Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp launches first Myanmar branch in Yangon

**By Ye Myint**

Yangon, 23 April — Major Japanese lender Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation on Thursday opened its first branch in Myanmar at Yangon’s Strand Square.

SMBC is one of three foreign lenders to be awarded a commercial banking license by the Central Bank of Myanmar. Japanese rival Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ opened its first local branch a day earlier.

With its presence in Myanmar, SMBC will offer banking services including remittances and loans to foreign companies and joint ventures, as well as to domestic banks in Myanmar. Customers will be able to open accounts denominated in kyat or US dollar.

SMBC has had a presence in Myanmar since 1996, supporting its clients here through a representative office. The new branch employs 30 local staff and will operate in Myanmar in conjunction with local partner KBZ Bank.

Mr. Hiroshi Minoura, vice-chairman of the Board of SMBC, said the bank, with four centuries of tradition, will apply all the resources of SMBC and SMFG Group and work as one to support clients and partners while contributing to Myanmar’s development.

Myanmar rice exports set to top 2 mil. tons as China lifts import restriction

**By Ye Myint**

Yangon, 23 April — Myanmar’s rice exports will top 2 million tons this year, with official shipments to China set to resume this May following the lifting of an import ban by Beijing, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation.

“We expect to export around 2 million tons of rice in fiscal 2015-2016,” MRF Joint Secretary Dr Soe Tun said Wednesday, adding that the first batch comprising 3,000 tons of rice will be delivered to China next month.

Myanmar exported about 1.8 million tons of rice, including 400,000 tons of broken rice, in 2014-2015 FY, up from 1.27 million in 2013-2014 FY and 1.46 million in FY 2012-2013.” Last year’s export volume was the highest in 50 years, earning US $644 million, he added.

Significantly, the United States was one of the 64 countries to import rice from Myanmar in the previous fiscal year. "A total of 17 tons of Paw Hsan Hmwe, fragrant aroma rice, was exported to the US market," Dr Soe Tun said.

Rice exports to China have risen steadily despite Beijing officially banning shipments of the product from Myanmar in 2014. Of the 1.8 million tonnes exported last fiscal year, 1.3 million went to China, including over 230,000 tons of broken rice, accounting for 75 percent of Myanmar’s total rice exports. Myanmar exported around 900,000 tons to China a year earlier.

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**Departmental officials join Birth Registration Activity Week**

Officials of Township General Administration Department, Township Health Department, Township Immigration and Natural Registration Department and members of social organizations will deliver birth registrations to children under five from 4 to 8 May.

Township Medical Officer Dr Maung Maung Chit explained preparations for delivery of birth registrations to the children who previously lacked such documentation.

**Police carry out sanitation at religious buildings in Hpa-an**

A total of 200 police and family members led by Deputy Commander of Kayin State Police Force Police Col Tun Oo participated in sanitation at Shwe Yin Hmyaw Pagoda in Hpa-an, the capital of Kayin State, on 17 April.

Likewise, 200 police from No 22 security police branch and Kayin State police force helped with sanitation at Amityama monastery in the last week of March.

Police in Kayin State plan to carry out sanitation tasks at health, education and religious buildings, in addition to public welfare tasks, an official from Kayin State Police Force said.—*Tun Tun Htwe (Hpa-an)*

**Men’s football tourney to mark 700th birthday of Sagaing City**

Organizers met Wednesday to discuss how to arrange a men’s football tournament in commemoration of the 700th birthday of Sagaing City.

A total of 36 football teams were divided into 12 groups to play matches at the Sagaing District Sports Ground from 4 May to 10 June.

Moe Min Club will face ABY Club in the opening match of the tournament on 4 May. The tournament will be sponsored by Thiri Pyan Cha U Khin Maung Myint, former minister for construction.—*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*

**Storm victims receive assistance from well-wishers**

A ceremony to assist victims of a violent storm that destroyed homes in Tatkon Township earlier this month was held at the hall of the Township General Administration Department on 21 April.

Abbot Dr Ashin Sujañacara of Thitsa Myay Natural Disasters and Education Foundation of Mandalay spoke at the ceremony, with members of the foundation handing over 62 baskets of rice for storm victims from 496 households.

