NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—With rapid economic development of Asia and ASEAN, construction of railroads, motor roads and bridges across the country including Ayeyawady River-Crossing Bridges would contribute much to Myanmar’s economic development and creating more job opportunities for Myanmar citizens, said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham at opening ceremony of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) linking Malun bank and Migyoingyee bank near Ywathit Village and Sittoepin Village of Magway Township today.

Thanks to the bridge, products such as edible oil crops, beans, sesame and onion from Myanmar’s Oil Bowl, Magway Region, will be transported to other regions and states. Socio-economic status of local people will improve soon, he added.

He continued to say that the State is spending huge amounts of money on construction of Ayeyawady River-crossing bridges in order to save time and costs caused by Ayeyawady River.

He highlighted the importance of basic infrastructures essential for country’s development. Thanks to the 2015 ASEAN Community, the country will see opportunities such as flourishing of free trade, more investment and visits.

Better transportation could bring about development of tourism industry and more job opportunity, thereby contributing to Myanmar rural development and poverty alleviation tasks.

He expressed thanks to Myanmar engineers for their efforts for construction of international-standard bridges. He urged the officials and local people to maintain its durability.

Construction U Kyaw Lwin said that the bridge connects Yangon-Pyay-Magway Union Highway on the east bank of Ayeyawady River with Sasano-Kantoke road and Pathein-Monywa road and Monywa-Gangaw-Kalewa-Kyeekon-Tamu road and foreign countries through Malun-Minhlarroad.

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The fire swept through the building, destroying sofas, fiber sheets, furniture, electric wires and other belongings. Only when clouds of thick black smoke billowed from the 186 feet long and 45 acres. The village has cool and pleasant weather all the year around with the highest temperature of 35 degrees centigrade and the lowest temperature of 2 degrees centigrade. The village has a population of 733 from 200 households. Agriculture and livestock breeding are main businesses of the village.

Thanks to Pyin Oo Lwin-Kyeekaing concrete road and the village sees good transportation. Moreover, all streets in the village were concreted. The village electrification and establishment of a library were carried out successfully. So far 315 KVA transformer and power lines have been installed and electric pylons and a library built at the village. Knowing about the value of environment through educative programmes on the televising, only electricity is used for cooking instead of firewood and charcoal.

Now that the village is on the track to development of economic, education, health and social sectors, it will be able to establish a library built at the village. Kyemon

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Three crew members die of suffocation in the belly of ship

YANGON, 11 May — Suffocation deaths occurred in the belly of Barge-11 Singapore cargo ship docked together with MV Zawana tugboat since about one month ago to load up it with timber logs from timber extraction block of Kyunsu region at Kangyi ward in Myeik on 7 May.

While the ship was in dock for loading up of timber logs from timber extraction block of Kyunsu region at Kangyi ward in Myeik, 15 crew members led by captain U Ye Shwe carried out sanitation works inside and outside the ship. While sanitation works in progress, deputy captain Zin Ko Oo (a) Kyatpha, 24, collapsed unconscious in the belly of the ship. So crew leader Kyaw Myint (a) Kyaw Kyaw Myint, 29, and Win Tun, 28, rushed there, but they also went unconscious. Than Htaik Aung, 32, went down in the belly by rope and tried to rescue three crew members lying unconscious. He also fell unconscious after he tied Win Tun with rope to pull him up.

Next, Mechanic Zaw Lwin went down in the belly with a helmet and a gas mask and took them out of the belly. But three crew members—Than Htaik Aung, Kyaw Kyaw Myint (a) Kyaw Kyaw Myint and Zin Ko Oo (a) Kyatpha—were found dead and Win Tun was sent to hospital.

They are believed to have died of suffocation in the belly of the ship where they were unable to breathe. Myeik police station is investigation into the case. Kyemon

Asphyxiation death by smoke inhalation in Taungtha Township

YANGON, 11 May — Two men died of smoke inhalation in the 35-foot deep well while trying to pump dirty water out of the well in the residence of U Myo Myint Aung in Chaungzon village of Taungtha Township in Mandalay Region on 5 May.

As Naing Win, 31, was asphyxiated by smoke in the middle of the well where he started the engine to pump water out of the well, Kyaw Hay, 35, went down into the well to rescue him. But both of them fell unconscious and died as they were unable to breath in the well. They are believed to have been killed by smoke inhalation. — MNA

Ambulance and motorbike get caught in collision

KENGTUNG, 11 May — A crash between an ambulance and a motorbike occurred on Tachilek road near Namchatay village bridge in Kengtung Township at about 9.30 am on 4 May.

An ambulance of Kengtung People’s Hospital driven by Aye Min Soe, 28, collided with a motorbike driven by Lawsi who ride it on the wrong lane on Tachilek road. Motorcyclist had got minor injuries to his left leg in the road accident. Kyemon

Firewood-loaded truck overturns in Bago

BAGO, 11 May — An overloaded truck overturned near Lawka Manaung monastery in Bago yesterday.

The truck driving from Lay-ein-su village to downtown Bago by Maung Tun turned over at mile post No 1(5) as it was over loaded with firewood.

The driver and one other on board the truck were injured in the car accident and they were taken to Bago hospital. Driver Maung Tun was charged over car accident. Kyemon

Two wounded in head-on collision between vehicle and motorbike

DAWEI, 11 May — A head-on collision between a vehicle and a motorbike occurred near mile post No 4(4) between Pulukone village and Zahar village in Dawei Township of Tanintharyi Region on about 8 am on 4 May. A Town Ace driving from Yebyu Township to Dawei by U Than Hla, 49, collided head-on with a motorbike driving on the opposite lane by U Ye Myint while trying to overtake a vehicle driving ahead. The road accident caused damage to both the Town Ace and the motorbike and left the motorcyclist and a woman on board the vehicle wounded. The injured are being treated at Dawei People’s Hospital.

Dawei Police Station filed a lawsuit against U Than Hla for his reckless driving. Kyemon

Lightning strike kills man inside home

NYAUNGU, 11 May — A man was struck by lightning while he was inside his home at Kalade village in Ngathaya Township in Nyaungu District at about 5 pm on 2 May. There was no rain at the time when the accident occurred.

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China, India capable of achieving win-win results, resolving disputes

BEIJING, 11 May—Indian Foreign Minister Salman Khurshid’s ongoing visit to China reaffirmed the consensus of the two giant neighbours to achieve win-win results and properly handle disputes toward building a new-type relationship between major countries of the world.

The trip drew world attention as it took place after a border incident between the two nations, and western media tended to cast China-India ties in the light of “border row” or “strategic rivalry.”

But the fact is that Khurshid’s China tour was planned long before the border spat happened, and is an integral part of the high-level exchanges agreed upon by leaders of the two sides. While we shouldn’t pretend that border disputes and historical issues don’t exist between the two nations, it is hard to deny that the problems were often solved in a quick fashion as the two-way ties are getting more mature each day. For international observers, being fixated on border spats, which are not rare between neighbouring nations, risks missing the grand picture of the overall positive trend of the China-India relationship and the huge opportunities and benefits it could bring to the region and the world.

The new Chinese leadership has declared that it regards the ties with India as one of Beijing’s most important foreign relations and Khurshid, the Indian foreign minister, reiterated New Delhi’s willingness to expand bilateral cooperation during his ongoing trip.

China and India are both world’s great ancient civilizations with splendid cultures, and now they are both leading emerging economies of important countries with shared responsibilities in safeguarding regional and global security and prosperity. The potential for bilateral cooperation is huge, as China has become one of India’s top trading partners with a shared goal to raise their annual trade volume to 100 billion US dollars in 2013. New Delhi has also said it intends to attract more Chinese investments and encourage Indian firms to explore the growing Chinese market.

Meanwhile, the people-to-people exchange between the two sides has a vast room to grow, given annually there are only 20,000 Chinese nationals traveling to India and 300,000 Indians coming to China. With their growing global clouts, the two nations’ cooperation in regional and world affairs is carrying more significance.

