Outcomes of the BFA Annual Conference 2013 will provide with great avenues for effective realization of economic reform process of Asia

U Thein Sein was accompanied by Union Ministers U Winna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein, U Than Htay, Dr Myint Aung, Dr Kan Zaw and Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo.

Chairman of the Board, Boao Forum for Asia former Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yasuo Fukuda extended greetings.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzadin Waddaulah, and President of Kazakhstan Mr Nursultan Nazarbayev delivered inaugural speeches.

President U Thein Sein in his opening address said the main theme for this year’s Boao Annual Meeting—Asia Seeking Development for All: Restructuring Responsibility & Cooperation” is truly “relevant and timely”. He said though the economic growth in emerging economies in Asian countries is encouraging, the financial crisis in certain European countries and instability of the global economy led to decline in external demand leaving impact on the economic development in Asia and the Pacific Region. In 2012, the rates of the global economic and trade growth were estimated at 3.5 per cent and 3.7 percent respectively, he pointed out.

In order to maintain economic growth in the region, he said, comprehensive economic cooperation has been carried out through the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by increasing regional demand, creating job opportunities and promoting regional production by inviting investments from regional countries and international community and enhancing investment in the infrastructure of the ASEAN region within the appropriate policy framework. Nowadays, most countries in the world are experiencing new challenges while coping with several traditional issues. Despite these uncertainties, all countries in the world, regardless of being rich or poor, should view things from the optimistic approach, he suggested.

The President believes that in spite of increasing global challenges, uncertainties and high risks, it would be able to maintain the success in our region through upholding our regional political, social and economic stability continuously; striking a balance between food and energy security and environmental safety and maintaining economic growth in the region.

The government of Myanmar is placing a great emphasis on collaboration, transparency, accountability and inclusiveness in political, economic and social reform processes.

As Myanmar is at a strategic geographical position connecting East and West Asia, the development of Myanmar will contribute to the regional development in Asia. In line with the main theme of this year’s BFA Annual Conference “Asia Seeking Development for All: Restructuring, Responsibility & Cooperation”, reform measures will be required for respective sectors and collaborative initiatives will be taken for all-round development so as to overcome the challenges of financial crisis, natural disasters, food insecurity and energy insufficiencies. Maintaining sustainability and resilience will play a vital role at national, regional and global levels to overcome all forms of challenges. In fact, these new challenges are being faced globally, and hence, a multi-dimensional approach would be the answer to overcoming these challenges. Since this is a daunting task, regional integration efforts all over the world will greatly contribute to solving the issue of global concern.

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Union SWRR Minister visits relief camps in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 7 April—On her arrival at a guest house in Meiktila on 5 April, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin heard reports on situation in Meiktila and provision of relief supplies presented by Director U Than Htut Swe and a supplementary report made by Deputy Minister U Phone Swe.

Next, the Union minister visited relief camps which are being kept open at BEHS No (1), Meiktila District Sports Ground and BEHS No (2) where she gave instructions on arrival of relief aid, supply of drinking water, sanitation and health care services.

After inspecting the pre primary school, the Union minister visited the relief camp at BEMS No (6) where she comforted the victims. Next, officials concerned presented two sets of Flai TV, 100 tubes of toothpaste and 200 toothbrushes donated by U Aung Zaw Myint (Chairman of Shwe Wah Lin International) and Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and family to the victims.

MNA

Pre SEA Games Invitational Wrestling Competition kicks off

YANGON, 7 April—Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan accompanied by Deputy Minister U Thaung Htaik and Myanmar Wrestling Federation President U Kyaw Kyaw Lin attended the opening of Pre SEA Games Invitational Wrestling Competition at Theinbyu gymnasmium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, on 5 April. After the MWF President extended greetings and the deputy minister delivered an address, the opening ceremony followed.

Next, the Union minister cordially greeted wrestlers who were about to take part in the contest.

Although it is planned to organize the invitational competition with the participation of eight countries including the host country, Myanmar, Indonesian and Filipino wrestling teams failed to partake in the contest. Only six teams from Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos will be available in the event. The competition will include men’s Greco

and free style events with seven classes and women’s free style event with seven classes. A total of 21 gold medals will be presented to the winners of competition that will be held at Theinbyu gymnasium up to 7 April.

Kyemon

Community-based mobile clinic arrives in Pobbathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Community-based mobile health care service was given to local people of Pyoke Kwe village in Pobbathiri Township, here, on 27 March. Responsible persons of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and PMCT Project and IPPF Project, the medical superintendent of 50-beded Pobbathiri Township Hospital and medical staff, a team of eye specialists from 200-beded Pyinmana Township Hospital and dentists from 1000-beded Nay Pyi Taw Hospital took part in the free health care service.

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Moscow, 7 April—Moscow will try to bring back a two-year-old Russian boy adopted by a US couple along with his elder brother, who died in January, said a high-ranking Russian official on Saturday.

Admitting that the return of Kirill Kuzmin would probably be “extremely hard,” the Russian Foreign Ministry’s human rights envoy, Konstantin Dolgov, revealed that Moscow would raise the issue during bilateral adoption talks to be held in mid-April in Washington.

“A US-Russian adoption agreement allows Russia to at least request the return of an adoptee if that is believed to be in their best interests,” the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Dolgov as saying.

Kirill Kuzmin and his three-year-old brother Maxim were adopted last year by US Texan couple Alan and Laura Shatto. Maxim was found dead with injuries outside the Shatto’s house three months after the adoption.

Some Russian officials claimed that Maxim had been abused by his foster parents, but US authorities ruled that his injuries were self-inflicted.

Kirill currently remains with the Shatto’s, who denied abusing the child and faced no charges over the case.—Xinhua

New Delhi, 7 April—An Indian lawmaker said on Saturday that he will raise the issue of alleged illegal mapping of India by Internet search giant Google this month in the Indian parliament, as the company’s action is threatening India’s national security.

Tarun Vijay, Member of Parliament at Rajya Sabha, or Upper House of Parliament of India, said a lot of highly sensitive installations have been included in Google’s mapping of India, such as air force bases and navy bases. “Google has not complied with the existing mapping policy of India, which restricts publishing of any annotation or point of interest without getting it vetted by the agencies designated for the purpose,” he said.

“I am going to raise the issue of India’s mapping policy, the relevant laws and Google’s violations in the next sitting of the Parliament beginning 22th April,” said Vijay, a member of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The images collected and displayed by Google include Mig fighters, Jaguars and blast pens, which can be targets of missile attacks or terrorist attacks, he said.

