sales growth**

**MUMBAI, 31 May—** Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd expects 18-20 percent sales growth in the current fiscal year that started in April, Managing Director Dilip Shanghvi said in an earnings conference call on Wednesday. On the company reported an 85 percent jump in quarterly profit to 8.20 billion rupees. —Reuters

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Greek experts find Roman wrecks nearly a mile deep

ATHENS, 31 May — Two Roman-era shipwrecks have been found in the waters of a western Greek island, challenging the conventional theory that ancient shipmasters stuck to coastal routes rather than risking the open sea, an official said on Tuesday.

The Greek culture ministry said the two shipwrecks were discovered earlier this month during a survey of an area where a Greek-Italian gas pipeline is to be sunk. They lay between 1.2 and 1.4 kilometres (0.7-0.9 miles) deep in the sea between Corfu and Italy.

That would place them among the deepest known ancient wrecks in the Mediterranean, apart from remains found in 1999 of an older vessel some 3 kilometres (1.8 miles) deep off Cyprus. Angeliki Simossi, head of Greece’s underwater antiquities department, said sanken ancient ships are generally found 30-40 metres (100-130 feet) deep. Most scholars believe that ancient traders were unwilling to venture far offshore, unlike warships which were unburdened by ballast and cargo. “There are many Roman shipwrecks, but these are deep water wrecks. They were not sailing close to the coast,” Simossi said.

“The conventional theory was that, as these were small vessels up to 25 metres (80 feet) long, they did not have the capacity to navigate far from the coast, so that if there was a storm they would stay near shore. However, these wrecks show the opposite,” she said.

Simossi said the two wrecks were found “in remarkably good condition”. One is a Roman merchant ship laden with mosaics which lay between 1.2 and 1.4 kilometers (0.7-0.9 miles) deep. The second, a Roman warship, was found 1.4 kilometres (0.9 miles) below the surface.

The discovery came on the same day the British Museum announced a planned major exhibition of more than 900 Roman mosaics from across the empire, including the well-preserved “Masada mosaic” from Jerusalem.

Kandahar schoolgirls blamed for ‘poison attack’

AFGHANISTAN, Kandahar, 1 Oct, 2011.

Dozens of Afghan schoolgirls hospitalized for third time in two weeks; Taleban blamed for ‘poison attack’

A girl peeks out of a classroom window at a school in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 1 Oct, 2011.

INTERNET

Police to take over Baghdad security

BAGHDAD, 31 May — Iraq police will take over responsibility for security in Baghdad from the army by July, a statement said on Tuesday, a move that has been delayed several times over concerns over their capabilities. “The security committee of Baghdad provincial council announced that the security file in the capital will be handed over completely to the ministry of interior forces in July,” a statement on the ministry’s website said.

Committee head Abdelkarim al-Zubaidi said in the statement that army forces will be redeployed “outside the city in locations close to the entrances to secure Baghdad’s surrounding areas.” Both army and police forces are deployed at checkpoints and other positions to provide security in the Iraqi capital, but soldiers are not yet capable of handling urban security on their own.

“Iraqi students march during their graduation ceremony from the Federal Police in Baghdad on 3 May. Iraqi police will take over responsibility for security in Baghdad from the army by July, a statement said, a move that has been delayed several times over concerns over their capabilities.”

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1,600-year-old mosaic at Israeli synagogue damaged

JERUSALEM, 31 May — Vandals have badly damaged a rare 1,600-year-old mosaic in the northern Israeli City of Tiberias that formed the floor of an ancient synagogue, smashing parts to rubble and scratching graffiti, antiquities officials said. Experts suspect extremist Jews who object to tradition or the study of ancient sites.

There was no claim of responsibility. Police were investigating.

The Ministry of Culture’s latest discoveries are crucial hard data showing the actual patterns of ancient seafaring and commerce,” said Foley, a deep water archaeology expert at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

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Broken ancient pottery from the wreck of a 3rd century AD Roman-era ship found 1.2 kilometres deep off the western coast of Greece is seen in this undated handout photo issued by Greek Culture Ministry on 29 May, 2012. — INTERNET

Qatar orders arrests after deadly mall fire

Doha, 31 May — Qatar issued arrest orders for the owner of a fire-ravaged mall and four others as investigations widened on Wednesday into possible safety lapses during a blaze that killed 99 people, including 12 children, at a shopping centre.

The Qatar News Agency said Attorney General Albin Fenais al-Marrab also ordered the detention of the owner of the mall’s care facility where the children and four workers died on Monday’s fire at the Gulf nation’s biggest mall. The owners facing arrest are mall officials, including the director of security.

“Sprinkler systems malfunctioned at the Villaggio complex and rescue crews struggled without blueprints of the vast complex, bringing calls for sweeping safety and licensing reviews in one of the world’s fastest-growing countries,” the QNA reported. Two firefighters were also killed. It was not immediately clear whether charges would be filed.

