Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives Minister of Infrastructure and Environment of the Netherlands and party

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun received Ms. M.H Schultz van Haegen-Maas Geesteranus, Minister of Infrastructure and Environment of the Netherlands, and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President U Nyan Tun were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and officials.

They held comprehensive discussions on water resources management, generating hydroelectricity, food safety, prevention against flood, adequate supply of drinking water, water sufficiency in rural, urban and industrial zones, technological training courses and matters related to assistance for human resource development and prospects for mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation.—MNA

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Urban transport and road network of Greater Yangon Strategic Development Plan

Greater Yangon Strategic Development Plan includes nine sectors—urban transportation, road network, rail transportation, port and goods transportation, water supply, sanitation and proper flow of water, electricity supply and management of waste disposal—for infrastructural development.

With regard to urban transportation, priority is being given to improvement of public modes of transportation. According to interviews with some households in 39 townships in Yangon, 71.5 per cent of interviewees expressed their wish to ensure improvement in road transport.

Regarding the road network, construction of ring roads outside the city, downtown ring roads and major roads linking between the two ring roads will be necessary to build road networks that can meet the demand of traffic sector, thereby contributing towards better public transport and urban development.

Plans are underway to bring about smooth and speedy environmentally-friendly transport system as a vision of urban transport. Moreover, as a development policy, arrangements are being made for improvement in road network including good transportation, establishment of a transport system that guarantees swift and secure flow of commodities and safety transportation of passengers and ensuring effective formation and capacity building for sustainable transport system.

It is planned to fulfill the requirement in the ratio of passengers to buses as only 50 passenger buses are available for 1000 passenger. Furthermore, measures to increase the bus speed from 10km/hr to 25 km/hr in rush hour and arrangements for road safety will be carried out.

Short-term plans include rearrangement for passenger bus routes, upgrading of bus services, establishment of private-owned bus lines and BRT, improvement in downtown transport system, bus-stops and pavements in central economic zone in downtown, conducting talks on traffic rules, upgrading of record system for road accidents and control system, computerized vehicle registration and licence, rules and regulations for transport management and other management sectors. Mid-term plan includes formation of public transport authority.

Construction of overhead bridges and underpasses are regarded as quick measures for road network development. Betterment of approach roads to Dagon bridge is prioritized as a short-term work and No (2) Road and No (7) Road, road section No (1) of outside ring road are on the list of short-term and mid-term plans.

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Japanese designer makes sportswear for XXVII SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May — Japanese Designer Ms. Kosinho Junko designed the light-control sportswear which is durable and light for the XXVII SEA Games. According to raw materials and technology, the sportswear will be manufactured at Japan and the products will be handed over to Myanmar at the end of June 2013. Japanese Designer Ms. Kosinho Junko is a native of Osaka in Japan. She graduated in design course from Bunka Fashion College. During her studies in fashion, she was awarded The Soen Award. She started her career as a designer in the international fashion world from Paris Fashion Show in 1987. She is internationally known for innovative use of Japanese traditional fabrics at international fashion shows as well as designing sportswear for international sports events.

She was appointed as an Ambassador for Tourism of Japan on 2008. — Kyemon

Yayong bus lines to see systematic reformation soon

YANGON, 28 May — Chairman U Hla Aung of All Bus-line Control Committee (Central) said that a reconstitution would be made for bus lines which are in large numbers in Yayong Region.

He says “Some bus lines are without passenger buses. Some have one or two buses which are in operation. They cannot effectively contribute to the transport system.”

It is a move to reconstruct the formation of the current running 395 bus lines in a compact one in order to bring a smooth and effective transport system in Yayong. “There is no abolition and substitution of bus line up to date.”

Under the overage vehicle substitution scheme, some passenger buses were handed over. So some buses are to replace the route of these buses for the convenience of passengers. According to a system of distributing one million cubic feet natural gas to passenger buses, bus services in Yayong will develop and Dina and Hilux routes will be substituted with City Buses that ensure public safety and smooth transport. He continued that there will be advantages for transport system of Yayong by taking lessons from bus services of other countries. — Kyemon

Unattended mosquito coils blamed for two house fires in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 28 May — Mosquito coils had been to blame for two houses fires in two days in Mandalay, local fire services department said.

A fire that started in a two-storey house on 82nd street between 27th and 28th streets in Ale ward of Chanayethazan ward in Mandalay at about 1.50 pm on 23 May was due to an unattended mosquito coils which was put on a pile of six plastic chairs. It is said to have set other chairs and some parts of the ceiling on fire in the house of U Tin Huy. The fire did not sweep through the whole house thanks to timely arrival of fire crew and collaborative efforts of ward dwellers who joined in the fight against the fire that died down at about 2.10 pm.

In a fire occurred at a house between 36th and 37th streets and 72nd and 73rd streets in Maha Nwesin ward of Mahaungmyay Township the following day, an unattended mosquito coil was blamed for setting fire to a mosquito net. As ward dwellers put out the fire in time, only the mosquito net was reduced to ashes. — Kyemon

Talks on development of fish and meat production sector held

LEWEE, 28 May — Lewee Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department conducted an educative talks on development of meat and fish production sector at Nanwin-aing village in Lewee Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 21 May.

LBVD Deputy Director Dr Soe Thein made an opening address. Next, head and deputy head of Lewee Township LBVD Dr Aung Thu Tun and Dr Ko Ko San Maung gave talks on dairy cattle, pig, chicken and duck breeding and infectious diseases which are common in animals. Staff Officer U Ohn Than of Fisheries Department also gave an account of fish farming. — Kyemon

Building collapses, kills three during demolition

YANGON, 28 May — A sudden collapse happened to a house which was being demolished at the corner of Shin Saw Pu Street and Baho Road in Sanyoung Township, at about 9.10 on 25 May. Four workers who were cutting the handrails on the left side of the house were thrown out when the partial collapse occurred. One of them plunged onto a pile of wood and he was declared dead on the spot. Two out of the remaining three were pronounced dead while they were transported to the hospital.

“The house went down while cutting the handrails on its left side with hacksaws. All four fell down on the ground. One was dead on the spot as he hit the pile of wood. Three others sustained serious injuries and they were sent to hospital,” says one of workers who were performing demolition together with the victims. A worker identified the victims that the young man who died in the collapse was Tun Lwin Myo, 20 and three others in critical condition were Moe Kyaw Thu, 27, Thiha Myo Lwin, 20, and Shein Ko Ko, 21. Two of them, Moe Kyaw Thu and Shein Ko Ko died on their way to hospital.

The single two-storey building has been demolished since 28 April with the manpower of 11 workers from Wakema and two from Pyay. The fatal incident broke out after about one month.

“If you knew him, you loved him as he was very friendly towards everyone,” a woman who cooked meals for workers said of the young man killed in the accident.

There was a sudden collapse of veranda of a building on Kyaukmyaung market street in Tamway Township last year. A woman cook was dead while the driver tried to remove the pipes in blaze from the truck, the burning pipes set fire to the truck and caused nearly K 20 million worth damage. The driver and the conductor did not sustain injuries in the accident. — Kyemon

Ten-wheeled truck in blaze in Tachileik

TACHILEIK, 28 May — A blaze happened to a ten-wheeled truck, Nissan, carrying pipes near Pethi upper village which is south-east to Tachileik in Shan State (East) at 3 pm yesterday.

The fire is believed to have started from the friction between pipes that caused fire on the Nissan truck driven by U Tayoe and conductor U Lay. Although the driver tried to remove the pipes in blaze and the driver tried to remove the pipes in blaze

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Photo shows Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe wearing sportwear donated by Japan for the XXVII SEA Games at luncheon on 26 May in Nay Pyi Taw.—Kyemon
US fighter jet crashes off Okinawa

Tokyo, 28 May—A US military fighter jet crashed on Tuesday in waters off Okinawa Prefecture, with the pilot rescued uninjured, the Japanese government and local coast guard said.