Japan, US conclude 1st dialogue on cyber defence cooperation

TOKYO, 11 May—Japan and the United States concluded their first comprehensive dialogue on cyber defence on Friday after exploring new areas of cooperation, they said in a joint statement.

During the two-day meeting in Tokyo, Japanese and US officials also identified actions that governments and private-sector entities can take to secure critical infrastructure, and affirmed the application of “norms of responsible state behaviour” in cyberspace, according to the statement.

The cross-sectoral consultation aimed at discussing cyber-related cooperation.

Amid concern that it has been slow to erect defences against increasingly sophisticated attacks in cyberspace, Japan is hoping to improve its readiness by tapping US know-how on cyber defence, according to Japanese officials.

The participants in the meeting discussed the growing role of cyber defence in security strategies, while confirming support for the implementation of “national whole-of-government cyber strategies” in a bid to make cyberspace less dangerous, the statement said.

The two countries agreed to hold their second dialogue on the issue in Washington sometime between October and December.

The efforts to deepen cooperation come amid a growing awareness of the threat that cyberattacks pose to national infrastructures, such as nuclear power stations, financial networks and transportation.

Policy-makers are also keenly aware that international rule-making is urgently needed given the lack of rules binding state behaviour in cyberspace.

The meeting, which was held at the Foreign Ministry, was led by Osa- mu Imai, Japanese ambassador in charge of cyberpolicy, and Christopher Painter, coordinator for cyber issues at the US State Department.

The first comprehensive dialogue between the two countries “has shown clearly that Japan and the United States are united” in tackling cyber issues, a senior minister official said.

The participants included officials from Japan’s Foreign Ministry and National Information Security Centre as well as the US Department of Homeland Security and the Pentagon.—Kyodo News

US not seeking permanent bases in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 11 May—The United States is not seeking permanent military bases in Afghanistan, and any future American presence in the country will be possible only at the invitation of the Afghan government, White House spokesman Jay Carney said here on Thursday. The spokesman echoed what US President Barack Obama said in response to a statement made by Afghan President Hamid Karzai earlier in the day about Washington’s intention to set up nine military bases across the Asian nation after the exit of most US and NATO combat troops by the end of 2014.

“The United States does not seek permanent military bases in Afghanistan, and any US presence after 2014 would only be at the invitation of the Afghan government and aimed at training Afghan forces and targeting the remnants of al-Qaeda,” Carney told reporters at a regular briefing.

Washington and Kabul have been working on a deal allowing a limited US military presence in Afghanistan, as US and NATO troops have failed to weed out the Taleban and al-Qaeda forces in a bloody and costly war that has lasted more than 11 years.

“As we have said, we envision a new bilateral security agreement will address access to and use of Afghanistan facilities by US forces,” Carney noted. “But we seek no permanent military bases in Afghanistan.”

We’ve been very clear about that.” In a speech at the Kabul University on Thursday, Karzai said that Washington wants military bases in major Afghan cities including Kabul, Bagram, Mazar-i-Sharif, Jalalabad, Gardez, Kandahar, Helmand, Shirland and Herat.

G-7 to renew pledge to avoid currency war as dollar shoots up

AVILES, (England), 11 May—Financial chiefs from the Group of Seven advanced economies are to warn at their two-day meeting in Britain on Saturday by pledging again to refrain from competitive currency devaluations as the US dollar surges to near 102 yen, its highest level against the Japanese currency since October 2008. The G-7 finance ministers and central bank governors are expected to reaffirm their statement released on 12 February committing members not to target exchange rates with fiscal and monetary policy.

The message was endorsed at the meeting of Group of 20 financial chiefs in Moscow in late February and also in Washington in April. Speculation had emerged that the Bank of Japan’s aggressive monetary easing —doubling the monetary base within two years — might be subject to criticism or warnings from other G-7 participants as the unconventional steps have driven the yen sharply lower versus the dollar.

Woman rescued after 17 days trapped in rubble of Bangladesh factory

DHAKA, 11 May—A woman was rescued on Friday after spending 17 days trapped under the rubble of a Bangladesh factory building that collapsed on 24 April killing more than 1,000 people, police and military officials said.

Bangladeshi television channels broadcast live footage of emergency service workers pulling the woman from the collapsed building as onlookers burst into cheers.

The woman, identified by Bangladeshi media only as Reshma, was shown being carried on a stretcher and loaded into an ambulance as a rescue worker applied an oxygen mask to her face.

“She had been rescued and taken to a military hospital,” said Bangladesh’s army spokesman Shahinul Islam.—Reuters

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (2nd R) holds talks with his Indian counterpart Salman Khurshid in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 May, 2013.—Xinhua

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Spacewalk planned to fix ammonia leak on space station

MIAMI, 11 May — NASA plans to send two astronauts aboard the International Space Station on 9 May to try to fix an ammonia leak in a cooling system on one of the station’s solar arrays, the US space agency said on Friday.

The crew spotted a steady stream of small, white, frozen ammonia flakes floating away from a coolant line outside the orbital outpost on Thursday.

Mission managers reviewed images and data gathered overnight and said on Friday they tentatively planned to send American astronaut Chris Cassidy and Tom Marshburn out on Saturday morning to try to stop the leak by replacing a pump on the cooling system. “The crew is not in danger, and the station continues to operate normally otherwise,” NASA said in a news release.

Ammonia is used to cool the power systems that operate the solar arrays, which provide electricity to the station. Each of the eight solar arrays has its own independent cooling system. The leak is on the far left side of the station’s truss structure, in an ammonia loop that astronauts previously tried to troubleshooting a spacewalk in November 2012.

While Cassidy and Marshburn are working outside the space station, crew commander Chris Hadfield, a Canadian astronaut, will choreograph their movements from inside the orbital outpost. Russian cosmonauts Pavel Vinogradov, Alexander Misurkin and Roman Romanenko make up the rest of the crew.

Work was under way to replace the two strung power channels to maintain full operation of the systems normally controlled by the solar array that is cooled by the leaking loop.

The space station, a $100 billion research laboratory that orbits 250 miles above Earth, is owned by the United States and Russia in partnership with Europe, Japan and Canada.

Vietnam to launch 2nd remote sensing satellite into orbit by 2017

HANOI, 11 May — Vietnam plans to launch the second remote sensing satellite, VNREDSat-1B, into orbit by 2017, after successfully launching the first of this kind on 7 May, local online VNEpress reported on Friday.

The report quoted a notice released on Thursday by the Embassy of Belgium in Vietnam as saying that Vietnam and Belgium had reached an agreement upon which Belgian companies under the auspices of Spacebel will manufacture the VNREDSat-1B, which will help monitor the natural resources, natural disasters, and improve management of the territory and main natural resources sources.

The VNREDSat-1B will be originated from a group of PROBA (Project for On-Board Autonomy) satellites of the European Space Agency (ESA).

It will cost a total of over 60 million euros (78.2 million US dollars) from Belgium’s official development assistance (ODA) and the Vietnamese government’s corresponding fund. The satellite will have a weight of around 130 kg.

Vietnam’s first remote sensing satellite VNREDSat-1 was launched into orbit, together with two other satellites — a 140kg Proba-V satellite of the European Space Agency (ESA) to map vegetation cover, and a 1.3kg Estonian satellite, ESTCube-1 to test an electric solar sail — by Arianespace from the Guiana Space Centre, French Guiana on 7 May (Hanoi time).

According to the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, the satellite successfully sent its first photos of Vietnam to the ground receiving station on 9 May. The ground stations can connect with the satellite from two to four times per day through the satellite signal receiving and transmitting the station located in Hanoi-based Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Park.

Vietnam becomes the fifth ASEAN nation to own a remote sensing satellite after Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

In 2008 and 2012, the country launched two telecommunication satellites, VietnamSat-1 and -2, which were launched into orbit, both with two other satellites — a 140kg Proba-V satellite of the European Space Agency (ESA) to serve patent protection.