Investigators, meanwhile, are probing the causes of fire through the fire-damaged sections of the mall, but authorities have not announced the cause of the fire. Findings from the state-ordered inquiry are expected within a week.

INTERNET

Students of the major flight attendant of Yunnan Normal University join in a recruitment of flight attendants of the Luckuyar company in Kunming on 29 May, 2012. The Kunming-based Luckuyar held a flight attendant recruitment fair in Kunming on Tuesday, attracting many applicants, most of whom were college students. — Xinhua

Cheaper than a ticket to the United States, it’s the cheapest way to fly to New York or Paris — and has started to seriously shake up the European airline industry.

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Civil Service, tours involving district and central 
administration, training in economic duties, cultural and 
recreational activities and functions had become part and parcel of my 
assignment inclusive of maintenance of law and order, 
administration of justice, revenue collection etc., etc during 
my career span, up to sixty. It had its grassroots in the 
foremost basic economic unit of the township as a young 
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Now after retirement the forty-year itch to travel still 
persists though on a different perspective, on voluntary 
social, humanitarian and literary contributions. It was more 
enriched by the sense of giving, sharing of years of 
experience and expertise to the younger generations bridging 
the gap of time, with my triple mission dedicated to 
inform, to educate and to entertain.

One such tour to the southern countryside took our 
literary excursion team to Mawlamyine region around 
December 2000. It was there that I had come face to face 
with history so poignant that it had remained indelible in my 
memory. After ten odd years, I now take this propitious 
time to share these glimpses with my readers.

The first historic treasure was situated at 
Mawlamyine, in the old, almost crumbling nondescript 
monastery which was to be the most unexpected place. A flight of brick stairs looked formidable, but I braved the 
rigours of the journey and reached the famous monastery in the 
end of the 19th century, cut off from the present, even if momentarily while 
travelled. There was a board posted in the compound which read: 
“Ramanya kingdom of the Mons”

...The second episode was thanbyu Zayat. Seventy 
years ago at the height of World War II and the Japanese 
Occupation in Burma (Myanmar) the notorious Myanmar-
Thailand Japan Death railway line built with forced Myanmar 
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provide a perpetual resting place to the prisoners of war 
who had died labouring for the construction of the 
Myanmar-Thailand Death railway. The plaque read: “Their names liveth forever more”. There were 3771 of them from 
as far as Netherlands, the UK, Australia, neighbouring 
Indo-China and native Myanmar; all men in the prime of youth 
who had made the supreme sacrifice. There were also 15 
unknown but unforgettable comrades commemorated in 
honour at the War Memorial. I bowed in deep contemplation 
diffusing my heart to these unfortunate ones for better lives 
in the many future existences.

It was high noon of December 2000. Set Sai beach 
was nearby and our understanding hosts drove us there to 
relieve our somber mood. It was time to relax, with rows of 
freshly plucked green succulent coconuts sliced on the 
shore, and bewitching breeze teased our tousled hair. 
Presently we were jolted by the karaoke music eerily out of 
tune with the bewitching nature around us.

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The competition will go 
on till 5 June.
Union Construction Minister receives Singaporean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint receives Managing Director Mr William Hl Lau and party of Pacific Prince International Pte Ltd of Singapore at the ministry here yesterday. The meeting focused on preservation of ancient buildings in Myanmar and making investment in the buildings, technical assistance by Singaporean side, and capacity building of engineers. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Soe Tin, Director-General of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Min Hein and departmental heads.—MNA

World No Tobacco Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—“World No Tobacco Day” is the theme of this year’s World No Tobacco Day which is designated by “World Health Organization (WHO).” Member countries of the World Health Organization (WHO) are implementing facts included in the Convention step by step. At the same time, attempt of tobacco manufacturers is becoming a deterrent to the governments’ implementations across the world. It can be seen that few governments are implementing Tobacco Control including Myanmar are implementing Tobacco Control in their countries. According to WHO, six million people die of strokes, cancers, lungen disease and other diseases annually due to tobacco consumption. Among them, more than 0.6 million are passive smokers and over one-fourth, children. Due to continued use of tobacco, death toll will reach over 8 million in 2030, fourth-fifth of whom are from developing countries. Tobacco consumptions in Southeast Asia region including Myanmar are becoming higher. One-fourth of the world death rate is in this region, he added. After that, WHO Resident representative Dr H.S.B Tennakoon read out the message send by the WHO Southeast Asia Region Director-General. After the ceremony, the Union Minister and guests looked round the booths. MNA

Transport Minister receives Korean delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung receives a delegation led by Senior Investment Specialist of EDCF Department Mr Chae Sang Jin of the Export-Import Bank of Korea at his office here this morning. At the meeting, they held a discussion on construction of Hathwaydy International Airport, upgrading of Myanmar Airways and Inland Water Transport’s Shipyards and project on secure and smooth transport of commodity of Inland Water Transport. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Win Shein and officials. MNA

Talk on traffic given

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee gave educative talks to trainees at No (1) Tatmadaw Supply and Transport School (Tongoo) on 29 May. An official of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave talks on traffic rules and distributed pamphlets.—MNA