An official of Nay Pyi Taw Relief and Resettlement Department presented clothing and toiletries for the victims.

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**Sinking tube-well to solve shortage of water in Myanaung**

Hot and dry weather conditions have dried out lakes and wells in Myanmar. Ayeyawady Region, leaving water in short supply for local residents.

Township Development Affairs Committee made an inspection tour of the areas with water scarcity in the township.

**Shortage of car parking adds to congestion in Mandalay**

Mandalay faces a shortage of car parking spaces following a construction boom driven by population growth, tourism and international trade.

Many new developments, including hotels, have been built with inadequate parking, contributing to the congestion caused by cars left on roadsides.

Mandalay City Development Committee recently announced that those wishing to construct buildings over four stories must provide adequate parking.—*Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)*
President U Thein Sein meets with Nepalese PM...

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During his Indonesian tour, President U Thein Sein met with Prime Minister Sushil Koirala of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal on Thursday.

The meeting focused on promotion of tourism and introducing direct flights between the two countries and the peace-building experience of Nepal.

Also present were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Aung Min, Dr Kan Zaw and U Ye Htut, Ambassador of Myanmar to Indonesia U San Myint Oo and Nepalese officials.

The two countries established diplomatic relations in 1960 and the prime minister had held discussions with the president at the third BIMSTEC Summit in March 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar

YANGON, 23 April—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann on Thursday met Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yang Houlan.

Yang Houlan at the Hluttaw office (Yangon branch) on Inya Road here.

Also present at the call were Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

SEAOP contributes to regional development in Made Island

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — International oil companies that are cooperating with the Ministry of Energy are contributing to socioeconomic development of local people and South-East Asia Crude Oil Pipeline Company Limited had a communication system built for local people in Made Island in Rakhine State.

The company built a Mobile Base Transceiver Station on the island in early 2015 and the station has been in operation since 23 March 2015. The station, which was built by Huawei Technology, cost over US$ 300,000 and enables local people to use mobile phones.—Energy

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to the further economic development and growth of Myanmar.

Singapore’s Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation also opened its first branch in Myanmar the same day.

In October last year, nine foreign banks — three from Japan and six from other countries including Australia, China, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand — received provisional banking licenses to operate in the country. SMBC, BTMU and OCBC were the first to receive final operational licenses.

Myanmar rice exports...

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According to statistics, Myanmar rice exports to Africa were down, while demand from Europe was up last year after Myanmar’s preferred exporter status for the European market was restored. Rice shipments to Japan totalled only 6,000 tons in the last fiscal year.

Myanmar’s $644 million earnings from rice exports last year marked an increase from $460 million the previous year and $544 million in fiscal 2012-2013.

Regarding official rice trade with China, Dr Soe Tun told the Global New Light of Myanmar that the planned delivery of 3,000 tons of rice to China in May would be the first shipment under a memorandum of understanding signed in early 2015. The MOU provides for 100,000 tons of rice to be exported from China to Myanmar. Nineteen firms will export rice to China under the deal.

According to the country’s agriculture data, Myanmar produces 14 million tons of rice yearly, with domestic consumption accounting for 12 million tons. With around 7 million paddy growers, Myanmar has some 16 million acres of farmland for monsoon paddy cultivation and 3 million for summer paddy cultivation.—GNLM

President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Prime Minister Sushil Koirala of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal. IPRD

Union FM meets Dutch Foreign Affairs Minister

JAKARTA, 23 April—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin met with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands Mr. Jan Paul Derkes at the Convention Centre in Jakarta at 4 p.m. local standard time on Thursday.—MNA

2nd gathering for veteran scouts on 29 April

YANGON, 23 April—The Temporary Myanmar Scout Committee will organize the second gathering for veteran scouts at the Diamond Jubilee Hall of Yangon University at 1 p.m. on 29 April.