WASHINGTON, 11 May — A federal appeals court on Friday ruled that Australia’s Alice Corp does not hold valid patents on a computerized trading platform, but it remained unclear how the decision would affect other software patents.

The software industry had been watching the case for a clue to legal protection of intellectual property rights that generate much of the sector’s profits. But the US Federal Circuit Court of Appeals failed to reach a consensus on how to determine what software is patentable. How innovative an invention should have to be to receive legal protection is an issue of debate in the software industry.

Technology companies such as Apple and Dell both have filed of-the-court briefs stating that “bare-bones” patents like those owned by Alice Corp do not innovate enough to deserve patent protection.

International Business Machines Corp, however, said that most software inventions do qualify for patent protection. In Friday’s opinion, five judges joined a portion of the opinion, authored by Circuit Judge Alan Lourie, that suggested judges ask whether there are “genuine human contributions” to the invention when determining whether it should receive patent protection.

It will take future cases to determine whether the test can earn the support of a majority of the Federal Circuit or the US Supreme Court. The Federal Circuit’s Chief Judge, Randall Rader, did not join that portion of the opinion authored and noted that the test is not precedent-setting. In a dissenting opinion, Judge Kimberly Moore said that the test described by Lourie could cause a “free fall” in the patent system and that the opinion defines what is “abstract” much too broadly. CLS is pleased that the district court’s decision was affirmed and said the appeals court’s decision “strikes an appropriate balance between innovation and competition.”—Reuters

Nokia to sell new Lumia phone through Verizon Wireless

HELSINKI, 11 May: Nokia sold its high-end smartphone through US carrier Verizon Wireless, it said on Friday, aiming to expand its share in the high-margin premium market after years of falling behind Samsung and Apple Inc.

The new Lumia 928, priced at $99 if customers mail-in a $50 rebate and agree to a two-year deal with Verizon Wireless, is similar to the 920 model currently sold through AT&T, but is lighter and slightly different in appearance.

It weighs 162 grams compared with 185 grams for the 920, which some critics had said was too heavy.

The 928’s 4.5-inch screen also extends to the edge of the phone, giving a sharper impression than the curved edges of the 920. The new models also come in black and white compared with the colourful options of the earlier Lumia range.

Most other features, such as a 8.7 megapixel camera and 1.5-gigahertz dual core processor by Qualcomm, are the same as the 920’s.

The 928 is the latest in Nokia’s Lumia range of smartphones which use Microsoft’s Windows Phone 8 software.

Nokia switched to Windows in 2011, aiming to compete with Apple’s iPhones and rivals using Google’s Android system. Sales of Lumia phones have grown in recent quarters, but at 5.6 million in first quarter, they still account for only around 5 percent of the market.
**Bipolar disorder tied to mother’s flu in pregnancy**

**NEW YORK, 11 May—**

Children born after being exposed to the flu during pregnancy may have a nearly four-fold higher risk of later developing bipolar disorder, according to a small new study.

The senior researcher said the results can’t prove that a mother’s bout of flu while pregnant causes her child to develop bipolar disorder, but the association does suggest that some cases might be prevented.

“The idea is that if you can get the flu, you can’t get bipolar disorder. There is a role - and we can’t say that from one study—there is a vaccine,” Dr Alan Brown, a professor of psychiatry and epidemiology at Columbia University in New York, told Reuters Health.

The flu vaccine is safe and also I would argue that there are other things that pregnant women could do. For example, hand washing and staying away from people with the flu,” Brown said.

Previous studies had already established a link between a mother’s flu infection while pregnant and her child’s increased risk of developing schizophrenia, a severe mental disorder that often comes with hallucinations, delusions and paranoia.

**SoftBank asks banks not to finance Dish’s Sprint bid**

**NEW YORK, 11 May—**

SoftBank Corp is playing it rough in its attempt to keep Dish Network Corp from breaking up its $20.1 billion deal to take control of Sprint Nextel Corp.

The Japanese telecom company, which owns 33 percent of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, has told banks that their financing of Dish’s $25.5 billion rival offer for Sprint could hurt their chances of landing a case in a highly anticipated public offering of the Chinese e-commerce giant, two sources familiar with the situation said.

SoftBank, Dish and Sprint declined to comment. A source close to Alibaba said on Friday that while SoftBank is a major investor, it does not make decisions for Alibaba’s management.

**US report quantifies risk of listeria in deli foods**

**New York, 11 May—**

Publicly reported statistics about how patients fare after a medical procedure often are inaccurate, says a new study that suggests publishing the poor quality numbers may do more harm than good.

The proportion of patients who die within 30 days of a medical procedure is sometimes used to gauge the effectiveness of the treatment, or of the hospital or doctor administering it. After analyzing thousands of patient records at one US hospital, researchers found that less than half of the deaths following percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) — also known as coronary angioplasty — were related to the procedure.

That’s far fewer than the number of deaths usually attributed to the surgery, the study’s authors, the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have also proposed using the number as a quality measure, in the hope of improving patient care.

**Fiat’s US dealers anxious for broader product lineup**

**DEERFIELD, 11 May—**

A meeting of US Fiat dealers to discuss future products, including the arrival of Alfa Romeo models, has twice been postponed and no new date has been set, several Fiat dealers said this week.

Some of the 204 US Fiat dealers are struggling to turn a profit selling several versions of the Fiat 500 compact and some dealers said they anxiously await more details from Chrysler and its Italian parent, Fiat SpA (FIA.MI), on plans to expand products beyond what has been already announced.

Fiat returned to the US market in March 2011 with 40 dealers after a 16-year absence selling a single product, the two-door Fiat 500, largely known outside North America as the Cinquecento. The Italian carmaker, led by hard-charging Chief Executive Officer Sergio Marchionne, took over management of Chrysler after

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**New York, 11 May—**

Some simple safety techniques for food handling and preparation could help delicatessens and other food stores reduce the risk of customers developing the potentially deadly foodborne illness of listeriosis, according to a US government report released on Friday.

The report by the Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration, recommended strict control of temperature during refrigeration, better cleaning and sanitizing of food contact surfaces and wearing gloves while serving customers.

The report analyzed the risk of illness associated with L monocytogenes, one of the main sources of L monocytogenes is a pathogen that has long been of concern to public health officials. The CDC estimates that it causes about 1,600 illnesses, 1,500 hospitalizations, and 260 deaths a year. Though relatively rare compared with other major foodborne illnesses, it has a fatality rate of about 16 percent, compared with just 0.5 percent for Salmonella or Escherichia coli.

Investigations simulated the retail deli environment and evaluated how certain sanitary and food handling practices could influence the risk of developing listeriosis from ready-to-eat foods that are sliced, prepared or packaged in retail grocery delis.

They found that employing basic practices that prevent growth of the bacteria dramatically reduced the predicted risk of listeriosis.

Some of the main sources of L monocytogenes are the slicer for deli meats and cheeses and salad utensils for the deli salads. These can lead to cross- contamination of other foods. Controlling cross- contamination at these points reduces the predicted risk of listeriosis, according to the report.

The study “improves our understanding of L monocytogenes in the retail deli and should encourage improvements to retail food safety practices and mitigation strategies,” the report notes, adding that additional data would be useful to further explore how more specific retail practices and conditions such as equipment design, impact the risk of listeriosis.

**An Italian heart surgeon holds a tiny titanium pump, the world’s smallest artificial heart, which has been implanted in a baby in Rome.**—**Reuters**

**SoftBank’s unusual move is the latest sign that the battle for control of Sprint, the No 3 US wireless carrier, is fast turning into a no-holds-barred brawl between SoftBank founder Masayoshi Son and Dish’s Charlie Ergen. SoftBank agreed in October last year to buy 70 percent of Sprint for $20.1 billion. In December, Sprint also made an offer to buy out the stake in Clearwire Corp it didn’t already own. But SoftBank’s plans have run into trouble, thanks in large part to Dish. In January, Dish made an offer to acquire Clearwire, and followed up in April with the bid for Sprint. SoftBank’s latest move could make it more difficult for Sprint to firm up financing for its Sprint bid. At least one major bank has withdrawn from financing the Dish bid after SoftBank’s move, the sources said. Dish has said it would need to raise $9 billion in debt to finance the offer, and SoftBank has criticized its rival for not having committed financing in place. In an interview last month, Son described the US media veteran as an “amateur” in mobile. “Charlie has no expertise in the mobile industry,” the executive told Reuters.

