Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives JX Holdings, JX Inc., Nippon Oil & Energy Corporation President

MoU between Public Works, CMAK of ROK signed

New radio towers under construction for new mobile phone subscribers

Eco and Pilgrimage Touristic Attraction
Sparks from loose plug cause shop fire in Mawlamyine

Mawlamyine, 10 May — A fire broke out at a mattress shop in Myine Yadana Market in Mawlamyine at about 2.15 pm on 8 May. The fire is believed to have started while sparks from a loose plug of a four-foot fluorescent lamp upstairs had set fire to mattresses and pillows. Thanks to collaborative efforts of fire crews and local people, the fire died down fifteen minutes later.

No casualties were reported and Myoma police station is investigating into the fire case. — Kyemon

Fuel shop fire in Kyaukse

Kyaukse, 10 May — A fire broke out at Aye Mya Kylin ward in Kyaukse of Mandalay Region at about 11 am on 7 May.

The fire died down within five minutes as firefighters accompanied by two fire engines rushed there and put it out. The fire is believed to have started while filling petrol into a three-gallon capacity plastic container at the house of U Tin Ko (fuel shop) in the ward. A nearby flower bush got caught in the fire, but no casualties were reported.

Photo shows a ceremonial round of visits with the novice-to-be ensconced in the procession in downtown Kyaukme on 6 May morning. A total of 57 boys of Shan national race farmers were initiated into the Buddhist order at kaunmein monastery in Tagundine village in accord with Shan tradition. — Kyemon

Heroin worth K 12.8 million in Moemaук seized

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 May — A seizure of heroin worth K 12.8 million was made near a concrete bridge at the entrance to Moemaук on 1 May. A combined force led by Police Inspector Aung San Oo of Bhamo special anti-drug squad and Police Inspector Han Hnwe of Moemaук police station seized 14 grams of heroin each in the two soap containers and 0.4 gram of heroin each in 10 small glass bottles which are being kept in a bag while conducting a search of Aik Kyawng and Ma Khim who were on board a vehicle, Pajero, driven by Zaw Hsang from Lwejal to Bhamo at the police station.

Moemaук police station filed lawsuits against the suspects. — Kyemon

Quarrel over a plate of salt leads to knife attack

Kawlin, 10 May — A woman was wounded due to a knife attack of her neighbor while they were having a big argument over a plate of salt they borrowed one another at Taungmaw village, eight miles from Kawlin Township of Sagaing Region, at about 4 pm on 8 May.

Ma Nyunt Ngwe, 36, knifed Ma Cho Tha, 27, in her forehead and index finger and ring finger of the latter’s right hand while having a quarrel about a plate of salt in front of the victim’s house. Ma Nyunt Ngwe fled the scene after the attack. Ma Cho Tha is being treated at Kawlin Township hospital. Kawlin Township police station filed a lawsuit against Ma Nyunt Ngwe who is still at large. — Kyemon

Traffic Accident

North Dagon to Sule bus services. It was driven by Nyi Nyi Soe together with bus conductor Chan Maung Maung.

According to initial information, at least 10 passengers have been wounded in the traffic accident and they were sent to intensive care unit of Yangon General Hospital. Three, among the victims, are in critical condition.

“Actions will be taken by Dagon police station as the road accident happened in the area of the police station. It is unclear how many passengers got injuries. Investigation is ongoing,” says a police officer of Mingala Taungnyunt police station. A traffic police officer analyzed the incident, saying that no overturned case occurred if it would follow speed limit and the accident might be due to dangerous driving at freeway, trying to overtake each other at speed. — Kyemon

One killed, one wounded in hit-and-run car accident

Yangon, 10 May — A car crash occurred on U Bo Hlaing road in the industrial zone at ward-98 in Dagon Myoht Seikkan Township on 2 May, leaving one pedestrian dead and one wounded.

Kyaw Soe Win, 18, and Chit Min Paing, 18, were knocked down by a vehicle driving behind at the top of U Nyunt street while they are walking on the road. The vehicle drove away after hitting the two young men. Kyaw Soe Win got injuries to his head, stomach and right arm and he is being treated in intensive care unit of Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital. Chit Min Paing collapsed unconscious with no external injuries at the scene and he died while he was taken to Yangon General Hospital.

Actions are being taken by Dagon Myoht

Natural Disaster

Wind gusts lash Bago

Photo shows an electric pylon falling on a house on Bo Min Youn 7th street in Ottha Myoht ward-7 in Bago where strong winds accompanied by light rains touched down at 7 am on 7 May. No casualties were reported. — Kyemon

Photo shows the electric pylon seen in its original position. — Kyemon
Cameron says Britain must stay in EU, dismisses skepticism

London, 10 May — British Prime Minister David Cameron took on critics in his own Conservative party on Thursday, saying it would be wrong for Britain to leave the European Union. Some pessimists have suggested that the current sovereign debt crisis in Europe makes it possible for the country to leave and could even be a trigger for Britain to exit.

Cameron used his speech on Thursday to underscore his determination to keep on narrowing the gap between the EU and the United States and central bank governors, which has been agreed by most European countries. The City of London standards will affect the City of London standards.

Cameron said he would go on to defend British financial services industry against any European measures that would undermine the City of London. Cameron promised to “keep on narrowing the gap between the EU and the United States” and to help push for new trade deals between the EU and the United States and Canada.

He also said he would continue to defend Britain’s sovereign debt crisis in Europe as a pre-condition to the creation of one of the world’s largest free trade blocs. During the five-day meeting through Monday in Brunei, the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and their six regional partners will discuss talks on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership as they aim to conclude a deal by 2015.

The RCEP, if realized, will account for over 5 billion people, or about half of the global market, and a third of global economic output, according to the Japanese government. In addition to a committee of senior officials, the 16 countries will launch working groups, which pertain to trade in goods, trade in services, and investment, in the Brunei capital, according to Japanese officials. The RCEP talks began at a time of progress for other multilateral free trade negotiations, including the United Nations Trans-Pacific Partnership, with Japan set to soon become its 12th member.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and senior government officials have said the TPP could become the foundations for the RCEP and an even greater free trade agreement called the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific. But concluding the RCEP negotiations by 2015 does not appear to be an easy task, given that the Asia-Pacific nations are aiming for a deal that involves deeper engagement than existing ASEAN free trade agreements. Japan, however, expects conditions of the RCEP to be more relaxed than those of the TPP, as the 16 nations would be allowed to retain certain tariffs.

The ASEAN countries are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Also involved in the RCEP talks are Japan, China, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and India. The 16 nations agreed in November last year to launch the RCEP negotiation.

Chinese President Xi Jinping (R) shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 May, 2013.—Xinhua

Chinese President meets Israeli PM, pledges efforts for peace in Middle East

Beijing, 10 May — President Xi Jinping met with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday and pledged to make more efforts to realize peace in Middle East. “As today’s world is undergoing profound and complex changes, a new type of state-to-state relationship should be advocated and established between nations, featuring equality, inclusiveness and reciprocity,” Xi said. Xi said peace, stability and development are common aspirations of countries in the Middle East, adding that resolving disputes through political means is a strategic option that is in the interests of all sides concerned.