All veteran scouts of wolf, blue bird, rover and ranger were invited to the gathering. The temporary committee urged them to donate commemorative equipment for scouts to the Myanmar Scouts Federation office.—MNA

A bird’s eye view of paddy fields near Yangon. In the previous fiscal year, Myanmar approved US $39.66 million worth of foreign direct investment in the country’s agriculture sector. —PHOTO: YE MYINT
Thai tourists tour Yangon, Bago, Mawlamyine during Maha Thingyan festival period

Under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and arrangements of Marvellous Memory Travels & Tours, 18 Thai travellers in eight vehicles arrived in Yangon through Myawady entrance on 13 April.

The caravan of tourists stopped over in Kyaikto after the tourists paid homage at Kyauktawgyi Pagoda.

Upon arriving in Yangon on 14 April, they visited Botataung Pagoda. They also paid obeisance at Chaukhhtegyi Pagoda and enjoyed the water festival at the Rakhine traditional Maha Thingyan pandal and the Yangon Mayor’s central pandal on 25 April.

In the evening, they paid homage at Shwedagon Pagoda.

Leaving Yangon on 16 April, they visited Kyai-kpun and Shwemawdaw pagodas in Bago and proceeded to Mawlamyine where they spent the night. On 17 April, they visited Kyai-khanlan Pagoda and Win Sein Tawya reclining Buddha image and left for Mae Sot in Thailand in the evening.

Teachers start teaching for students who need to sit supplementary exams

Mandalay, 23 April—Mandalay Region education officials announced exam results for students from KG to ninth standard on 18 April, with a 77.24 percent pass rate for fourth standard students in the 2014-15 academic year.

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**Indonesia, China committed to infrastructure cooperation: Indonesian spokesman**

**JAKARTA, 23 April** — Indonesia and China have made many commitments in infrastructure cooperation, such as high-speed railway and ports, a spokesman for Indonesia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs said here on Thursday.

For example, China is intending to invest in infrastructure projects in Indonesia, like the high-speed rail from Jakarta to Bandung, Armanantho Nasir told Xinhua on the sidelines of the two-day Asian-African summit, which will conclude later in the day.

China will encourage more companies to participate in infrastructure construction and operations in Indonesia, Chinese President Xi Jinping said when meeting with Indonesian President Joko Widodo in Jakarta during the summit.

Widodo welcomed Xi’s proposal to increase investment in Indonesia’s infrastructure. The two presidents witnessed the signing of documents on high-speed rail project after the meeting.

“The relationship between Indonesia and China is very strong,” Armanantho said.

Speaking of the China-proposed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the spokesman said, “All in all, we welcome the approach of the bank.”

It is important to ensure that there is adequate funding in Asia, particularly for infrastructure projects, he said, stressing that Indonesia supports the principles and concepts of the AIIB.

While addressing the summit, Xi urged Asian and African nations to carry forward the Bandung Spirit, which highlighted solidarity, friendship and cooperation, and work together to promote the building of a community of common destiny for mankind.

Xi’s speech highlighted that Bandung spirit is still very relevant today in addressing global challenges particularly by Asian and African countries, Armanantho said.

“South-North cooperation is the key,” he said, while acknowledging the importance of South-North cooperation.

“I think what’s important here is a commitment by countries like China to strengthening cooperation within Asia and Africa through South-South cooperation,” Armanantho said.—Xinhua

**India approves ILO protocol on bonded labour**

**NEW DELHI, 23 April** — The Indian government has approved a protocol of the International Labour Organization (ILO) to formulate a national policy to prevent and eliminate bonded labour.

“The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for placing the new Instrument adopted by the ILO-Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention (ILO) to formulate a national policy to prevent and eliminate bonded labour,” said Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima, whose agency has supervision over the BOC, said that as head of the Customs Reform Team, Sevilla has helped grow the bureau’s collections by 21 percent year on year in 2014 versus 5 percent in the pre-reform period.

He also said that the resigned Customs chief has transformed the agency “to be one of the most radically open and transparent agencies in government, has made government regulation more efficient for doing business in the country, and has taken great strides to thwart graft, technical and outright smuggling by filing cases, alert orders and seizures against erring importers, brokers, and officials.”