For his part, Ergen has fought back against the criticism. Earlier this month, he said acquiring Sprint was so important to Dish that he would offer $30 billion for the company, if the bank is chosen as an adviser to the company’s next M&A transaction.

**Better stent surgery stats needed: heart doctors**

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**Reuters**
New campaign targets improper online news editing

BEIJING, 11 May—The State Internet Information Office has launched a two-month campaign to regulate improper news editing online, according to a statement issued by the office on Friday. Improper practices include running stories without proper attribution, circulating false stories, maliciously tampering with headlines and assuming the identity of a news organization in publishing news, according to a spokesman for the office.

Authorities are required to help websites to maintain strict news circulation standards and impose heavier punishments on websites that break relevant regulations.

The spokesman also encouraged the public to criticize and expose websites that spread false news, as well as advertisements appearing in the form of news articles.

Explosions hit two police stations in Libya’s Benghazi

TRIPOLI, 11 May—A bomb exploded outside a police station in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi in the early hours of Friday, damaging the building and shattering the windows of a school opposite but causing no injuries, a police official said.

Around the same time, about 4 am, a second police station was hit by a smaller explosive device that may have been a grenade, a witness said. No injuries were reported there either.

Police stations have been struck with explosives at least four times in the past month in Benghazi, the second largest city in Libya.

“Someone threw a bag of explosive material in front of the gate of the police station in the city center, causing a big explosion and serious damage,” a police officer said, describing the first incident.—Reuters

World War II must be warning memory to Italy

ROME, 11 May—“History is the best early warning mechanism. Let us never forget what happened to our countries when nationalism and demagoguery prevailed.” Italy’s Foreign Minister Emma Bonino said on Thursday. Speaking at the State of the Union in Florence in a keynote speech to a conference for high-level reflection on the European Union, Bonino said that to defend the European construction it is fundamental to rediscover its mission. “Europe’s founding fathers knew from their tragic experience that it was an illusion to ensure peace and security by building fortresses and walls. They chose integration, and rejected barriers,” she said.

Bonino said that Europe needs to actively work to solve its problems of recession and populism in order to protect the level of democracy, prosperity and stability that it has achieved since the 1950s. “If we adopt a new vision, engage our citizens and unite our governments, we could start a new phase of boosting growth and fostering democratic legitimacy and global influence,” the foreign minister added.

Three security personnel, nine militants killed in clashes in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 May—At least three security personnel and nine militants were killed on Friday during armed clashes in Pakistan’s northwestern tribal region of Kurram Agency, local media reported. The clashes started after a group of militants armed with heavy weapons stormed a check post of security forces in Para Chamkani area of Kurram Agency, one of the country’s restive tribal regions bordering Afghanistan, local media reported quoting official sources.

The attack was so sudden that the security personnel could not retaliate quickly and militants killed three security personnel present at the check post. Soon after the attack the quick response force rushed to site and cordoned off the whole area along with a gunship helicopter hovering over the area. The surrounded militants opened fire at the forces besides throwing hand grenades and launching rockets at the forces to make the way to flee from the area. In the cross fire, nine militants were killed and eight others injured while some of them succeeded in running away. In these clashes at least four security personnel were also injured. Security forces shifted the bodies and injured to the army hospital in the area. Following the clashes, security forces launched a grand search operation in the tribal region to arrest the escaped militants. Earlier on Monday, a suicide bomber targeted a political gathering in the same region killing 26 sides leaving over 40 others injured.—Xinhua

Concentration of CO2 in Hawaii reaches record high

WASHINGTON, 11 May—The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said on Friday the daily mean concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere at its Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii surpassed 400 parts per million for the first time on Thursday since measurements started in 1958.

“It marks an important milestone because Mauna Loa, as the oldest continuous carbon dioxide (CO2) measurement station in the world, is the primary global benchmark site for monitoring the increase of this potent heat-trapping gas,” NOAA said.

As it is believed to be necessary to contain CO2 concentration below 450 ppm in order to limit the global temperature rise since the Industrial Revolution to 2 C, the latest data indicates the urgency of reducing CO2 emissions.—Kyodo News

German Merkel pays visit to Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, (Afghanistan), 11 May—The German Chancellor Angela Merkel paid a surprise visit to northern Afghan province of Kunduz on Friday, an Afghan official said.

“Chancellor Merkel along with the German Defence Minister Thomas de Maiziere is paying a visit to Kunduz city the provincial capital of Kunduz Province on Friday morning,” the official who requested anonymity told Xinhua.

Earlier Friday, they paid a brief visit to Mazar-i-Sharif city, capital of neighbouring Balkh Province, the official said, adding Merkel and de Maiziere will meet the German forces stationed in Kunduz later Friday in the province 250 km north of Kabul. The visit came days after a German troop was killed and one was wounded in an insurgent attack in neighbouring Baghlan Province.

About 4,200 German soldiers have been deployed within the framework of nearly 100,000 NATO-led troops in Afghanistan. Germany offers to station between roughly 600 and 800 soldiers in Afghanistan for a two-year period starting in 2015 after NATO combat operations end in the country, de Maiziere announced in Berlin last month.

The Afghan government forces are taking the lead in providing security as they took full security responsibilities from US and NATO forces in areas where more than 75 percent of the country’s 30 million population lives, parts of a process which will run through 2014 when Afghanistan takes over the full leadership of its own security duties.—Xinhua

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5.0-magnitude quake hits Bougainville region

Papua New Guinea

HONG KONG, 11 May—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted Bougainville region, Papua New Guinea at 22:52 GMT on Friday, the US Geological Survey said. The epicentre, with a depth of 56.60 km, was initially determined to be at 6.4777 degrees south latitude and 154.4104 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

6.2-magnitude quake hits southern Iran

TEHRAN, 11 May—A 6.2-magnitude earthquake jolted southern Iran early on Saturday, the US Geological Survey reported. The quake occurred at 06:38 am local time (0208 GMT), with its epicentre at a depth of 36.40 km. There have been no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the quake.—Xinhua

Magnitude 6.3 earthquake strikes Oman

WASHINGTON, 11 May—A 6.3-magnitude earthquake struck in the Gulf nation of Oman on Saturday near the northern city of Al Khasab, the US Geological Survey said. The quake had a depth of 21 miles and was centered 116 miles east of Al Khasab, the agency said.—Reuters
**Health Care Services**

**Course on birth-spacing Jadalle use opened in Nay Pyi Taw**

_Nay Pyi Taw, 11 May—_Ministry of Health and PSI jointly opened Skill Building on Jadalle Insertion and Removal Course at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed), here, on 6 April._

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Huay said in her speech at the opening ceremony that the course was the first of its kind in Myanmar. Gynaecologists will provide the course with the use of 10,000 implant Jadalle used for birth spacing.

She called on gynaecologists to conduct multiplier courses at various levels in districts and townships.

She also inspected construction Modular Operation Theater Complex and Accident and Emergency Unit for SEA Games to be hosted in Nay Pyi Taw.

_Myanma Alinn_

**Free treatment provided to eye patients in Hline Tsp**

_Hline, 11 May—_Eye patients in Hline Township in Yangon West District in Yangon Region were provided with free treatment at Township General Administration Department Office on 6-9 May.

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A reliable and sustainable market is a powerful driving force for economic growth and for the creation of excellent opportunities for consumers. It encourages business entities to compete each other for consumers by offering their best products and services at the lowest prices. Moreover, it provides consumers with quality assurance, allowing them to enjoy the right to satisfaction of a wide variety of products and services to choose from and from the right to safety. Hence, competition and innovation flourish in the market and consumer awareness of rights and responsibilities has become important.