Report warns of risk from nicotine addiction

BEIJING, 31 May—Smoking habits have barely changed over the past decade and lack of knowledge about damage caused by nicotine addiction poses huge challenges, a landmark report said. According to Health Hazards of Smoking, issued by the Ministry of Health on Wednesday, China accounts for about 40 percent of global production and consumption, and is the world leader for both. The report, the first official document issued by the ministry on the dangers of nicotine, shows that the smoking rate among people aged 15 to 69 had declined by just 0.08 percent from 2002 to 2010. Chen Zhu, the minister of health, listed the challenges facing those trying to reduce the number of smokers. “More than half of males aged 15 and over smoke. Obviously, there are a lot of teenagers in that number. As many as 740 million Chinese people are exposed to passive smoking. People are underestimating the harmful effects.” The launch of the report supports scientific findings on the harm tobacco can cause, Chen said. Wang Chen, vice-president of Beijing Hospital, who played a leading role in compiling the report, said it should remind people of the dangers of tobacco. “Everybody knows smoking is bad for their health, but they know little about the dangers of smoking.” Xinhua

Bedouin seize two US tourists in Egypt’s Sinai

ISMAILIA, 31 May—Armed Bedouin tribesmen have kidnapped two US tourists in Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula to demand the release of a tribesman arrested in a drugs case, Egyptian police said on Thursday. The American men, both 31, were seized while driving near the resort of Dahab. “There are negotiations now between the security forces and the armed gunmen to release the tourists,” a police source said, adding the Bedouin were seeking the release of one of their tribe who has been jailed in a drugs case. “We can confirm that there were two US citizens kidnapped on 30 May on the Sinai Peninsula and we are working closely with the Egyptian authorities to resolve the situation,” a US embassy official said, without giving further details. Several other tourists have been held by tribesmen in recent months, but have been released unharmed. Bedouins tribesmen in the Sinai have attacked police stations, blocked access to towns and taken hostages to show their discontent with what they see as poor treatment from Cairo and to press for the release of jailed kinmen. Two American women were held in a short-lived kidnapping in February until Egyptian authorities negotiated their release a few hours later.—Reuters

From the super volcano to solar flares, let’s check out those natural disasters could destroy humanity.—Xeovis

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and guests viewing booths to mark the 2012 World No Tobacco Day.—MNA

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Union Minister on field trip in Tatkon Tsp

Myint meets with locals of Magybin and Oakshikon village-tracts at Magyibin Basic Education Middle School in Tatkon Township in NAY PYI TAW—MNA

Minister U Laurence on 22 May at the ceremony held in the village. The village that lies on the border between southernmost part of Shan State and Kayah State relies largely on Belu creek for potable water for the population of 10,000. The villagers have to cost much money and efforts to carry water from the creek as they found eight wells in their village is not enough to provide adequate water. Their headache would be eased by construction of 0.1-million-gallon tank and four ponds and pipeline system. The move would facilitate regional development and further strengthen Japan-Myanmar friendly ties.—MNA

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Union Minister shows up as I&P Ministry interviews potential best staff

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Japan provides cash for water supply project in Shan State

Nav Pyi Taw, 31 May—Under aids programme for small projects by the Japanese government for water supply project in Mohye village in Pekhon Township in Shan State, Attaché Mr Hideaki Matsuo and Second Secretary Mr Kiyotomi Tada of Japanese Basic Education Middle School for Mandalay to form cooperative societies. The Cooperatives Ministry has funded cooperative societies which would serve as wholesale centres in each village, he said. The minister also met villagers of Kyhayadu village-tract, Taungdaw village, Thayetbin and Thayetbin village-tract and elaborated on rural development and funding cooperative societies.

While the minister was making field trips in Tatkon Township, teams of the Cooperatives Ministry and the Livestock and Fisheries Ministry are also working in Yanethin Township in Mandalay to form cooperative societies.—MNA

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Mozambique customs arrest rhino horn smuggler

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Nav Pyi Taw, 31 May—Mozambican police have arrested a Vietnamese man at the main airport in Maputo as he tried to smuggle rhino horns out of the country, a spokesman said Thursday.

The man, identified as Doan Minh, 41, had already made it past airport security screening when he was caught, according to the government-owned O Pais newspaper.—Internet

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Essay, painting contests mark International Year of Cooperatives

Nav Pyi Taw, 31 May—Hailing International Year of Cooperatives, Kachin State Cooperatives Department organized basic education high and middle school levels essay and painting contests No(4) Basic Education High School in Myitkyina yesterday.

Kachin State Planning and Economy Minister Dr Khin Maung Tun and officials of the state Cooperatives Department viewed and encouraged students participating in the contests.—MNA

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Nav Pyi Taw, 31 May—A ceremony to assign duties of the 2012-2013 long term project in Kayah State was held at the meeting hall of state government office here yesterday morning, addressed by Kayah State Chief Minister U Kyaw Maung Oo. Director U Wi Kaw of State Planning Department explained long term project started in 2012-2013 financial year.