Before he was appointed as BOC head in December 2013, Sevilla served for six years as undersecretary under two finance secretaries.—Xinhua

**Drone may have landed on roof of PM’s office in last few days**

**MANILA, 23 April** — Philippine President Benigno S Aquino III has accepted the resignation of Customs Commissioner John Philip Sevilla, officials said Thursday.

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr said the president thanked Sevilla for his exemplary leadership in implementing reforms in the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and for his dedicated service to the nation.

“Consistent with the President’s mandate, the government is determined to pursue the reforms at the BOC and bring these to full fruition,” he said.

Police have not ruled out the possibility that the bottle of liquid contained radioactive cesium released into the air from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, according to the investigative sources.

Investigators continued to analyze footage of surveillance camera and interview people concerned, as they scrambled to find out whether the unmanned aircraft flew to the prime minister’s office and who was responsible.

The metropolitan police stepped up patrols at the prime minister’s office and other vital facilities nearby, including the National Diet Building.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a regular Press conference that the government will consider regulating drone flights by developing legislation during the current Diet session.

“We should start from where we can as soon as possible,” the top government spokesman said.

Japan does not have rules for flying drones at low altitudes. Pilots are required to report when they fly drones 150 metres or higher under flight routes used by regular aircraft, and 250 metres or above in other areas.

Remote-controlled drones have been used for research and other purposes in recent years, and have proven useful in natural disasters, although there have been reports of drone crashes. In January, a drone crash at the US White House sparked security concerns.—Kyodo News
S Korea says still ‘open’ to summit with Japan

SEOUL, 23 April — South Korea on Thursday reiterated its stance that it is willing to hold a leadership summit with Japan, but stressed it should be conducted in a way to help establish “sustainable trust” between the two neighbours.

“Our position is we are open to the summit with Japan, but such a summit should not be held only for the summit’s sake, but be held to establish sustainable (mutual) trust and to make the bilateral relationship move a step forward, not backward,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Noh Kwang Il told reporters.

To realize the summit, there must be progress on the issue of former ‘comfort women’ and a correct view of history by Japan’s leader,” Noh added.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has yet to hold any bilateral summit with South Korean President Park Geun-hye, as bilateral ties remain chilled over the issue of women, mainly from the Korean Peninsula that was under Japan’s colonial rule between 1910 and 1945, forced to work at wartime Japanese military brothels and also a territorial dispute. South Korea has demanded that Japan issue an official apology to the women and compensate them. It wants a resolution in a manner “satisfactory to the victims.”

Japan insists that issues of compensation were settled through bilateral agreements that led to the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries in 1965.

Campaign launches to elect first female UN Secretary-General

NEW YORK, 23 April — Since its founding 70 years ago, the United Nations has been led by men, a tradition that some women’s rights advocates are determined to break when the global body elects a new secretary-general next year.

Equality Now, an international organization that campaigns for the rights of women and girls, launched an online campaign across social media on Wednesday to promote female candidates to lead the UN after current Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon steps down at the end of 2016.

The campaign aims primarily at UN ambassadors from China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, who traditionally select a single candidate for ratification by a majority vote of the 193 member states.

“The selection process for the next UN Secretary-General is a great opportunity to bring us a step closer to gender equality globally,” Antonia Kirkland, legal adviser at Equality Now, said in a statement. “We are hopeful that there is more momentum now to make this a realistic possibility.”

She also raised questions about the secretive process by which permanent members of the Security Council decide on a candidate, an issue of growing concern to a number of member states and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

“It is also vital we ensure that a transparent and fair nominations process and procedure exists, so that women can be seriously considered and are given an equal opportunity,” said Kirkland.

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The post tends to rotate among regions and in that system Eastern Europe would be the next to provide a secretary-general. Countries may nominate candidates, but the Security Council makes the final decision behind closed doors without publishing any list of the contenders during the process or engaging in any discussion with member states.

A coalition of NGOs, including Equality Now, is asking for a more open and inclusive selection process through an online campaign called “1 for 7 billion: Find the best UN leader.” The group is planning a social media “storm” on social media platforms Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr on 27 April, when the UN General Assembly is scheduled to debate the rules governing the selection process for the next secretary-general.