Vijay said these images of defence installations and other sensitive spots cannot be seen or deciphered through satellite images. Therefore, there must have been people on the ground who have identified these annotations for Google.

The lawmaker said he sent questions to Google last month on its mapping activities, but so far the company has not answered “one single of these questions,” he said.

Vijay, who is also the national spokesman of the BJP, said he has raised the issue with Indian Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar, who removed a 1,200-metre altitude restriction on Indian fighter jets, saying the higher altitude would be enough to avoid such maps.

Meanwhile, the Survey General of India, a government agency charged with the responsibility of mapping India, has also raised the issue with Google and reported to the relevant Indian authorities about the alleged violations of laws by Google in India.

Air strike kills 15 in Aleppo, Assad warns of regional turmoil

Beirut, 7 April—A Syrian government air strike killed 15 people on Saturday, including nine children, in a district of the northern City of Aleppo where Kurdish fighters have been battling forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad, a violence monitoring group said.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a warplane had bombarded the western edges of the Sheikh Maqsoud District of Aleppo, Syria’s biggest city, where Assad’s forces have been battling rebels for nine months.

In Damascus, state media said rebels fired a mortar bomb into the heart of the capital, killing one person, wounding several others and causing damage to buildings and cars nearby.

Assad has lost swathes of territory in the north and east of the country. Rebels hold several eastern and southern districts of Damascus and pose a growing challenge to the southern province of Deraa — cradle of the two-year uprising — which could become a platform for a fiercer assault on the capital.

Los Angeles, 7 April—Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto has expressed concerns about Japan’s attempt to secure tariff exemptions for rice and some other farm products, which could help Japan join a new trans-Pacific free trade agreement.

In written replies to questions submitted by Kyodo News ahead of his four-day visit to Japan starting on Sunday, Mexican President Pena Nieto said Japan should respect the principle of seeking to eliminate all tariffs on trade between members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership talks.

Pena Nieto, who is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Monday, pointed out that members of the TPP negotiations have agreed to seek a high level of trade liberalization.

“Japan has to also comply with this kind of agreement,” Pena Nieto said. Mexico formally joined the US-led TPP talks in November 2012 after announcing its desire to participate in 2011, along with Canada, Australia and Brunei. Mexico formally joined the US-led TPP talks in November 2012 after announcing its desire to participate in 2011, along with Canada, Australia and Brunei. Mexico formally joined the US-led TPP talks in November 2012 after announcing its desire to participate in 2011, along with Canada, Australia and Brunei.

While Dubai’s visibility was reduced around 2,000 meters, the UAE capital Abu Dhabi was stricken more seriously as its visibility is less than 1,200 meters. The UAE police have issued an alert to motorists, advising them to lower the speed. Most beaches have been closed and boat owners and tourists have been warned against water sports until further notice. Infants, elders and people with breathing problems have been told to refrain from going outdoors.—Xinhua

Typhoon-like storm hits western Japan

Tokyo, 7 April—A typhoon-like spring storm battered a wide area of western Japan on Saturday as a fast-growing low-pressure system triggered torrential rain, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The foul weather forced railway operators and air carriers to cancel many services. Japan Airlines Co and All Nippon Airways Co together cancelled about 150 flights.

In Tottori Prefecture, two tourists from South Korea were injured while riding bicycles, local authorities said, adding that their condition was stable.

By Sunday, gusts of up to 126 kilometres per hour are expected to strike western, eastern and northern Japan, while waves of 6 to 8 metres are expected in coastal waters, the agency said.

Rainfall of 92.0 millimetres per hour was observed in Miyazaki, Prefecture, an all-time high for April in Miyazaki Prefecture, an all-time high for April in Miyazaki.

Japanese farmers, traditional supporters of Abe’s Liberal Democratic Party, have strongly opposed participation in the TPP talks, out of worries over an influx of cheaper agricultural imports should trade in farm products be liberalized. Under such circumstances, the Japanese government is seeking to protect some agricultural products, including rice, wheat and sugar, from tariff elimination. The Pacific free trade talks also involve Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam.

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Scientists home in on mysterious dark matter

**GENEVA, 7 April—** Scientists said on Wednesday they may be close to tracking down the mysterious “dark matter” which makes up more than a quarter of the universe but has never been seen.

A final identification of what makes up the enigmatic material would solve one of the biggest mysteries in physics and open up new investigations into the possibility of multiple universes and other areas, said researchers.

**Wellington, 7 April—** A New Zealand geologist has dated a prehistoric whale fossil to a period much like what we see in star-forming regions elsewhere in the galaxy, said Zadeh.

New Zealand geologist has dated at about 3 million years, making it the oldest and one of the most important fossils of the species dated at about 3 million years, according to University of Otago researcher Robert Boesneckee.

**Washington, 7 April—** Astronomers using a telescope in Chile say they have spots signs of star formation close to the supermassive black hole at the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy.

If confirmed, it would be the first time that star formation was observed so close to the galactic centre, according to researchers at the Northwestern University in America.

The centre of our galaxy, 27,000 light-years away in the direction of the constellation Sagittarius, is home to a monstrous black hole with a mass of four million Suns. Extending outward from this gravitational behemoth for many light-years is a turbulent region of space that is thought to be wracked by such extreme tidal forces that any star-forming clouds of dust and gas would be stretched thin and shredded long before infant stars could emerge.

“If we think it is very hard to form stars near a supermassive black hole,” said lead author Farhad Zadeh of the Northwestern University in a statement.

“But what we seem to have found are patches of dust and gas that have become so dense that they are able to overcome their inhospitable surroundings.”

Astronomers using the Atacama Large Millimetre/submillimetre Array in Chile spotted telltale jets of material bursting out of what appear to be dense cocoons of gas and dust. These jets, if they were observed in more placid surroundings, would indicate the formation of a young star.

“What we see in these images from ALMA are outflows that appear very much like what we see in star-forming regions elsewhere in the galaxy,” said Zadeh.

These molecular clouds may have become so massive and dense, possibly by colliding together, that they cross the all-important threshold that allows internal gravity to take over, starting a chain of events that inexorably leads to the birth of a new star, he said. The results were published on Friday in the Astrophysical Journal Letters.