Next the region chief minister assigned project duties to the district administrator and region/state departmental personnel sector-wise.—MNA

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Royal Adelaide Hospital donates Vitrectomy machine to Eyes Hospital

At the ceremony, Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Miss Bronte Moules and eye specialist professor Henery Newland explained the purpose of donation. Afterwards, medical superintendent Dr Than Lwin of Hospital and professor/dean Dr Tin Win of Eye Disease department spoke words of thanks. Dr Than Lwin accepted Vitrectomy machine handed over by the Ambassador and professor Henery Newland and presented certificate of honour.

Cash assistance provided to women’s football team

Two women football teams are under training for Yangon Region Chief Minister’s Cup Inter-district Women’s Football Tournament to be held in Padaytha sport ground in South Region Chief Minister’s Cup Inter-district Women’s Football and uniforms yesterday.

Daw Sein Sein Soe and WAO chairpersons from eight townships in the district provided two women football teams of Yangon North District with nutritious food, cash and uniforms yesterday.

Plethwe hybrid summer paddy model plot harvested in Okpo

It was attended by head U Hay Win of Thyawady district Agriculture Services, township administrator U Min (U Thant-Letmoeswe) as executive (MA) and U Maung Maung Min (Kyaw Min Han) as joint secretary; U Kyaw Min Han (Kyaw Min Han) as joint secretary; U San Min (U Thant-Letmoeswe) as treasurer; and U Myint Saw (MA) and U Maung Maung (U Win Kyaw) as executive members. U Sein Win (Maung Nay La) was elected as chairman; U Nyunt Tin (Nyunt Zayar) as vice-chairman; U Thet Khaiing (Naung-Sethma) as secretary; U Kyaw Min Han (Kyaw Min Han) as joint secretary; U San Min (U Thant-Letmoeswe) as treasurer; and U Myint Saw (MA) and U Maung Maung (U Win Kyaw) as executive members. U Sein Win (Maung Nay La) and U San Min (U Thant-Letmoeswe) was elected as conference delegates.

Cash assistance provided to offspring of Kangyidaunt Township Police Force members

A ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of Kangyidaunt Township Police Force members, was held at the office of Chief of Kangyidaunt Township Police Force in Kangyidaunt Township, Pathein District on 22 May. At the ceremony, Chief of Kangyidaunt Township Police Force Lt-Col Khin Maung Oo made a speech and provided cash assistance to students. Cash assistance was provided to a total of 38 students.

School enrollment day holds in Kayan Township

A ceremony to donate stationery and cash assistance to offspring of Kangyidaunt Township Police Force members, was held at the office of Chief of Kangyidaunt Township Police Force in Kangyidaunt Township, Pathein District on 22 May. At the ceremony, district administrator U Khin Maung Yi made a speech. After that, wellwishers donated cash and stationery through district education officer Daw Khin Nyo Myint.

School enrollment day observed in Pakokku

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Facebook shares plunge new depths, valuation questioned

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 May — Facebook Inc shares slid below $30 on Tuesday as nervous investors fled the company’s shares, concerned about the social network’s long-term business prospects and an initial offering price that proved too rich.

Shares of the No.1 social network fell 10 percent to an all-time low of $28.65, before closing at $28.84, or down 9.6 percent. Since its market debut at $38 on 18 May, the eight-year-old company has shed approximately $25 billion in value — roughly equivalent to the market capitalization of Morgan Stanley, the lead underwriter of Facebook’s IPO.

Wall Street has harboured concerns that Facebook, while boasting nearly a billion users worldwide and dominating Internet social-networking, would have difficulty translating its growing presence on smartphones and other mobile devices into revenue.

United Airlines pilots file race bias suit

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 May — Two dozen black pilots, alleging a bias suit in a lawsuit on Tuesday that United Continental Holdings, the parent of United Airlines, passed them over for management promotions because of race. Of the world’s biggest carrier, denied the allegations and said it would fight them in court. The airline’s actions allude to a long history of discriminatory behavior across multiple US states. Their case was filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of California in San Francisco.

“The struggle for inclusion at United Airlines is a long-standing issue that many have tried to address over a long period of time,” Captain Leon Miller, a plaintiff, said in a statement. Most of those involved in the suit worked for predecessor United. The complaint specifically addresses promotions and hiring discrimination issues dating to 2009.

Additionally, nearly half of the plaintiffs, including three of the warehouses belonging to PepsiCo’s local snack food company Sabritas, were following various lines of investigation, one of which is extortion. The attacks appeared to be the first to hit United Airlines, said a spokesman for the firm. “They are following various lines of investigation, one of which is extortion,” the attack, “We do not tolerate harassment or discrimination. ‘We believe this lawsuit is without merit and will vigorously defend ourselves,’ the airline said. — Reuters

French government opposes payout for ex-Air France CEO

PARIS, 31 May — France’s new Socialist government opposes a €499,290 indemnity payment for former Chief Executive of Air France-KLM Pierre-Henri Gourgeon as it seeks to clamp down on executive pay. Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici said on Tuesday. A representative of the French State, which holds a 51.9 percent stake in the loss-making French-Dutch carrier, will not vote in favor of Gourgeon’s payment in a shareholders meeting on Thursday, the minister said in a statement.