He said all nations in Middle East, including Israel, are equally entitled to life and development. “Only when the legitimate rights of all countries are ensured, and all countries respect each other’s concerns, can there be permanent peace and stability in the region,” Xi said.

Realizing a peaceful coexistence between Israel and Palestine, as well as all other Arabian countries, is a goal that should be realized. Establishing an independent state that enjoys full sovereignty on the basis of borders specified in 1967 is an inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the Chinese President Xi Jinping (R) shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 May, 2013.—Xinhua

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The US is seeking its own benefit before the ink- ing of the agreement but Af- ganistan is also seeking its benefit. Afghan forces must be strengthened, they must be equip and strong. The Afghanistan economy must be uphold and strong. Afghanistan must have a strong government.” Karzai said.Karzai also said the US is requiring Afghanistan to set up nine military bases across the country.

Negotiations between US and Afghan govern- ments on security agreements have started last early year. Karzai added that Af- ganistan would keep on balanced relations with other nations and allay the possible concerns of the neighbours. The contro- versial agreement of BSA, if signed, would guarantee the presence of US military at least for several years in Afghanistan. —Xinhua

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Delegates from 16 Asia-Pacific nations pose for photos in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, on 9 May, 2013, prior to the first round of negotiations of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. — Kyodo News

16 Asia-Pacific nations begin 1st round of RCEP free trade talks

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Water on Moon, Earth share common origin

WASHINGTON, 10 May—Water on the Moon and the Earth may originally come from the same place, according to a new analysis of moon rocks.

The findings, published online in the journal Science on Thursday, raise new questions about the process that formed the Moon.

The Moon is thought to have formed from a disc of debris left when a giant object hit the Earth 4.5 billion years ago. Scientists have long assumed that the heat from an impact of that size would cause hydrogen and other volatile elements to boil off into space, meaning the Moon must have started off completely dry.

But recently, US space agency NASA’s analysis of samples from the Apollo missions has shown that the Moon actually has water, both on and beneath its surface. Alberto Saal, a geochemist at Brown University and the study’s lead author, said the “simplest explanation” is that there was water on the proto-Earth at the time of the giant impact.

“Some of that water survived the impact, and that’s what we see in the Moon,” he said in a statement. To find the source of the water, Saal and his colleagues relied on a chemical fingerprint, the relative amounts of hydrogen and deuterium, an isotope of hydrogen with an extra neutron.

The researchers found that the deuterium-hydrogen ratio in samples of Moon dust returned by lunar craters of Apollo 15 and 17 was relatively low and matched the ratio found in primitive asteroids called carbonaceous chondrites. These meteorites originated in the asteroid belt near Jupiter and are thought to be among the oldest objects in the solar system.

The ratio is also similar to that found in water on Earth.

The researchers said the fingerprint rules out the possibility that the water on the Moon rocks came from a comet, since comet water tends to have very high deuterium-hydrogen ratios.

“The measurements themselves were very difficult,” said Erik Hauri, a co-author of the study at the Carnegie Institution of Washington. “But the new data provide the best evidence yet that the carbonaceous chondrites were a common source for the volatiles in the Early Earth and Moon, and perhaps the entire inner solar system.”

ArianeSpace conﬁrms 4ths Automated Transfer Vehicle ready to launch

PARIS, 10 May—The fourth Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) is ready at Europe’s Spaceport to meet up with the station after transference, its manufacturer announced on Thursday.

“Fueling has been completed at the Spaceport in French Guiana for Europe’s fourth Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV), Readying it for a planned June launch with ArianeSpace’s workhorse Ariane 5 on an International Space Station servicing mission,” the airspace company confirmed.

The loading of propellant, along with a supply of gas, was performed in the Spaceport’s S5 payload preparation facility, where the vessel also was integrat ed and received its cargo. With this step finalized, the ATV is ready for transfer to the Ariane 5 Final Assembly Building, where it will be installed atop the launcher.”

YouTube starts paid subscription service

NEW YORK, 10 May—Google’s YouTube video service is dipping its toe into pay television by starting on Thursday a subscription service with 30 content creators, including children’s programmers Sesame Street and Muppet creator The Jim Henson Co, and the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

YouTube, the world’s largest video website, allows creators to set subscription fees and accept advertising payments, at their discretion, for the channels they create.

For $4.99 a month, subscribers can get golf lessons from the PGA Golf Academy, the Laugh Factory charges $2.99 for clips of stand-up comedy routines and Henson charges $2.99 for full length episodes of “Said The Science Kid” and “Fraggle Rock.”

YouTube has spoken repeatedly about its intent to experiment with paid channels, and has made no secret about its intent to be a major player in quality content.

“If feels to me as if history is repeating itself, said Tony Vinciquerra, former chairman of News Corp’s Fox Networks Group. “In the early ‘80s cable providers subsidized channels to enhance offerings to consumers and increase penetration. Fast forward to today, and YouTube is subsidizing the development of new content offers.”

YouTube will feature content from traditional TV and film producers, companies executives said, and at the launch featured children’s videos from National Geographic and videos from cable channel HDNet.

That could eventually be a threat to cable and TV channels, but no time soon, said Richard Greenfield, a media analyst with BTIG LLC.

“I think everyone who creates video programming should be worried about the growth of new channels,” he said. “Broad cast TV has been hurt by cable. Broadcast is still a very large business despite fragmentation.”

Content creators will get most of their revenue from subscriptions, as they already do from advertising, but YouTube will take a $10 million a month fee to help about 150 media partners create and promote specialized YouTube videos that are dedicated to topics ranging from food to sports.

“Consumers have gotten used to getting their content on the web,” said Laura Martin, senior analyst with Needham and Co.

“The question is whether they will pay for it.”

Huge cyber bank theft spans 27 countries

NEW YORK/BOSTON, 10 May—In one of the biggest cyber bank heists, a global cyber crime ring stole $45 million from two Middle Eastern banks by hacking into credit card processing firms and withdrawing money from ATMs in 27 countries, US prosecutors said on Thursday.

The US Justice Department accused eight men of allegedly forming the New York-based card operation, and said seven of them have been arrested. The eighth, allegedly a leader of the cell, was reported to have been murdered in the Dominican Republic on 27 April.

The ringleaders are believed to be outside the United States but prosecutors declined to give details, citing the ongoing investigation. That’s what’s clear is the sheer scope and speed of the crimes: in one of the attacks, in just over 10 hours, $40 million was raided from ATMs in 24 countries involving 36,000 transactions.

“In the place of guns and masks, this cyber crime organization used laptops and the Internet,” US Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Loretta Lynch said at a news conference.

