Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and wife attend
novitiation of 577 boys in Zeyathiri Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 April
— With the donations of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker
Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet and well-wishers, a ceremony
to novitiate 577 boys with eight pre-requisites is being held from 3 to 6 April
in Zeyathiri Township. A total of 167 boys were novitiated in Kyaukkan Village on
3 April, 97 boys in (See page 3)

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker lays wreath at
memorial of Thura Ma Chit Po in PyinOoLwin

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 April
— A delegation of Amyotha Hluttaw led by Speaker U Myo Yi, chairman
of UMTA in Mandalay,
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wounded army members,
the speaker said their visit
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Red Cross members, and
media persons.

The remains of soldiers killed in Laukkai clashes were cremated,
with their ashes brought back for burial at the Memorial to Fallen Heroes in Lashio, according to him.

The speaker spoke of some people who fancy speaking ill of the defence services without understanding its gratitude,
stressing that they do not realize the fact that only when the Tatmadaw is strong will the nation be strong.

He recounted that Ma Chit Po was the wife of Corporal Hla Maung of No.1 Military Engineer Battalion. The government (See page 3)

UMTA, ILO organize talk on labour dispute in Mandalay

At the local military hospital, the speaker and MPs spoke words of encouragement to soldiers wounded in clashes of Laukkai and presented gifts to them.

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MoE invites EOIs to refine crude oil from traditional wells

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 April
— The Ministry of Energy has invited Myanmar nationals or citizen-owned companies to submit expressions of interest to refine crude oil produced from traditional wells from local oil fields.

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Suzuki to build second plant in Myanmar, report

Yangon, 5 April — Japanese automaker Suzuki plans to invest tens of millions of dollars to build its second plant in Myanmar, according to media report on Saturday.

Amid growing auto market of the Southeast Asian country, Suzuki has sought ways for expansion of its market.

According to the Nikkei business daily, the Japanese has already received about 50 acre (around 20 hectares) land plot for the new plant at the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, southeast of Yangon.

Suzuki has expected 2017 for operation of facility, with construction (See page 3)

OCBC receives final approval to open branch in Myanmar

OCBC Bank is one of the first three foreign banks to receive final approval to open a branch in Myanmar, and will offer corporate internet banking in the country.

Singapore, 5 April — OCBC Bank is one of the first three foreign banks to have received final regulatory approval from the Central Bank of Myanmar to open a branch in Myanmar, the bank announced in a news release on Thursday (Apr 2).

The approval follows the award of provisional banking licenses on Oct 1, 2014 to nine foreign banks, including Singapore’s UOB.

OCBC’s Yangon branch will start operations on Apr 23. It will offer banking services such as cash management, project financing, and trade finance. It will also offer treasury and capital markets advisory and services to foreign companies and joint ventures, as well as domestic banks in Myanmar.

Customers will be able to open current and savings accounts denominated in Myanmar Kyat, US Dollar and Singapore Dollar, take up loans and apply for trade and foreign exchange facilities. (See page 3)
**Weirawsana Pagoda will be largest jade pagoda throughout the world**

Amarapura Township, Hsinywa Myinhmu village, built on a five-acre plot in Mandalay Region. The pagoda is located nine feet higher than Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. The 133.5 feet by 133.5 feet platform and the pagoda are under construction with the design of jade pieces and slabs worth US$15 million. The structure of the pagoda has been decorated with jade pieces and slabs worth more than K400 million. Upon completion, the jade pagoda will be largest jade pagoda across the nation as well as the world and it will be a tourist designation in the nation.  

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

**Myanmar students show Myanmar culture, tradition at Mae Fah Luang University**

Tachilek, 5 April — The Myanmar Culture Day and Exhibition was staged at Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai District, northern Thailand, on 3 April afternoon. All attendees saluted the State Flags of both countries, which after President Associate Professor Dr Vanchai Sirichana presented prizes to outstanding Myanmar students. On behalf of international students, Mr Muhammad Khalid Wardana of Malaysia read out the paper on reviewing attitude over Myanmar while a female Myanmar student spoke about Myanmar’s Maha Thingyan festival. Myanmar students presented traditional dances and chorus dances in Thingyan festival. The guests were served with Myanmar traditional snacks and foods namely Monhinga, Montlonyay-paw, Montlethsaung and so on. They all enjoyed water-throwing festival. More than 300 Myanmar students are pursuing education at Mae Fah Luang University.

Maung Yin Kyaw

**Rural concrete road improves transport of residents**

Nyaungdon, 5 April — A ceremony to inaugurate a four-mile-long concrete road was held in Chaunggyi Village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, in the last week of March. The road, local residents from Chaunggyi, Zbyugon, Burlin and Chaungphya villages will enjoy improvement of transport all the year round. Thanks to the concrete road, transport of residents from Chaunggyi, Zbyugon, Burlin and Chaungphya villages will enjoy improvement of transport all the year round.

Win Myint Kyaw (Nyaungdon)

**Tatkon Township conducts sports training for local youths**

Tatkon, 5 April — The summer sports course wrapped up at Tatkon Township Sports Ground on Saturday. The course jointly organized by Township Sports and Physical Education Department and Sports Subcommittee gave training to local youths in football, volleyball and Sepak Takraw events. The guests were served with Myanmar traditional snacks and foods namely Monhinga, Montlonyay-paw, Montlethsaung and so on. They all enjoyed water-throwing festival. More than 300 Myanmar students are pursuing education at Mae Fah Luang University.

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**37 pandals to attract Maha Thingyan revelers in Mandalay**

Mandalay, 5 April — Mandalay Mayor’s Pandal Maha Thingyan Festival will be held on a grand scale with 23 water throwing pandals around moats, nine at downtown and five at Kandawgyi Lake. A total of 3,000 basic education students will join the festival at the Mayor’s Pandal to the accompaniment of local music bands. Famous vocalists will also perform entertainment on songs and music from Akyo to Aket days of the festival, an official of Information Department under Mandalay City Development Committee told media.

Mandalay’s festival will be crowded with audiences and revelers as the whole city has been arranged with entertainment programmes and presentation of decorated floats. The Three Band will perform entertainment at Alpine pandal on the southern moat of the city while the SIR band will present songs and music on the northern moat. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and wife . . .

Kyaucbth Village on 4 April and 195 boys in Yezin Village on 5 April. On Monday, a ceremony to novitiate 118 boys will take place at Weikza Thetpaa monastery in Nan-Aw Village. From 3 to 6 April, meals were offered to Buddhist monks and served to local people. The ceremonies were also attended by Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, well-wishers and officials of Hluttaw Office together with local residents. MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker lays . . .

troops were forced to retreat as multicoloured insurgents launched a surprise attack on PyinOoLwin on 23 February 1949. She, on her own volition, gathered information about the locations of enemy bases and locations of their heavy guns. Her information enabled the army to launch effective offensives. In a fight, she was seriously wounded in the abdomen. While receiving medical treatment in PyinOoLwin, she was caught as a traitor and informed the location of the enemy. She suffered gruesome tortures in her captivity and became unconscious. The insurgents threw her into a well and piled bricks over her. She lost her life to the country on 8 April 1949. She died at the age of 42. She was awarded Thura, a medal for bravery. She was the one and only woman to have received such a military title.