“The indemnities and paid to the former chief executive of Air France-KLM, Pierre-Henri Gourgeon, and approved by the previous government, are not in agreement with the rules of wage moderation and decent behavior announced by the president,” the minister said. The minister said the government would announce measures shortly to govern executive pay. France’s new Socialist President, Francois Hollande, who took office this month, has pledged to limit the pay of top executives at publicly controlled companies to 20 times the minimum wage.

Air France-KLM shares are down around 12 percent this year after losing 34 percent last year, giving it a market value of around 1 billion euros ($1.25 billion). — Reuters

A deformed egg is compared with a normal egg in Shuangzhong town, East China’s Jiangxi Province, on 27 May, 2012. The bizarre shaped egg, produced laid by a hen with fever, has a 3.5-centimetre tail.

Russia slashes US report on human rights

MOSCOW, 31 May — The Russian Foreign Ministry on Monday called “non-objective” a human rights report published by the US State Department last Thursday. The part reporting Russia is not objective.

“The American partners, unfortunately, do not want to notice the massive works being done by the Russian leadership,” Konstantin Dolgov, the ministry’s representative for human rights, democracy and law, said in a comment. The statement was in response to the 2011 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices released by the US State Department last Thursday. Dolgov said the report, like other similar papers, “contains the habitual abuse of the humanitarian and human rights issues, use of double standards, arbitrary assessments in favour of the US political interests.” “It is not always clear on what sources the certain questionable conclusions have been used,” Dolgov said. The diplomat also highlighted “one-sided” description of the human rights situation in the Middle East and North Africa.

“When it comes to Libya, the report focuses on the justification of NATO’s violation of international humanitarian laws during its military operation in that country,” Dolgov noted. “And it is remarkable the report lacks analysis of the human rights in the US itself,” he said.

United Airlines plane with the Continental Airlines logo on its tail, sits at a gate at O’Hare International airport in Chicago on 1 Oct, 2010 — Reuters

Asia media summit in Bangkok to discuss progress, ethics

BANGKOK, 31 May — The two-day Asia Media Summit 2012 (AMS) is now being held in Bangkok under the collaboration of Thailand’s Public TV station Thai PBS and Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD).

The summit, which is scheduled for 29-30 May, aims to examine issues relevant to the media’s role in promoting development and serving the ends of development without risking professional and ethical standards. One of the important topics in the summit is the revision of the 2003 Bangkok Declaration which was issued in the 1st Conference of the Ministers on Information and Broadcasting in the Asia-Pacific Region, held in Bangkok in May 2003.

With the advancement of technology in the digital age, the AMS 2012 Steering Committee agreed that it was necessary to revise each recommendation in accordance with the present media environment and to various issues influencing the media today and in the future. Formed in 1977 under the auspices of UNESCO, the AIBD is a unique regional intergovernmental organization servicing countries of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in the field of electronic media development.

Mexico police patrol PepsiCo warehouses after arson fires

MEXICO CITY, 31 May — Mexican police are beefing up patrols around cargo airports belonging to PepsiCo’s local snack food company Sabritas following a series of arson fires that damaged five of the firm’s installations, an official said on Tuesday. Federal and state police are patrolling three of the warehouses damaged in attacks this past weekend in the western state of Michoacan, Julio Hernandez, a spokesman for the state government, said in a telephone interview. Installations in three other cities that were not targeted are also under police surveillance, he said. Investigators are still probing the motive of the attacks, but authorities in the central state of Guanajuato on Monday said they have arrested four suspects linked to a drug gang for the fires set at two warehouses in that state. “There were apparently a lot more people involved,” Hernandez said. “Prosecutors are following various lines of investigation, one of which is extortion.” The attacks appeared to be the first to hit a global brand during Mexico’s bloody war on drug cartels. No one was injured in the fires that destroyed trucks and damaged warehouses, authorities said.

Mexico, Latin America’s second-biggest economy, has continued to attract foreign investment even as the country’s drug war escalated since 2006. — Reuters

Mexico city, 29 May — A deformed egg, which was laid by a hen with fever, has a 3.5-centimetre tail.
Pregnant woman, unborn baby survive being abducted, set on fire, shot

DETROIT, 31 May — A 22-year-old pregnant woman and her unborn baby are alive as expected to live after being kidnapped, set on fire and shot in Warren, Mich, police said. The woman, who is nine months pregnant, told police she was dropping her ex-boyfriend off at his wife and their adult daughter from a snowy remote part of the state. Authorities said the group who was flying in a downed small plane from California to Mountain Home, Idaho, when the plane went down at about 9 pm MDT on Saturday.