Moving as swiftly as data through credit card processors, one in Indonesia, the criminals were able to seize more than $40 million in all, the final transaction coming around 1:26 am, prosecutors said.
Facebook in talks to buy Israel’s Waze for up to $1 billion

TEL AVIV, 10 May — Facebook Inc is in advanced talks to acquire Israeli mobile satellite navigation start-up Waze for $800 million to $1 billion, business daily Calcalist reported on Thursday.

The deal, which would be Facebook’s largest acquisition, would give the social networking company a mapping service and allow it to better compete with Google Inc and Apple Inc.

Maps and navigation services have become a key asset for technology companies as consumers increasingly adopt smartphones and other mobile devices. Waze uses satellite signals from members’ smartphones to generate maps and traffic data, which it then shares with other users, offering real-time traffic info. Due diligence between Waze and Facebook is underway after a term sheet was signed, Calcalist said, adding that talks began six months ago.

Officials at Waze and Facebook declined to comment on the report.

Facebook’s largest deal to date is the September acquisition of photo-sharing app, Instagram. Facebook agreed to buy the company for $1 billion in cash and stock, though the actual price it paid was $715 million due to declines in Facebook’s share price.

The four-year-old Waze, which has 47 million users, has raised $67 million in funding to date from firms including Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Blue Run Ventures and semiconductor company Qualcomm Inc. “A lot of these companies want to own mapping services as opposed to licensing. The advantage is that you could personalize it to your business,” said Raymond James analyst Aaron Kessler.

For Facebook, which has shifted its focus to developing “mobile-first” products, having location-based services is important, said Kessler. There had been media reports earlier this year that Apple was in talks to acquire Waze.

In September, Apple replaced the Google Maps app that once came pre-loaded on iPhones with a new maps service that Apple had created in-house.

New Light of Myanmar, 10 May — Pets may help cut heart disease risk: American Heart Association

NEW YORK, 10 May — Anyone wanting to live longer and cut their risk of suffering from heart disease might want to consider getting a pet.

The American Heart Association (AHA) issued a scientific statement on Thursday saying owning a pet may help to decrease a person’s risk of suffering from heart disease and is linked with lower levels of obesity, blood pressure and cholesterol.

“Pet ownership, particularly dog ownership, is probably associated with a decreased risk of heart disease,” Glenn N Levine, a professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said in a statement.

A study of more than 5,200 adults, cited by the AHA, showed dog owners were more physically active than non-owners because they walk their pets. Other research has revealed the calming effects of pets, which are used in animal-assisted therapy programmes.

Levine, the chairman of the committee that wrote the statement published online in the journal Circulation, added that the benefits are clear on cutting the risk factors for heart disease. But the studies are not definitive or prove that owning a pet directly causes a reduction in heart disease risk.

“What’s less clear is whether the act of adopting or acquiring a pet could lead to a reduction in cardiovascular risk in those with pre-existing disease,” he said, adding more research is needed.

About 78.2 million people in the United States own a dog and 86.4 million have a cat, according to figures from the American Pet Product Association 2011-2012 National Pet Owners Survey.

Research has shown that the loyalty and love pets display can reduce stress, anxiety, depression and loneliness in their owners and increase their sense of well-being and self-esteem.—Reuters

Asian shares pause after rally, yen at four-year low vs dollar

TOKYO, 10 May — Japanese equities soared to a 5-1/2-year peak on Friday as the dollar’s break above the symbolic 100 yen level underpinned sentiment, while Asian shares fell as global equities took a breather from recent rallies overnight.

The US currency was buoyed as worries about soft patches in the economy faded after Thursday’s weekly US data showed initial jobless claims fell to the lowest level in more than five years, following

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NEW YORK, 10 May — Bank of America Corp (BAC.N) will sell a commercial mortgage servicing rights portfolio valued at around $110 billion to a KeyCorp (KEY.N) unit for an undisclosed amount, the latest offloading of servicing assets which many big banks consider costly to collect on.

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In the wake of the housing crisis, many borrowers have gone into foreclosure and collecting mortgage payments has become expensive. The level of capital needed to back the loans is also higher for banks while smaller companies that specialize in servicing these loans do not have to follow bank capital rules. Bank of America and other banks are still being pursued in relation to the housing meltdown.

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Terrorists follow pattern of escalating violence: New Zealand study

WELLINGTON, 10 May—Major terrorist attacks that incur mass casualties are often part of a pattern that starts with several small-scale attacks, according to a New Zealand research. Terrorist attacks that resulted in heavy loss of life were important to understand because a group’s attacks tended to first decrease and then increase such that the number of people killed increased most steeply just prior to a big attack. Further, groups tend to attack frequently just prior to a big attack,” said Martens.

Not all terrorist groups followed that pattern, but uncovering systematic patterns in attacks that preceded highly lethal attacks could help predict and understand attacks that killed many people. He escalation model could also prove useful for interventions and monitoring killings in other contexts such as war, genocide and gang violence.—Xinhua

Gunmen kidnap youngest son of former Pakistani Premier Gillani

ISLAMABAD, 10 May—Unidentified gunmen kidnapped on Thursday Ali Hyder Gillani, the youngest son of former Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani, on his way to a ceremony in Multan in southern Pakistan, friends and family said. They said his car was intercepted by people on two motorcycles and in a car near the meeting venue.

His driver and secretary were killed and five associates were wounded. His driver and secretary were killed and five associates were wounded.

The Gillani family has been receiving threats from terrorists who have vowed to attack the Pakistan Peoples Movement and others who are receiving threats from terrorists.

The Pakistan Taleban plan to attack landmark election

ISLAMABAD, 10 May—Pakistan’s Taleban plan to carry out suicide bombings during Saturday’s election in a bid to undermine the poll, according to a letter from the leader of the militant group. ePakistan Taleban leader Hakimullah Mehsud, in a message to the group’s spokesman, outlined plans for attacks, including suicide blasts, in all four of the country’s provinces.

“We don’t accept the system of infidels which is called democracy,” Mehsud said in the letter, dated 1 May, and obtained by Reuters on Thursday.

Since April, the al-Qaeda-linked Pakistani Taleban have killed more than 100 people in attacks on candidates and rallies, particularly those of secular-leaning parties, in a bid to undermine elections they regard as un-Islamic. The attacks have prevented candidates from the three main parties in the ruling coalition from holding big rallies. Instead, they have relied on door-to-door campaigning or small meetings in homes or on street corners.

However, the militants have not attacked the main opposition party led by former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, which has courted support from groups accused of supporting militancy. Sharif, who is seen as favorite to become the next prime minister, says Pakistan should reconsider its support for the US war on Islamist militancy and suggests he would be in favor of negotiations with the Taleban. Nor have the Taleban attacked former cricketeer Imran Khan’s party, which advocates shooting down US drones and withdrawing the Pakistani military from insurgency-infested ethnic Pashtun areas along the Afghan border.—Reuters

US Marines expect to stay in Okinawa’s Futenma base 10-15 more years

WASHINGTON, 10 May—The US Marine Corps expects to use the Futenma Air Station in Japan’s southwestern island prefecture of Okinawa for at least another 15 years, a top Marine officer told a Senate hearing on Thursday amid a stalemate over the base’s contentious relocation plan.