Suzuki to build second plant in Myanmar, . . .

starting later this year, by hiring about 300 employees and investment of several billion yen, according to the report. The possible manufacturing capacity of the new plant is about 10,000 units of car annually by assembling imported parts. Immediate confirmation of the report was not available.

Suzuki initially stepped into Myanmar in 1999 through a local joint venture, but withdrew in 2010. It reentered the country in 2013 due to democratic reform process. Myanmar relaxed vehicle import regulation between 2010 and 2011 by making easier the import of commercial vehicles, and more auto industries from China, India and South Korea are also eyeing the Myanmar market. —GNLM

Progress of Myanmar-Laos Friendship bridge inspected

Yangon, 5 April—Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on Wednesday visited Shan State to inspect progress of regional development projects including construction of border control facilities (CBF) at Myanmar-Laos Friendship bridge. During his visit, U Kyaw Lwin inspected upgrading of a 35-mile-long Tahley-Pahluyio-Kengtak road and installation of town entry signs at the entrance to Kengtak Town of the region. MNA
**Onion, garlic producers, growers seek proper market**

A workshop on seeking market for onion and garlic market development at the city hall in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, on Saturday, with Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economy U Aung Zan in attendance.

Deputy Director-General U Myint Soe of Trade Promotion Department spoke on the occasion while Chairman of Myanmar Onion, Garlic and Kitchen Crops Producers Association U Khin Han explained purpose of staging the workshop.

Chairmen of Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Region associations discussed markets of onion and garlic in their regions.

On behalf of local farmers, U Kyaw Moe Lin, onion grower from Natogyi Township, explained needs of farmers and seeking the proper market of crops.

*U Tin Maung (Mandalay)*

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**Trains on Mandalay-Bagan not take holidays during Maha Thingyan festival period**

The trains running along Mandalay-Bagan railroad section will operate regularly, an RBE train running along Myingyan-Myotha section will take holidays during Maha Thingyan festival period.

This year, Maha Thingyan festival will be held from 13 to 16 April.

*Htay Myint Maung*

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**Emerald green project member households achieve success in businesses**

Zalun, 5 April — Thaphangon Village is one of eight villages included in Emerald Green Project area in Zalun Township, Ayeyawady Region. Local residents from 263 households borrowed loans from the Township Rural Development Department to implement the project. Officials of Township Project Supervisory Committee inspected agriculture, livestock breeding, trade and production on a manageable scale. Most of project member households achieve success in their businesses.

*Township RDD*
Cambodia to pass bill governing NGOs

Phnom Penh, 5 April — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said on Sunday that his government will pass a law governing the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and associations by May.

“It is necessary to make the law on Non-Governmental Organizations (And Associations). With it, the government does not know the sources of funding where those NGOs are getting from,” he said during a visit to dumb, deaf and blind children at an organization.

“The government will approve the draft law by May, and then send it to the National Assembly for adoption,” he said, adding that the adoption of the law will need a 50 percent plus one majority vote, or 63 votes only, in the National Assembly.

Dhaka, 5 April — Bangladesh’s former premier and main opposition leader Khaleda Zia was granted bail in draft government cases on Sunday after she appeared before a special court, a potential sign of easing tension in the politically unstable South Asian country.

Zia appeared amid tight security before a special anti-graft court in the capital, Dhaka, to request bail more than a month after warrants for her arrest were issued, her lawyers said.

Zia’s Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has intensified protests this year in a bid to force Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to step down and hold a new vote under a neutral caretaker administration after a disputed 2014 poll. The BNP refused to take part in the 2014 general election, saying it was rigged.

Zia’s lawyer, Sanaullah Miah, told reporters she had been unable to appear for pre-trial hearings “for health and security reasons.” Her next court appearance was set for 5 May.

The 69-year-old former leader has been staying in her office in Dhaka’s diplomatic enclave since she was prevented from holding a press conference on 5 January, the first anniversary of the disputed election.

Zia waved to dozens of cheering supporters as she left the court to return to her home. The court’s decision to grant her bail could be a sign of easing tension.

More than 120 people have been killed and hundreds injured in political violence, most in petrol bomb attacks on vehicles, and transport blockades and strikes by the opposition aimed at toppling the government.

Zia is accused of embezzling $650,000 in two corruption cases involving charitable funds during her last term as prime minister, from 2001 to 2006. She and leaders of her party have denied the charges, saying they are politically motivated.

She is also facing charges of instigating the violence.

Bangladeshi politics have been mired for years in rivalry between Hasina and Zia. Both women are related to former national leaders, and they have alternated as prime minister for most of the past two decades.

Hundreds of people return home in Philippines as Typhoon Yolanda weakens

Manila, 5 April — Hundreds of people in the northern part of the main Philippine island of Luzon left evacuation centres and returned home on Sunday after a typhoon weakened significantly as it made landfall, although officials still warned of heavy rain and rough seas.

Once described as super typhoon Maysak as it bore down on the Philippines in recent days, the storm was carrying winds of 55 km/h (35 mph) and was rated as a tropical depression as it made landfall on Sunday morning.

“We thank God,” said Alexander Pama, executive director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

While there were still some travel restrictions, the weakening of the storm was generally good news as millions of Filipinos began returning to the capital from beaches and mountain resorts after the four-day Easter holiday.

Maysak, which carried winds of about 250 kph (155 mph) at its peak, killed nine people as it barreled through the sparsely populated Federated States of Micronesia east of the Philippines, smashing houses and destroying crops.

Malaysian helicopter crash kills PM’s senior aide and former envoy to US

Kuala Lumpur, 5 April — Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak’s chief of staff and a former ambassador to the United States, who was also a senior member of Najib’s party, were among six people killed in a helicopter crash near the capital, officials said on Sunday.

Witnesses told state news agency Bernama they saw the helicopter explode in mid-air before it crashed into the ground in the town of Semenyih outside Kuala Lumpur late on Saturday.

The Prime Minister’s Office said the helicopter was carrying guests back from a wedding reception for Najib’s daughter.

Malaysian officials also confirmed that Najib’s chief of staff, Azmin Ali, and lawmaker Jamaluddin Jarjis, a former Malaysian ambassador to the United States, were among those killed in the crash.

A grief-stricken Najib told a news conference late on Saturday “no stone will be left unturned” by investigators determining the cause of the crash.

“We have lost two figures who had made great contributions to the government, party and country in this tragedy,” Bernama quoted a tearful Najib as saying.

He said Jamaluddin had played a significant role in building close ties between Malaysia and the United States. Jamaluddin was also a senior member of Najib’s United Malays National Organization, the party that has led the coalition that has ruled Malaysia since independence in 1957.

“His loss is a huge tragedy to me and I am deeply saddened by what has happened,” Najib said.

The other four killed were identified as businessman Tan Huat Seang, the pilot, co-pilot and a bodyguard. All six bodies were recovered from the wreckage on Saturday night, officials said.

Malaysia’s civil aviation department has begun an investigation.—Reuters
Suga, Okinawa governor remain apart over Futenma relocation

NAHA, 5 April — Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga and Okinawa Gov Takeshi Onaga remained apart in a meeting on Sunday in Naha amid a confrontation between the central and Okinawa governments over the planned relocation of a US air base within the island prefecture.

The talks were the first between Suga, the right-hand man of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and Onaga since he became governor in December with a pledge to block the plan to build a replacement facility in a coastal area of Nago for the US Marine Corps’ Futenma Air Station in Ginowan.