One of well-known US Presidents outlined his vision of consumer rights and responsibilities, referring consumers as “the largest economic group”, affecting and affected by every economic decision, but their views are not often heard. His vision, henceforth, has developed into eight consumer rights and five responsibilities in the world. The set of rights and responsibilities thereby contributes to consumer protection.

A set of goals of ensuring an atmosphere of sustainable consumer protection in the civil society is to heighten consumer awareness of rights and responsibilities. So consumer education is needed. It is required to educate consumers that they must be fully aware of their responsibilities in order to exercise them before enjoying the rights. It is because responsibilities always precede rights. These responsibilities are to question about the price and quality of goods and service they use, to ensure that they get a fair deal, to be aware of the impact of their consumption on other citizens, to understand the environmental and other consequences of their consumption and to develop strength and influence to promote and protect their interest.

As consumers by definition that include us all are members of civil society—in other words they are citizens of a certain country. Consumers as citizens in a democracy owe a great responsibility of citizenship to ensure democracy, the rule of law, justice and peace on which the ultimate value of human civilization is dependent and to promote value of environment which allows a life of dignity and well being.

“I’ve taken Thanakha from Shwebo to Yangon; however black one’s complexion is, Shwebo Thanakha can turn it into fair and fresh one; it helps ladies from Pazundaung, Kyimyindine and Mandalay have beautiful and glowing complexion.”

Composed by Nandawshae Saya Tin and sung by Mandalay Myint, “Shwebo Thanakha” is a famous song amusingly written about Thanakha from Shwebo and the nature of women who want to be beautiful. It is the typical song my grandmother recited to herself whenever she ground Thanakha. I also inherited her love for Thanakha.

When she felt headache, she would inhale Thanakha paste. When she felt like she was a bit under the weather, she would ask me to apply Thanakha on her chest. Like my grandmother, all Myanmar women love Thanakha whose scent can freshen up the mind of both the wearer and viewers, giving the wearer the charming look.

Thanakha is widely liked either by the rich or the poor, single or the married. It is common that female manual workers and paddly-growing lassies apply Thanakha on their faces and bodies to prevent themselves from sunburn, chapped skin and freckles.

When we talk about Thanakha, it would be incomplete to leave out Shwebo whose indigenous Thanakha is said to be the best known for its superior quality. According to “Myanma Thanakha” by U Tha Hla, Thanakha from Theyinkata region about two miles downstream of Shihataw pagoda on the western bank of Ayeyawady River in Khan-U Township, Shwebo District was offered to the court on a regular basis during the reign of King U Aung Zeya, the founder of the Third Myanmar Kingdom and the court recognized it as the best Thanakha suited for the court house. However, Theyinkata Thanakha is now on the verge of extinction.

There are other kinds of Thanakha from other regions, for example, Shinmataung Thanakha from the central region of Myanmar is famous for being used by Princess Vishnu and is widely used in lower parts of Myanmar. Thanakha is also grown on a large scale in Kyaukse, Pakokku, Taungdwingyi, Monywa and Ayadaw. However, their barks are not as smooth as those of Shwebo Thanakha and their fragrance is also incomparable with Shwebo Thanakha’s.

Some girls prefer Thanakha roots to barks and it is a popular belief that roots are better than barks for smoothing the skin. Thanakha roots have medical properties and are said to be able to cure lumps and acne on face.
Better transportation brings ...

(From page 1)

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Zayar Aung said thanks to the railroad on the bridge, people will have easy access to Minhla on the west bank of Ayeyawady River and Magway and Taungdwingyi on the east bank. It can contribute to development of economic, social, education and health sectors of the region.

There are four rail-cum-road Ayeyawady River-crossing Bridges: Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun). Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabheiinga) will be put into service soon. The 3215-ft-long newly-opened Bridge (Malun) has 7154-ft-long railroad including the approach road and 5839 ft-long motor road. Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) linking Mikaungyee and Malun near Ywathit village and Sittopein village in Magway Region, started in November 2009. Thanks to it, people will have easy access to the four corners of Ayeyawady River.

In his address, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe outlined a cluster of bridges and road networks put into service thanks to efforts of the government. Smooth and speedy road transport thereby contributes to sectoral development of the regions concerned. A local expressed thanks for the government’s effort for the emergence of the new bridge in the region.

Next, Union Ministers U Kyaw Lwin, U Zayar Aung and U Aye Myint Kyu and the chief minister formally opened the newly-built bridge, Taungpyone station hospital to the Magway Region medical officer.

Next, U Win Maung, Mandalay Region Amyotha Hluttaw representative, presented K 2.5 million to the medical fund of the station hospital. Then, a local spoke words of thanks for emergence of the new station hospital.

After the ceremony, the UEC chairman together with the Union ministers cordially greeted those present.

The newly-opened 16-bedded Taungpyone station hospital includes one main building and one operation theater, two roomed housing, one four-roomed housing, one six-roomed staff quarter, one mercury, water and electrical supply system and roads. It cost K 445.553 million.

Appointments of two surgeons, six nurses, one lab in-charge, one compounder and seven general staff have been allowed. So far two surgeons and four nurses have been appointed.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets locals at the opening of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun). — MNA

Union Peace-Making Work Committee meets Special Region (4) Peace and Unity Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Vice-Chairman of the Union Peace-Making Work Committee U Thein Zaw, accompanied by Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe and U Win Myint, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and U Kyaw Win, the commanders and departmental officials, held talks with Special Region (4) Peace and Unity Committee Chairman U Sai Lin and regional leaders, at the office of Special Region (4) in Mongla of Shan State (East) on 9 May.

Chairman U Sai Lin said that the special region (4) upholds the principles of internal peace, perpetuation of the sovereignty and national unity. In the past, local people had to rely only on poppy growing for their livelihoods. After the establishment of the Special Region (4) since 1992, anti-narcotic drug control tasks have achieved success. It was internationally recognized. And in 1997, the Special Region (4) was declared by UNODC as opium-free zone.

Next, committee members and regional leaders held talks on matters related to agriculture, education, health and environmental conservation and drinking water supply. Then, the Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-Making Work Committee, called for firm establishment of mutual trust and understanding while implementing the tasks of ensuring regional development, peace and stability and elimination of narcotics. He continued that the government, the parliament and organizations concerned are paving the way for development in the respective regions for the sake of all national races.

According to the Special Region (4) law, Tatmadaw anti-narcotic drug control tasks have achieved success for 14 years. As a result, local people are able to enjoy better businesses.

Tatmadaw column cleans a camp of an armed group in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—According to a tip-off given by local villagers, a Tatmadaw column entered a camp of an armed group near Naunghmatar and Naungkham villages in Naungkham (North) on 9 May.

According to information that five people who are selling publications and pictures at Naunghkham and Naungkham camps of Shan State (North) were under fire by about 100 armed men and two of them were abducted, the Tatmadaw column combed the area and seized two arms, 34 assorted mines, blocks of TNT, hand grenades and a haul of ammunition, remote controls and batteries used to set off mines, walkie talkies, two sets of computer and stacks of rice, buildings they lived in and training ground, concrete bunker and some personal goods after engaging with them for 4.5 hours.

Then the Tatmadaw column and the Light Infantry Column 151 entered the camp and inspected the area.

After the meeting, The Vice-Chairman and party attended the luncheon hosted by Chairman of Special Region (4) U Sai Lin and officials at Shwe Hinthan Restaurant in Mongla.

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Reckless driving hurts four in Mayangon

A car with excessive speed hit four people standing at U Ba Han bus stop near Thamine Railway Station Overpass in No. 2 ward of Mayangon Township on 7 May. Then, it continued to hit rain tree. The accident destroyed car’s head. The injured were sent to Yangon General Hospital. Bayintnaung Police Station filed a lawsuit against driver Daw Wai Wai Lwin.