The crash is likely to have occurred during training, with the cause not immediately known, the government said.

Around 9 am, the US military in Okinawa asked the local coast guard in Naha for help, saying that an F-15 crashed into the sea and the pilot was holding onto a raft after an emergency exit.

An Air Self-Defense Force helicopter rescued the pilot at around 10:10 am, the coast guard said.

The coast guard dispatched patrol vessels, along with a helicopter and airplane to the area, locating an oil slick but not the crashed jet.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference in Tokyo that the jet “was in a training area” and the government is gathering further information.

Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera told reporters that Tokyo will ask the US military to prevent a recurrence.

Local residents voiced concerns as the crash was not the first of its kind in Okinawa, which is home to the bulk of US bases in Japan.

Indonesian president Yudhoyono to receive statesmanship award in New York

Jakarta, 28 May— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is scheduled to receive the World Statesman Award from US-based Appeal of Conscience Foundation (ACF) in his upcoming visit to New York.

The award is given in recognition of Yudhoyono’s significant contribution to democracy, world peace and human rights promotion.

The award would be handed over by the ACF, a prestigious organization founded in 1965 that promotes coalition of business and religious leaders in enhancing peace, tolerance and resolution of ethnic conflicts around the world through democratic means and protecting human rights.

The awarding ceremony will be held during Yudhoyono’s upcoming visit to New York after his official visit to Sweden that started on Monday. The president would be in New York from 29 to 30 May to attend the UN High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

France’s Le Monde says chemical weapons used in Syria

Paris, 28 May—Syrian forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad have repeatedly used chemical weapons against rebel fighters in Damascus, according to first-hand accounts in France’s Le Monde newspaper.

The newspaper, in a report issued on its website on Monday, said one of its photographers had suffered blurred vision and respiratory difficulties for four days after an attack on 13 April on the Jobar front, just inside central Damascus.

Assad’s government and the rebels fighting to oust him have accused each other of using chemical weapons.

UN investigators have been ready for weeks, but diplomatic wrangling and safety concerns have delayed their entry into Syria.

Undercover in and around the Damascus area for four years alongside Syrian rebels, a Le Monde reporter and photographer said they had witnessed battlefield chemical attacks and had also talked to doctors and other witnesses of their aftermath.

They describe men coughing violently, their eyes burning, their pupils shrinking.—Reuters

India to develop nuclear energy sector

Beijing, 28 May—With India suffering a major national power shortage, the country is moving towards the development of its nuclear energy sector.

Urgent electricity demands.

According to the International Energy Agency, more than a third of India’s population had no access to electricity in 2010. Rapid economic growth made sufficient supplies of power.

However, the country’s thermal, hydroelectric and renewable resources are unable to meet these needs. As early as 2009, Prime Minister Singh announced a plan to supply a quarter of India’s electricity from nuclear power by 2020.

In 2009, nuclear power generated 4 percent of the nation’s electricity. Now India is looking to further develop its nuclear sector.

India’s first nuclear power plant was built in 1969 with the help of the US. In 1974, India conducted its first nuclear test, leading to a nuclear embargo on the country.

In 2005, the US began talks on civil nuclear energy systems with India and signed an agreement of cooperation three years later. With the 34-year embargo lifted, India has received help on nuclear energy development from France, Russia and Canada.

Japan’s sales of nuclear equipment and technology to India have been hampered by sensitivity in Japan over India’s past atomic tests and its refusal to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. —Xinhua

FILE PHOTO: A civilian walks on rubble as he inspects the damage after what activists said was shelling by forces loyal to Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad in Arbaeen, near Damascus, on 23 May, 2013. —Reuters

Chile, Argentina order evacuation around stirring southern volcano

SANTIAGO/BUENOS AIRES, 28 May—Chilean and Argentine authorities on Monday declared a red alert and ordered the mandatory evacuation of a 25-km (15.5-mile) radius around the active Copahue volcano, which straddles the border between the two Andean nations.

The volcano — located some 500 km (310 miles) south of capital Santiago, between Chile’s Bio Bio region and Argentina’s Neuquen province — has seen increasing seismic activity in recent weeks but has not erupted, Chilean authorities said.

“This doesn’t necessarily mean the volcano will start erupting. But according to the Sernageomin (National Geological and Mining Service), the volcano is now in a process that could culminate in an eruption, for that reason we’ve issued a red alert and the evacuation,” Chilean Interior Minister Andres Chadwick told a nationally televised news conference.

Authorities estimated that some 2,240 people will be evacuated in Chile.

In Argentina’s Neuquen Province, authorities also declared a “red alert,” and ordered the evacuation of some 900 people in tourist-haven Caviahue-Copahue.

The Argentine municipality had previously ordered the cancellation of school classes.

Close to the Chilean side of the volcano, in Bio Bio region, power generator Endesa Chile operates the Ralco and Pangue hydroelectric dams, which have not been affected by the evacuation order.

Endesa Chile is monitoring the situation, a company source told Reuters. Water levels at the dams are at technical lows, which would avoid the possible need to open the floodgates, and the dams’ walls are designed to withstand earthquakes, the source said.

In mid-2011, ash from a volcano in Chile’s Puyehue-Cordon Caulle chain that erupted after decades of lying dormant forced the sporadic cancellation of hundreds of flights, especially in neighbouring Argentina and Uruguay. —Reuters
First-ever successful stem cell transplant in Vietnam

HANOI, 28 May — Vietnam has successfully conducted the country’s first-ever haploidentical stem cell transplant for a 21-year-old man, state-run Vietnam News reported on Tuesday. Specifically, doctors from southern Ho Chi Minh City-based Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion have conducted the haploidentical stem cell transplant on 24-year-old Cao Xuan Hiep from southern Dong Nai Province in late April, and he was discharged from the hospital last week after 28 days.

According to the hospital director Phu Chi Dung, Hiep was hospitalized in early April with symptoms of exhaustion, high fever and anemia. With tests, the doctors diagnosed him with acute myeloid leukemia, a cancer of the myeloid line of blood cell. Hiep’s older sister, who half-matches his human leukocyte anti-gen (HLA) tissue type, agreed to donate a stem cell to her brother (HLAs are proteins found on most cells in the human body).

Doctors had to preserve the donated stem cells in a chamber at minus 196 degrees Celsius for 20 days before conducting the transplant procedure on 25 April. Hiep left the hospital on 24 May. Doctors are still monitoring Hiep for any side effects that could affect his liver, heart or lungs, and they said he would fully recover after six months to one year. His treatment cost 300 million VND (14,388 US dollars), of which 70 percent was paid by health insurance. Haploidentical stem cell transplantation is said to be a treatment option for about 70 percent of patients who do not have an HLA-identical sibling donor.—Xinhua

Hon Hai, Mozilla to launch mobile device running on Firefox

TAIPEI, 28 May — Taiwan’s Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd will team up with Mozilla and launch a mobile device that runs on the US company’s Firefox operating system, a Mozilla spokeswoman said, as Hon Hai looks to diversify its client base away from Apple. The Taipei-based Mozilla spokeswoman declined to provide details on the device that the companies plan to unveil on 3 June, but Focus Taiwan, citing an “industry insider”, reported that it would likely be a tablet.

Hon Hai and Mozilla declined to comment on the report. Hon Hai, a contract electronics maker that draws an estimated 60 percent of its revenue from assembling gadgets and other work for Apple Inc, saw its net profit ease last quarter as sales of iPhones and iPads slowed. Most of the mobile devices that Hon Hai manufactures run on Apple’s iOS and Google’s Android systems. Hon Hai said it would add Firefox to its product line for clients.