**Xinhua**

**Stars seen forming perilously close to black hole**

**SEOUL, 7 April—** Samsung Electronics marketing blitz stirs debate over innovation

**NEW DELHI, 7 April—** Micromax Ninja A91 has been spotted over at online retailer Snapdeal for Rs 8,499. The phone is listed as available with delivery promised in just 3 business days, as of filing this report. Micromax Ninja A91 comes with a 5-inch TFT LCD display with 480x854 pixel resolution. The device and is powered by a Mediatek MT6577 1GHz dual-core processor alongside 512MB RAM and 4GB internal storage expandable up to 32GB via microSD card. The phone comes with a 5-megapixel rear camera and a VGA front camera. Connectivity options on the Micromax Ninja A91 include Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, 3G and Micro-USB. Micromax Ninja A91 is a dual-SIM dual-GSM standby phone that comes with a 1,800mAh battery and runs on Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich. There’s no word on when Micromax will officially launch the Ninja A91.

Micromax has recently been riding high on the success of the Micromax Canvas 2 and Micromax Canvas HD. Though the Micromax Can-vas HD made a lot of buzz when it was announced, the phone’s availability in the market has been constrained due to supply issues and the recent changes in custom duty structure, that resulted in a price hike.

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**Some analysts said they expect Samsung to continue spending more on its marketing campaigns than R&D this year as it fights the next wave of products from Apple.**

**Micromax Ninja A91 spotted online for Rs 8,499**

**A Samsung outdoor advertisement sits atop an office building in Seoul, on 5 April, 2013.—**REUTERS

**Smartphone makers are increasingly just tweaking existing specifications such as increasing screen sizes.**

**Micromax Ninja A91 with 5.5-inch TFT LCD display with 480x854 pixel resolution.**

**REUTERS**
US judge widens ‘morning-after’ pill access for young girls

NEW YORK, 7 April—A federal judge on Friday ordered the US Food and Drug Administration to make “morning-after” emergency contraception pills available without a prescription to all girls of reproductive age and criticized the Obama administration for interfering with the process for political purposes.

The ruling in a Brooklyn court is the latest step in the years-long legal saga over Sebelius’s decision to call Sebelius’s decision...
Carnivorous plant in Aichi Pref confirmed as new species

NAGOYA, 7 April—A carnivorous plant found only in Aichi Prefecture has been confirmed as a new species, researchers at Aichi University of Education said on Saturday.

The pitcher plant with purple-red flowers was initially believed to have been the same species as the white-flowered Drosera indica, which is designated as an endangered species by the Environment Ministry.

However, Mikio Watanebe, Professor of plant classification at the university, conducted a genetic level analysis and determined that the Aichi plant is a different species.

Drosera indica grows naturally from India to Japan and is found domestically in areas ranging from the Kanto to Kyushu regions.

“I am planning to study how the plant came from the continent and how it has diversified into several different species,” Watanebe said.—Kyodo News

Kerry press Turkey on Israel ties, Syrian border, Iraq

ISTANBUL, 7 April—US Secretary of State John Kerry will press Turkey on Sunday to quickly normalize relations with Israel, keep its border with Syria open to refugees and improve ties with Iraq, a senior US official said.

Kerry arrived in Istanbul some two weeks after US President Barack Obama brokered a rapprochement between Turkey and Israel, whose relations were shattered by the killing of nine Turkish citizens in a 2010 Israeli naval raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla.

The rapprochement could help regional coordination to contain spillover from the Syrian civil war and ease Israel’s diplomatic isolation in the Middle East as it faces challenges posed by Iran’s nuclear programme. Despite Obama’s having pulled off a diplomatic coup on 22 March—a three-way telephone call with the Israeli and Turkish prime ministers, who had not spoken since 2011—Washington has some concerns that Turkey might be backtracking on the deal.

Israel bowed to a long-standing demand by Ankara, once its close strategic partner, to apologize formally for the deaths aboard the Turkish vessel Mavi Marmara. It was boarded by Israeli marines who had intercepted a flotilla challenging Israel’s naval blockade of the Palestinian-run Gaza Strip.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office said he had agreed to conclude an agreement on compensation and that he and Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan agreed to normalize ties, including returning their ambassadors to their posts.

A senior US official told reporters travelling with Kerry that he “will encourage Turkey to expeditiously implement its agreement with Israel and fully normalize their relationship to allow for deeper cooperation between the two countries.” While the official denied the United States was worried the Turkish government might be backing away from the deal, another US official earlier this week said Washington was concerned.—Reuters

Russia calls UN stance on investigation of chemical weapons use in Syria unacceptable

MOSCOW, 7 April—The UN Secretariat unacceptably takes an unconstructive and inconsistent approach on investigating the alleged use of chemical weapons in Syria, the Foreign Ministry said on Saturday.

In response to a request of the Syrian government to investigate the possible use of toxic substances near Aleppo on 19 March, the UN Secretariat demanded “unlimited access for experts to all facilities in Syria and to all persons whom experts believe it necessary to interrogate,” the ministry said in a statement. “Such approach reminds of the policy towards using weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The policy was based on deliberately falsely data and lead to common consequences,” the ministry said.

The ministry said the UN Secretariat, under the pressure of certain states, took “an unconstructive position and in essence wrecks the investigation of concrete information.”

Moscow considers such actions “unacceptable and inadmissible” in terms of discussing crises and other disputes, the ministry said.—Xinhua

Democrats lose fight in Montana Senate over ballot measures

HELENA, (Montana) 7 April—Ballot propositions from Democrats, Montana’s Republican-controlled Senate on Friday voted to put proposals on the 2014 ballot that would tighten voter registration and restrict the rights of third parties to compete in general elections.

The measures, which are expected to be approved by the Republican-majority House, do not need approval from the Democratic governor. They would go before Montana voters in November of next year.

Democrats tried to stall action on the bills through a rarely used parliamentary procedure, demanding that the vote be delayed until a missing Democratic senator was found and brought into the chamber.

But Republicans moved forward anyway, prompting Democrats to leap to their feet, shout objections and pound on their desks while deploring from coffee mugs to copies of the Montana constitution.

“We did what we had to do and it’s done,” said Senate Majority Leader Art Wittich.

“I’m saddened by what we saw today — it’s worse than Washington, DC,” Governor Steve Bullock said. “I’m not embarrassed by men and women demanding a right to speak — I’m disappointed by those who denied it.”

The measures would ask voters to eliminate same-day voter registration, and put in place a new primary election system that only allows the two political parties that get the most votes in the primaries to be on the ballot in the general election.

Both are seen as benefiting Republicans. Third parties have acted as spoilers for some Republican candidates in recent elections. Same-day voter registration is considered a plus for Democrats.