Enshrined relics found from pagoda cracks

Taunggyi, 11 May—Enshrined relics came out from the cracks of a pagoda that collapsed in 2011 in Taunggyi in Shan State. Cracks appeared on ancient Phayani pagoda in Phayani Village, Taunglaylon Village-tract in Taunggyi that collapsed in 2011 after a heavy rain on 8 May afternoon and enshrined relics were found out from the pagoda cracks. The relics were then registered and are being kept by the village Sangha Nayaka Committee. The religious objects include eight small zedis, 80 Buddha images, nine monk images, 44 bottles of relics, one altar, one religious symbol pennant, 20 pieces of rings (precious stone/gold) and two gold pendants. It is learnt that ancient Phayana pagoda will be rebuilt by Alan Taya pagoda renovation group from Thaton.

Solar power for Hsipaw rural areas

Hsipaw, 11 May—As part of narrowing development gap between urban and rural areas, workers of Solar Light System Co and Hsipaw Township Development Affairs Committee led by Executive Officer U Thein Huu Oo made a field trip to Mangmonkhe Village and Pannyaing Village on 8 May for supply of electricity through solar panels by the Rural Region Development Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs. The skilled workers installed solar panels in the villages. They installed 250 solar panels for 138 houses in Pannyaing Village and 112 houses in Mangmonkhe Village. At present, the local people enjoy entertainment programmes on TV thanks to supply of electricity.

Stimulant tablets seized in Nawnghkio Tsp

Nawnghkio, 11 May—Myanmar Police Force (headquarters) is implementing narcotic drug control in cooperation with local people. While Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad and Nawnghkio squad of Shan State (north) are carrying out surprise checks at milepost No.7K5 at the entrance to Nawnghkio, they searched a Hi Ace car and found Hla Hla Htay carrying K.39 million worth of 19,500 stimulant tablets weighting 1.755 kg.

Anti-human trafficking course opened in Shwepyitha Tsp

Yangon, 11 May—Shwepyitha Township Child Rights Committee and Child First Network (CFN) jointly organized anti-human trafficking course as part of efforts to raise the awareness of the members of public about trafficking in persons.

The two-day course was opened at the ward administrator’s office of No. 18 Ward yesterday. Personnel from legal field, police force, women’s affairs organization and volunteers shared their knowledge about trafficking in person including legislation and punitive action against human trafficking and more through the discussions with the 18 participants.

Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued in Yenangyoung

Yenangyoung, 11 May—Immigration and National Registration Department of Yenangyoung Township issued Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to 592 people in Twingon and Thahtaygon wards though Moeprwint -5 project on 30 April. Director U Tun Wai of Magway Region department handed over CSCs through the ward administrator. It was also attended by Magway Region Hluttaw representatives U Aung Naung Win and U Win Tin, Township Administrator U Kyaw Kyaw, the commander of Township Police Force and local people.
Singapore studies measures to restrict access to online gambling sites

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cerns within the community over the social risks associ
ated with online gambling, which is highly accessible.

Philippine military on high alert for midterm election violence

MANILA, 11 May—The Armed Forces of the Phil
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SHARP to sell TV plant in Malaysia to Taiwan’s Wistron

OSAKA, 11 May — Sharp Corp has reached a broad agreement to sell its television assembly plant in Malaysia to Wistron Corp, a Taiwanese electron
ics contract manufacturer, sources familiar with the matter said on Friday, just
days after the scheduled announce
ment of the company’s mid-term business plan next week.

The sale of overseas TV assembly plants is one of the main pillars of the re
structuring of the struggling Japanese electronics maker that can count on proceeds from asset sales. Sharp will also be able to achieve the job cut goal if it sells all of its overseas TV plants.

The Japanese company had hoped to sell its Mexican unit to Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., an
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV GSS YANGON VOY NO (1318) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.5.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T. where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damage 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.

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Texas responder to fertilizer blast arrested on pipe bomb charge

DALLAS, 11 May — US prosecutors charged a paramedic, one of the first to respond to a deadly explosion last month in the Texas town of West, with unlawful possession of pipe bomb components, but authorities said no evidence linked the charge to the fertilizer plant disaster. Bryce Reed, 31, appeared at federal court in Waco, Texas, on Friday, where he faced one count of unlawfully possessing an unregistered destructive device.

He did not enter a plea, said Daryl Fields, a spokesman for the US attorney’s office in the Western District of Texas.

China’s missing ancestors finally honoured in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 11 May — When the steamer Ventnor sank off the coast of New Zealand’s North Island in 1902, a Wellington newspaper listed its lost cargo in the language of the time as “5347 tons of coal consigned to the Admiralty at Hong Kong, 499 Chinese coffins, 144 sacks and a barrel of fun- gus, one bale of tow and one bale of flax.”

While the coal, fungus, tow and flax have long been lost to the sea, the fate of the “Chinese coffins” has sparked a restless journey that spans the generations in two countries on opposite sides of the world.

“I wouldn’t call them ‘coffins’ — it would be more appropriate to describe them as ‘coffin bone boxes’ because they contained the bones of Chinese who had been disinterred and prepared for return to China,” said Wong Liu Shueang, a third-generation Chinese New Zealander who is leading the search for the final resting places of the occupants.

The story began many years before the sinking of the Ventnor, with the arrival of many Chinese “sojourners” over the later decades of the 19th Century.

Leaving their families, these men traveled to New Zealand to work in the gold fields. My return home. Those who remained like mining got another job — they worked on the roads or railways or they opened shops.”

And while they worked, they made regular payments to the Cheong Sing Tong welfare society, confident that these payments would cover the return of their remains to their families, who would ensure they were properly buried according to Chinese custom.

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Local police said there was no known connection between Reed’s charges and the 17 April explosion that killed 14 people and injured about 200 others. Friday’s developments brought no clarity as to why he did not report for work on time as per programme, attended by Bryant, said in a text message she could not comment. His attorney did not respond to requests for comment. Reed, who was arrested Thursday, is being held without bail and is due in court on 15 May, according to court papers.

Federal prosecutors said in court papers they had responded to a deadly explosion at the West fertilizer plant and the arrest,” the McLennan County Sheriff’s Office, said in a statement. The paramedic, whose home was one of many destroyed by the blast, had recounted afterward in interviews with Reuters how he helped people evacuate the area and went on to respond as a volunteer at the disaster scene until he learned he had a close friend was among the dead.

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DiCaprio, Christie’s to hold auction to benefit environment

NEW YORK, 11 May—Actor Leonardo DiCaprio, the star of the new film “The Great Gatsby,” and his foundation have teamed up with Christie’s for a charity auction next week to benefit environmental causes.

Thirty-three works, many created for and donated to the auction by some of the world’s top artists, will go under the hammer on Monday in New York at The 11th Hour Auction, which aims to raise as much as $18 million to protect the last wild places on Earth and their endangered species.

Kenny Chesney lands seventh No 1 album on Billboard 200 chart

LOS ANGELES, 11 May—Country singer Kenny Chesney landed his seventh No 1 album on the weekly Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday with his latest record “Life on a Rock.” The album sold 153,000 copies in its first week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan, giving Chesney the second-most No 1 country albums behind Garth Brooks.

Last week’s chart-topper, Michael Buble’s “To Be Loved” slipped to No 2, while Justin Timberlake’s “The 20/20 Experience” held steady at No 3 for the fourth consecutive week.

Lady Antebellum ‘dial back’ for ‘Golden’ sound

NASHVILLE, 11 May—Lady Antebellum are growing up and getting sassy with their fourth studio album, “Golden,” embracing a stripped-down sound to showcase their vocal strength as they prepare for an upcoming tour with a baby on board.

The country band, formed by vocalists Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and guitarist Dave Haywood in Nashville, Tennessee, released its latest album this week, which saw band members drawing on their live tour experiences.

“When we went into the studio, we wanted the new record to have that live band sound and we wanted it to be different from the last record,” Haywood told Reuters.