“We will be at Futenma for probably the next 10 to 15 years,” said Maj Gen James Kessler, commander of the Marine Corps Installations Command, indicating that the land used for the base in a populous residential area may be returned to Japan as late as in fiscal 2027 against the bi-laterally agreed time frame of “fiscal 2022 or later.”

Japan and the United States plan to relocate the Marine base from the crowded city of Ginowan in Okinawa to the less-populated Henoko coastal area in Nago city within the prefecture amid strong opposition from local people who want the base moved out of the prefecture.

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Two more Sherpas die on Mt Everest, taking season’s death toll to three

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Russia’s Vladivostok holds military parade to mark Victory Day

VLADIVOSTOK, 10 May—Russia’s Far East city of Vladivostok staged a military parade on Thursday to mark the 68th anniversary of the victory in the World War II. The parade on Vladivostok’s central street involved more than 1,000 servicemen and 40 units of military equipment, including soldiers from Russia’s Pacific Fleet, cadets from naval schools, and also crew members of visiting US guided missile destroyer Lassen and French frigate Vendemaire.

In a speech delivered before the parade, Primorsky Krai Governor Vladimir Miklushevsky praised the heroic acts of Russian soldiers and civilians in defending their homeland during the World War II, also known as the Great Patriotic War in Russia and former Soviet Union members.

The memories of these heroes will be kept alive for generations, he added.

Xinhua

Visitors watch a “sculpture” formed by vegetables during the 14th China (Shouguang) International Vegetable Fair in Shouguang, east China’s Shandong Province, on 8 May, 2013.—Xinhua

A man carries his horse to perform rituals during Mata Tirtha Aunsi or the Mother’s Day at Mata tirtha, a place near Thankot to the west of downtown Kathmandu, Nepal, on 9 May, 2013. Nepal’s observe the Mata Tirtha Aunsi or the Mother’s Day on Thursday by showing respect and reverence to all mothers. Xinhua

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KYAUKPAUDAUNG, 10 May—Region government, NGOs and donors donated bottles of drinking water to water-scarce villages in central Myanmar which has lesser rainfall.

The central Myanmar villages are in shortage of potable water this summer. Wellwishers from Kyaukpyupaung Township donated the potable water to Talaiakan village in Kyaukpyupaung Township in Mandalay Region on 6 May. A total of 60 barrels of drinking water were transported to the village which witnessed the worst drought since March. The village has 318 households.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Winner in child protection essay contests awarded in Pyapon**

PYAPON, 10 May—Winners in child protection essay and painting contests were awarded in Pyapon District Hall on 2 May.

The contests were organized by Pyapon District child protection committee and World Vision Myanmar (Pyapon).

*Myanma Alinn*

**Traffic Accident**

Bus and van bump in Zabuthiri Township

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**National Sports**

**Myanmar hosts 11th ASEAN Taekwondo Championship**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Eleventh ASEAN Taekwondo Championship will be hosted in Wunna Theikddi Stadium in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 9-11 May.

The tournament has two categories fighting and demonstration in two separate classes for seniors and juniors.

The body shield will automatically count points of the players, a technology introduced in Myanmar for the first time. It would be a test for Myanmar players, said veteran Myanmar Taekwondo player Daw Soe Soe Mya said.

She said, “It is a bit difficult to predict level of Myanmar team due to the new marking system.”

Two men instructors and two women instructors will participate in demonstration game.

The event which starts 9 am is free of charge.

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Central Bureau against Human Trafficking will accept the victims from Pathuhamni and Kreetrakham centres.

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The first victim is currently known from “Lahu or Wa” region while the other from Mon State.

There is even no firm evidence whether they are Myanmar citizens or not. According to an official of the bureau, Myanmar will accept victims of human trafficking after scrutinizing whether they are Myanmar citizens or not and will provide them with necessary assistance.

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**UMFCCI, UTCC conduct MBA programme**

YANGON, 10 May—Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and The University of Thai Chamber of Commerce launched Offshore MBA Programme Batch-2 at Parkroyal Hotel here on 4 May evening.

It was attended by UMFCCI President U Win Aung, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung, General Secretary Dr Myo Thein, Emeritus Principle Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe and officials.

Dr Myo Thein and Dean of International College of UTCC Dr Jakarin Srimoon extended greetings.

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Kawlin police detains drug addict

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**Myanmar Literary Development Workshop meets press**

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The writers also elaborated on the cause of the decline of Myanmar literature and works to be done for up lift of Myanmar literature.

The Workshop on Development of Myanmar Literature will be held from 9 am to 4 pm on 11 May.

Five papers will be presented at the workshop. Among the resource persons were well-acclaimed writers and publishers Maung Khin Min (Danubya), Pe Myint, Juu, Maung Zeyar, U Tun Oo (Tun Oo Literary House of Mandalay) and Thint Naw (Ottara Lwinpyin of Mandalay).

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**Winners in child protection essay contests awarded in Pyapon**

PYAPON, 10 May—Winners in child protection essay and painting contests were awarded in Pyapon District Hall on 2 May.

The contests were organized by Pyapon District child protection committee and World Vision Myanmar (Pyapon).

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Literacy and peace process

There is an isolated mountain range in the central part of Myanmar, the south eastern tip of Myaingyone District, well-known at home and abroad. Mt. Popa. Most people know Popa Taung Kalat—an outcrop shaped like a Kalat [a circular tray with a stem] caused by a volcanic eruption in days of yore. The main Mt. Popa stands majestically rising 851 feet above sea level, situated to the most northerly direction of Bago Yoma hill range. There is no other mountain near it. Mr. Popa is considered to be sprouting out with a volcanic crater on its top. Its physical features and fossils prove beyond doubt that Popa is an extinct volcano of old age. So researchers put forward different versions of interpreting the name “Popa.” Firstly Pali scholars say that Popa is derived from a Pali word “popa” meaning flower. Because Mt.Popasa abundance of flowers, flowering trees, plants, creepers, orchids etc. it is called Popa or popa Mountain. Another Pali word “Pubbha” tries to explain the meaning of Popa. Because the mountain lies to the east of Bagan, so it is called “Pubbha Mt.” which in course of time corrupts to Popa Mt.

Mt.Popasa two other names. (1) Nyaladan Taung because, alchemists, neurologists, herbologists, and herbatists [asgait weikzas, zawgyis, tapathis] hunted this mountain looking for minerals, and herbal plants and experimented their occult sciences and concocted panacea to cure all diseases, for longevity or a mercy compound ball to turn all base metals into gold. (2) Nakyat Taung because Mt.Popasa looks like the shape of a Naga Serpent coiling around it.