Mozilla, the non-profit organization that evolved from Netscape, said at Barcelona’s Mobile World Congress in February that it was working with manufacturers Alcatel (TCL Communication Technology), LG Electronics and ZTE Corp to build the first Firefox OS devices, with Huawei Technologies to follow later in the year, all powered by the Qualcomm Snapdragon mobile processors.—Reuters

SkyVision to showcase new services at South Africa’s “Satcom 2013” exhibition

JOHANNESBURG, 28 May — SkyVision Global Networks Ltd, a leading global provider of IP connectivity over satellite and fiber optic systems, announced on Monday that it will be showcasing a host of new products and services at the Satcom 2013 exhibition and conference scheduled for 28-29 May in Johannesburg. To consistently reinforce its leading position in Africa, SkyVision is dedicated to continuous development of new solutions and services to meet the increased demand for reliable connectivity, the company said in a statement issued here. “Today’s African market presents a clear need for robust and efficient telecommunication services,” comments Donor Ben Sirra, SkyVision CEO. “We are proud to extend our services offering throughout the continent, and the ability to provide a wide range of enterprise solutions. It’s SkyVision’s experience and expertise in Africa that enables us to deliver reliable and competitively priced connectivity solutions,” he added. The company’s extensive efforts and corporate strategy have led to its reputation of delivering superior solutions across the continent.

SkyVision’s success in the African market is also a result of its comprehensive network of local partners and representatives, and dedicated SkyVision offices in Nigeria, South Africa, Senegal, Guinea, and Burkina Faso. SkyVision Voice services, Mobile Satellite services, Managed Firewall services, and the SkyVision Active, which is the company’s business continuity series, are amongst the company’s most recent launches.—Xinhua

The proposed Google corporate headquarters in Mountain View, California, is pictured in this artist’s rendering courtesy of NBBJ. REUTERS

Scientists, officials call for attention on brain diseases

DUBLIN, 28 May — European scientists and healthcare officials gathered here on Tuesday to exchange research progress and recommend policy changes on brain health-care. The two-day conference, Healthy Brain: Healthy Europe, was held in Ireland, which currently holds the presidency of the European Union (EU).

“Around 165 million people in Europe are affected every year by some form of brain-related disorder. This means that almost every family in Europe is likely to be affected,” said Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, European commissioner for research, innovation and science. Irish Minister for Health James Reilly estimated one third of European population aged above 65 suffer dementia.

“When we drill down into the causes of brain disorders and poor ageing of the brain we frequently find the usual culprits—smoking, too much alcohol, and obesity,” said the minister. Professor Adriana Maggi from University of Milan said with genetics and molecular imaging, doctors are making progress on treatment of brain diseases.

The conference served as one of the steps to coordinate healthcare efforts in Europe in the area of brain disorders. —Xinhua

The new tech palaces: visionary HQs, or cursed trophies?

SEATTLE/ SAN FRANCISCO, 28 May—While much of corporate America is re- teng on the real estate front, the four most influential technology companies in America are each planning headquarters that could win a Pritzker Architecture Prize for hribus. Amazon.com this week revealed plans for three verdant bubbles in downtown Seattle, joining Apple’s circular “spaceship,” Facebook’s Frank Gehry-designed open-office complex and a new Googleplex on the list of planned trophy offices.

“It signals a desire, a statement, to say that we’re special, we’re different. We have changed the world and we are going to continue to change it,” said Margaret O’Mara, associate professor of history at the University of Washington, who has written about the building of Silicon Valley. “It’s also a reflection of robust bank accounts. They have a lot of cash.” Historically, however, when a company becomes preoccupied with the grandeur of its premises, it often signals a high point in its fortunes. These fantastical buildings may end up as little more than costly monuments to vanity and a loss of focus on the core business that made for success in the first place.

“I’ve been thinking the Apple spaceship is going to get nicknamed the ‘Death Star’ because the project is so big and the timing is so bad,” said hedge fund manager Jeff Matthews of Ram Partners. The building is coming to fruition just as Apple’s product cycles may be maturing, he explained. “It is such a classic contrary indicator that you just get the shakes.” He no longer holds Apple stock.

Walter Price, who runs technology investment funds at RCM Capital Management LLC, shares the outlook: “When companies build big headquarters it’s usually when they’re doing really well and have strong outlooks, and that often coincides with a peak in their stock.” Apple, Amazon, Google and Facebook are battling to recruit tech talent, and attractive campuses help with that, he added, but Apple’s plan has not gone down well with investors. RCM’s tech funds no longer hold shares.—Reuters
London, 28 May—European shares rose on Tuesday and German bond prices dipped as investors drew support from signals of ongoing central bank stimulus. Investors turned cautious after the US Federal Reserve cast doubt on the future of its stimulus plan last week. But both the Bank of Japan and the European Central Bank have since reaffirmed that their expansive policies will stay in place.

“I expect the major markets to test resistance levels of last week as investors are still seeking higher highs and record levels in the near term, whilst the central banks are continuing their quantitative easing operations.” Tom Robertson, senior trader at Accendo Markets, said. In early trading the FTSE Eurofirst 300 index .FTEU3 of top European shares rose 0.8 percent. That followed on from a gain of 1.4 percent in Japan’s Nikkei .N225, which tumbled 3.2 percent on Monday.

The recovery in Tokyo stocks spurred further yen selling, leaving the dollar up 1.2 percent against the Japanese currency at 99.10.

Traders work at their screens in front of the DAX board at the Frankfurt stock exchange on 7 May, 2013. 

ICBC kicks off yuan clearing bank services in Singapore

Singapore, 28 May—Banking giant Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) kicked off its yuan clearing services in Singapore on Monday, marking a milestone in Singapore’s development as an offshore yuan hub. In separate developments, HSBC and Standard Chartered both said on Monday they are offering offshore Renminbi bonds to raise 500 million yuan (817 million US dollars) and 1 billion yuan (134.3 million US dollars), respectively. These are Singapore’s first dim sum bonds.

Singapore Exchange said on the same day that it is launching its depository services for renminbi denominated bonds. Standard Chartered said its three-year senior unsecured issuance is priced with a coupon of 2.625 percent, after generating over 3 billion yuan in orders from 75 investors across Asia. The bond will be settled on 31 May. HSBC priced its two-year fixed rate notes clearing in Singapore will be cleared through Central Depository Pte, a unit of Singapore Exchange. Standard Chartered said its bond will be settled through ICBC Singapore. ICBC Singapore, which was designated as the yuan clearing bank in Singapore earlier this year, said 49 banks from Singapore and elsewhere opened accounts with it to become participating banks. It cleared 53 transactions worth a total of 1.61 billion yuan (263.1 million US dollars) on Monday. Singapore is the first regional financial center outside China to have a yuan clearing bank. In China’s Hong Kong and Taipei, the local units of the Bank of China had been picked to clear yuan transactions in 2004 and 2012, respectively. The local unit of the Bank of China and the ICBC were both granted qualifying full bank licenses in Singapore last year, which allow them to open up to 25 outlets in the city state.

Xinhua

Drugmaker Valeant to buy Bausch & Lomb for $8.7 billion

Toronto/Winnipeg, 28 May —Valeant Pharmaceuticals International (VRX.TO) said on Monday it agreed to buy Bausch & Lomb Holdings Inc from Warburg Pincus LLC for $8.7 billion, a cash deal set to vault the Canadian company into the upper ranks of the global pharmaceutical sector. The purchase strengthens Valeant’s offerings in ophthalmic pharmaceuticals, contact lenses and lens care products, along with adding ophthalmic surgical devices and instruments to its portfolio.

Valeant shares rose nearly 8 percent in Toronto to C$93.71, touching an all-time high, and 7.9 percent on Friday following reports a deal was in the works. The company’s stock has multiplied six times over in about three years, with Valeant racking up some 60 deals since 2008. Bausch & Lomb is by far Valeant’s biggest acquisition to date, and will place it roughly among the 15 largest global pharmaceutical companies, said Valeant Chief Executive Michael Pearson in an interview with Reuters.