The trio, who have picked up seven Grammy awards since their debut self-titled album in 2008 and have become a strong force in the cross-over between country music and pop music, hoped fans would hear a new side to the Lady Antebellum sound.

By keeping the production simple, Haywood said the band wanted to showcase the vocals on “Golden,” due in part to the band being more secure in how their voices blend together.

Scott added that the final 12 tracks selected for the album leant themselves to the simpler production.

“It made sense to dial it back, which allowed us more time to spend on vocals and get them exactly the way we wanted them,” the singer said. —Reuters

Rapper Psy wows Harvard with global appeal, dance moves

THURSDAY, 10 May—South Korean singer PSY speaks at Harvard University’s Memorial Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts on 9 May, 2013. —Reuters

Sunday, 12 May, 2013

South Korean singer PSY performs “Pirate Flag” at the 48th ACM Awards in Las Vegas on 7 April, 2013. —Reuters

Kenny Chesney performs

Thursday evening, as he recalled his reaction when the song took off, making him a cultural phenomenon and leading to meetings with Los Angeles record producers.

“This is so unrealistic!” he recalled thinking.

Formally dressed and speaking in sometimes-halting English, Psy spoke for more than an hour and occasionally lapsed into signature dance moves such as grasping the reins of an imaginary trotting horse.

Psy’s talk was partly a homecoming as he recalled his days as a student in Boston in the mid-1990s. But it was also a seminar about the star’s surprise worldwide cultural appeal and the economic influence of East Asian culture.

Harvard professor Al-exander Zahlten introduced Psy, whose real name is Park Jae-sang, as a global figure who has shown the ability of Korean music stars, video-game programmers and other entertainment figures to find overseas popularity through Internet channels.

“He’s a global citizen, and in turn influences people all over the world,” Zahlten said. “He’s deeply connect-ed to digital culture.”

After “Gangnam Style” set records, the video for Psy’s follow-up song “Gentleman” received more than 20 million hits in the first 24 hours after its release last month, easily beating the previous record of 8 million views for Justin Bieber’s “Boyfriend” in the first 24 hours.

Reuters
Moyes had no plans to leave Everton

MADRID, 11 May—

World number three Andy Murray's latest bid for a maiden career title on clay ended when he was beaten 7-6, 6-4 by sixth-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych in the Madrid Open quarter-finals on Friday.

The Briton had lost both of his previous two matches on the red dust against Berdych, who was runner-up to Roger Federer last year, and produced an erratic performance this time.

Murray battled through a gruelling three-hour encounter against Frenchman Gilles Simon on Thursday that finished after one o'clock in the morning local time (12.00 am British time) and the Scot appeared increasingly weary as Friday's match wore on.

Berdych, chasing a first title of the year, will next play seventh seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France or 15th-seeded Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka for a place in Sunday's final.— Reuters

Nadal fights past Ferrer to reach Madrid Open semis

MADRID, 11 May—

Rafael Nadal recovered from accidentally striking himself in the face with his racket to see off Spanish compatriot David Ferrer 4-6 7-6 6-0 in the Madrid Open quarter-finals on Friday.

World number four Ferrer, ranked one place above Nadal following the Majorcan’s seven-month layoff with a knee injury, showed why he is considered one of the most tenacious competitors on the circuit to take the first set of the last-eight clash at the clay Masters event. Nadal clung on to edge the second-set tiebreak 7-3 and then switched up a gear in the deciding set and set up a semi-final meeting on Saturday against Japanese 14th seed Kei Nishikori or Spanish wildcard Pablo Andujar.

Nadal had a scare when leading 4-0 in the third set when his racket bounced up off the court as he was stretching down to play a shot and struck him above the eye.

After a brief interruption he was able to continue and closed out the victory on his first match point when he broke Ferrer for a seventh time. “It was a very tight match,” Nadal said in an interview with Spanish television broadcaster La Sexta.

“I think maybe David deserved more than me to be in the semi-finals but that’s sport for you,” the 26-year-old added.

“In the third set David dropped his intensity a bit and I didn’t have to do all that much. “I was playing aggressively on my forehand and I am very pleased with how that is going, it’s working much better than in the events leading up to Madrid.”

Reuters

Garcia, Woods put star power back on top at Players

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida, 11 May—

Sergio Garcia roared into the Players Championship lead with Tiger Woods and Lee Westwood close behind early in the second round as star power returned to the top of the leaderboard on Friday.

Garcia, Woods and Westwood led a scoring parade as eagles and birdies flew all around TPC Sawgrass on a steamy day in what is widely regarded as golf’s unofficial fifth major.

Garcia, the 2008 champion, fired a sizzling seven-under 65 to post an 11-under total of 133 that left him one shot ahead of Woods (67), who sank an 18-foot birdie putt at his final hole, the par-five ninth.

“I hit the ball very well, hit a lot of good iron shots and gave myself a lot of good birdie opportunities,” said Garcia, who caught fire on his second nine.

“I got on a great run round’s afternoon wave. World number one Woods, rounding into top form this year with a tour-leading three victories, began the day four shots back but gained a share of the lead at nine-under when he sank a 20-foot eagle putt on the par-five second, his 11th hole.

He surged into the lead with a birdie two holes later and was joined at 10-under by Garcia when the Spaniard capped a streak of five consecutive birdies by rolling in a 26-footer at the par-three sixth, his 15th hole of the day. Garcia climbed to 11 under par at the par-three eighth when he drained a 40-footer for birdie.

Reuters
Serena given first serious test in Madrid

MADRID, 11 May — World number one Serena Williams was given her first serious test at this year’s Madrid Open as she had to recover from being obliterated in the second set to beat unseeded Spaniard Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-3, 0-6, 7-5 in the quarter-finals on Friday.

The defending champion at the clay event fought back from 4-2 down in the third set to see off the local favourite, who was cheered on by a partisan crowd at the Magic Box Arena.

Williams, who had not dropped a set in her opening three matches, will meet seventh-seed Sara Errani in the last four, after the Italian swept aside unseeded Russian Ekaterina Makarova 6-2, 7-5.

On the other side of the draw, world number two Maria Sharapova comfortably booked her semi-final berth beating unseeded Estonian Kaia Kanepi 6-2, 6-4.

“It was definitely a battle,” Williams told a news conference after her match with Medina Garrigues.

“I obviously didn’t do much in the second set and I think I gave her a lot of confidence to play better. I thought she played really well in the third.”

Williams made it 26 wins and only one defeat since the start of last year’s clay-court season, but was up against an experienced player on the surface.

The 30-year-old Spaniard has the highest number of clay-court title wins with 10 among active players and stunned the American by taking the second set to love.

“I wasn’t really there,” Williams said. “I wasn’t really in it. My feet weren’t moving. I don’t know what happened.

“To turn it around I got up earlier on the changeover and started doing high knees and just stretching and doing anything to try to get my intensity back up where it needed to be.

“I definitely want to cut back on my unforced errors. I had a lot today. Also, I went for a lot more today than I have been doing in my past few matches.

“So I think I’m going to go back to the way I have been playing and being more calm, and not making as many errors as I did today.”

French Open champion Sharapova qualified for the semis for the first time in four appearances in Madrid, and will meet either sixth seeded German Angelique Kerber or 16th seeded Serbian Ana Ivanovic in the next round.

“[I was] just happy to get past the quarter-finals, I feel like I’ve been stuck in this tournament,” the Russian said.—Reuters

Manor a witness to the family’s past glory

BEIJING, 11 May — I did not expect to see such an ancient grand mansion in remote northern China when the country road leads me to Chang Family Manor in Yuci county, Shanxi Province. Standing in front of the 10-metre-high gate, I would associate the wall, moat and gate tower with a well-off city, rather than a private estate.

The family’s ancestor, Chang Zhonglin, fled to neighbouring Yuci, because of famine in his home in Taiyu county, and worked as a shepherd in late Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). His son ventured into tea business and prospered in early Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), and started building the mansion, which gradually expanded to 4,000 houses across 60 hectares. The 1,000-house manor today is only one fourth of its original size. The rest were either destroyed in wars or demolished during the “cultural revolution” (1966-76).