Mt.Popasa dipped in myanma folklore history and backed by paleontology, geology and history. You can easily trace volcanic lava area around popa areas. Inclement weather, incline, and different formations can be noticed to naked eyes from the Ayeyawady River about 40 miles distance. It is said that people, perhaps with special eye vision can see the image of Popa from Meyyala areas in Southern Shan State. The northern side of its crater slightly slopes to the west and the eastern, southern and western sections are higher.

It viewed by different factors. Mt.Popasa gives you four different visions. That is its mystery. From the western direction two summits appear in the view. But the northern view creates for you the illusion of Fuji Yama of Japan—only one summit. Depending upon weather conditions and your position in other summits directions.Mt.Popasa takes different designs in your vision.

Mt.Popasa, in fact, has more than one summit. No less than nine summits crop up depending on which given names befitting their shapes and designs, the minerals they produce, and flora and herbal plants that grow wild on them. Thus (1) Zaba Taung Heik summit is shaped like a heap of paddy (2) Yey Kwin Taung Heik summit is the one around which water flows; (3) Maung Taung Ngot Toe Taung Heik summit is shaped like a stump paddy, (4) Labo Taung Heik summit looks like the lump of a bull, (5) Hman Taung Heik summit has murmurs that reflect like glass, (6) Say Pwint Taung Heik summit has herbal flowers growing wild, (7) Sein Taung Heik summit produces industrial minerals, (8) Marlar Taung Heik summit has wild flowers growing profusely and (9) Kinpun Taung Heik summit has Kinpun vegetable bushes. Many summits are naturally formed by water flows through millions of years.

There is a crater of extra ordinary size—about a mile and a half wide and 2000 to 3000 feet deep depression on the main summit. Local people fittingly call it “Chone Ma Twin Chaik”. Several centuries ago, when Mt.Popasa was an active volcano, it erupted and from this depression spreaded up fire flames, gas, smoke, ashes, streams of burning melted stones, and fire and ashes and cascading from the mountain. It seems that Mt.Popasa had erupted only once and it cooled down to become an extinct volcano. Till today lavas of different sizes are found sprayed around Mt.Popasa and to a far distance. The lonely verdant Popa Myo (Popa town) near it was founded on the lava land.

An outcrop hill rising above sea level to the height of about 3000 feet just to the southwest of main Mt.Popasa is commonly called Popa Taung Kalat [ a hill in the shape of a tray with a stem]. This grotesque design created by the volcanic eruption stretches the imagination of the people to the other worldly realm. Like Olympus, the sacred mountain in Greece was not just a hill in the neighboring world, it was solid rock the ancient Greek gods and goddesses are believed to dwell. Mt.Popasa and its outcrop Taung Kalat are residence of abodes of all nat spirits of Myanmar—Myanmar Pantheon of 37 nat spirits. But in point of legend and associated history, only four natspirits of the 37, reside on these two places. Here there is the point of difference between Olympic gods and goddesses and Myanmar nat spirits. The former are originally gods and goddesses not human. But Myanmar nat spirits were originally humans who had really lived a human life. Because of their untimely violent deaths, their spirits lingered until they got dwelling or resting places where they were worshipped and venerated by their believers as nat spirits. The Taung Kalat, formed by a volcanic eruption was very much older than those of nat spirit dwellers on it.

The cult of nat spirits of Mt.Popasa is associated with the history of old Bagan dynasty of 55 kings. It was in the reign of king Thinlyangya [344- 387 A.D.] the 5th king in Bagan dynasty, who had a dream at one night. In his dream the two nat spirits—elder brother Maung Tint-dei and younger sister Myat Hla came and the king made him appointment Maung Tint-dei at the court to accept the other world realm. The king hurriedly pulled her hair knot to save her. Only her face escaped the flames. Because of their violent deaths, by fire their spirits lived at the Champa tree, giving harm to any creature that came under its shade. The king ordered to uproot at the champac tree and float it in the Ayeyawady River. Now they lived on the Champa Tree Trunk without permanent rest place. If king Thinlyangya offered them a place to rest, they would guard his capital city.

In the morning when the king sent his men to the harbor they found the champac tree stranded there. The tree was cut into two—the taller representing the elder brother and the shorter the sister—were taken to the summit of main Mt.Popasa where they were offered and worshiped. They were entitled “Ein Twin Min MahaGiri” Ein Twin means minister of interior, Maha Giri means great mountain. Annual feast was held at this shrine in honor of them. The court and the people paid homage to them with offerings and golden music and dances were performed.
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**UNDP to cooperate in Myanmar’s educational reform**

**NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Deputy Minister for Education Dr Ba Shwe held talks with UNDP Country Director Mr Jojo Kurbanov on UNDP’s cooperation in Myanmar’s educational reform, legal education cooperation programme and visits of Public Education experts to Myanmar, at the ministry here this morning. MNA**

**Mitsubishi Corporation hands over ten polishing machines to Mines Ministry**

**NAY PYI TAW, 10 May— Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan donated ten polishing machines to the Ministry of Mines at the ministry here this morning.**

Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Japanese Councilor to Myanmar Mr Ichiro Maruyama and Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hiroto Watanabe delivered speeches on the occasion. After that, Honorary Chairman of Mitsubishi Corporation Mr Mikio Sasaki handed over machines and documents through the managing director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise. Secretary, Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung presented certificate of honours and gifts to Mr Mikio Sasaki. It was attended by Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung, directors-general and managing directors from the Ministry of Mines, departmental heads, vice chairman and secretary of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and guests. MNA

**Hole in one**

**YANGON, 10 May—U Myo Than (Chan Hein Construction Company) scored an ace at 11th hole at Yangon Golf Club (Danyinong) while playing with Bo Bo (Srixon), Nyin Linn, Zaw Lin Aung on 5 May.**

**Handing over ceremony of ten polishing machines by Mitsubishi Corporation to Mines Ministry in progress.**

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On either side of the Tharapa gate of the palace city of Bagan are the shrines built in the brick walls. Tharapa on the right and Myat Hla on the left as guardian spirits. Thus began the first arrival of nat spirit dwellers on Mt.Popa which therefore required another name “Mahagiri” Saga[champak tree]be comes the dominant in the forest that covers Mt.Popa. There is an ode to Mt.Popa, composed by an anonymous poet of Bagan, describing the romantic tragedy of Maung Tintdei and Myat Hla. It is in the form of early Bagan verse, linked. The following are the original and loose English rendering by the writer.

Since I wore Myeik Lutsu hair knot Of a teenager, we each other kept in thoughts He’s a nephew of my father He’s my most beloved lover Till the end of our lives We faithfully keep our truth plight

1. Oh Nat spirits with floral crowns!
   Likened me to champak flowers Daughter of a brave warrior. Fair cousin of my brother elder, Who is on a journey so far.

2. Oh Nat spirits with floral crowns!
   My darling in my caress
   Wearing red towel around his head. And lining white cotton jacket.