Three rescued from plane crash site in remote Idaho

Boise, 31 May — Idaho National Guard rescuers placed a California fireman, his wife and their adult daughter into a steep, forested slope in a small plane that crashed in a rugged terrain in a remote area in Owyhee County in southwestern Idaho on 28 May. All three were flown to a hospital in a medical helicopter.

Analysts say stimulus is important measure

BEIJING, 31 May — Large manufacturers with falling sales seek to boost market share. Large manufacturers, struggling against falling profits and slower growth, are pinning their hopes on government stimulus measures and reform, according to analysts. Earnings among manufacturers with annual income exceeding 20 million yuan ($3.2 million) suffered a 1.6 percent drop in the first four months this year compared with the same period last year. Combined incomes of these companies, in that period, reached 4.1 billion yuan, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Sunday.

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This photo provided by the Owyhee County Sheriff's office shows the site where a small plane crashed in a rugged terrain in a remote area in Owyhee County in southwestern Idaho on 27 May, 2012. — Internet

Volunteers of the 9th National Universities Games learn etiquette movements in Tianjin, north China, on 26 May, 2012. The first batch of 50 volunteers learned basic etiquette with flight steward standard on Saturday. — Xinhua

Australia to allow diving on Japanese WWII sub

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Boy finds dead uncle’s pic in sale camera

The family of a 13-year-old Kansas boy who found a picture of a long-dead uncle inside a camera he bought at a garage sale said it may have been a sign from beyond. Addison Logan said he bought an old Polaroid camera for $5 while he was at a Wichita garage sale with his grandmother, Lois Logan. When they got home, he removed the camera’s cartridge and opened it up to discover a picture of a man his grandmother identified as her son, Scott, who died 23 years ago in a traffic accident, The Wichita Eagle reported.

Lois Logan said the picture, which depicted Scott with his high school girlfriend, appears to have been taken in 1978 or 1979.

The family said the man they purchased the camera from told them he was to a lot of garage sales and couldn’t remember where he bought the item. “It’s almost like he’s reaching out to us, saying he’s still with us,” said Blake Logan, Addison’s father.

Jeff Logan, Blake and Scott’s brother, added that finding the photo could be a message from beyond.

“When you get something like that, that’s almost like a sign telling us, ’Hey, everybody’s all right. I’m still here,’” Jeff Logan said.

Romney’s campaign misspells “America” in new app

Republican Mitt Romney says he is running for president in search of a better America. This week, his campaign could have used a better speller. The campaign released an iPhone app late Tuesday that features slogans supporting his campaign against Democratic President Barack Obama ahead of elections on 6 November.

“We’re With Mitt,” read one. “America Greatness,” declared another. “A Better America,” proclaimed a third, a misspelling that almost instantly became the subject of jokes on social media.

The unfortunate typographical error—made on behalf of a candidate who has been known to sing “America the Beautiful” on the campaign trail—came on a day in which Romney was joined at a Las Vegas fundraiser by Donald Trump. The real estate and media mogul had spent much of the day casting doubt on Obama’s eligibility to be president, questioning whether he had been born in the United States, even after certified copies of his Hawaiian birth certificate were released last year. “Mistakes happen,” Romney campaign spokeswoman Andrea Saul told MSNBC about the spelling slip. A corrected version of the app was released by Apple on Wednesday.

Appropriate Adult’ wins big at Bafta

LONDON, 31 May—Emily Watson and Dominic West took home top acting awards at the British Academy Television Awards for their roles in TV’s drama “Appropriate Adult.”

Watson was honoured for her portrayal of, Janet Leach, the appropriate adult the show is named for and West took the prize for his work as a British serial killer, The Guardian reported.

Monica Dolan, who played Rose West, Fred West’s wife—who was also a serial killer — took home an award for best supporting actress.

The cast said the script, which paid tribute to the Wests’ victims, was sensitive and avoided sensationalism.

Cameron Diaz likes physically challenging roles

LOS ANGELES, 31 May—Actress Cameron Diaz says she loves roles that require her to prepare physically because it helps her keep in even better shape.

“I love to work out anyway but when you get a role where you have to train, it’s like an added bonus for me,” showbizpy.com quoted Diaz as saying.

“I like to look after my body. So to have a job that pays you to do that is one of the biggest perks for me,” the 39-year-old said.

Diaz underwent dance training for new movie “What to Expect When You’re Expecting.”

The actress, who turns 40 on 30 Aug, is looking forward to her milestone birthday.

“I’m so excited about turning 40,” she said.

“When I was in my 20s, I couldn’t wait to get to my 30s, now at the end of my 30s, I’m so looking forward to my 40s. I love getting older,” she added.—Internet

Jurassic Turnpike: Dinosaur park opens in New Jersey

SECACUS, 31 May—Dinosaurs, a theme park featuring 31 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs, opened to the public during the weekend in Secaucus, NJ. Set on 20 acres adjacent to Laurel Hill Park and located near the prehistoric Snake Hill rock formation, the exhibition includes a 90-foot Argentinosaurus, which can be seen swishing its tail from the Met Life Stadium and parts of the New Jersey Turnpike, park officials said.