Any ballot-measure bills that pass the Montana Legislature with a simple majority of both chambers move right to a public vote, bypassing the governor’s office.—Reuters

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Photo from a Kyodo News helicopter shows the site (c) of one of the underground reservoir tanks where up to 120 tons of contaminated water may have leaked into soil at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Fukushima Prefecture on 6 April, 2013. Tokyo Electric Power Co began transferring water from the tank to other underground tanks (front).—Kyodo News

NPA receives record 360,000 reports on “dubious financial deals”

Tokyo, 7 April—Police received a record 364,366 reports on “dubious financial transactions” such as money laundering from financial institutions last year, the National Police Agency said on Saturday.

The figure was up 8.0 percent from the previous year.

The agency has identified 886 criminal cases, including 15 money laundering and 106 visa overstaying cases, based on the reports, up 316 from the previous year, it said.

An NPA official said the increase in the number of reports came “as we have provided information to financial institutions on how to spot dubious transactions through reference cases.”

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**Lost purse handed over to owner**

YANGON, 7 April—U Kyin Hlaing and wife Daw San Htay of Dawbon Township took a taxi to their home on 11 March. On arrival at the home, they knew they had lost their purse, and so they informed the authorities that their purse may be left on the taxi. Thanks to the authorities, taxi driver (owner) Lt-Col Thein Tun (Retd) handed over the purse at the office of Dawbon Township Development Affairs Committee on 24 March.

**Helping hands to disabled persons**

PÂTHEIN, 7 April—Shwe Min Thar Foundation (Myanmar) donated equipment to disabled persons from Ye Kyi, Ngatiangyo and Athok townships of Ayeyawady Region at Ye Kyi Township on 27 March afternoon. Ayeyawady Region Minister for Forestry and Garbage fire destroys rubber plants

MOHINYIN, 7 April—A fire broke out at rubber farms near old Saka Village of 10th Mile Village in Mohinnyin Township of Kachin State on 28 March noon. Over 4900 rubber plants on over 60 acres of land were destroyed in the fire.

The fire started from the act of setting fire on garbage which was collected from the separated area among rubber farms to prevent danger of fire. Unfortunately, a total of 1586 rubber plants of U Sawng Yein, 700 plants of U Sawng Bawm, 1199 plants of U Sawng Ki, 900 plants of U Sawng Chan and 580 plants of U Chan Yaw were destroyed. Now, rubber latex is being collected from most of the plants, and products of the plants are meeting standard, said rubber farm owners.

The rubber farm owners informed the rubber industry committee to seek compensation for their losses.—Myanma Alinn

**Summer swimming course wraps up**

YANGON, 7 April—The first summer swimming course 2013 organized by Kokkine Swimming Club concluded at the swimming pool of the club in Bahan Township of Yangon Region on 31 March morning. V.C. Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htai made a speech. Patron of the club U Nyen Kyaw and Chairman U Than Tun Aung made speeches and presented certificates of honour to the trainees.

Responsible persons of the club presented prizes to outstanding trainees and cash awards to the trainers. The deputy minister then awarded the youngest and eldest trainees. —Myanma Alinn

**Volunteer youths recount literacy campaign experience at get-together**

YANGON, 7 April—The get-together of volunteers of 3-Rs campaign was held at Royal Rose Restaurant, here, on 26 March.

The faculty members and students of Yangon University voluntarily participated in the literacy campaign across the nation from 1964 to 1984 to teach rural people and needy persons who missed the chance to pursue education and dropped out the school enrolment for various reasons.

A total of 106 volunteer youths of Yangon University joined the literacy campaign in summer of 1983 and they teach about 1500 adult illiterates of Mingin Township. Chairman of the literacy campaign volunteers U Myo Thant (Myanmararar University of Yangon University) made a speech. On the occasion, they donated books to the library of Basic Education High School in Mingin Township.—Myanma Alinn

**Retaining walls in Katha to prevent erosion**

KATHA, 7 April—The retaining walls are under construction in Katha to cause landslides due to erosion of Ayeyawady River. The retaining wall is located at Pabegon of Ward 3 in Katha Township.

Ward administrator U Tin Win and local people participated in construction tasks.

A local remarked that construction of the retaining wall was the best. If necessary, the authorities should grow perennial plants along the banks for sustain ability of the retaining walls. —Myanma Alinn

**Myawady to build shelter for human trafficking victims**

MYAWADY, 7 April—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of the home of human trafficking victims was held at the Deikhtanaung field near Women’s Affairs Organization in Ward 3/4 in Myawady on 27 March.

The construction of the building was contributed by Japanese Government and local people under the auspices of Ngwethinta Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimala.

Deputy Commissioner U Than Swe of Myawady District drove stake for the construction. The building will be 160 feet square two-storey building. It will cost FEC 115,489. Aungzeya Company will engage in construction of the building.—Myanma Alinn

**Anniversary celebration of free clinic held in Bago**

BAGO, 7 April—The anniversary ceremony of Free Sangha Clinic was held on the eastern starway road to Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago on 27 March, attended by Chairman of the Clinic and members.

Disciples of Padamya Sayadaw donated cash to the fund of the clinic to provide health care services to the people.

As U Tun Tun Oo-Daw Khin Mar Wai and family of Hsan Thit Pharmaceuticals Trading donated a dentist chair and equipment, the clinic can now give dental services to the people. Those wishing to make donation to the fund of the clinic may contact Tel: 09-5300618 of treasurer U Kyaw Maung and 052-201705 of the clinic.—Myanma Alinn