During the meeting, a portion of which was open to reporters, Suga hinted that the central government’s position that the current relocation plan is the “only solution” is not secure under several factors, including Japan’s alliance with the United States and the need to alleviate the risk of accidents posed by the existing base.

Onaga, for his part, held firm to his position, saying that he was “convinced that a new base in Henoko can never be built.” “You say we should shoulder (the burden) because (Futenma) is the most dangerous (base) in the world and its risks need to be removed, all while causing the people of this prefecture great pain,” he said. “It shows the decadence of politics in Japan.”

Zarif stresses benefits to Iran of framework nuclear deal

DUBAI/BEIRUT, 5 April — All United Nations Security Council resolutions related to Iran’s nuclear programme will be lifted immediately if a final deal is agreed, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Saturday, stressing that Iran would keep its promises made in the fact sheet… I even protested this agreement, cease its own steps,” Zarif said.

The US fact sheet described its conclusion of the negotiations as a “framework” agreement, saying that “nothing is agreed until everything is agreed by 30 June. It said key details were subject to further negotiation, adding that “nothing is agreed until everything is agreed.”

Suga, who doubles as minister in charge of reducing the burden on Okinawa from hosting the bulk of US forces in Japan, said he hopes to regain trust from the people of Okinawa by working with the prefectural government, while reducing their burden one step at a time.

The planned relocation of the Futenma base to the less populated Henoko district of Nago is part of a broader realignment of the US military presence in Okinawa.

Hashimoto to expel lawmaker who skipped Diet vote on budget

TOKYO, 5 April — Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto said on Saturday he will expel from his political lower house lawmaker who had skipped a vote on the state budget while being found to have dined out or traveled before and after it.

Sayuri Uenishi, 31, a member of the House of Representatives from the Japan Innovation Party, was expelled from the Diet Monday when a vote was taken on the state budget. The bill was passed by the house.

The prime minister was addressing a joint conference of chief justices and chief ministers of all states in the national capital. Stating that what the people in the judicial system do is divine, he told the judges: “Yours is an extraordinary responsibility.”

Sugimoto to expel lawmaker who skipped Diet vote on budget

Kyodo News

Modi advocates use of modern technology in India’s judicial system

NEW DELHI, 5 April — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday advocated the need for implementation of modern technology in the country’s judicial system to bring about a qualitative change. “The quicker we get technology in this field, the easier it is to bring about a quantum jump in the judiciary,” he said.

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The last such conference on administration of justice was held two years back. —Xinhua

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Undated photo shows Sayuri Uenishi, a member of the House of Representatives from the opposition Japan Innovation Party.
SNP leader denies saying she prefers Cameron as PM to rival

LODZON, 5 April — The leader of the Scottish National Party, which could help decide who governs Britain after May’s election, denied on Saturday that she had said privately she wanted David Cameron to remain prime minister rather than his main rival.

Nicola Sturgeon, whose personal status has soared since an assured appearance in a major TV debate on Thursday, was said to have told the French ambassador to Britain in February that she would rather see Cameron remain in power over Labour leader Ed Miliband, the Daily Telegraph newspaper reported.

She was also reported to have said she did not see Miliband as prime minister material.

The issue is politically sensitive because the allegations could help Labour, whose vote in Scotland has slumped in the wake of an SNP onslaught, with its argument that voting SNP could lead to another Conservative-led government.

The Telegraph’s assertion was based on a leaked memo written last month by a British civil servant who had spoken to the French Consul-General to get his account of the meeting between Sturgeon and the ambassador. However, French officials involved and Sturgeon, Scotland’s First Minister, have said the claims were incorrect.

“I’m saying these comments weren’t made. The French Ambassador who I was talking to said these comments weren’t made,” Sturgeon told BBC TV.

“The French Consul-General who is reported to have said I said these things said he didn’t say that, then the question of whether or not I said this should actually be put to one side.”

Britain’s most senior civil servant later said there would be an inquiry into the source of the leak at Sturgeon’s request.

Cameron’s Conservatives are running neck and neck in the polls with Labour, and commentators predict that Sturgeon’s surging SNP will win capture many Labour seats in Scotland meaning it could hold the balance of power in Westminster.

The Telegraph said the memo appeared to confirm speculation that the SNP wanted another Conservative-led government in London as that could boost support for her party’s campaign for independence.

Last September, Scots rejected voted 55–45 percent to stay part of the United Kingdom but there has been a surge of nationalism since then. “I think these are damming revelations,” Miliband told Sky News. “What it shows is that while in public the SNP are saying they don’t want to see a Conservative government, in private they are actually saying they do want a Conservative government.”

Sturgeon has ruled out propping up a minority Conservative government but said her party could support a Labour administration. —Reuters

France halts search for bodies at Germanwings crash site

MARSEILLE, 5 April — French investigators have ended their search for bodies in the Alps where a Germanwings passenger jet crashed last month, killing all 150 people on board, a local official said on Saturday.

Prosecutors believe German co-pilot Andreas Lubitz deliberately flew the Airbus A320 jet into the mountainside during a flight from Barcelona to Dusseldorf, pulverising the aircraft and making recovery efforts extremely complicated.

“The search for bodies is over, but the search for the victims’ personal belongings is continuing,” a spokesman for the local government authority in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence region told Reuters.

“Lufthansa has also hired a specialist firm to remove the debris of the aircraft, under the authority of the French public prosecutor and an expert in charge of environmental supervision of the operations,” he said.

Lufthansa (LHAG.DE) is the parent company of the low-cost Germanwings carrier.

The identification of victims will now continue through the analysis of 150 sets of DNA found at site, which could take several weeks. The prosecutor leading the French legal probe has cautioned that the number of DNA sets does not necessarily mean all the victims have been found.

As soon as a DNA set is matched to one of the victims, the family will immediately be informed.

Work to remove aircraft debris and clean up the site will start next week and could take up to two months, said General David Galhrer, a regional French police commander in charge of the operation.

Cockpit audio recordings from the first black box, recovered hours after the 24 March crash, led prosecutors to believe that Lubitz locked the captain out of the cockpit and put the plane into a steep descent.

This version of events appeared to be further corroborated by data from the second ‘black box’ recorder that was recovered earlier this week.

A separate German legal inquiry has pointed to mental health problems affecting the 27-year-old Lubitz.

German prosecutors said on Thursday that the co-pilot had made Internet searches on ways to commit suicide in the days ahead of the crash, as well as searches about cockpit doors and safety precautions.

According to Der Spiegel magazine on Friday, the prosecutors searched the offices of five doctors whose help Lubitz had sought.

Lufthansa has said Lubitz told his flight school in 2009 he had gone through a period of severe depression.

Pope tells Catholics at Easter vigil: seek truth, beauty and love

ROME, 5 April — Pope Francis led the world’s 1.2 billion Roman Catholics into Easter on Saturday night, urging them at a vigil Mass to shun indifference and boldly live their faith. Marking the third Easter of his papacy, the pope maintained an Easter vigil tradition by baptising late entries into the Church. He administered the sacrament to a 13-year-old Christian convert from Iran, one of 38 adults, including a 66-year-old woman from Kenya, the country where al Shabaab Islamist militants killed 148 people at a university, apparently singling out Christians to kill while letting some Muslims escape.