In addition to seeing how dinosaurs may have looked, moved and sounded in the wild, visitors to the park can also check out shows and demonstrations featuring large realistic-looking dinosaur puppets.

Field Station creator Guy Gsell said in a statement the park is “a wonderful collaboration with pal-eontologists, educators, entertainers, dinosaur creators and roboticists to create a special kind of entertainment that will thrill anyone — whether they love dinosaurs or love someone who does.”

The Secaucus location at Laurel Hill Park provides the perfect ecological backdrop while still being easily accessible via the nearby New Jersey Turnpike and the Frank R Lautenberg Secaucus Junction Station.

Kanye West wants to build amusement park

“What I want to do post- Grammys is I want to work on cities, I want to work on amusement parks,” Kanye West said in an interview in the 65th Cannes Film Festival’s “Cruel Summer” at the 65th Cannes film festival. He plans to complete the new project in partnership with creatives at his new design firm Donda. He is already looking to tragic fashion icon Alexander McQueen and “Mirror Mirror” filmmaker Tarsem Singh for inspiration.

“Something like if McQueen or Tarsem was to meet the entertainment value of a Cirque du Soleil (circus arts company) or a Walt Disney. With the Donda company, this is our first installation,” he said.—Internet

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**Scholes signs one-year Man Utd contract**

Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes has signed a contract extension that will keep him at Old Trafford for another year. The 37-year-old retired at the end of the 2010/11 season after a glittering career at United but came out of retirement in January this year.

He impressed during his comeback, making 17 Barclays Premier League appearances and scoring four goals as the club came agonisingly close to winning the title. United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said earlier this month that Scholes would play on and the new deal confirms that formalities have been finalised.

Scholes has played a crucial part in Manchester United’s success over the 20 seasons of the Premier League and has won a total of 10 titles. His contribution to the club has been so influential that he was recently named in both the public and planet Fantasy Teams for the Premier League’s 20 Seasons Awards, while team-mate Ryan Giggs has called Scholes the “best player I have played with”, adding: “He has brought a bit of naivety if they wanted to compete against the world’s best. Speaking after Wednesday’s 4-1 loss in a friendly to Brazil, which brilliant youngster Neymar scored a goal and had a hand in two others, Kinslmann said it was time the US adopted a more hardline approach. “I think we’ve got to step on their toes more and maybe we don’t want to hurt people, but that’s what you’ve got to do. “We’ve got to step on their toes more and get them more frustrated, and make a case with the referee as well, for us, not only the opponents. “The Americans had won their last five internationals by now, including a 5-1 thumping of Paraguay on 14 June, but were brought back down to earth by a youthful Brazilian team preparing for the London Olympics.”

**Lampard injury scare for England**

Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard has given England a scare ahead of UEFA Euro 2012 after pulling up with a thigh injury. The 33-year-old suffered the injury in training on Wednesday morning and will undergo a scan to discover the severity of the problem on Thursday. Along with his Chelsea colleagues, Lampard has been given time off to rest following the club’s dramatic penalty shoot-out victory over Bayern Munich in the Champions League final.

He joined up with the England party on Tuesday, ahead of the friendly against Belgium on Saturday night.

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Frank Lampard has won three Barclays Premier League titles during his time at Chelsea. — Reuters

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**Bayers**

Rafael Nadal of Spain reacts during his match against Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on May 31, 2012. — Internet

Olivier Giroud (Montpellier), Dutchman Luuk de Jong (Twente) and Argentinian Nicolas Suarez (Anderlecht). Bayern have already acquired a top striker in the form of Brazilian striker Edin Dzeko, who signed a one-year deal after his contract with Dzeko on Wednesday, but a report in Bild, Germany’s biggest-selling newspaper added that Dzeko was Bayer’s favoured choice but that the club had also scouted Frenchman

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Paris, May 31 — Holder Rafael Nadal faced a stern test of his mental toughness as he moved through to the third round of the French Open title with a 6-2, 6-0 demolition of Uzbekistan’s Denis Istomin in the second round on Thursday.

The second-seeded Spaniard converted 4 of 6 break points against his 12th ranked opponent with his mix of power and accuracy to seal victory in less than two hours on Centre Court against Istomin.

Bayern Munich still targeting Edin Dzeko: report

Munich, May 31 — Bayern Munich are lining up a bid for Manchester City striker Edin Dzeko in the hope of partnering the Bosnian with their top scorer Mario Gomez, according to a report on Thursday.

Bayern shied away from media speculation linking them to Dzeko on Wednesday, but a report in Bild said the German giants have already been in contact with Dzeko and need only iron out his personal terms.

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Rodgers, 39, was offered the Anfield job on Wednesday and his employers at the Welsh club have agreed to release the highly rated coach from his position at the Liberty Stadium.

The last obstacle to the deal is the amount of compensation due to Swansea, who tied Rodgers to a new three-and-a-half-year contract in February.