**Rural region in Yenangyoung Township gets tube-well**

YENANGYOUNG, 7 April—In commemoration of the 68th Anniversary Armed Forces, a tube-well sunk at a cost of K 20 million by Rural Region Development Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs was launched in Sargi Village of Kangyi Village-tract in Yenangyoung Township on 24 March.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Kyaw Kyaw, Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Tint and Executive Officer U Thin Oo of Township Development Affairs Committee formally launched the tube-well. The ceremony was also attended by departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people totalling 350. —Myanma Alinn
There is a thriving trading town called Minbu in Magway Region, mid Myanmar. Twenty six miles to the south west of Minbu, runs the western Yoma hill range covered with thick forests and crisscrossed by brooks and streams. On the most easterly off shoot of this range are dotted religious edifices of different sizes and designs belonging to different ages of Myanmar archaeology and history. Strange rock formation of the hill gave rise to legends and mysteries that came to acquire religious associations with the arrival of Buddha Sasana there. The town most well-known and revered venerated religious monuments on this hill are Man set taw ya or Man Shwe Set Taw. “Set taw ya” means Buddha’s Foot Print. There are five kinds of pagodas depending on what they contain inside. (1) Dhatu Zedi, Pagoda in which mortal remains of the Buddha or Saint (such as hair, tooth, bones or bone ashes) were enshrined, (2) Dhamma Zedi, pagoda in which Buddha’s teachings, partly or wholly recorded on stone, wood, paper, metal or any material were enshrined (3) Paribawga Zedi, pagoda in which utensils such as alms bowl, bathing robe, staff, water strainer or couch etc. used by the Buddha or Saint monks were enshrined (4) Udisa Zedi, pagoda in which images, statues, sculptors or painting in the likeness of the Buddha or saint monk were enshrined for worship and (5) Pada Zeda, pagoda on which foot print of the Buddha or saint monk were encased for veneration. Therefore, the two edifices on Minbu Hill Range were enshrined two foot prints of the living Gotama Buddha which Buddhists believe to have been left there for veneration. The pleasant Minbu Hill Range, the unmatchable glories of its natural landscape and the sublimity and sacredness of the two pada zedis were painted in the minds and imaginations of monk and lay writers of the Inwa period onwards in the natural beauties of his native place that he excelled in his description of the Himalayan mountains and Winkaba forest into which Prince Vessandara, his wife Madi and son and daughter were exiled for some years. Of course U Aubahtha had never been to Himalya Mountains. But as a native of Minbu he knew full well of Minbu Hill Range and the two pada zedis. So in his translation of Vessandara jataka, U Aubahtha gave his vast knowledge of flora, fauna, geology, geography and forestry of Minbu Hill Range. His translated Vessandara Jataka was a prescripted text book for high school in British colonial days and two English master heads had translated it into English.

Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja Sithu Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

Bagan, the capital of First Myanmar Union was founded on the east bank of the River Ayeyawaddy, in central Myanmar. It had eleven economic zones in irrigated areas in Kayuksae about over 150 miles to the north east. Also there were six economic zones in Minbu area to the west, such as (1) Saku (2) Salin (3) Phaung Lin (4) Kyabin (5) Maypinsaya and (6) Lei Kaing. It was in Lei Kaing that the legend of the two pada zedis originated. In the time of living Gotama Buddha, the lands of the eastern bank of the River Ayeyawaddy were called Tangadipa—and those on its western bank were called Pyithu Huuttaw Bill Committee.

Chairman of Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association Dr Tin Tun Oo and Chairman of Myanmar Publishers and Book Sellers Association Dr Tha Tun were held with international organizations and foreign embassies in order to meet international standards. The deputy minister elaborated on discussions held with international organizations and foreign embassies, suggestions given by local media and civil societies and comparisons between provisions of the draft law and international norms and explained suggested points that will be submitted to Thunaparanta. Lei Kaing in Thunaparanta was then known as Verneiksa gama [Big village of Traders]. At that village lived two merchant brothers Maha Punna, the elder brother and Cula Punna, the younger. They took by turn alternate duties— if one went out overseas the other remained at home to guide and look after their successful business. It was during his overseas journey to Majamadesa [India] that the elder brother Maha Punna chanced to visit Gotama Buddha in Jetavana Vihara in Savatthi, and heard his Dhamma teachings. He requested the Buddha to come to his village for teaching. The Buddha and his disciples stayed three days and conferred with his young brother and villagers built a big monastery for the Buddha and his disciple monks beside where they arrived. As there was not enough time to cut down teak trees for building, they used sandal wood, because there were sandal trees growing profusely in the neighbourhood. Originally sandal wood tree was brought from Malay [Malaysia] by Cula Punna some years ago. The big sandal wood grew in the forest in the monastery had 108 large rooms, 1060 windows and 100 flights of steps and roofed by elaborately carved spires. In Maha Sakaret year [1529] the two pada zedis in Minbu area were exiled for some years. If one went out overseas the other remained at home to guide and look after their successful business. It was during his overseas journey to Majamadesa [India] that the elder brother Maha Punna chanced to visit Gotama Buddha in Jetavana Vihara in Savatthi, and heard his Dhamma teachings. He requested the Buddha to come to his village for teaching. The Buddha and his disciples stayed for three days and conferred with his young brother and villagers built a big monastery for the Buddha and his disciple monks beside where they arrived. As there was not enough time to cut down teak trees for building, they used sandal wood, because there were sandal trees growing profusely in the neighbourhood. Originally sandal wood tree was brought from Malay [Malaysia] by Cula Punna some years ago. The big sandal wood grew in the forest in the monastery had 108 large rooms, 1060 windows and 100 flights of steps and roofed by elaborately carved spires. In Maha Sakaret year [1529] the two pada zedis in Minbu area were exiled for some years.
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Home of 3rd UNSG becomes...

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Eco and Pilgrimage Touristic Attraction...

Later, on his round of alms, Muhammad was on the summit of Thatbyinnyu Hill, the Buddha met a hermit who after hearing the Buddha's teachings became an Arhat saint. At the request of the latter, the Buddha left his foot print on a flat stone at the edge of the hill. It is now called Ah Tet Kaing. Later, a Print on the Hill was made.

Before returning to Savathi, the Buddha gave his divine prophecy – that the sandalwood of the Buddha's footprint will be ruined and disappeared in course of time, but one noble king from Tamapada kingdom would arrive there to build a commemorative pagoda on the site of the sandal wood monastery. [Today it is Kyauttawgyi Pagoda]. The two Foot Prints at the Minbu Hill Range would become Pada Zedis for worship by wild rabbits.

Supporters and visitors are going to Minbu Hill Range or take a long journey was rewarding. The museum is due to open around October or November after renovation. It is set to complete work by the same time in the future. U Thant Museum will display photos and documents of the third UNSG.

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MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

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Toyota taking on rivals with cost efficiency, new designs

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South Africa’s Mandela leaves hospital after pneumonia

Toyota Motor Corp President Akio Toyoda speaks at a ceremony to celebrate production of its fully remodeled Crown luxury sedan at the carmaker’s Motomachi plant in the city of Toyota, Aichi Prefecture, on 17 Jan, 2013.