At his Good Friday service a day earlier, he prayed for persecutors of Christians. One of the adults newly welcomed into the Church was a 29-year-old Italian citizen of Egyptian origin, whose name indicated he may have been born into a Muslim family. He chose Paul as his new Christian name.

The Vatican gave no details of their previous religious backgrounds. In his homily, Francis called on Catholics to learn how to “enter the mystery” of Easter, the commemoration of the Christian belief that Jesus rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion.

“To enter into the mystery means going beyond our own comfort zone, beyond the laziness and indifference which hold us back, and going out in search of truth, beauty and love,” Francis said. “It is seeking a deeper meaning, an answer, to the questions which challenge our faith, our fidelity and our very existence,” he said.

St Peter’s Basilica was in darkness for the start of the service to signify the darkness in Jesus’ tomb between his death and resurrection. The faithful held lit candles as the pope walked up the main aisle, and then the basilica’s lights were turned on in a blaze. Signifying the end of the penitential season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, the basilica’s great bells rang out at the midpoint of the Mass. On Sunday, the pope will say another Mass in St Peter’s Square and then deliver his twice yearly “Urbi et Orbi” (to the city and the world) blessing and message from the basilica’s central balcony. —Reuters
A mature society will never accept hate speech

By Myint Win Thein

Any act which is intended or is likely to promote feelings of hatred, enmity or discord between racial or religious communities or sects is contrary to this Constitution, according to section 364 of the state constitution.

It is not just a provision of the constitution but also a basic social norm that should be abided by every human being in every part of the world. However, there are many humans who are instigating hatred among humans. Such acts will never lead to peace even if their hate speeches are supported by many others. One should not think one is successful because one has many followers who spread hatred. They are the people who will destroy a harmonious and peaceful society sooner or later.

The one who is really successful in his or her life is a person who can bring about genuine peace for a society by getting rid of all that existed for many years. It doesn’t matter how many supporters they have, those who create new hatred are just destructionists for a society. People who really love a society will never destroy it but some people who say they love their society may destroy it. A mature society will never accept hate speech.

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What parents should expect from for-profit education

By Myo Myint

With the aim of diversifying the education sector in Myanmar, the private sector was permitted to establish schools that teach according to the curriculum and regulations prescribed by the Ministry of Education in 2012 after the enactment of the private school law. This initiative has resulted in three positive outcomes. It has expanded parents’ choice regarding the education of their children, raised competition among schools enhancing education quality, and enabled the government to concentrate its resources on the section of the population that genuinely needs assistance with education.

This opening up of the education sector to the private sector has attracted many investors with various motives. From a financial point of view, the education sector is a growth area for profit generation as many parents living in urban areas and some affluent parents living in rural areas are in search of top-quality education for their offspring and are willing to spend a large portion of their income on it. From a social perspective, the education sector is an extremely attractive one for those with a strong desire to contribute to the education and moral and physical developments of young people.

From the faith dimension, education institutions create opportunity to strengthen exclusions, faiths from a young age and also win new converts. Hence, the opportunity to establish private schools has been taken up by many and the number is growing annually with private schools even spreading to smaller towns in the country. Just as good government schools have their advantages, such as, the low cost of schooling, experienced teachers, effective discipline, egalitarian atmosphere and spacious grounds, so also good private schools have their advantages. They possess skilled teachers, effective heads and modern facilities, and can provide individual attention as they can limit the number of students.

Due to the high school fees charged by private schools, parents expect better results and better facilities. Busy parents who send their offspring off to private boarding schools, located in the town or city where they live or in a different town or city, also expect private schools to only take care of their children’s academic development, but also their social, moral and physical developments on their behalf. Some well-established private schools are able to live up to the parents’ high expectations and provide all-round development to their students, while others serve more as cram schools and are more concerned about examination results, as they serve as one of the main attractions for most parents.

With the new academic year about to begin, parents ponder on which school they should send their children to in the coming academic year. Owners of private schools are advertising their schools drawing attention to their advantages. Some of the ads on the cre-
Local national races stage demonstration for peace in Mon State

THATON, 5 April — Local national races in Thaton in Mon State who wish for peace took to the street to finalize the nationwide ceasefire agreement at the end of April on Sunday. They staged a demonstration for 45 minutes at 7 am.

“We are staging the demonstration because we wish for peace and our country has always been in armed conflicts between national races since I was born,” one of the Kayin national demonstrators said. About 1,150 Kayin, Pa-O and Mon nationals participated in the demonstration, holding placards that read “We all wish for peace” and chanting slogans for peace. Another demonstration for peace took place in Mudon, Mon State. The demonstrators marched round the town with placards and shouted slogans for peace.

On 5 April, demonstration demanding the signing of the NCA at the end of April took place in three towns in Mon State including Thaton, Mudon and Kyaikmaraw, according to sources.—Thaton District and Mon State IPRD

Ethnics and local residents express wish to finalize nationwide ceasefire agreement

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China-Myanmar Friendship Association donates painting to Shwedagon Pagoda

Yangon, 5 April — China-Myanmar Friendship Association donated a painting worth US$1.5 million depicting Maha Parinibanna of the Lord Buddha to Shwedagon Pagoda on Sunday.

Mr Geng Zhizhuan of the association presented a painting to Chairman of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association and member of the pagoda board of trustees U Sein Win Aung and party.

Principal Mr Gao Feng of the Dunhuang Baddemey of Painting and Calligraphy took two years in creation of the painting.

In commemoration of the 65th anniversary of Myanmar and China diplomatic relations, the China-Myanmar Friendship Association donated the painting to Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon.

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GARissa, Kenya, 5 April — Kenyan churches used armed guards to protect their Easter congregations on Sunday, days after gunmen from the Islamist al Shabaab group killed nearly 150 people at a Kenyan university.

Kenyan priests, who have been frequently targeted by Islamists, said they feared churches could be targeted on Sunday, the day, the main liturgical feast in the Christian calendar.

“We are very concerned about the security of our churches and worshipers, especially this Easter period, and also because it is clear that these attackers are targeting Christians,” said the Rev. Willybard Lagho, a Mombasa-based Catholic priest and chairman of the Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics (CICC), told Reuters.

He said churches in the Indian Ocean port city of Mombasa were hiring armed police and private security guards for Easter Sunday. Christians make up 83 percent of Kenya’s 44 million population.

Four masked militants from the Somali Islamist group stormed a university campus in Garissa on Thursday, seeking out Christian students to kill while sparing some Muslims.

Al Shabaab said the assault on Garissa University College in eastern Kenya, some 200km (120 miles) from the Somali border, was revenge for Kenya sending troops into Somalia to fight alongside African Union peacekeepers against the al-Qaed-aligned group.

The militants have threatened to turn Kenyan cities “red with blood” with more attacks. Police have stepped up security at shopping malls and public buildings in the capital Nairobi, and in the eastern coastal region which has been prone to al Shabaab attacks.

In Nairobi’s Holy Family Basilica cathedral, nestled between the City Hall and Kenya’s parliament, two uniformed police officers armed with AK-47 rifles manned the entrance gate. One officer said more plain clothes officers were inside.

Three private security guards frisked churchgoers with hand-held metal detectors, while a fourth guard used a mirror to check for explosives underneath cars.