3. A knight designate, yet a manly swain,
   I’ve tried his love to gain.

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**Education**

**Taninthayi Region Minister meets teachers**

Dawei, 10 May—Taninthayi Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win attended by Kayin State chief minister, the State Hluttaw speaker, Kayin State chief minister, officials, town elders, and responsible persons.

**School enrollment week set 27th-31st May**

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 May—Education Planning and Training Department under the Ministry of Education has set 3rd June the opening day of all basic education schools across the nation and from 27th May to 31st May the school enrollment week.

The school enrollment week starts 23rd May in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and schools in other regions and states are to launch the activity according to the instruction of Education Planning and Training Department.

**Buddhist culture course in Meiktila**

Meiktila, 10 May—Meiktila District Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Dr Tayza Myat Htwe and members presented notebooks, stationery and energy drinks to children attending basic Buddhist culture and moralization course, at Thantithukha Monastery in Myinkan Village in Meiktila Township yesterday.

A total of 35 children from the age group of seven to 11 are attending the course. The course was the second of its kind but whether it could be opened in series depending on financial capability, said U Aye, a community elder from Myinkan Village.

Meiktila used to see summer basic Buddhist culture courses opened at basic education schools and some monasteries in 14 urban wards for students during their summer holidays with the aim of disseminating basic Buddhist culture knowledge to them.—Kyemon

**Agriculture**

**Shwetaung Farm in Wundwin to distribute paddy seeds at low prices**

Wundwin, 10 May—Under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, a demonstration on pollination of Palethwe hybrid paddy strains was organized at Shwetaung Research and Seeds Production Farm in Wundwin Township, Meiktila District, Mandalay Region in late April.

Director of Agriculture Department U Naing Kyi Win explained the process of pollination to observer trainees.

A total of 100 trainees from agriculture departments in regions and states are learning theoretical and practical lessons on cultivation methods at the Shwetaung Farm where 500 acres of Palethwe hybrid paddy are being grown for seed production. The farm is aimed to distribute seeds to farmers at cheap prices.

**Health**

**Fortis gives free health care in Mandalay**

Mandalay, 10 May—Fortis, a group of healthcare services from India, arrived here and gave free medical treatment to patients with liver, kidney and heart complaints at Byanmaso Social Welfare Clinic in Chanayetazhan Township, on 8 May.

Director of Liver Transplant and Surgical Gastroenterology and Liver Transplant Specialist in Noida Dr Vivek Vij, MS, DNB, MRCS (Edin), Chief Nephrologist at Fortis Kolkata Dr A. R. Dutta, MD, DM (Nephro) and Consultant, Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery Dr K M Mandal, MS, MCh, FAGE, FETCS (UK) gave medical treatment to patients.

Fortis has provided health care services to more than 12 nations.—Kyemon

**World Red Cross Day marked in Mandalay**

Mandalay, 10 May—Jointly organized by Minte Eikin Ward Red Cross Brigade in Aungmyethazhan Township in Mandalay, a ceremony to mark World Red Cross Day was held in front of Minte Eikin Ward Administration Office, here, on 8 May afternoon.

It was attended by Staff Officer (Grade-I) of Region Red Cross Brigade, commanding officer of RC regiments, blood donors, the ward administrator and responsible persons.

Staff Officer (Grade-I) of Region Red Cross Brigade U Phone Kyaw extended greetings. Region Red Cross Brigade Staff Officer (Grade-II) U Kyaw Kyaw made clarification on the background history and work process. AQ Officer of Red Cross Battalion U Ohn Kyaw spoke words of thanks.

**Caps and duty coats decorated to nurses**

Zaw Min, State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Aung Kyaw Min, officials, town elders and members of social organizations.

The Kayin State Chief Minister said Hpa-an Township Nursing School was opened on 1 July, 1993 with government subsidies and the school has trained 829 persons. The government has increased the numbers of such schools in each region and state so as to expand health care service for growing population of Myanmar, public health care projects and plans and to turn our more nurses. He urged them to serve the country without social and racial discrimination.

Then, the trainees were presented with nursing caps and duty coats.

The Kayin State chief minister, the State Hluttaw speaker and the principal of the nursing school awarded outstanding trainees.

**Development**

**Myitta Street concreted in Myeik**

Myeik, 10 May—Myitta Street in Shanchaung Village, Kalwin Village-tract, Myeik Township is being upgraded into concrete facility from gravel one under the aegis of Abbot of Balukson Monastery U Sundara. The 550-foot-long and 14-foot-wide facility was once the earth road and upgraded to gravel one in 2006 by the township development affairs committee.

The upgrading has been in process since 27 April on a self-reliant basis through contribution of the Sayadaw and the locals and is estimated to cost K 5 million. The street will bring three-season access to Myeik-Dawei Road for locals in Ngwe Pale Ward.—Kyemon

**Beware of fire**

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Two, including man seeking vengeance, die in tiger attacks in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 May — Two people, including a man who took it upon himself to avenge the death of a villager from tiger attack, were killed by the tiger in south-central Nepal’s Chitwan district on Thursday, an official said. The tiger first attacked 75-year-old Hanumanta Sarki of Devnagar village in the buffer zone of the famed Chitwan National Park while Sarki was asleep in his house on Thursday morning.

After the attack, the tiger dragged Sarki’s body into a nearby forest. Another villager, 31-year-old Bhim Bahadur Alemagar, later entered the forest alone armed with a khukuri knife to avenge Sarki’s death. But he also fell prey to the same tiger, “Narendra Raj Sharma, chief administrator of Chitwan, told Kyodo News by phone.

Villagers had warned Alemagar that he was endangering his own life. But the man, who was slightly drunk, did not heed to the warning and gave himself to the tiger,” Sharma said. Park officials armed with tranquilizer darts are combing the forest riding on 10 elephants. “They have been instructed to dart the tiger and transport it deeper into the forest,” Sharma added. Attacks by wild animals are not uncommon in settlements that dot the buffer zone of Chitwan National Park, a world heritage property that attracts tens of thousands of tourists every year.

Philippine official says leftist rebels stalled peace process

MANILA, 10 May — Philippine government’s chief peace negotiator Alexander Padilla said on Thursday that it’s the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People’s Army (CPP-NPA-NDF) who is responsible for stalling the peace negotiation between the government and leftist rebels.

“The fact is, it is the CPP-NPA-NDF that has brought the talks to its present impasse,” Padilla said.

The peace negotiation has been stalled since February 2011. Padilla said the CPP-NPA-NDF continued demand for the release of captured combatants, whom they claimed as NDF consultants, before the talks could resume led to the impasse.

Padilla added that it was the CPP-PNP-NDF who terminated the Special Track (ST) of negotiations. This is because CPP founding Chairman Jose Maria Sison — who authored the ST — reneged on his original proposal for an indefinite ceasefire and imposed demands that would have placed the ST on the protracted and difficult track.