Pope Francis warned about poisonous killer mushrooms

SYDNEY, 23 April — Health authorities in Australia have warned people not to pick and eat a variety of mushrooms which grow near oak trees.

People in Australia have been poisoned and even killed by the Deathcap mushroom, which resembles edible ones.

Mushroom expert Teresa Lebel from Victoria’s Royal Botanical Gardens said on Thursday that Deathcaps were now growing across Australia, and always near oak trees.

Symptoms of poisoning can appear similar to those of a gastrointestinal upset, while some people may not present any symptoms at all for up to 12 hours, Teresa Lebel said.

UN chief, religious leaders stand against extremists

VATICAN CITY, 23 April — Pope Francis will visit Cuba on route to the United States in September, the Vatican said on Wednesday. Calling his success in bringing the former enemies together after more than half a century of frozen antagonism.

Last December, Havana and Washington announced after 18 months of secret diplomacy brokered by the pope’s diplomats and Canada that the two sides were working to reopen embassies in their respective capitals. Vatican spokesman Father Federico Lombardi did not specify how long the stop in Cuba would last, saying only that Francis had accepted invitations made by the Cuban government and the Cuban Roman Catholic Church.

It will be the Argentine pope’s first visit to the Caribbean island nation as pontiff. Both his predecessors, John Paul II and Benedict XVI, visited the island and met revolutionary leader Fidel Castro.

The presence of his holiness in Cuba will be memorable. He will receive the warmest hospitality of the Cuban people, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez told a news conference during a visit to Brussels. He spoke after talks with EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini, who announced after 18 months of negotiations for candidates.

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Pope Francis waves as he arrives to lead the weekly audience in Saint Peter’s Square at the Vatican on 22 April, 2015. — REUTERS

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Puerto Rico officials warn government shutdown imminent

NEW YORK, 23 April — Puerto Rico’s top finance officials said on Thursday that the government of the US territory will likely shutdown in three months because of a looming liquidity crisis and warned of a devastating impact on the island’s economy.

In a letter to leading lawmakers, including US Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, the officials said a financing deal that could potentially salvage the government’s finances currently looked unlikely to succeed. It warned of laying off government employees and reducing public services.

“A government shutdown is very probable in the next three months due to the absence of liquidity to operate,” the officials said. “The likelihood of completing a market transaction to finance the government’s operations and keep the government open is currently remote.”

The letter, dated 21 April, was also sent to the heads of Puerto Rico’s Senate and House as well as the governor. It was signed by the government’s fiscal team, including the head of the Government Development Bank and the Treasury Secretary.

Puerto Rico, which has a total debt of more than $70 billion, is trying to raise $2.95 billion in financing, while pushing through unpopular tax reforms such as a higher value-added tax and increasing a levy on crude oil to help pay for it.

Puerto Rico is largely reliant on hedge funds for its financing needs. Those hedge funds have been pushing the government to carry out tax reforms to improve its fiscal position as a condition for providing extra financing.

Government bonds have been in steady decline in recent weeks as uncertainty grows over the prospects for the island of 3.6 million people. On Wednesday, its benchmark general obligation bonds traded at an average 79.982 cents on the dollar, close to an all-time low.

The warning also marks a new tone of urgency from officials, who have up to now remained publicly upbeat about the prospects for getting a financing deal by the middle of May.

A government shutdown would have a devastating impact on the country’s economy, with payroll and public service cuts, with a painful recovery and of a long duration,” the officials said in the letter.

The government has used hardball tactics to browbeat reluctant lawmakers in the past. Padilla threatened to shutdown San Juan’s public transport system in November if lawmakers refused to pass an increase in the crude oil tax.

That shutdown, which could have impacted 75,000 people, was ultimately averted and lawmakers agreed to pass the tax rise. — Reuters

Poland says still waiting for US to apologize for Holocaust remarks

WASHINGTON, 23 April — Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Fiorina will launch her campaign for the 2016 US Republican presidential nomination on 4 May, the Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday.