“Everyone is anxious and you never know what will happen next, but we believe the biggest protector is God and we are praying,” said Samuel Wanje, 27, a youth member at the church.

In Garissa, where masked gunmen in 2012 killed more than a dozen people in simultaneous gun and grenade raids on two churches, six soldiers guarded the town’s main Christian church and about 100 worshippers ahead of Sunday mass.

“Nowhere is safe, but here at church you can be with God and console yourself,” said Meli Muasya at Garissa’s walled Catholic Church.—Reuters

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A policemen controls issued orders to his juniors when people rescued from the Garissa University attack meet their relatives at Nyayo stadium in Kenya’s capital Nairobi on 4 April, 2015.—REUTERS

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After Islamist attack, armed guards shield Kenyan churches

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Investigators sent to Turkey to probe killings of Japanese hostages

TOKYO, 5 April — A team of police investigators were sent to Turkey on Sunday to look into the cases of two Japanese hostages killed by Islamic State militants, police officials said.

The police are seeking cooperation from Turkish authorities, with plans to question a local guide who assisted one of the hostages, Kenji Goto, when he entered Syria last October.

Goto and the other hostage, Haruna Yukawa, are believed to have entered Syria via Turkey. Yukawa was captured in northern Syria last August.

The Islamic State group demanded a ransom of $200 million on the Internet on 20 January, threatening to kill the two. In subsequent Internet postings, footage purporting to show the killings of both men was released.

The police in Tokyo and Chiba Prefecture, which have jurisdiction over the victims’ residences, are investigating their cases.

Kyodo News

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Houthis make gains in Yemen’s Aden, approach port

ADEN, 5 April — Yemen’s Houthi militiamen, supported by army units, gained ground in the southeastern city of Aden on Sunday, pushing back loyalists of the Saudi-backed President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi.

Residents took refuge in their homes and reported hearing sporadic gunfire and blasts of rocket-propelled grenades, and one witness said a Houthi tank in the downtown Mualla district, which sits astride Aden’s main commercial port.

Houthi forces have inched forward in street-fighting in the city despite an 11-day nationwide bombing campaign by a Saudi-led coalition aimed at halting the Iran-allied group and protecting Hadi’s last bastion of support in the country.

Saudi planes parachuted weapons to Hadi’s armed supporters there on Friday, helping them temporarily beat back Houthi advances.

The crates of light weapons, telecommunications equipment and rocket-propelled grenades were parachuted into Aden’s Tawahi district, on the far end of the Aden peninsula which is still held by Hadi loyalists, fighters told Reuters.

Saudi Arabia has said it is defending Aden’s government as a “main objective” of its mission and Hadi’s administration has called for a foreign ground intervention into the beleaguered city.

Adel al-Jubeir, Saudi ambassador to the United States, said sending ground troops remained “on the table” and the operation’s spokesman Brigadier General Ahmed Asseri declined to comment on media reports of Saudi special forces there.

In six months of fighting, the Shi’ite Muslim Houthis have seized much of Yemen’s north and center but have faced stiff resistance in the country’s Sunni south, raising fears of a sectarian civil war.

In the city of Lawdar about 200km east of Aden, 10 Houthis fighters and allied soldiers were killed in clashes which also killed four local tribesmen on Sunday, residents said. — Reuters

Bomb explodes in Cairo, leaving crater

CAIRO, 5 April — A bomb exploded on a bridge in the upscale Cairo district of Zamalek on Sunday, security sources said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties, but the force of the explosion left a crater in the ground and destroyed a nearby car, the sources said. — Reuters

Four killed in suicide bombing near Libya’s Misrata

TRIPOLI, 5 April — Four people were killed and more than 20 wounded by a suicide bomb attack on security checkpoint east of the Libyan city of Misrata, a local official news agency reported on Sunday. — Reuters

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Shi’ite fighters leave Tikrit after looting — Iraqi officials

BADHDAD, 5 April — Almost all Shi’ite paramilitaries had left Tikrit on Saturday after locals complained that some fighters had spent several days looting Sunni city after helping retake it from Islamic State.

“Most of the (paramilitaries) were removed from the city,” said Ahmad al-Kraini, the head of the council of Tikrit and its province Saladin.

The rampage of theft and burning began on Wednesday, within hours of the Iraqi government declaring that security forces and Shi’ite paramilitaries had to leave Tikrit.

Kraini called the talks with Abadi “very positive”.

The Sunni politician said that the looting and burning had stopped on Saturday after “the local and police along with (counter-terrorism) troops became responsible for Tikrit’s security.”

A spokesman for the Shi’ite paramilitary fighters, Karim al-Noori, confirmed that 80 percent of the Shi’ite volunteer fighters had left Tikrit.

“Tikrit is where they killed President [Saddam] Hussein. It is clear that these attackers are Shiites,” the spokesman, Karim al-Noori, told the Associated Press. He said the Shi’ite fighters left Tikrit because local residents were offering to help security forces in Tikrit.

Iraqi troops, working in tandem with Shi’ite militias, secured Tikrit on Wednesday, but as the government declared victory, paramilitary fighters started ransacking buildings, according to local officials and witnesses.

On Friday, Abadi had ordered security forces to arrest anyone breaking the law and then convened his meeting on Saturday with Saladin’s governor and key officials.

“It sent a clear message to everyone. Although it is very challenging, the prime minister is on the top of situation,” said Rafid Jaaboori, Abadi’s spokesman. — Reuters

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China to develop city clusters along middle reaches of Yangtze

BEIJING, 5 April — China on Sunday unveiled a plan to develop city clusters along the middle reaches of the Yangtze River in a move to create a new economic growth engine and promote new urbanization. The clusters will consist of urban clusters around Wuhan in Hubei Province, the Changsha-Zhuzhou-Xiangtan city group in Hunan Province and clusters around Poyang Lake in Jiangxi Province, said the State Council, China’s cabinet.

The clusters cover a total area of 317,000 square kilometres and are a pillar of the Yangtze River Economic Belt. They will also be key areas to implement the “Rise of central China” strategy, deepen reform and opening-up and promote a new type of urbanization, the State Council said in a statement on the government website.

Priority will be given to coordinated development between urban and rural areas and connectivity of infrastructure, such as construction of important transportation, water conservation and energy projects, noted the statement.

China put forward its “Rise of central China” strategy in 2004 amid efforts to achieve more balanced development. China last year began creating an economic belt along the Yangtze to promote better coordination in industrial development and more efficient allocation of resources among provincial regions traversed by the Yangtze, China’s longest river.

Listeria fear spreads as Blue Bell closes Oklahoma ice cream plant

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, 5 April — US health officials have warned consumers against eating any products from a Blue Bell Creameries’ Oklahoma ice cream plant, which has temporarily closed because of possible Listeriosis contamination.

On Saturday the Texas grocery chain H-E-B, which is one of the largest retailers of Blue Bell ice cream, announced it was pulling all of the company’s products from its shelves indefinitely in the wake of the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warning.

Earlier this month, Kansas health officials said they were investigating between January 2014 and January 2015 after being sickened by Listeriosis at a hospital, where Blue Bell products were served.

They were in the hospital for other reasons.

Blue Bell is voluntarily suspending operations at its plant in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, the company said in a statement.

“We will thoroughly inspect the facility for any possible problems that may have led to the contamination of some of our ice cream products over the past few weeks,” the company said.