“This is a 160-year old company and brand name. I think we’ll be able to really leverage that,” said Floyd Fowler, senior executive at the company.

Bausch & Lomb deals also give Valeant the large scale of operations that it lacked in China and emerging markets like the Middle East, Pearson said. “We are thrilled about the deal,” said James Telfser, a portfolio manager at Caldwell Investment Management. “We are invested in Valeant right now, because we want something exposed to the US and emerging markets and this definitively just beefs up that thesis.”

Reuters

Patients have room to grow

New York, 28 May —There’s room — and need — for improvement in the discussions between doctor and patient that go into medical decision-making, according to research out on Monday. In four studies and a commentary published in JAMA Internal Medicine, the authors look at various aspects of doctors’ dialogue with patients about prognoses, options and treatment preferences and find little consistency.

And though not all patients want the responsibility of making treatment decisions, medical organizations have long promoted the idea of patient-centered care through shared decision-making, and the 2010 Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act that goes into effect next year incorporates the idea into law.

What’s more, “When physicians reach out and communicate to patients that their views are welcome, patients really like that a lot,” said Floyd Fowler, senior scientific advisor for the Informed Medical Decisions Foundation in Boston. But research in the past decade showed that US patients with common medical conditions were not being adequately informed about their treatment options, so Fowler and his colleagues wanted to see if anything had changed recently.

They surveyed 2,718 US adults who were over 40 years old in 2011 and had seen a doctor for any of the five most commonly treated medical conditions — high blood pressure and cholesterol, prostate and breast cancer screenings, and back and knee problems — during the previous two years.

Reuters

EU duties on Chinese solar panels losing member-state support

Brussels, 28 May —A majority of EU governments oppose a plan to impose hefty duties on solar panel imports from China, a survey of member states showed on Monday, underlining efforts by Brussels to pressure Beijing over its trade practices. The European Commission, the EU’s executive, accuses Chinese firms of selling solar panels at below cost in Europe — a practice known as “dumping” — and plans to impose duties, making it far harder for China to gain market share.

The duties, averaging 47 percent, will come into force from 6 June from a trial period and could be withdrawn if both sides reach a negotiated settlement. It is the largest trade case the Commission has undertaken, with about 21 billion euros of China-made solar panels sold in the EU. The duties are being proposed by the EU’s trade commissioner, Belgian lawyer Karel De Gucht, who met with Chinese Vice-Minister of Commerce Zhong Shan for an informal meeting in Brussels on Monday.

The Chinese side described the meetings as “constructive” and said the pair discussed solar duties as well as an EU threat to open an investigation into mobile telecom equipment makers Huawei and ZTE.

But Zhong said that either EU move would lead to a definite Chinese response. “Such practices of trade protectionism are not acceptable to China,” a spokesperson for the Chinese mission to the European Union said in a statement, and would “seriously sour the climate on bilateral trade and economic engagement.”

Reuters

Employees examine newly-made solar panels before boxing for shipment at a factory of Yingli Solar in Baoding, Hebei Province on 2 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

A contract lens is seen in Somerville, Massachusetts on 10 June, 2008. — Reuters

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“We are suffering a tail-end of the pandemic,” a former Venezuelan health minister, Rafael Orozuela, told a local TV station, commenting on the widespread reports of 17 deaths in the South American nation of 29 million people. Most of the cases were in border states near Colombia.

Venezuela’s government has not confirmed the figures given by media and local health authorities. But officials said high-risk groups had largely been immunized, with 3 million vaccinations carried out so far this year.

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IAEA opens nuclear emergency response training centre in Fukushima

FUKUSHIMA, 28 May—The International Atomic Energy Agency on Monday opened a nuclear emergency response training centre in the city of Fukushima.

The Capacity Building Centre, where a Japanese IAEA official has been stationed, will train Japanese and foreign experts on the handling of nuclear accidents, based on the lessons learned from the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant disaster.

It will also serve as the base for the IAEA’s cooperation with Fukushima Prefecture in such operations as radioactive decontamination, as agreed in December.

“We would like to make utmost efforts to revive Fukushima Prefecture in cooperation with the IAEA,” the prefecture’s Deputy Gov Masao Uchibori said at a ceremony to open the centre.

IAEA Incident and Emergency Centre head Elena Buglova told the ceremony the UN agency will pursue nuclear safety through operations in Fukushima. —Kyodo News

More than 70 killed in wave of Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 28 May—More than 30 people were killed in a wave of bombings in markets in Shi’ite neighbourhoods across Baghdad on Monday in worsening sectarian violence in Iraq.

No group claimed responsibility for the blasts. But Sunni Muslim Islamist insurgents and al-Qaeda’s Iraqi wing have increased attacks since the beginning of the year and often target Shi’ite districts.

“More than a dozen blasts tore into markets and shopping areas in districts across the Iraqi capital, including twin bombs just several hundred metres apart that killed at least 13 people in the capital’s Sadr City area, police and hospital officials said.

“A driver hit another car and left pretending to help and blood covered their faces.”

Tensions between the Shi’ite leadership and the Sunni Muslim minority are at their worst since US troops left in December 2011, and the conflict in Syria is straining Iraq’s fragile communal balance.

More than 700 people have died.

Participants in the US-Arab Strategic Partnership Group meeting in Washington, US, on Tuesday said:

“It is meaningful, in that it represents a concrete case of progress in Japan-US space cooperation in the near future,” Kishida told reporters.

“This arrangement is expected to contribute to safe operations of Japan’s satellites by enabling the United States to share information on space debris with Japan in a more extensive and expedient manner.”

As part of the arrangement, Tokyo is considering providing Washington with space observation data held by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

Kishida and US Ambassador to Japan John Roos are expected to seal the deal later in the day.

The amount of space debris has grown sharply in recent years. More than 21,000 pieces of debris are estimated to be orbiting the Earth.—Kyodo News

Fire on Royal Caribbean cruise ship cuts short Bahamas trip

FREEPORT, 28 May—Fire aboard a Royal Caribbean cruise ship forced it to dock at Freeport, Bahamas, on Monday, with all passengers and crew safe but the rest of the trip cancelled, the cruise company reported.

Grandeur of the Seas, operated by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd, was on a seven-night trip that left Baltimore on Friday. The 916-foot-long (280-metre) ship was en route to Coco- Cay, Bahamas, when a fire occurred in its mooring area early on Monday, the company said in a statement.

The fire was extinguished in about two hours and the 17-year-old vessel was redirected to Freeport, the company said. As a result of the damage, the rest of the trip was cancelled and passengers were refunded their fares and offered a free cruise in the future.

“Royal Caribbean International is deeply sorry for this unexpected development in our guests’ vacation,” the company said.

Damage on the Royal Caribbean ship Grandeur of the Seas is pictured as the ship is docked in Freeport on 27 May, 2013.—Reuters

The incident was the latest in a string of bad news for the cruise industry. In February, 44 passengers fell sick with a gastrointestinal illness on a Royal Caribbean Cruises ship. In March, 108 people fell sick with a gastrointestinal illness in Iraq.

Residents gather at the site of bomb attacks in Baghdad on 27 May, 2013.—Reuters

Money laundering distorts Colombia’s economic comeback

PUERTO NUEVO, 28 May —Rotting wooden planks heave as dozens of barefoot Wayuu Indians carry washing machines, fans and stereo equipment on their backs from the hull of a cargo ship docked on the tip of northern Colombia.

Throughout the night, they unload thousands of boxes pilled 30 feet (10 metres) high and haul them down the battered ramp to waiting trucks.