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New Light of Myanmar
Japan gov’t eyeing cash benefits for people in disaster-hit areas

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (front C) is briefed on 6 April, 2013, by Masanori Yamamoto (front R), mayor of the city of Miyako, Iwate Prefecture, at a levee in the Toro area of the city that was heavily devastated by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

KYODO NEWS

YAMADA, (Japan), 7 April—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Saturday he will consider by next fall whether to provide cash benefits to people living in areas devastated by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

“While we want to carry out mortgage tax breaks nationwide, but I’m thinking about specially providing extra for victims of the disaster,” Abe told reporters in the town of Yamada, Iwate Prefecture. “I will consider the benefits by next fall.”

The possibility of providing special benefits comes as the consumption tax in Japan, currently standing at 5 percent, is set to be raised to 8 percent in April 2014 and 10 percent in October 2015.

Abe noted the remarks after receiving a request from people in the north-eastern city that the tax rate should remain unchanged for victims of the disaster rebuilding their houses.

Earlier in the day, Abe visited Miyako, another city in Iwate Prefecture, and surveyed the current situation from atop a 10-metre coastal levee. “I will do my utmost to reconstruct housing and the community,” said Abe, who was on his fifth trip to disaster-ravaged areas since assuming the premiership in December.

Chinese President delivers message of peace, openness

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2013 held in Boao, a coastal town in south China’s Hainan Province.

BOAO, (Hainan), 7 April—Chinese President Xi Jinping promised China’s contribution to peace and development of Asia and the world at an international forum here on Sunday.

China will vigorously promote development and prosperity in both Asia and the world, Xi said when delivering a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2013 held in Boao, a coastal town in south China’s Hainan Province.

“This is the first time Xi, who became Chinese President in March, has attended a multilateral diplomatic meeting in China,” the ministry said.

The more China grows itself, the more development opportunities it will create for the rest of Asia and the world, he said.

In the coming five years, the country’s imports will reach about 10 trillion US dollars and its outbound investment will reach 800 billion dollars, according to the ministry.

The number of its outbound tourists may exceed 400 million, he said.

President Xi also pledged that the country will continue to “properly handle differences and frictions” with relevant nations.

While upholding its sovereignty, security and territorial integrity, China will maintain good relations with its neighbours and overall peace and stability in the region, he said.

“Countries, whether big or small, strong or weak, rich or poor, should all contribute their share in maintaining and enhancing peace,” Xi said.

No one should be allowed to throw a region, even the whole world, into chaos for selfish gains, he said.

Although growing interactions inevitably lead to frictions, it is important that countries resolve differences through dialogue in the larger interest of the sound growth of their relations, he said.

China will increase connectivity with its neighbours, including building a regional financing platform and advancing economic integration within Asia, he said.

The President also pledged that China will promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, step up bilateral investment and explore new cooperation areas with other countries. As a non-governmental and non-profit international organization founded in 2001, the BFA works to promote regional economic integration and bring Asian countries closer to their development goals.

The 2013 forum focuses on the theme of “Asia Seeking Development for All: Restructuring, Responsibility and Cooperation.”

Singapore issues advisory for travellers back from China’s bird-flu-affected provinces

SINGAPORE, 7 April—Singapore’s health ministry on Saturday issued an advisory for travellers returning from China’s bird-flu-affected provinces to look out for certain symptoms, though it fell short of advising against travelling to these provinces.

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The air traffic control tower is shown at the Ramona Airport in Ramona, California on 12 March, 2013. -Reuters

US food company gets four-million-dollar penalty for ammonia accidents

HOUSTON, 4 April—US food company Tyson Foods has reached a nearly-4-million-dollar settlement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to settle alleged violations of the Clean Air Act regulations on ammonia refrigeration systems at 23 facilities in four states, it was announced on Friday. The EPA said in a release that the settlement is a result of eight separate incidents between 2006 and 2010, in which anhydrous ammonia was accidentally released at various Tyson plants, resulting in one fatality, multiple injuries and property damage, according to a report on the news website Arkansasonline.com. The agency said that it found multiple occasions of non-compliance with the Clean Air Act’s chemical accident-prevention provisions. Failure to follow the general industry standards to test or replace safety valves and improperly co-located gas-fired boilers were among the violations cited by the EPA.

The settlement agreement requires Tyson to pay a civil penalty of 3.95 million US dollars and create a special program for meeting risk management programme requirements of the federal Clean Air Act, according to the report.

The company also is required to spend at least 300,000 dollars to purchase anhydrous ammonia-related emergency response equipment for fire departments in eight communities.

Tyson Foods, based in Springdale, Arkansas, is the country’s leading processor and marketer of chicken, beef and pork.

Anhydrous ammonia is considered a poisonous gas, but is commonly used in industrial refrigeration systems. Exposure to its vapors can cause temporary blindness and eye damage, and irritation of the skin, mouth, throat, respiratory tract and mucous membranes. Prolonged exposure to the vapor at high concentrations can lead to serious lung damage and death. -Xinhua

Boeing conducts test flight for new 787 battery system

NEW YORK, 7 April—Boeing Co said on Friday that it made the final test flight of its 787 Dreamliner to demonstrate the new battery system as part of a certification test for the Federal Aviation Administration in the US. “Today’s day flight marks the final certification test for the new battery system, completing the testing required by the US Federal Aviation Administration,” Boeing spokesperson Marc Birtel said in a press release following the flight.

The preliminary test flight was “uneventful” and “the certification demonstration plan was straightforward,” US authorities have grounded the worldwide fleet of 70 Boeing 787s since one of them operated by All Nippon Airways Co made an emergency landing on 16 January at Takamatsu Airport in western Japan due to smoke in the cockpit, nine days after a fire occurred on one of Japan Airlines Co’s Dreamliners at Boston’s Logan International Airport. -Xinhua

Cambodian PM heads to China for Boao Forum, official visit

PHNOM Penh, 7 April—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, accompanied by a group of senior government officials and businesspeople, on Saturday left for China to attend the 2013 Boao Forum for Asia in Hainan Province and for an official visit.

According to the schedule, the Premier will deliver a speech at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013 on Sunday, Sry Thamarong, Minister attached to Prime Minister Hun Sen, told reporters at Phnom Penh International Airport before the departure. After that, he will pay a courtesy call on Chinese President Xi Jinping. On the sidelines of the forum, Hun Sen will also meet with Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard. After the forum, Prime Minister Hun Sen will head to Beijing for an official visit on 8 April. In Beijing, the premier will hold an official talk with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

“Eight documents will be signed by the two sides, focusing cooperation in banking, social and economic development, infrastructure development, irrigation system development, and education,” Sry Thamarong said.