Fiorina will announce her candidacy online and hold a conference call for the media, the newspaper said, citing a person with knowledge of her plans. She would join US Senators Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio and Rand Paul as declared Republican candidates.

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US Senate panel passes bill for Pacific free trade deal

WASHINGTON, 23 April — A Senate panel passed a bipartisan bill on Wednesday that is expected to help speed up negotiations for an early conclusion to a US-led Pacific free trade initiative.

The bill will be referred to the plenary session of the upper house for further deliberation on whether Congress can grant President Barack Obama authority to sign trade deals, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership, only asking lawmakers to vote for yes or no.

It remains uncertain, however, whether the legislation will finally endorse the bill soon, as some lawmakers in Obama’s Democratic bloc openly oppose it, citing an expected impact on the domestic economy, including risks to employment.

The Senate’s Finance Committee handling trade issues took the vote as chief negotiators from 12 TPP negotiating countries are set to resume their dialogue in the United States on Thursday aimed at making a breakthrough in the talks.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced the bill for Trade Promotion Authority to the upper chamber and the House of Representatives on Thursday last week. In the lower house the Committee on Ways and Means handles the bill.

If the TPA bill is passed, it will revive the presidential authority to negotiate trade deals for the first time in eight years.

A lack of authority for the US president is thought to discourage some TPP countries from making bold proposals in negotiations out of concerns Congress could reject them. — Kyodo News

Five attacks foiled in France since Charlie Hebdo killings: PM

PARIS, 23 April — French police have thwarted five attacks, including a suspected plan to target church-goers foiled in recent days, since the Islamist killings at a satirical weekly and Jewish food shop in January, Prime Minister Manuel Valls said on Thursday.

“Never has the threat been so high,” Valls told France Inter radio, noting the fact that hundreds of French nationals were now in Syria where they risked being radicalized.

Valls was speaking a day after French Prime Minister Manuel Valls delivered a speech to present a plan to fight racism and anti-Semitism at the Prefecture in Creteil near Paris on 17 April, 2015. — Reuters

Potential Republican 2016 presidential candidate Carly Fiorina speaks at the First in the Nation Republican Leadership Conference in Nashua, New Hampshire on 18 April, 2015. — Reuters

On Wednesday, she visited Iowa to speak in Cedar Rapids and sign autograph copies of the book she is releasing on 5 May, “Rising to the Challenge,” according to her Twitter feed. She also participated in a radio interview with Simon Conway, a conservativist talk show host in Des Moines. — Reuters

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Poland says the past 1939-1945 conflict in Poland has gotten lost. There is no doubt that people in Poland and other European allies, a relationship that Comey did not say Poland was revising. — Reuters

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Politics is a form of humanism

By Kyaw Thura

It is ridiculous to hold the view that politics is solely the concern of politicians. We should have no illusion about the importance of politics. The illusion in this sense is the difference between what we believe and what is true.

We all elect representatives to parliament to form a government in the hope that they will best fulfill our desires and that they will keep their election promises. This, in fact, is a political illusion. Contrary to our expectations, the machinery of government is most of the time ineffective and inefficient.

Not surprisingly, no political system or government is able to keep us safe from danger, even in mature democracies. Frequent newspaper headlines speak of various crimes such as shootings, rapes, murders, robberies and young thugs bullying or killing people in broad daylight.

To counter these terrible consequences, we must all change our mindsets. Entering politics does not suggest seeking personal gain. It should therefore be noted that politics is a platform for serving the interests of the people from different social strata. To put it another way, politics is a form of humanism.

There is every reason to believe that a responsible and accountable government is not an impossible dream. All the electorate is thus required to be mindful that it votes for the right people who are interested in the affairs of their own constituencies and the country as a whole.

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Who cares World Peace and Security?

By Tommy Paik

Nowadays, some kind of conflicts, dispute, violence, civil war, extremist acts, terrorist act, violations of human rights, racial discrimination and religious intolerance occur in the world. These issues are our great concern. They threaten world peace and tranquility indeed. If there is no peace in our region, our livelihoods and survival will definitely be uncertain. Why can’t we solve these problems or issues properly?