By torchlight, Customs director Claudia Gaviria rips open a box at the make-shift wharf at Puerto Nuevo on the La Guajira peninsula. She counts the number of fans against documents supplied by the ship.

“If there’s more than the paperwork says, we will seize the merchandise and investigate because it could be contraband or even money laundering,” said Gaviria, taping the box up and reaching for another.

“We found some doctored papers on this ship.”

Contraband smuggled into Colombia is part of a multi-billion-dollar money laundering operations that damage legitimate business and distort the economy, undermining Colombia’s bid to reinvent itself as a thriving economy after decades of political and drugs violence.

In complicated schemes, Colombian traffickers receive drug money from overseas dealers in the form of goods, often shipped along with legitimate merchandise. Once the goods are sold and a sales receipt given, the drug money is clean.

The amount of money laundered from the trafficking of drugs, arms and human beings in Colombia is estimated by experts to be as much as $17 billion a year — more than 5 per cent of the economy’s total value and more than total foreign direct investment last year.

Much of the mer-
Cooperative Business Centre to be opened soon

**Yangon, 28 May**—Central Cooperative Society Limited will soon open an international-standard Cooperative Business Centre at the building formerly known as Saya San Plaza the corner of Saya San street and University Avenue as a proof of the united efforts of cooperative societies.

To enable tourists buy Myanmar traditional souvenirs at one place, a Cooperative Souvenir Shop will be opened in the centre. The building has five-storey and two-storey parts which will house Cooperative Bank, Central Cooperative Society office, the cooperative souvenir shops, restaurants, company offices, meeting halls, National Insurance Public Company, Bayintnaung Construction Company and Shwe Myanmar Airways.

Century Bright Gold Services Co Ltd will open a automobile showroom on ground floor.

Information officer of the centre U Htet Aung Kyi said, “It is at the very heart of Yangon and there are arrangements to enable local and foreign businessmen and tourists go shopping conveniently. We will lease out offices rooms to local and foreign companies at a cheap fee.”

The opening ceremony of Cooperative Business Centre will be held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony of fourth sculpture contest.

The building which dates back to 1993-1994 is owned by 268 cooperative societies. **Myanma Alinn**

Respects paid to teachers at Mandalaylan BEPS

**Nyaukpetein, 28 May**—A ceremony to pay respects to teachers was held at Mandalaylan Basic Education Primary School in Nyaukpetein Township of Bago Region at 9 am on 24 May.

It was attended by departmental officials, teachers, members of the organizing committee, Headmaster U Aung Zaw Win and old students, totalling about 200. Township Education Officer Daw Nway Chit May made a speech. Chairman of the organizing committee retired teacher U Maung Tun explained the purpose of paying respects to old teachers. Then, old students paid respects to teachers.

Next, the teachers were served with refreshments. The old students presented K 60,000 each to the teachers of above 60 years and K 50,000 each to those of above 50 years. Altogether 30 teachers attended the ceremony.—*NLM*

**Yangon, 28 May**—Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd organized the Han Golf Classic Golf Tournament 2013 at Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club in Mingaladon Township on 25 May morning.

U Min Thein and U Sein Lwin secured the nearest to the pin awards and U Tin Tint Oo, Ko Win Thaw and Ko Kyaw Zin Latt, the longest drive awards.

**Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation** U Aung Kyi presented first to fifth awards to winners in the division B (handicap 15-24) event.

**Vice-President U Zaw Min** gave first to fifth prizes to winners in division (A) (handicap 0-14) event.

Patron of MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) awarded the first prize to Maung Maung Oo with 73 strokes and Col San Aung with 75 in the singles’ scratch event. **NLM**

Health Department of Sittway Township provides healthcare services to victims at relief camps

**Sittway, 28 May**—Head of Sittway Township Health Department Dr Naing Lin and Dr Kyaw Tha Sein led a team of township health staff, township Red Cross members, graduating trainees of midwifery training school visited relief camps in Sittway Township and provided healthcare to victims there on 26 May. The split teams compiled lists of children under one, children under five, children under 15, expectant mothers, the elders above 65. They provided treatment at designated focal points.

“We the township health department will take care of health of victims in relief camps. We would like to contact us as regards the health problems of victims in the camps. In-charge nurses will open dispensaries here. I would like to call for cooperation with our staff,” Dr Kyaw Tha Sein said at Setyonsu Camp No. 2 on 26 May.

The Sittway Township Health Department provided healthcare to 112 patients including 39 mothers-to-be on 26 May.

The department says it will continue to provide healthcare services to all the victims regardless of race or religion.—**Myanma Alinn**

Fire breaks out in Myittha

**Myittha, 28 May**—A fire broke out at TEC Tuition of U Thein Han in west Myoma ward in Myittha Township in Kyaukte District in Mandalay Region at 5.15 am on 25 May.

The fire was started by heat from slaked lime in the building.

**Fire Overheated regulator causes fire outbreak in Mawlamyne**

**Mawlamyne, 28 May**—An overheated voltage regulator caused a fire outbreak at Than Cho’s house in Wugyi Pagoda road in Sittagon village in Mawlamyne in Mon State on 21 May evening.

Firefighters and local residents managed to extinguish the fire about 5 minutes after the outbreak.

Myoma Police Station has filed a lawsuit against the owner of the house Than Cho. **Myanma Alinn**

CSCs issued in Muse Township

**Muse, 28 May**—Muse Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to eligible citizens in urban areas in Muse in northern Shan State under Mae Pwint-5 campaign. Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Min Swe and eight staff issued CSCs at Taywwe Youth rest house on 25 May. Shan State Hluttaw Representative Daw Nan Ngwe Ngwe contributed the photograph costs for 56 citizens.

Local people responded to the MP and the department with thanks for giving photo costs and issuing the cards in one day.—**Myanma Alinn**

Zingyaik hydropower plant to be privatized

**Mawlamyne, 28 May**—Mon State Electricity and Industry Minister U Nai Lai Aung and officials of state Electricity Supply Enterprise met Thaton District Electrical Engineer U Tint Lwin, Township Administrator U Myint Naing, State Hluttaw Representatives U Maung Lan and U Chan Htay Aung Kyi, Township Electrical Engineer U Mai Aung Nay Tun, and village development support group members at the hall of Zingyaik Village small-scale hydropower plant on 22 May morning.

The state minister said the hydropower plant would be privatized and called for repair to make it up and running.

Thaton District Electrical Engineer U Tint Lwin reported that one 100-KW turbine could no more be operated again and another 64-KW could be repaired. He said 8-inch diameter water pipes.

The private company that would take charge of the plant has set to charge K 15 per unit.

U Yan Lin Aung of village development support group explored viability of opening a guest house in the yard for funding the development efforts.

The fund would be used to repair the plant.

Village-tract administrator U Aung Min Naing sought help from the state government to get rid off shops near the waterfall to keep the environment in good shape. **Myanma Alinn**

**New Light of Myanmar**

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Wednesday, 29 May, 2013
Put in place a good investment climate

The economic potential of the country is a source of hope for Myanmar people, and it is a responsibility for the incumbent government.

The country’s strategic location in the region should also provide our international partners with ample business opportunities. Thus, the government is committed to setting in motion solid foundations for a market economy to thrive and an investment climate that makes a clear business case for overseas companies.

We are now in the process of implementing an economy that is equitable, fair and based on a level playing field that develops our abundant natural wealth but in a way that protects our natural environment. At the same time we are engaged in a political dialogue process and national reconciliation.

Since our economy is mostly relied on agriculture, tremendous changes in rural and agricultural sectors are now demanding. Therefore, steps are being taken to accelerate public-private partnership in agricultural sector with the participation of agriculturalists at home and abroad.

As periods of transition are always fraught with risk, all the people are to understand the need for compromise, tolerance and patience and exercise restraint. The transition is not taking place in a vacuum, and it is central to have the institutions that will help us cope with threats old and new and forge a new resilience.