He said two important agreements among the eight documents are the action plan on the implementation of the China-Cambodia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation and the Memorandum of Understanding on the 5 million tons oil refinery project among China Development Bank, China Export and Credit Insurance Corporation, China Perfect Machinery Industry Corporation and Cambodian Petrochemical Company in the investment amount of 1.67 billion US dollars.

At the end of the visit, both sides will agree to mark the year 2013 as the 55th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relationship between China and Cambodia and the “China- Cambodia Friendship Year”. In Beijing, Hun Sen will also pay separate courtesy calls on Zhang Dejiang, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China, and former Chinese Premier Wen Jia- bao, said Sry Thamarong. -Xinhua

A general view of Somalia’s capital of Mogadishu on 8 Dec, 2012.—Reuters
Angelina Jolie opens school in Afghanistan

LOS ANGELES, 7 April—Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie has reportedly opened a school in Afghanistan through her newly-established foundation — The Education Partnership for Children of Conflict.

The 37-year-old has funded the girls educational establishment that caters to about 200 to 300 students. The school is located just outside Kabul and the actress hopes it will be the first of many schools she sets up.

Jolie is also planning to fund more schools by selling her own self-designed accessories collection, the Style of Jolie, to retail stores for the first time with 100 percent profits going to her foundation.

“Beyond enjoying the artistic satisfaction of designing these jewels, we are inspired by knowing that our work is also serving the mutual goal of providing for children in need,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted Jolie as saying. The actress, who is also United Nations Goodwill Ambassador, is known for her charity work. Last year, Jolie was left in tears after visiting a Syrian refugee camp.—PTI

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Why Richie Sambora quit Bon Jovi world tour

LOS ANGELES, 7 April—Richie Sambora allegedly quit Bon Jovi’s world tour because of tensions between him and frontman Jon Bon Jovi.

The 53-year-old guitarist — who previously confirmed he bowed out of their current tour because of “personal issues” after failing to perform at their latest gig in Calgary, Canada last night (02.04.13) — is not struggling with substance abuse issues and quit because he was fed up of how he was being treated by Jon, according to sources.

The insiders told gossip website TMZ.com that tensions between the duo exploded recently and one described it as a “classic Jagger/Richards blowup”. The main reason for the tension is allegedly money.

During the Calgary concert, Jon told the crowd: “I had two choices: pack up and go home or give you everything I got … Richie Sambora won’t be performing for a while. If there’s ever a night I need you, it’s tonight, Calgary!”

The band’s team hope they will reconcile their differences before the band play in Los Angeles on 19 April.

Richie — who has battled alcohol addiction in the past — has been spending his downtime with his daughter Ava, 15, and they enjoyed a trip to Hawaii last week. In 2011 Richie was left out of dates on the band’s touring schedule to attend rehab but sources close to him insist he is still clean.—PTI

Selena Gomez orders Justin Bieber to delete documentary footage of her

LOS ANGELES, 7 April—Selena Gomez has ordered Justin Bieber to remove all footage of her from his upcoming documentary.

The Spring Breakers actress — who split from the 19-year-old Canadian popstar earlier this year after two years — is worried he will include her in the sequel to his hugely successful 3D movie Never Say Never, which is expected to be released around Christmas.

A source told HollywoodLife.com that the 20-year-old brunette beauty “texted Justin, flipping out” when a friend told her she is likely to be featured because his team has been recording footage for about a year. The insider claimed that Selena “just wants to move on” and “she made it clear that she does not want to be in the movie, DVD extras or anything at all.”

A friend close to Selena also hit back at reports blaming her for Justin’s recent bad behaviour and insisted she hasn’t been sending him mixed messages by texting him on a regular basis.

The source said: “[Justin] just bugs the s*** out of [Selena] and the only reason she picks up her phone is because it’s easier than dealing with harassment.

“It’s so typical that a man would blame a woman for the fact that he’s ruining his life and it’s sexist stupidity.”

Richie Sambora will not be performing during the current leg of the band’s Because We Can tour.

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Sparkling Bayern win Bundesliga in record time

Bayern Munich’s players celebrate after winning their German first division Bundesliga soccer match against Eintracht Frankfurt and the German soccer Championships in Frankfurt, on 6 April, 2013.—Reuters

SERENA CRUSHES VENUS IN CHARLESTON

Charleston, (South Carolina) 7 April—World number one Serena Wil- liam breezed past older sis- ter Venus 6-1, 6-2 in their first meeting since 2009 in the semi-finals of the Fam- ily Circle Cup in Charleston, South Carolina on Sat- urday.

Serena, who won her fifth match in a row against Venus, will face former number one Jelena Jankovi- c of Serbia in Sunday’s fi- nal as she goes for her third Family Circle title.

Jankovic outlasted Switzerland’s Stefanie Voegele 6-4, 6-7, 6-2 in a much tougher encoun- ter lasting two hours and eight minutes. Serena, 31, needed only 22 minutes to take the first set against the fifth seed Venus, delivering eight winners to zero un- forced errors.

She then completed the 54-minute straight set vic- tory over 32-year-old Ve- nus to prevail for the 14th time in 24 matches against her sister.

“Venus has had a great week, and honestly, if she hadn’t had to play so many matches, it would have been a much tougher match,” Serena told reporters.

The semi-final came a day after both had played third-round and quarter- final matches on Friday because of rain de- lays earlier in the week. “She’ll never admit it, but I don’t think she was 100 percent,” Serena said.

“But you will nev- er get that out of her.” “A n d q u i t e f r a n k, three matches for her is much tougher than three matches for me. It’s definitely not easy because I’m struggling, and I can’t imagine what she must be feeling.”

Venus was playing in her second Premier-level semi-final since returning from her seven-month ill- ness lay-off in March last year.

“I felt pretty good actually — it would have been nicer to have more space between the matches, but it didn’t work out,” she said.

Jankovic, 28, gave the 63rd ranked Voegele hope after los- ing the second set tie- break before step- ping on the gas in the _final set, winning the last four games for the victory.—Reuters

Abidal makes emotional return for Barcelona

Barcelona’s player Eric Abidal (R) replaces Gerard Pique against Mallorca during their Spanish First division league match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, on 6 April, 2013. Reuters

Barcelona, 7 April—Eric Abidal returned to com- petitive action for the first time since liver transplant in April last year when he came on for the final 20 min- utes of Barcelona’s 5-0 La Liga win over Real Mallorca on Saturday.