Having seen so many shabby mansions, which gradually demonstrated by the mansion with the key colors of gray, earth tone and black.

There is a slab-stone- covered square of about the size of six basketball courts in the mansion, which connects a 600-metre-long and 20-metre-wide straight flagstone road, called Back Street. The road used to be one of the two main passages in the center of the manor. Now only half of it is reserved with the buildings located on its north. To the north of the square is also an ancestral temple of the Chang family. All the important names in the family’s history are carved on wooden tablets and worshipped in the hall. Their stories are recorded in the family files kept in the temple.

In its heyday, the Chang family controlled 40 percent of Sino-Russia tea trade over about 20 years in mid-Qing Dynasty. They planted tea in Wuyi Mountain in Fujian Province and transported the tea to Kyakhta in Siberia through Zhangjia- kou in Hebei province and Mongolian Plateau. West of the temple is Chang Family Academy, made up of class- rooms, a library and lecture halls. The three-story library is the most magnificent construction, demonstrating the highest artistic values in the manor.—Xinhua

Camille Munro from Regina, Saskatoon was crowned to be Miss World Canada 2013 at River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond, Canada, on 9 May, 2013. Winning contestant Camille Munro will represent Canada in Miss World 2013 Final, to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 20 September.—Xinhua

Myanmar TV

Myanmar TV (12-5-2013, Sunday)

6:00 am
1. Paranta By Venerable Mingon Sayadaw
2. To Be Healthy
3. Dance & Song of National Races
4. Documentary
5. News / Weather Report
6. Teleplay
7. News / International News
8. Amazing World
9. The Chefs’ Recreation Trip (Episdoe-1)
10. How It’s Works
11. Science & Environment
12. The Chefs’ Recreation Trip (Episdoe-2)
13. Wearing Earrings
14. Tea Shop Culture
15. Myanmar Alternative Medicine (Natu)

* 19. Performance With Song
* 20. News
* 21. Road to 27th SEA Games (Billiards & Snooker)
* 22. Sing & Enjoy
* 24. Cartoon Series
* 25. TV Drama Series
* 26. Pyi Tha Ni Ti
* 27. Present Songs
* 28. News
* 29. Tamyettmarrakwetser
* 30. TV Drama Series
* 31. New Melody

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Taungpyone Village station hospital (16-bed) opens in TadaU Township

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Opening ceremony of Taungpyone Village station hospital (16-bed) in TadaU Township of Kyaukse District of Mandalay Region was held at the hospital this morning, with an address by Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye.

It was attended by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Region ministers, Hluttaw representatives, district/township departmental officials and local people.

Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing, head of Region Health Department Dr Moe Swe and Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Thu unveiled the signboard of the hospital.

After that, UEC Chairman U Tin Aye sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription of the hospital and so did Union Ministers Dr Mya Aye and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Chief Minister U Ye Myint, the region ministers and officials.

The UEC Chairman looked round the hospital and urged the officials to disseminate knowledge on health and maintain its durability. After, a handing over ceremony of documents related to the hospital followed.

In his opening speech, the UEC Chairman said that one station hospital and ten rural health care centers (branch) have been opened in TadaU Township from 2010 to date. So far, there are two station hospitals (50-bedded), four rural health care centers and 30 rural health care centers (branches) and one maternal and child health care center in the township. From 2010 to date, three doctors, seven nurses and six midwives have been appointed. So far, the township has 12 doctors, 21 nurses, five health assistants and 35 midwives.

One more 36-bedded hospital was inaugurated on 25-8-2011 as the already-opened 50-bed TadaU Township hospital could not meet necessary requirements. Moreover, buildings were repaired, tube wells sunk and more operation theaters built and the infrastructure was put into service on 13-10-2012 in order to meet the requirements of the 16-bedded hospital at Taungpyone.

IECU Chairman U Tin Aye at Taungpyone Village station hospital (16-bed).—MNA

IPO seminar held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), Daiwa Securities Co Ltd of Japan and KPMG Co of Singapore, Securities Co Ltd of Japan, Industry (UMFCCI), Daiwa Chambers of Commerce and Myanmar Federation of urged the officials to meet the requirements of Myanmar financial sector, emergence of capital market and establishment of stock exchange by 2015 in Myanmar. Resources persons read out papers on the occasion. The topics at the seminar ranged from stock exchange rules, financial data bank, possible difficulties to specific solutions and investment procedures.

by UMFCCI President U Win Aung, and Managing Director Mr Kazunari Ota of Investment Banking Solution Department of Daiwa Securities Co Ltd.

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1. Department of Meteorology and Hydrology has announced that “Mahasen” cyclone has intensified into a strong cyclonic storm. It is coded yellow stage. But it is likely to turn the northeast as of the afternoon of 13 May and cross the north of Rakhine coast and north east as of the afternoon of 13 May.

2. Offshore and inshore trawlers in the Myanmar Seas are requested berth at the following locations so as to avoid the storm.
   (a) Rakhine State, Pauktaw Township, Phayonekul Inland (20 degrees 00 minute North Latitude and 93 degrees 00 minute East Longitude)
   (b) Rakhine State, Thandwe Township, Thabyuchai (Andrew Bay) (18 degrees 20 minutes North Latitude and 94 degrees 20 minutes East Longitude)
   (c) Ayeyawady Region, Ngapaw Township, Hlaingyi Island (15 degrees 58 minutes North Latitude and 94 degrees 20 minutes East Longitude)
   (d) Ayeyawady Region, Ngapaw Township, Pyinkayine Chaungw village (16 degrees 00 minutes North Latitude and 94 degrees 24.40 minutes East Longitude)
   (e) Ayeyawady Region, Kadonkami village (15 degrees 48 minutes North Latitude and 95 degrees 16 minutes East Longitude)
   (f) Ayeyawady Region, Kadonkami village (15 degrees 48 minutes North Latitude and 95 degrees 16 minutes East Longitude)

3. Offshore and inshore fishing trawlers in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Region are requested to berth on the nearby islands.

Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

Real time coverage of cyclone news on dailies, radio and TV channels

Northern part of Rakhine Coast most likely to experience the storm with heavy rains and squalls in Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay regions

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—According to the observations at (12.30) hrs today, depression over the south-east of Bay of Bengal has intensified into cyclonic storm “Mahasen” which centered at 500 miles south-west of Kawnthuang. The cyclone is likely to move north-west and the highest wind speed at the centre of the cyclone may reach between 50 and 60 mph. It is likely to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm during next 24 hours.

Under the influence of the storm, occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced at times in Delta, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Though the present stage of the cyclonic storm is coded as yellow stage, it is likely to turn north-eastwards beginning 13 May afternoon and cross Myanmar Coast (Northern Rakhine Coast) and Bangladesh Coast on 16 May morning.

Department of Meteorology and Hydrology has suggested that inshore and offshore fishing trawlers and vessels off and along Myanmar coastal areas need to avoid the storm.

The public is to heed to news broadcasting from Myanma Radio, FM radios and Myanma Radio and Television and Myawady Television.

Especially, Delta Region, Bay of Bengal, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast are likely to experience squalls with rough sea and thus preparation should be made on highest alert.

People in regions and states on the storm route are to put themselves on full alert on 14, 15 May and heavy rains may occur in central region of Myanmar, particularly Magway Region, lower Sagaing Region and Mandalay with possible dangers of landslide and raging torrent on 16 May when the cyclone passes through Rakhine Coast. According to the forecast that says the storm may cross northern part of Rakhine Coast and Bangladesh Coast on 16 May morning, Maungtaw and Sittway in Rakhine are likely to face the storm with Maungtaw more likely. The highest wind speed during the storm may reach as high as 120 mph and thus preparation must be against the strong wind.

The latest developments of the storm will be covered real time on dailies, Myanma Radio and FM radios, MRTV and Myawady Television and the authorities have urged the public to follow their instructions.—MNA