Reports said Liverpool are expected to pay Swansea up to £5 million (6.3 million euro, $7.8 million) in compensation once terms are agreed later Thursday.

Rodgers, who is expected to sign a three-year deal at Liverpool, will be formally unveiled on Friday, bringing an end to a saga which has rumbled on since the sacking of Kenny Dalglish earlier this month.

“Following on from discussions with Liverpool’s owners, Brendan has informed us that he would like to take up their offer to manage Liverpool,” Swansea chairman Huw Jenkins said.

AIDS treatment in S Africa send baby infections plunging

SOWETO, 31 May—One-year-old Katakane laughed and coos in the arms of her HIV-positive mother as a doctor tries to examine her at South Africa’s largest public hospital, in Soweto township.

But it is only a routine check-up. The little girl is healthy thanks to a treatment that has saved thousands of babies born to mothers with the virus that causes AIDS.

“My baby, she’s fine! She’s playing, and she’s saying ‘mummy, papa’... Yes, she’s good, she’s fine,” said the beaming 32-year-old Nandi (not her real name), recalling her relief when she learned her daughter was HIV-negative.

Two years ago while she was expecting, Nandi took part in a state health programme designed to prevent HIV-positive mothers from infecting their babies with the virus.

The treatment has saved up to 70,000 children every year, according to officials.

Indian growth weakest in nine years, rupee slides

NEW DELHI, 31 May—India’s annual economic growth plunged in the January-March quarter to a nine-year low of 5.3 percent as the manufacturing sector shrank and a fall in the rupee to a record low suggests the economy remains under pressure in the current quarter.

Thursday’s figures mark a dramatic slide in fortunes for a country that was growing in the years before the global financial crisis at more than 9 percent, with ambitions to challenge China as the world’s top emerging economy.

Foreign investors are now wary after a series of government flip-flops on economic reform and tax.

Workers walk in front of a multi-storey commercial building under construction on the outskirts of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 31 May. 2012. —Reuters

French step up Euro preparations against Serbia

PARIS, 31 May—France play host to Serbia in Reims on Thursday in their second pre-Euro 2012 warm-up match with coach Laurent Blanc looking for an improvement from their showing against Iceland last weekend.

Les Bleus tasted the heat of the 131st-ranked Icelanders 3-2 on Sunday, with defensive frailties exposed as they fell 2-0 behind before coming back to win the game thanks to goals from Mathieu Debuchy, substitute Franck Ribery and central defender Adil Rami.

Blanc had always insisted that his team were ready to make the most of the European Championship and that the team was ready to take on the challenge of the Ivory Coast.

However, they will face another tough test against Serbia, who boast a strong squad and look set to have a strong influence on the tournament.

The French will be looking to bounce back from their loss to Iceland and build on their strong performances in their warm-up matches.

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On-arrival visa to be issued on 1st June

Nav Pyi Taw, 31 May—On-arrival visa will be issued at Yangon International Airport starting from 1 June 2012 for the smooth entry of businesses who wish to make investments in Myanmar, those who are from countries without Myanmar embassy and tourists who don’t have much time to acquire visa at the Myanmar embassy of their own countries.

The visa processing will be conducted by the on-arrival visa scrutiny board under the supervision of the Immigration and Population Department. And on-arrival visa will be divided into three categories—business visa whose fee is US $50 lasts for 70 days, entry visa whose fee is US $40 lasts for 28 days, and transit visa with a fee of US $20 lasts for 24 hours.

Further details for on-arrival visa will be put on the website of the ministry www.mip.gov.mm, and will be distributed to airlines and foreign embassies.

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Therefore, those who want to exchange foreign currency are requested to exchange at designated sites as more money changer counters will continue to be opened for their convenience and legal actions will be taken against illegal exchangers effectively.

Central Bank of Myanmar

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Murray advances despite bad back at French Open

Paris, 31 May—Grimacing in pain with almost every step, Andy Murray nearly had to call it quits Thursday because of a bad back at the French Open.

Instead, the fourth-seeded Brit rebounded from an awful first set to beat Jarkko Nieminen 1-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 and reach the third round.

Murray could barely walk straight when the match started on Court Philippe Chatrier, gingerly trotting around the red clay with the equivalent of a big target on his back.

Nieminen took advantage, at the beginning.

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Condition of Southwest monsoon advancement

Nav Pyi Taw, 31 May—During the past 24 hrs, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the North Bay of Bengal and Central Myanmar Areas, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Adding more controversy to an already-heated rivalry, two judges handed Pacquiao the 12-round victory by margins of 116-112 and 115-113 while the third scored the fight a 114-114 draw. In Marquez, Pacquiao had been taking on a familiar opponent, having beaten the Mexican in 2004 and 2008. In Bradley, Pacquiao says he’ll be facing a younger, “hungry” fighter, who has said this high-profile bout for Pacquiao’s World Boxing Organization welterweight belt is the start of a new phase in his career.

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