Blue Bell said its other facilities will continue to operate and supply products to retail stores and institutional customers.

But H-E-B, which has 340 stores, said it will remove all Blue Bell products as a precaution due to food safety concerns, according to company spokeswoman Dya Campos in San Antonio.

Blue Bell said its two voluntary recalls in the past three weeks are the first in the company’s more than 100-year history.

According to the CDC, Listeriosis is a serious infection caused by eating food contaminated with the bacterium Listeria. It primarily affects older adults, pregnant women, newborns and those with compromised immune systems and can lead to death.

Sierra Leone’s Kailahun district records first Ebola case in months

FORESTOWN, 5 April — Sierra Leone’s eastern district of Kailahun, once a hotbed of Ebola, has recorded its first case in nearly four months, threatening progress made to stamp out the disease, officials said on Saturday.

A 9-month-old boy tested positive for Ebola after dying in Kailahun, the district on Guinea’s border that recorded Sierra Leone’s first Ebola case last May and was for months the epicenter of the crisis.

Kailahun went from recording up to 80 infections per week in June to zero cases at the end of last year. Nearly 3,800 people have died of Ebola in Sierra Leone, but numbers of weekly cases are falling as steps to control the disease take hold.

However, Winnie Romeril, a spokeswoman for the World Health Organization, said local and foreign experts had been dispatched to investigate the case after the positive test result.

Kenema and Kono, two other eastern districts, have recorded a handful of cases in recent months but Kailahun’s successes had been cited as examples for other areas to follow.

Alex Bonapha, the Kailahun district council chairman, said it was not clear how the boy may have contracted Ebola as both his parents were healthy.

He said the boy may have gotten the disease during a blood transfusion or there may have been a problem with the sample that was tested.

Sources at the Nixon Hospital in Kailahun District confirmed that the boy underwent a blood transfusion before dying.

“I am aware of the weakness in the health system which means that the blood transfused into the baby could well not have been the blood that had been donated by his uncle,” Bonapha said.

A ministry of health official expressed serious concern over the case, which came as the focus of local and international health officials is on the north and west of the country, the latest areas affected by Ebola.

Liberia, once the hardest hit of all the countries in West Africa, has detected no Ebola cases after the last confirmed patient died at the end of March.

However, Guinea has imposed a 45-day state of health emergency to tackle a spike of cases in the country where the outbreak was first confirmed last year.

As part of these measures, authorities closed all private medical clinics in Kindia, 135 km (84 miles) from the capital Conakry, after a new case of Ebola was recorded there. The worst Ebola outbreak on record has now killed nearly 10,500 people, mainly in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.—Reuters

Chinese airports see 10% rise in passenger trips last year

BEIJING, 5 April — Passenger arrivals and departures recorded at Chinese airports hit 831.5 million in 2014, representing a rise of 10.2 percent year on year, official data has revealed.

More than 760.6 million trips were recorded for domestic routes, up 10.1 percent year on year; this was compared to 70.9 million trips for international routes, up 11.7 percent, according to data released by the Civil Aviation Administration of China on Friday.

Airports in the three megacities of Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou accounted for 28.3 percent of all those trips last year, the data revealed.

The Beijing Capital International Airport became the nation’s busiest airport, registering more than 86.1 million trips in 2014, up 2.9 percent.

Meanwhile, total cargo throughput at Chinese airports hit 13.6 million tonnes, up 7.8 percent year on year.

The CAAC data also showed the number of airports based in the mainland hit 202 as of the end of 2014, with 200 offering regular flights.—Xinhua

Lock-up shares worth 68.3 bln yuan become tradable

BEIJING, 5 April — Lock-up shares worth around 68.3 billion yuan (11.13 billion US dollars) will become eligible for trade on China’s stock market in the coming week.

Approximately 1.35 billion shares from 14 companies will become tradable on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges from Tuesday to Friday, data compiled by South- west Securities showed on Sunday.

Under China’s market rules, major shareholders of non-tradable stocks are subject to one or two years of lock-up before they are permitted to trade the shares.

BOE Technology Group Co, Ltd, a Beijing-based display device manufacturer, will see 49.17 billion yuan of non-tradable shares unlocked on Wednesday, the largest volume to be released next week.

China’s stock markets will remain closed on Monday on account of the three-day holiday ending Monday to mark the traditional Tomb-Sweeping Day which falls on 5 April this year.—Xinhua
Japanese man, ten others questioned over Taiwan military base visit

TAIPEI, 5 April — Taiwan prosecutors investigating an alleged breach of military security on Sunday questioned a Japanese man and 10 Taiwanese over a visit to a facility where US-made Apache attack helicopters are based.

The Central News Agency and other local media said prosecutors summoned 11 people for questioning about their visit last week to a restricted military base in Taoyuan, northern Taiwan.

The group was escorted by Lt Col Lao Nai-cheng, the head information security officer at the military facility.

Lao, a pilot-instructor trained in the United States to fly Apache helicopters, reportedly took a group of 20 people to the base last week.

The visit came to light when one of the visitors, an entertainer named Janet Lee, posted photographs of the visit on social media.

One of the photographs showed her sitting at the controls of an Apache helicopter, with the instrument panel clearly visible. Another photo showed her husband wearing a pilot’s helmet inside the cockpit.

Lao was initially reprimanded by his superiors for what he did, but later received harsher punishment and was removed from his post following a public outcry. The Taoyuan District Prosecutors’ Office is investigating the case.

Investigators have also learned that Lao wore a helicopter pilot’s helmet and remained in one of the footings from the steel tower the bomb was mounted on. The rest of the tower was vaporized by the blast.

A replica of the “Fat Man” bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki and a low structure protecting part of the blast’s original crater, as well as historical photos of the site and blast, are also on display at ground zero.

Two miles away, visitors can walk through the McDonald ranch house where the bomb’s plutonium core was assembled.

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Pate said his father fought in the European theater in World War II and returned to the United States in June 1945 for a three-month layover before he was to be shipped out again to fight in Japan.

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“What people don’t realize is the suffering we go through.” — Kyodo News

Thousands visit site of first nuclear bomb test 70 years on

SAN ANTONIO, (New Mexico), 5 April — Cars, trucks, trailers and motorcycles, with license plates from numerous states, crawled in line miles long early Saturday as people flocked to the site where the world’s first nuclear bomb was detonated in southern New Mexico’s Tularosa Basin.

The wait to visit the Trinity Site was longer than expected but worth it, said Julia Broussard, a visitor from Arlington, Texas.

“It’s only open occasionally, so to come and see the history that you read about and to actually be at the place where it happened...and to know the science is very interesting to me,” the 68-year-old said.

The Trinity Site, located at the US Army’s White Sands Missile Range, is open to the public twice this year, on Saturday and 3 Oct. For the past three years, it has only been open to the public once a year due to budget cuts.

A White Sands public affairs officer said the day’s visitor numbers broke all records, at 5,534 people, compared with 3,000-4,000 a year on average.

The plutonium bomb, designed and built as part of the United States’ secret Manhattan Project, was tested just before 5:30 am on 16 July, 1945.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the test, which ultimately led to the creation of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945.

Alabama resident Kenny Reynolds, 37, said that while it was a shame the United States had to use the bomb, he believes it saved many lives.