Although democracy means rivalry and competition, we must try to find ways to work together while nurturing policy-based political parties. But at this critical juncture, we must also rise above partisan politics and set our aims towards a greater nation-building and state-building agenda. With peace to be rooted in the broadest possible participation of public support, the people of our country will surely learn how to steer the country well towards democracy, exploring every avenue for national development.

Chaiman of UCSB deserves high praise by Sehan University

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May— A peace-making group led by U Aung Min, Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee and Union Minister at the President Office, met with townsenders and national race leaders at Madira Hotel in Myitkyina, Kachin State, on 26 May.

The peace-making group comprises Union Ministers U Ohn Myint, U Win Tun, Lt-Gen Myint Soe of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and departmental officials.

Also present at the meeting were State Chief Minister U La Jun Nga Sai, Commanders Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Khet Htain Nan, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives Daw Dwe Bu, townsenders, national race leaders, religious leaders and officials.

First, Union Minister U Aung Min said that the two peace groups are working together to be able to bring peace to Kachin State and to reach ceasefire agreement. Besides, the two sides held negotiations in the past and could announce the agreement between the two sides, reaching ceasefire.

The two sides are obliged to sign a bilateral agreement and to work together from the ceasefire to gaining eternal peace, he said. He also pledged to continue to work to bring equal rights for national races and self-administration to national races and building programs for civil service personnel through a variety of modules such as high-level policy dialogue, leadership development seminars and workshops covering good governance, public administration and communications technology (ICT).

Moreover, the Myanmar delegation visited the Central Officials Training Institute, Gyoonggokung Palace, Jogyesa Temple, Cheongwadae Presidential Office (Blue House) and Sooam Biotech Research Foundation in Seoul.—MNA

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Union Peace-making Work Committee Vice-Chairman meets townsenders, national race leaders in Myitkyina

In leaps and bounds!

Well, Myanmar is lagging behind in every aspect when compared with developed countries.

You mean.....

Yes, keen international cooperation we are enjoying now is the best proof.

So, it’s not too late. What we just need is cohesive effort, right?

Exactly! We will be in leaps and bounds and overtake other Southeast Asian nations if we make bold and harmonious moves in cooperation with our good friends.

Cartoon Tha Byay
Bago No. 3 BEHS organizes school enrollment activity

By U Tin Aung, of staff USDP and Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Soe Myint of Township Development Affairs Committee and departmental heads, village administrators, members of ex-combatants, members of Red Cross society, auxiliary fire brigade and USDP and local people totaling over 150 were present at the event.

The Bago Township Administrator furnished the school with notebooks, stationery and cash assistance.

‘Sympathy’ donates water to rural people

Toungoo, 28 May—The ‘Sympathy’ water donor, to 2360 households of Toungoo Township and 20,000 litres of purified water for 15 months.

One dead in motorcycle-car collision in Nyaunglebin

Nyaunglebin, 28 May—A collision involving a motorcycle left a 16-year-old woman dead on 24 May on Yangon-Mandalay Road near Tawwi Village in Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Region.

Ma Sandar Win, 16, who was on the motorcycle, sustained serious injuries to her forehead and died on the way to Nyaunglebin Hospital. She was between Than Soe Oo, 24, who drove the motorcycle, and Ma Zin May Hlaing, 16, at the time of the collision, which occurred around 3 pm on 24 May.

The motorcycle driven by Than Soe Oo, 24, lost control and plunged to the left side of the road after its left handle collided with the right front wheel of Nissan 12-wheel truck driven by Tin Zaw Moe, 42, while the two tried to pass a car parked road side.

The motorcyclist got major injuries and Ma Zin May Hlaing got no injuries in the collision. The two drivers are charged under criminal section 337/304-A by the Police Inspection Kyaw Myo Lwin of Nyaunglebin Police Station.

CRIME

The authorities seized 122 bags of caffeine weighing 3050 kilos from the vehicle.

Tachilek Police Station filed a lawsuit against caffeine trafficker Aung Naing Oo, 36, son of U Tin Aung, of staff quarters, Hmsai B Ward, Tachilek and Than Zaw Tum, 35, son of U Tun Pe driven at No.8, Aung Myay apartment housing, Parlyan (1) Ward, Tachilek, under the law. The case is under investigation.

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 May—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-214444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagain Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-239988), Bago Region Police Force (052-239999), Magway Region Police Force (063-289999), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-614444), Mon State Police Force (057-249877), Rakhine State Police Force (043-228333), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125445) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-238444).

Kyemon

One of the 15 ft long, 14 ft wide and 12 ft high bridge was built at a cost of K 9.5 million contributed by Bago Region Government and local people. The bridge links Ottshipin and Bingga Villages.
**ROCKETS HIT SOUTH BEIRUT AFTER HIZBALLAH VOWS SYRIA VICTORY**

BEIRUT, 28 May—Two rockets hit a Shi’ite Muslim District of Beirut on Sunday, driving home the risk of spillovers from Syria’s civil war, after the head of Lebanese Shi’ite movement Hizballah said it would keep fighting on the Syrian government’s side until victory.

It was the first attack to apparently target Hizballah’s stronghold in the south of the Lebanese capital since the outbreak of the two-year conflict in neighboring Syria, which has sharply heightened Lebanon’s own sectarian tensions.

The United States and Russia have proposed an international peace conference to douse a civil war that has killed more than 80,000 people, driven 1.5 million Syrians as refugees abroad and raised the specter of sectarian bloodshed in the wider region.

Syria’s government will “in principle” attend the talks tentatively set for June in Geneva and believes it will be able to resolve the crisis, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said during a visit to Baghdad on Sunday.

But in an apparent rebuff of Western calls for President Bashar al-Assad to cede power as part of any deal on transition, Moallem said: “No power on earth can decide on the future of Syria. Only the Syrian people have the right to do so.”

The US and Russian foreign ministers, striving toRefreshing a plan for political transition in Syria, were due to meet in Paris on Monday to work out the details.

Whether the exiled Syrian civilian opposition will take part in the envisaged peace talks — and be able to negotiate effectively, given their internal divisions and shaky rapport with rebels inside Syria — remains in doubt.

The United States has been prodding Assad’s opponents to unite before the conference. But the Islam-in-dominated coalition has been hamstrung by power struggles during talks going on in Istanbul aimed at broadening its representation and electing a cohesive leadership. —Reuters

**SUSPECTED KILLER OF BRITISH SOLDIER WAS HELD IN KENYA**

LONDON/NAIROBI, 28 May—One of two men arrested over the murder of a British soldier in a London street was detained in Kenya in 2010 on suspicion of seeking to train with an al-Qaeda-linked group in Somalia, Kenyan police said on Sunday. Confirmation that Mi-

chael Adeboalo was held in Kenya and deported to London will intensify calls for Britain’s spy agencies to explain what they knew about the suspect and whether they could have done more to prevent Lee Rigby’s killing on Wednesday. The British parliament’s security committee will next week investigate the security services’ actions in the run-up to a killing that has put pressure on Prime Minister David Cameron to take a harder line on radicals. The Nairobi government initially said Adeboalo had never visited Kenya. But on Sunday, Boniface Mwangi, head of Kenya’s anti-terrorism police, said Adeboalo was arrested in November 2010 and deported to Britain.

“He was arrested with a group of five others trying to travel to Somalia to join militant group al Shabab,” he told Reuters.

The Islamist force, which is linked to al-Qaeda, wants to impose a strict version of Islamic law across Somalia. A Foreign Office spokeswoman in London confirmed the arrest and said consular officials had provided assistance.