“With the regular track on an impasse before the high was 31.1°C, the agency said.

At all those locations, temperatures were 7 to 10°C higher than usual and on par with the heat between mid-July and early August. Other locations in eastern and western Japan experienced a hot day with highs of more than 25°C.

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According to the law, a cooperative can be established by at least 15 people working in farming and agricultural business. Under the law, the government would find financial institutions that could offer credit to farmers through the cooperatives, allowing farmers to get loans without collateral as the cooperative would guarantee the loans of its members. “The law would give advantages to farmers that joined a cooperative,” Minister of Agriculture Chan Sarun said during the parliament session.

“Farmers unified in a cooperative would be in a stronger position to sell their produce.” The minister said since 2003, the Ministry of Agriculture has established 375 agricultural communities throughout the country with 35,630 members and a total capital of 2.25 million US dollars. “Currently, agricultural development is an important role to help the government promote paddy production and milled rice exports,” he said. “The communities will improve food security, reduce starvation and bolster economic and social development.”

Cambodia - the agrarian country. More than 80 percent of the population is farmers. The Ministry of Agriculture announced in January that the country produced 9.31 million tons of paddy rice last year. Of this amount, besides local consumptions, the nation had around 3 million tons of milled rice left over for export this year. Chan Sarun said the country had exported about 210,000 tons of rice in the first four months of this year. “With this figure, I am optimistic that the country will be able to achieve the goal of exporting one million tons of milled rice a year from 2015.”

Japanese puppy store owner hopeful for success

TOYOTA, 10 May — The founder and head of Japanese toy store chain Dog Street, Kaname Shigemori, said he is hopeful for a success of the first puppy store in Japan. Shigemori, who opened the first “Puppy Street” in Tokyo in February 2011, said that his store will focus on high-end puppies and possibly even international breeds.

The new company, named Thal Boshoku Pakistan (Private) Ltd, is expected to start producing seats and other automotive components in July 2014, with annual production capacity of 50,000 units. It will be capitalized at 190 million Pakistani rupees, or around 160 million yen, with 35 percent owned by Thal, 35 percent by Toyota and 10 percent by Toyota Tsusho.

Toyota Boshoku to set up 1st production base in Pakistan
**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Bangsaphan Voy No (107)**

Consignee of cargo carried on MV BANGSAPAHN VOY NO (107) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.5.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T. where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**Shipping Agency Department**

**Myanmar Port Authority**

**Agent for:** M/S Wongsamut Ocean Shipping Co Ltd

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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**Nigerian President aborts state visit over security situation**

**Abuja, 10 May —** Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has cut short his visit to South Africa and aborted his state visit to Namibia which was to begin on Thursday. A statement from his media office reaching Xinhua in Abuja said the president would be returning to Abuja immediately to contain the security challenges in Borno, Plateau and Nassarawa states.

Many people, including security personnel, lost their lives as a result of attacks by Boko Haram on military and security installations, prisons, as well as police and army barracks in Borno on Monday. Government Umaru Al-Makura of Nassarawa State and Gabriel Suswan of Benue on Wednesday briefed Vice President Namadi Sambo on the deteriorating security situations in their states.

Al-Makura told the vice president how 23 mobile policemen were killed in an ambush by the Ombati cult group, while Suswan reported how herders attacked Agatu villagers and killed many people.

President Jonathan on arrival, met with the chief of defense staff, service chiefs, the Inspector-General of Police and heads of national security services, to review the security situation in the country.—Xinhua

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**China to campaign against fake children’s products**

**Beijing, 10 May —** China is to launch a campaign against counterfeit and shoddy products for children’s use, in the lead-up to International Children’s Day, which falls on 1 June.

As announced on Thursday at the festival’s press conference, the campaign will be conducted by the General Administration of Quality, Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. The administration will also launch a public education campaign advocating children’s safety riding of elevators.

Also according to the Press conference, authorities, including the All China Women’s Federation, will ask the nation’s museums, exhibition centres and other public cultural venues to provide children with free access.

The authorities will furthermore regulate children’s books, video and Internet products, as well as Internet cafes surrounding schools, it was announced.

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**Steep tariffs on Chinese solar panels cannot save European manufacturers**

**Beijing, 10 May —** The European Commission agreed on Wednesday to slap a hefty 47-percent punitive tariff on solar panels imported from China in an effort to save Europe’s struggling photovoltaic industry, but the protective approach would only lead to an unintended disaster. For years, the EU countries have spearheaded global efforts to develop clean energy and outshined other countries as they put up more solar panels on the roofs of homes and businesses.

Their clean energy initiative, a laudable contribution to the worldwide campaign against global warming, may suffer as consumers cancel their orders when they can no longer buy Chinese panels at about 40 percent cheaper than European goods.

The solar business is very price-sensitive... If prices are artificially increased by punitive tariffs, the European solar market would simply come to a standstill.” Wouter Vermeersch, head of the Belgian company Cleantec Trade, said in a statement Wednesday.

But even European companies have admitted that China’s price advantage is largely a result of economic policies, the Inspector-General of Police and heads of national security services.

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

**Shipping Agency Department**

**Myanmar Port Authority**

**Agent for:** Van Bloom Shipping Ltd

Phone No: 256924/256914

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**Indian Jindal exports first coal consignment from Mozambique**

**Maputo, 10 May —** The Indian JSPL Mozambique (JINDAL-Africa) has exported 36,600 tons of coal from Mozambique’s northwestern Province of Tete.

It is the first coal consignment the JINDAL-Africa exports since it started work in Songo around two years ago.

Thursday’s statement from the company quoted general director of the JINDAL-Africa, Manoj Gupta, as saying that the company is to export 1 million tons of the coal this year.

Mozambique’s recent discoveries of huge coal and natural gas reserves have attracted a number of foreign investment. Global mining giants like Rio Tinto is also involved in the coal exploration in Tete.

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Madonna to be honoured for top grossing tour at Billboard Awards

NEW YORK, 10 May— Madonna will be honoured at the Billboard Music Awards show this month for her 2012 MDNA tour, the high grossing concert tour of the year, organizers of the awards show said on Wednesday.

The singer will accept the Top Touring Artist award at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on 19th May for the tour that grossed more than $305 million from 88 sold-out shows and attracted an audience of 2.2 million people.

“A cultural icon, Madonna is one of the most successful and influential entertainers of all time and was recently named Billboard’s Top Money Maker of 2012,” Billboard said in a statement. The chart-topping singer holds numerous other Billboard awards, including the record for the most Top 10 singles (38).

In addition to her music, Madonna is also an avid art collector. On Tuesday she sold a 1921 painting by the French artist Fernand Leger, “Trois Femmes a la Table Rouge,” for $7.16 million to raise money for the non-profit Ray of Light Foundation, to fund girls’ education in poor countries.