“Had we not used the bomb, think of how history may have changed, think of what it would have taken, the lives lost, to convince Japan to end the war,” he said.

Visitors to the site walk around the blast’s ground zero, marked by a black lava obelisk and remnants of one of the footings from the steel tower the bomb was mounted on. The rest of the tower was vaporized by the blast.

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Japan researchers eye conference for Syria heritage site protection

TOKYO, 5 April — Hoping to restore and protect Syrian heritage sites damaged by the civil war and robbery, Japanese researchers say they are making arrangements to hold an international conference on the issue in Beirut possibly in December.

They hope to bring together experts to share results of surveys conducted before the civil war on heritage sites such as Palmyra and determine the extent of damage.

Kiyohide Saito, head of the Japanese Society for West Asian Archaeology, has proposed the conference, hoping to bring up to 200 experts from around the world to join 30 to 40 Syrian archaeologists.

By sharing information on damage done to Syria’s cultural heritage including remains from the ancient Mesopotamian and Roman periods, Japanese researchers aim to provide guidelines for future restoration work, they said.

Kyodo News
Two killed in light aircraft crash in western Scotland

EDINBURGH, 5 April — Two people were killed when a light aircraft crashed in western Scotland on Saturday, the police in Scotland confirmed on Sunday.

Search teams found late Saturday the remains of the two people on board and the wreckage of the plane, believed to have been travelling from central Scotland to Tiree and crashed near Oban, said the police.

Radar contact with the aircraft was lost on Saturday afternoon, and an emergency call had been received when the plane was near Beinn Nan Lus, near Glen Kinglass.

A multi-agency search was launched later in the Loch Etive area, involving the police service, ambulance and coastguard, as well as the the Oban lifeboat.

Pilots to be warned over icing after 2014 Mali air crash

PARIS, 5 April — Aviation regulators are expected to issue new advice to pilots after investigations into the crash of an Air Algerie jet in Mali last July found out of control after being hit by ice as an anti-icing system remained switched off.

France’s BEA crash investigation agency, which is helping Mali to investigate the crash that killed 116 people, said the MD-83 jet appeared to have run into trouble after vital probes that measure pressure on the engine inlets blocked up with ice.

Properly working probes are needed to help the McDonnell-Douglas aircraft measure the thrust of its engines.

With the probes iced up as the Algers-bound jet skirted a storm, the plane’s autopilot thought the power was too high and slowed the engines below the level needed to maintain cruise height, starting a chain of events that sent it out of control, BEA said in its website.

The statement explained some of the causes of the crash and said it had notified US and European regulators who would issue new guidance. Investigators have been hindered by damage to “black box” cockpit audio recordings, which were unusable, but had spent months reconstructing engine settings from a data recorder of the MD-83 jet which was operated by Spain’s Swiftair. Data analyzed suggested the crew had not activated a de-icing system designed to protect the engine inlet probes. The icing over of the pressure sensors is the first possible cause of the crash to be put forward by the investigators.

As it fell towards the ground, the jet rolled sidewardly to the left and pointed almost directly to the low and pointed almost straight down, the BEA said. The crash is one of several accidents in which an aircraft is thought to have lost control at high altitude, putting the spotlight partly on training to help pilots identify and then deal with an aeronautical stall, or loss of lift.

The BEA said black box data did not provide any indication the crew had used stall recovery maneuvers, but said the investigation was continuing, with a final report expected in December. It said a similar situation had started to unfold on a similar plane operated by Swiftair less than two months before the Mali crash, but without serious consequences.

In June 2002, a McDonnell-Douglas MD-80 jet operated by US carrier Spirit Airlines suffered a loss of thrust on both engines. The BEA said it had shared information on all these incidents with the regulators who would soon issue the guidance to help pilots identify and treat similar problems.

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Fire engulfs factory in Indian capital

NEW DELHI, 5 April — A massive fire broke out at a factory in the Indian capital on Sunday, a senior police official said.

There have been no reports of any casualty in the incident.

“The fire broke out at a courier factory in Okhla industrial area, completely gutting two of its floors, “the official said, on condition of anonymity.

Some 15 fire engines were pressed into service and the fire is now under control, he said.

A probe has been ordered into the incident, the official added.

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WEATHER REPORT

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 6th APRIL, 2015: Rain or thunder-showers are likely to be isolated in Sagai, Mandrai and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.
New York, 5 April — Playing the long-suffering wife or girlfriend can be a thankless role in Hollywood, but British actress Felicity Jones has gotten plenty of gratitude.

She received Oscar, Golden Globe and BAFTA nominations earlier this year for her turn as Stephen Hawking’s spouse in “The Theory of Everything”, reported the New York Post.

“I feel like ‘wife’ or ‘girlfriend’ has this terrible reputation (as roles for women), but I think she absolutely has to be just as interesting as the male character, she has to be a vital person,” Jones, 31, said.

“Even if you’re doing a supporting role and you’re not on-screen all the time, I think it’s important (the audience) feels that person has a life beyond the screen,” she said.

In her next film, “True Story”, out on 17 April, she plays another spouse with a challenging partner. The film is indeed based on a true story about journalist Mike Longo (James Franco).—PTI

Wanted girls to feel empowered through film ‘Home’: Rihanna

LOS ANGELES, 5 April — R&B star Rihanna says makers kept her character in animated film “Home” close to her real self to make “little girls feel empowered.”

Rihanna, 26, who stars as Gratuity ‘Tip’ Tucci in the movie, said she and the makers wanted the movie to be as realistic as possible, reported People magazine.

“We wanted little girls to feel empowered. Little girls of any size, shape, colour, race it didn’t matter. We wanted girls to just feel strong and brave, empowered, beautiful and that they can do anything.

“They can take charge of their life or situation, no matter what I think we were really, really careful especially with the animation to make sure that she wore the right things. That her body was not unrealistic, you know and I think for kids, that’s really special for young girls,” she said.—PTI

Chris Brown remixes Beyonce’s song ‘Jealous’

LOS ANGELES, 5 April — Singer Chris Brown has remixed R&B star Beyonce’s track “Jealous”, for her collaboration album.

Beyonce, 33, said Brown did the remix ‘some months ago’, reported Aceshowbiz.

Brown, 25, adds a new verse on the track originally featured on Beyonce’s 2013 self-titled surprise album. His vocals appear midway through the song as he talks about his insecurities. “Queen B, I’m trippin’ ‘cause I’m a little insecure when your phone go off,” he sings. “So mad I’m drunk texting/ Now I’m reminiscing how we fell in love in Texas/ Girl, I’m jealous.”

“I did the jealous remix some months ago for the Beyonce collaboration album but it was never used. Glad you guys get to hear it,” wrote Brown.—PTI

Katy Perry cuts hair

LOS ANGELES, 5 April — Pop star Katy Perry has cut her hair into a dark pixie cut to look like showbiz matriarch Kris Jenner.

The ‘Roar’ hitmaker debuted the drastic dark pixie cut on her Instagram page, revealing she asked her hairdresser to make her look like the 59-year-old showbiz matriarch.

Alongside a snap of her new hairdo and emojis of scissors and baseball caps, she simply wrote: “I asked for the Kris Jenner.”

Her new hairstyle has even gained the approval of the ‘Keeping Up with the Kardashians’ star, who Katy was spotted hanging out with at a Karl Lagerfeld boat party in New York.