Adeboalo, 28 and Mi-

chael Adebawe, 22, are under guard in hospital after being shot and arrested for the murder of the 25-year-old Afghan war veteran. They have not been charged. Spy agencies have come under scrutiny after uncorroborated allegations by a friend of Adeboalo on Friday that intelligence officers tried to recruit him six months ago. —Reuters

**PIRATES FREE CREW KIDNAPPED FROM SHIP OFF EQUATORIAL GUINEA**

ABIDJAN, 28 May—Four crew members kidnapped from a containership off the West African nation of Equatorial Guinea in April have been released, the vessel’s management company said.

Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea region, which includes Africa’s biggest oil producer Nigeria, is pushing up costs for shipping firms operating there. Many experts believe the region’s pirate gangs grew out of insurgent groups involved in oil theft in Nigeria’s restless Delta region.

The company said the crew — two Ukrainians, one Russian and one from the Pacific island nation of Kiribati — were in good spirits, but gave no further details of their release to “encourage further criminal acts of this kind”.

The region is an important source of oil, cocoa and metals for world markets. International navies have not launched counter-piracy missions in the Gulf of Guinea, unlike in Somalia, where piracy was once rampant and has been largely brought under control.

Many vessels are forced to anchor off regional ports with little protection, making them soft targets for criminals. —Reuters

**VENEZUELA DEPORTS 3 COLOMBIAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS**

CARACAS, 28 May—The Venezuelan government on Monday deported three alleged drug traffickers wanted by Interpol (International Criminal Police Organization) to Colombia, local media reported.

The surrender of the suspects, who are alleged members of “Los Urabenos” criminal band for drug trafficking and homicide, to the Colombian authorities took place on Monday by Ven-

ezuelan Minister of Interior and Justice Miguel Rodri-

guez at Simon Bolivar international airport, 25 kilomet-

res north of Caracas.

“We are here to begin a deportation act of three Co-

lombian citizens who were captured in our territory and who are wanted by Colombi-

a for drug trafficking and homicide,” said Rodriguez at the airport.

The deported Colombians are Gildardo de Ju-

sus Escalante Villegas, Juan Carlos Pena Silva and Rigoberto Arias Castrillon, who were nicknamed “Es-

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**BASILEA ANTIFUNGAL WINS COVERED US DRUG STATUS**

ZURICH, 28 May — Swiss biotech group Basilea has clinched “orphan” drug status from US health authorities for antifungal treatment for fungal infections, such as candida infections, Basilea and our partner As-

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cal officer Achim Kauffold said in a statement. Isavu-

conazole, which treats both mould and yeast infections such as candida infections, is being developed with Ja-

pan’s Astellas. Bank Sara-
sin called the drug backing a significant win for Bas-

lela.—Reuters

**BORROWED BIRTH IN KOREA CONTINUES TO FALL AMID DELAYED MARRIAGE**

SEOUL, 28 May—Childbirth in South Korea continued to fall in March amid the delayed marriage and the postponement of children, a government report showed on Monday.

The number of babies born in March was 38,800, down 10.2 percent from a year earlier, according to the Statistics Korea. For the first three months of this year, childbirth cases decreased 6.4 percent from the same period of last year.

The March figure post-

ed the third consecutive monthly fall following a 0.4 percent decline in January and a 9.1 percent drop in February each. The low birthrate was attributable to the continued reduction in marriages.

The number of marriages dropped 16 percent from a year earlier to 23,600 in March, declining for five straight months.

Young people with the marriageable age tended to delay marriage and put off having children in South Korea amid the growing costs for rearing a child and daily livelihood.

The delayed marriage and chronically low birthrate boosted concerns over the growth in working age popula-

tion and its consequent low growth as well as rising welfare expenses. —Xinhua

**WORKERS REPAIR ELECTRIC GENERATORS AT A WORKSHOP IN PESHAWAR, NORTHWEST PAKISTAN, ON 26 MAY, 2013. POWER SHORTFALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAS REACHED OVER 5,900 MEGAWATTS.—XINHUA**
Japan, Singapore to promote small business in Southeast Asia

SINGAPORE, 28 May—

The Japanese government-owned Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Mizuho Corporate Bank and SPRING Singapore, an agency under Singapore’s Ministry of Trade and Industry which supports the development of small businesses, agreed to promote Japanese small and medium-sized businesses in the region by working together with Singapore small businesses.

The memorandum of understanding signed on Monday is meant to “promote Japanese companies’ investments in SMEs in Singapore and also to accelerate their joint business opportunities in Singapore and other ASEAN countries,” Hiroshi Suetoh, Mizuho’s managing executive officer, said in a statement.

“We are pleased that JBIC and MHCBC have identified Singapore SMEs as potential key partners to Japanese SMEs,” Choy Siew Kook, assistant chief executive at SPRING Singapore, said in a speech at the signing ceremony.

“There is huge potential to be unlocked in the ASEAN region, especially in emerging markets such as Myanmar,” she said.

Both sides hope the deal will bring together the advantages of Singapore’s infrastructure, workforce and intellectual property regulations and Japan’s technological innovation capabilities.

Collaboration may take the form of co-developing innovative technologies and products, setting up joint ventures to launch new businesses into other ASEAN markets or tapping into one another’s knowledge and networks to facilitate expansion.”

English to be upgraded to official course at elementary school

TOKYO, 28 May—
A government plan on education reform on Tuesday proposed upgrading English to an official course at elementary schools, part of an effort to better prepare students for an internationalized business environment.

While a one-hour-a-week English course has been introduced for fifth and sixth graders since the start of the 2011 academic year in Japan, the panel headed by Waseda University President Kaoru Kamata said the class hour should be extended and seventh graders included.

“Customarily, if the oxen eat grass the get along well, but if they are currently not in the mood for cooperation, the oxen will not consume it,” Kang said.

This year marks the 105th anniversary of the royal plowing ceremony, and this year’s ceremony was observed in the ancient time,” Kang said.

At the event on Tuesday, the oxen were used to plow and prepare rice paddies and the farmers’ fields were to be marked "lucky" or "unlucky" for the rice crop harvest.

Since the beginning of the 1960s, the oxen have been used to plow rice paddies in the capital city of Phnom Penh, a tradition dating back to the ancient Khmer empire.

Cambodia marked ancient royal plowing ceremony in eastern province

KAMPONG CHAM, 28 May—
Cambodia on Tuesday day observed the ancient royal plowing ceremony, a ritual to mark the annual start of agricultural season in this Southeast Asian nation, where about 80 percent of the population are farmers.

The ceremony, held in Kampong Cham provincial town, was presided over by King Norodom Sihamoni and attended by President of the National Assembly Heng Samrin. Officials and representatives from the diplomatic corps and several hundred spectators were also present.

At the event, royal oxen were used to plow and prepare crop fields and weather in the year.

Kong Shnhnomi designated Lim Lnhth, governor of Kampong Cham Province, as the King of the plowing ceremony and the oxen’s wife, Suy Nang, as the Queen of sowing ceremony.

The designated King plowed the rice field by using royal oxen and the appointed Queen sowed seeds on the furrow as the symbol of planting.

After three rounds of plowing across the field, the oxen were offered 7 plates of food: rice, corn, green beans, sesame, water, fresh-cut grass, and wine.

Instead of the oxen eating a lot of the offered food, a bumper harvest is expected in the year, but if they eat little, it is believed that the yields will be low.

If the oxen eat grass and water, it will be predicted that cattle will be plagued by epidemics, and if they drink a lot of water, plenty of water is expected.

At the event on Tuesday, the oxen ate only corn. A court official predict- ed that corn crops would give good yields this year.

“This is just the prediction based on the custom of the royal plowing ceremony in the ancient time,” Kong, chief of the soothsayers at the Royal Palace, said at the event. “This event is to announce that the agricultural crop planting season has come.”

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Japan is believed to have become the world’s largest holder of overseas net assets for the 22nd straight year, exceeding 150.3 trillion yen held by China and 121.9 trillion yen held by Germany.