The mother of four, including two adopted children from Malawi, is planning to build 10 schools in the African nation.—Reuters

Carrie Underwood to sing NBC’s ‘Sunday Night Football’ theme

LOS ANGELES, 10 May— Country singer Carrie Underwood will sing the opening theme to NBC’s “Sunday Night Football” programme, one of the United States’ most-watched TV shows, when the new season kicks off in September, the network said on Tuesday.

Grammy-winner Underwood will take the reins from fellow country singer Faith Hill, who had sung the theme “Waiting All Day for Sunday Night” before each telecast since 2007. Underwood’s performance will be prerecorded.

“I’m very excited,” Underwood, 30, said in a conference call. “I think it’s a perfect fit and I am such a sports fan and football fan, and we love Sunday nights around my household, so for me to be a part of it is something really special.”

Underwood, who shot to recognition by winning the TV singing competition “American Idol” in 2005, is married to Canadian ice hockey player Mike Fisher and sang the national anthem at the 2010 Super Bowl.

A prominent musical introduction is a staple of US prime time football broadcasts after Hank Williams Jr reworked his song “All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming over Tonight” as the theme for the “Monday Night Football” programme in 1989.

“Sunday Night Football” begins its weekly programme on 8 September with a game between the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants.

NBC is part of Comcast Corp.—Reuters

Jeanne Cooper, star of CBS’ “The Young and the Restless,” dies at 84

LOS ANGELES, 10 May— American actress Jeanne Cooper, who starred on the daytime television soap opera “The Young and the Restless” for four decades, died on Wednesday, her son, actor Corbin Bernsen, said. Cooper was 84.

“My mother passed away this morning just a short time ago, peaceful with my sister by her side, in her sleep,” Bernsen said in a post on Facebook.

Known as the “The Duchess” and the “Grand Dame of Genoa City,” the Chancellor character is credited with giving the series a dash of controversy during its beginnings and becoming an iconic figure in US television soap opera genre.

Cooper’s cast mates took to Twitter to remember an enduring star of US daytime television.

“A very sad day for all of us,” co-star Jessica Collins posted on Twitter.

“ Heavenly just gained one very feisty angel,” said Melissa Claire Egan, another actress on the series.

Cooper, a daytime Emmy winner, also brought her personal life onto the show in 1984 when footage of her real-life facelift was used to depict her character undergoing the same procedure. Cooper was born in Taft, California, in 1928 and began her professional screen acting career in the 1953 film “The Redhead from Wyoming.”—Reuters

Piers Morgan to oversee TV series on London’s tabloid world

LOS ANGELES, 10 May— The world of tabloid journalism, London-style, will be showcased in a new television series executive-produced by CNN host Piers Morgan, who is also a former editor of two of Britain’s popular newspapers.

“Fleet Street” will be broadcast on US cable channel Starz and will follow the competitive landscape of tabloid publications in 1970s London, Starz said in a statement on Wednesday.

“It was the dawn of the celebrity era, in all its gruesome detail — a revolution that changed pop culture, and the relationship between the press and politicians, royals, and stars,” Morgan said in a statement.

The series will chronicle the rise of tabloid journalism, the sexual revolution and class warfare, all seen through the eyes of an American journalist,” the statement added.

“Fleet Street” is currently in development and does not have a release date. It will consist of eight to 13 hour-long episodes.

Morgan, 48, rose to fame as the youngest national newspaper editor in 1994 when he was appointed to lead Rupert Murdoch’s now defunct News of the World tabloid.

He became editor of the Daily Mirror in 1995 but was fired in 2004 after broadcasts after newspaper published false photographs of Iraqi prisoners apparently being abused by British soldiers.

Morgan moved into television, gaining fame as a judge on Simon Cowell’s competition shows “Britain’s Got Talent” and its US version “America’s Got Talent.”

In 2011, Morgan took over from veteran host Larry King and launched the CNN talk show “Piers Morgan Live.”—Reuters

Outstanding Lead Actress Jeanne Cooper from “The Young and the Restless” poses with her award at the 35th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards at the Kodak theatre in Hollywood, California on 20 June, 2005.—Reuters

Television host Piers Morgan hosts a conversation titled “Communication by Design: Inspirational Change” during the final day of the Clinton Global Initiative 2012 (CGI) in New York on 25 Sept, 2012.—Reuters
Unheralded Castro leads with McIlroy, Woods lurking

PORT VEDRA BEACH, Florida, 10 May—Unheralded Roberto Castro fired a 63 to the course record for a three-shot lead over Rory McIlroy and Zach Johnson with Tiger Woods lurking after Thursday's first round of the Players Championship. The world class leaderboard also included US Open champion Webb Simpson, Ryder Cup players Steve Stricker and Hunter Mahan in a group with Woods another shot back on 67, but it was Web. cor graduate Castro who stole the spotlight.

Staging a clinic with his irons to receptive greens, Castro, ranked 267th in the world, made seven birdies Roberto Castro of the US hits his approach shot on the seventh hole during the first round of The Players Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida on 9 May, 2013.—Reuters

United pick Moyes as Ferguson influence lives on

MANCHESTER, 10 May—Alex Ferguson’s influence at Manchester United will continue past his retirement after the Premier League champions followed his advice and appointed David Moyes as their next manager on Thursday.

Everton boss Moyes, who announced earlier he would be leaving the club after 11 years in charge, was the hot favourite to take over from his fellow Scot at United and has signed a six-year contract from 1 July. —Reuters

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Serena Williams of the US returns a shot to Maria Kirilenko of Russia during their women’s singles match at the Madrid Open tennis tournament, on 9 May, 2013.—Reuters

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Williams, 26, made light work of her opponent Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan under 68. “I've never seen anything quite like the red-haired American’s round. “Ultra impressive,” said Bohn, who shot a four-under 68. “I've never seen a 63 shot like that. His iron play was like a clinic, he had so many kick-ins. That’s the highest score he could have shot. He was awesome.” Castro had six birdie putts within five feet, including four within two feet and did not make a single putt of more than 10 feet in his 63.—Reuters

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Recent media reports have suggested the Portuguese will leave Real Madrid at the end of the season and go back to Stamford Bridge, a prospect that Rafael Benitez, the 34-year-old’s former manager at Real. “I’ve seen Bobby Tambling’s club record of 202, is set to feature in third-placed Chelsea’s Premier League fixture at Aston Villa on Saturday. 

Chelsea’s Frank Lampard celebrates after winning against FC Basel in their Europa League semi-final second leg soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 2 May, 2013.—Reuters

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The Union Attorney-General held talks with the senior advisor of British Council on sending of Myanmar legal officers to Britain to receive trainings. Also present at the calls were Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Director-General U Kyaw Hsan and personnel from Office of the Union Attorney-General.

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They discussed matters of the Union of Myanmar and the future cooperation between Myanmar and EU.

**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives ROK Ambassador**

**Yangon, 10 May**—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong here this morning.

They discussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two parliaments as well as the two countries. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and personnel of Hluttaw Office.

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