The 33-year-old former France defender, who was passed fit to return to train- ing with his team mates last month, is a huge favourite with the Barca fans and was greeted with a rousing ova- tion when he replaced Gerard Pique in the 70th minute.

In a pitch-side televi- sion interview with Span- ish broadcaster Canal Plus, Abidal thanked the cousin who provided part of his liver for the procedure.

“It was a very special moment for me after a year out,” said Abidal, wearing a shirt with ‘Merci mon cous- in’ on the front. “I want to thank my cousin as without him I would not be here today. It is a unique moment,” he added.

Abidal’s return is well timed as Barca centre backs Carles Puyol and Javier Mascherano and full back Adriano are all out injured at a critical stage of the season.
**Myanmar TV (8-4-2013, Monday)**

- **6:00 am**
  - News
  - “Thingyan Road Trip (2012)”-Yangon
- **6:30 am**
  - News
  - Thingyan Songs & Dances
- **6:35 am**
  - News
  - First Come First Practice
  - Reunion of Scout Association
  - News
  - “Myanmar Movies Impact” On the shoulder (Part-II)
  - News
  - Singapore-Myanmar Business forum
  - Building a Smart and Connected Myanmar
  - News
  - Vanishing Treasure of Myanmar
  - News
  - First come First Practice
  - Reunion of Scout Association
  - News
  - Aesthetic Chilnone
  - Myanmar Movies
  - “Mischievous Destiny”

**General**

-Dubai, 7 April—The gold price fell nearly to a one-year-low in the first week of April as private sales of the yellow metal mitigated buying from public sectors worldwide, said Dubai’s first bank Emirates NBD.

-The gold price fell over by 15 US dollars on Friday, standing at 1,582 dollars, 0.93 percent down from last week. “It is rather disturbing to see how easy and with no visible resistance the mark of 1,550 dollars would be broken,” noted Gerhard Schubert, head of the bank’s precious metals department.

-Despite the increase in war rhetoric on the Korean peninsula and uncertainty over the latest talks between the world powers and Iran on the latter’s nuclear enrichment, stocks were still favoured over the safe haven gold, said Schubert.

-He added that “It appears that some constituents of the investment community have shifted, or are still looking to execute changes to their asset allocation, away from precious metals and mostly into equities.”

-Government spending cuts (“sequester cuts”) in the United States, which were enforced by law after the government and opposition in congress failed to agree on a federal budget, could lead to a slowdown of the world’s biggest economy in the second half of 2013, according to Schubert.

-In addition, the eurozone’s efforts to tackle the sovereign debt crisis would not reach momentum before Germany’s elections in September, triggering a “wait-and-see”-attitude among the hedge funds when it comes to gold, said Schubert. Nevertheless, one door was still open for upwards dynamics as “the important Chinese physical markets were closed during the latter part of last week,” he noted, adding that it would be interesting to see how the Chinese consumers react once the markets reopen on Monday.

-The recent outbreak of H7N9 avian influenza “is expected to have, together with curbs of the property segment in China, a negative effect on the projected recovery of the economy.”—Xinhua

**Private gold sales mitigate public sector purchases, bringing down price**

**Querrey puts US level with Serbia in Davis Cup**

-Boise, (Idaho), 7 April—Top American Sam Querrey picked a good time to pull off his first five-set Davis Cup victory when he stopped Victor Troicki 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to level the United States’ tie against Serbia 1-1.

-Querrey’s victory boosted the hosts after world number one Novak Djokovic earlier raced past John Isner 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

-Querrey, who just took over the top American ranking last month, looked tired and without confidence after Troicki won the second and third sets. But with the charged-up crowd screaming in his ears, Querrey revived and powered through the fourth set before a tooth and nail battle for the fifth.

-Querrey fought off two break points in the fourth game of the deciding set, and then broke the Serbian to 5-4 with a big forehand return that Troicki couldn’t lift over the net.

-The American then served out the match to love, ending it with a forehand winner on the run and a big serve.

-“I’m a pretty mellow guy generally and the crowd was awesome today,” Querrey told reporters.

-“Winning that fourth set, they’re on their feet and cheering. Then that fifth set, every game on my serve, on Troicki’s serve, when it was a 30-all or deuce, they were loud and vocal, and it helped a lot.”

-Djokovic started off slowly against Isner and was broken in the third game when he double faulted twice, but the tall American handed the break back in the sixth game when he committed three straight unforced errors. The two went into a tiebreaker where the big serving Isner usually flourishes, but Querrey emerged with a 7-5 win and a 1-0 lead in sets.

-“You’re playing for your country. You get more involved with the emotions and you really want to start well,” he commented.

-Sam Querrey of the US hits a return to Viktor Troicki of Serbia during their Davis Cup quarter-finals tennis match in Boise, Idaho, on 5 April, 2013.—Reuters

**Nigerian fuel tanker explosion kills at least 36**

-Lagos, 7 April—At least 36 people were killed when a fuel tanker exploded after crashing into a crowded bus in southern Nigeria, officials said on Saturday.

-The Federal Road Safety Commission said the crash happened on Friday on the Benin-Ore road linking the commercial hub of Lagos with southeast Nigeria. Three people were injured.

-“Traffic accidents are common in Nigeria, where roads are bad and safety standards poor,” said an official. At least 95 people were killed in July last year in southern Nigeria when a petrol tanker crashed and caught fire as people crowded around it to scoop up the fuel.—Reuters
**Vice-President U Nyan Tun inspects regional development tasks in Ayeyawady Region**

**Vice-President U Nyan Tun speaks words of encouragement to athletes at Ngwehsaung Beach.**

**Home of 3rd UNSG becomes museum**

**Yangon, 7 April—** The opening of U Thant Residence and Museum was held yesterday as the house of the former Secretary-General of the United Nations at No. 31 Panba Street in Kamayut Township has been turned into a museum in his remembrance. The opening ceremony was attended by Union Ministers at the President Office U Soe Thane, U Aung Min, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, ambassadors from foreign embassies, chairperson of U Thant’s residence maintenance group daughter of U Thant Daw Aye Aye Thant, founder and chairman of Yangon Heritage Trust Thant Myint-U and members, and invited guests.

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The opening of U Thant Museum in progress.—MNA

*Photo shows interior view of U Thant Museum.*

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The Vice-President and party left Pathein for Nay Pyi Taw by air. They were seen off at Pathein Airport by the Region Chief minister and officials.—MNA