Western experts are closely watching whether Japan’s growing asset holdings could negatively impact the country’s trade balance.

Despite the increase in assets, Japan’s current account surplus amounted to 661.9 trillion yen, held by Germany.

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Overloaded express boat capsizes in eastern Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 May—An overloaded express boat carrying more than 100 passengers capsized in Malaysia’s Borneo state of Sarawak on Tuesday, local media reported.

The express boat was making a 40-minute trip in Rajang River when it crashed onto a rock and sunk, state news agency Bernama reported.

A local district council member was quoted as saying that many passengers, most of whom are timber and oil palm plantation workers, were sitting on the boat roof as the official load capacity of the vessel was for 67 seated passengers.

Many passengers were able to swim ashore after the accident, the councilor added.

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A man runs away from the wave in Yantai City, east China’s Shandong Province, on 27 May, 2013. Shandong will witness frequent thunderstorms and downpours from Monday to Tuesday, according to the local meteorological authority.

Japan to strengthen efforts to pitch its foods abroad

Tokyo, 28 May—Japan will soon adopt an action programme as part of its “Cool Japan” strategy that will focus on efforts to promote its foods abroad, government sources said on Tuesday. The 19-member government panel on the Cool Japan strategy for exporting Japanese culture and foods, chaired by State Minister Tomomi Inada, will adopt the action program at its meeting later in the day, the sources said.

The action programme will be included in Japan’s growth strategy to be formalized in June.

Various related events will be held during the fifth session of the Tokyo International National Conference on African Development, which is scheduled to open in Yoko-

homa on Saturday for a three-day run. During the Yokohama events, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will announce the government’s intention to cooperate more closely with the private sector in promoting Cool Japan, the sources said.

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A woman prepares food in Jamam refugee camp in Upper Nile, South Sudan, on 2 July, 2012.—Reuters

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**Entertainment**

**The Beatles’ lyrics are going to the British Library**

**LONDON, 28 May** — Shakespeare, the Magna Carta and now some of John Lennon’s finest lyrics. The august British Library has added substantially to its already formidable collection with handwritten lyrics to Strawberry Fields Forever, She Said She Said and In My Life.

The manuscripts and a number of John Lennon’s letters were donated to the library by Hunter Davies, a Beatles biographer with longtime connections to the Fab Four.

Davies says he is pleased the unique collection will be kept together and put on public display. In exchange for the gift, Davies will receive a reduction in his tax liability. Handwritten lyrics by the band have recently sold for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

**Sana Khan not required for current schedule of Mental**

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**I will never sing live again:**

**Victoria Beckham**

**London, 28 May** — Singer-fashion designer Victoria Beckham has further distanced herself from a future Spice Girls get together after insisting she never wants to sing in public again.

Beckham, 39, who reunited with the girl power pop group for a world tour in 2007 and 2008, said she will not be returning to the stage with her former bandmates, reported Contactmusic.

“I will never do it again in a professional way,” she said.—**PTI**

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**Selena Gomez “drove away” with fans**

**Beijing, 28 May** — Selena Gomez once “got into trouble” after driving away with four of her fans who had turned out to greet her at an airport. The Come and Get It singer was greeted by some of her young supporters at an airport, but she panicked when paparazzi arrived so “took off” with the group.

She added: “I got in trouble one time I had like 12 paparazzi and they were at the airport and I put my head down because I don’t really like them that much and there were about four of my fans so when I got in the car I grabbed the four girls and put them in the car with me and just took off.” Selena — who has an on/off relationship with Justin Bieber — is always astonished by the dedication of her fans.

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She added: “It blows my mind. I have the sweetest most compassionate fans.” Selena loves spending time with her friend Taylor Swift — who has dated stars including Harry Styles, Jake Gyllenhaal and John Mayer and knows her pal will always support her when she has a problem. She said: “I love Taylor, she’s the best. I just love her because she’s so cool, she just normal down to earth, awesome defiantly the girl you want to call if you’re going through heart ache.”

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**Beijing, 28 May** — Angelina Jolie, 37, is raising a family with fellow actor Brad Pitt. She wrote that she went through mastectomy after learning she had inherited a high risk of breast cancer. Debbie Martin, the younger sister of Jolie’s mother, died at age 61 at Palomar Medical Centre in Escondido, near San Diego. Her husband, Ron Martin, told Britain’s Sky News that his wife had the same defective BRCA1 gene as Jolie.

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China’s Li, Sharapova and Nadal all reach second round at French Open

PARIS, 28 May—Seven-time champion Rafael Nadal suffered a first-round scare at the French Open, world number one Novak Djokovic will look to avoid any mishap as he starts his Roland Garros campaign against Belgium’s David Goffin on Tuesday.

The Serbian top seed will be second on Court Philippe Chatrier after local favorite Marion Bartoli, the 13th seed, opens proceedings against Belarusian Olga Govortsova. Perhaps because of superstition, Djokovic has requested his team and reporters to make no mention of future rounds.

There will be a veterans’ day feeling as the 42-year-old Kimiko Date Krumm takes on Australian ninth seed Samantha Stosur on Court One and German 12th seed Tommy Haas, 35, is up against France’s Gauffin on Court Suzanne Lenglen, where all four matches feature French players.

Marathon man Nicolas Mahut, who plays the longest professional tennis match at Wimbledon in 2010, is scheduled on Court Philippe Chatrier against Serbian eighth seed Janko Tipsarevic. Last on centre court will be Belarusian Victoria Azarenka, the third seed, who is looking to clinch a third grand slam title after winning the last two Australian Open titles.

Woods to play in new $7 million Turkish Open

NEW YORK, 28 May—World number one Tiger Woods is to compete in the inaugural Turkish Open in Antalya in November, the European Tour said on Tuesday. The $7 million event at the Montgomerie Maxx Royal course in Belek will form part of the new Final Series on the Race to Dubai, Europe’s lucrative end-of-season equivalent of the US Tour’s FedExCup competition.

Fourteen-times major winner Woods also featured in last year’s unofficial World Golf Final in Turkey played at the nearby Antalya Golf Club. That invitational eight-man tournament was won by Justin Rose who claimed a first prize of $1.5 million after he defeated Yellow Birtong Lee Westwood by one stroke in the final. “I had a great time during my first visit to Turkey,” Woods said in a news release. “The fans who came to watch made it a really special event and I’m looking forward to playing there once again.”

The Turkish Open is to be held from November 7-10 and will have a 78-strong field. The European Tour’s inaugural Final Series also comprises two events in Shanghai, the $7 million BMW Masters from 24-27 October and the $8.5 million WGC-Champions Tournament from 31 October - 3 November. The series offers a combined prize fund of $30.5 million and ends with the $8 million DP World Tour Championship in Dubai from 14-17 November.

Spurs sweep into NBA Finals

LOS ANGELES, 28 May—Tony Parker delivered a season-high 37 points as the San Antonio Spurs completed a sweep of Memphis on Monday with a 93-86 victory that booked a trip to the NBA Finals. The Spurs started fast and finished strong as they seized the Western Conference Finals with a 4-0 best-of-seven triumph that put them back in the NBA finals for the first time since 2007. Parker was sensational in making 15 of his 21 field goal attempts and Tim Duncan added 15 and eight rebounds in the clinching game.

San Antonio has earned an extended rest period as they now await the winner between Miami and Indiana in the East for a championship matchup that does not begin until 6 June. Having
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Sixty steel pipes each has 3-foot and 10-inch in length and 1.4 cm in diameter which can be used as gun barrels hidden in a bag and 709 books in various subjects in English including 91 books on making arms, catalogue for arms, on tanks and science placed in 12 paper boxes were discovered on a van from Shan Aung Lan bus line driven by Sai Kyaw Zan, 22, of Kunhing, son of U Sai Kan, on way from Tachilek to Kunhing.

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