Kris reposted the photo on her own account, calling her a “gorgeous beautiful girl.”—PTI

‘Guardians of the Galaxy 2’ to start shooting in February 2016

LOS ANGELES, 5 April — James Gunn has shared updates on the sequel to his Marvel movie “Guardians of the Galaxy”.

During a question and answer on Periscope, the director reveals that he has submitted draft for “Guardians of the Galaxy 2” and eyes an early 2016 start date, reported Ace Showbiz.

“I turned in my treatment. I’m going in to meet about it Friday and we will start working on the screenplay next week,” Gunn said.

He plans to start filming the second movie in February 2016 at Pinewood Atlanta Studios for 5 May, 2017 release.

Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Vin Diesel, and Bradley Cooper are expected to return as the band of misfits in the cosmic side of Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Karen Gillian is also set to reprise her role as Nebula.

While continuing his work with Marvel, James Gunn is developing a passion project outside comic book. He writes and produces a movie called “The Belco Experiment” with Greg McLean (“Wolf Creek”) as a director. Production will start in June, in Bogota, Columbia.

Gunn wrote on Facebook, “The story revolves around the American Belco company in South America which is mysteriously sealed off at the beginning of a work day, and its employees are ordered to kill each other or be killed themselves. This starts an escalation of violence, where we discover the true nature of each and every Belco employee.”—PTI

2015 Miss Kyrgyz beauty pageant concluded

Winner Dayan Omuralieva (C) poses in the 2015 Miss Kyrgyz beauty pageant in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 5 April, 2015.—Xinhua
Adam scores 59-metre wonder goal v Chelsea

LONDON, 5 April — Stoke City’s Charlie Adam scored a wonder goal from well inside his own half against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Saturday that earned comparisons with the all-time great strikes.

The Scotland midfielder stunned the Premier League leaders by sending a remarkable 59-metre lob over Belgian goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois in the first half. “I never knew I had that something special,” Adam told the BBC after his side’s 2-1 defeat.

“One in a lifetime this can happen to you.”

With Chelsea leading 1-0 thanks to an Eden Hazard penalty, Adam took control of the ball outside the centre circle in the 44th minute before looking up and pinged it beyond the back-peddling Courtois that got a touch but could not keep it out.

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Atletico leapfrog Valencia in battle for third

MADRID, 5 April — Atletico Madrid turned up the heat on Valencia in the battle for La Liga’s third automatic Champions League berth when club top scorer Antoine Griezmann set the table on fire.

The victory for the champions at Cordoba’s El Arcangel stadium in balmy Andalucia lifted Atletico above Valencia and onto 62 points from 29 matches. Valencia have 60 points in fourth and can reclaim third spot with a win at home to sixth-placed Villarreal on Sunday. France forward Griezmann struck his 15th league goal of the campaign in the fifth minute after stealing the ball, surging forward from midfield and cracking a precise low shot into the bottom corner.

Midfielder Saul Niguez, returning from injury, nodded a second in the 39th before Cordoba had a couple of decent efforts in the second half but could not avoid slipping to a 10th successive reverse.

One more loss at Deportivo La Coruna on Wednesday and they will equal the worst run in Spain’s top flight of 11 defeats suffered by Las Palmas in 1960. “It was an easy game at all and the rhythm was slow because of the heat,” Saul said in an interview with Spanish television.

“But it was a good win for us which we needed,” added the 20-year-old, who has not played since sustaining a painful blow to the kidneys in the Champions League game at Bayer Leverkusen at the end of February. — Reuters

Serena strolls to eighth Miami title

MIAMI, 5 April — Serena Williams won her eighth Miami Open title with little trouble, enjoying a 6-2, 6-0 win over Spain’s Carla Suarez Navarro in 36 minutes on Saturday.

The victory was the world number one’s third consecutive title at Miami and she becomes just the fourth woman in the open era to win the same tournament eight times, joining Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Steffi Graf.

“It feels really good to have eight under my belt. I can’t say I thought I would win eight, especially in the beginning of the week,” Williams told reporters.

The American had to pull out of Indian Wells before her semi-final due to a knee injury and there had been doubts over her participation at Miami.

“It just feels really weird,” said Williams, “and I’m happy to be able to get through it.” In bright sunshine at Key Biscayne, the 12th seeded Suarez Navarro started with determination but Williams broke to go 4-2 up in the first and never looked back as she went on to win 10 straight games. Williams broke again at the end of the first set and the second was barely a contest with the Spaniard winning just five points. The American, a 19-times grand slam champion, produced some magnificent winners, 27 in all, and her powerful serve delivered seven aces.

The win also extended Williams’ winning streak at premier mandatory level matches to 46. The most titles won at a single event is 12, by Navratilova at Chicago but Williams, 33, appeared hollow at the suggestion she might manage four more in Miami. — Reuters

Chelsea’s Juan Cuadrado in action with Stoke’s Charlie Adam.— Reuters

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Six countries to compete Myanmar in Chinlone in SEA Games

YANGON, 5 April—Altogether six countries will join Myanmar to compete in its traditional Chinlone event in the 28th SEA Games to be hosted by Singapore, sports circle said. The Southeast Asian contestant countries —host Singapore, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia and Laos will compete in the men category of Chinlone sports.

A 10-member Myanmar Chinlone team is at the training camp in Nay Pyi Taw and they are expecting to grab the gold medal at the SEA Games. Chinlone sports for both men and women was added in the 27th SEA Games hosted by Myanmar in 2013. The 28th SEA Games will be hosted by Singapore on June 5 to 16.

—The Manila Times

Arsenal turn on the style to crush Liverpool 4-1

LONDON, 5 April — Arsenal delivered a brutal lesson in fast-paced Premier League football to beat Liverpool 4-1 on Saturday, maintaining their faint title aspirations and almost certainly dashing their opponents’ hopes of a top-four finish.

While Liverpool’s defending was catastrophic at times, Arsenal fizzed with intent and three goals in eight first-half minutes from Hector Bellerin, Mesut Ozil and Alexis Sanchez and a late curler from Olivier Giroud secured a 10th Premier League win in 11 matches.

That moved them above Manchester City into second place on 63 points, four behind leaders Chelsea, who will be looking over their shoulders at their in-form London rivals even though Jose Mourinho’s side have two games in hand.

Fifth-placed Liverpool, who netted a penalty through Jordan Henderson before Giroud’s effort, now look out of the running in the battle for Champions League qualification after a second consecutive defeat.

A miserable afternoon for the visitors was capped off by a late red card for Emre Can and the result meant the gap to fourth place could be extended to eight points if Manchester United beat Aston Villa later on Saturday.

While much of the pre-match debate had focussed on Liverpool forward Raheem Sterling’s on-going contract impasse, within minutes of kickoff it was clear that careering issues lay with the visitors’ defence.

Liverpool’s back-three spent the opening minutes regularly gifting the ball to the hosts in dangerous areas and their only chance of the half was inexplicably wasted by Lazar Markovic, who tried and failed to pass when Ozil stepped up to curl a free kick around the wall and into the net and Sanchez smashed home from outside the box to make it 3-0.

The hosts would have increased their lead but for a stunning save from Mignolet to deny Giroud’s header at the start of the second half before Liverpool were given a faint lifeline when Sterling was felled in the box.

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