Preserving World peace and security is the most important task for all mankind. Realistically and tangibly, our world is a paradise for all living things in deed. It should be a peaceful paradise at all-time. Still, the space scientists have not detected or found the other planet which is fit for humans to dwell or survive on it. We should live in the world in peaceful and harmonious way.

Neglecting peace and harmony, some stupid, cruel and inhumane criminals are threatening human lives, homes and habitat on earth. The acts of Insult, injustice, inequity, invasion, provoking, suppression and animosity are the main causes for losing peace and tranquility in the world. When peace does not prevail, the world people are insecure in their daily life.

The world leaders are striving for maintaining or restoring or stabilizing peace across the world since the world has been turned to a global village due to tremendous and advanced ICT. We get closer to each other for trade, business, diplomatic ties, cultural exchange, contributing humanitarian aids from rich countries to poor countries by means of using Information Technology. In order to carry out or deal these tasks or businesses amongst countries, peace and security must be guaranteed for smooth and successful international dealings. Moreover, peace, tranquility and stability must be prevalent everywhere in the world so that the people from different communities can communicate and travel to their desired destinations safely, smoothly and effectively.

The leaders of superpowers have pledged that they would not use their power to intervene any independent nations in the world. However, directly or indirectly, some small countries are being meddled by a certain superpower for either economy or politics. In this case, the innocent people lose their lives, homes and the regional instability appears consequently. Some countries brazenly violate the UN Charter of Peace although they are the member states of the United Nations.

Japanese people still have nightmare about the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki which caused the most horrendous havoc in Japan. The horrific atomic bomb strikes on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had shocked all the human beings on earth at that time. Since then, the people from the entire world become aware of the evil of war and they protest against any war. Inaddition, the warmongers as well as the countries which manufacture nuclear weapons are condemned or denounced. Undoubtedly, this activity reveals that the innocent or ordinary people across the world want genuine peace and security on earth.

When peace does not prevail, the world people lose their lives, homes and the regional instability appears consequently. Some countries brazenly violate the UN Charter of Peace although they are the member states of the United Nations. The United Nations Charter sets out the UN Security Council’s powers to maintain peace. It allows the council to “determine the existence of any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression” and to take military and nonmilitary action to “restore international peace and security”.

Chapter VII also gives the military staff committee responsibility for strategic coordination of forces placed at the disposal of the UN Security Council. It is made up of the Chiefs of staff of the five permanent members of the Council. The UN Charter’s prohibition of member states of the UN attacking other UN member state is central to the purpose for which the UN was founded in the wake of the destruction of World War II: to prevent any war which destroys human lives, animals, human settlement, and natural environment. The carcinoma and massacre of the wars make innocent people miserable and traumatic in the rest of their life. The conflicts, communal violence may vary from community to community. The root causes of these issues are misunderstanding, dis-agreement and act of lopsidedness indeed.

Civil wars are mainly caused by the unjust ruler or despotism of the ethnic groups in the particular countries. Under these circumstances, the innocent people greatly suffer the utterdevastation of war. Consequently, the war-torn countries cannot develop their economy and have to make a plan to recover from the man-made disasters. The losses of human lives and infrastructures in the war-torn countries are very huge. Even then, the innocent people are hopeless to enjoy the peace and security and a series of troubles of chaos or mayhemfollows.

The war victims are usually traumatized by misery and evil of war.

Unfortunately, the acts of extremists and terrorists are spreading in the world. Those extremists and terrorists have established the base camps in Africa and (See page 9)
Three armed men captured with arms and ammunition

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — As Tatmadaw columns are combing insurgents of the areas in Rakhine State, Tatmadaw personnel engaged in a skirmish with armed men about 500 metres northwest of Aunglanchaung Village in Peletwa Township on 22 April afternoon.

During the skirmish, Tatmadaw personnel captured Maung Kyaw Thein, 25, son of U Tun Sein, with one M-22, two magazines, 50 rounds of bullets, two grenades and one equipment set. Another M-22, 50 rounds of bullets and one magazine were also found nearby.

Tatmadaw personnel pursued the armed men who withdrew from the scene and captured Maung Than Wai, 26, and Tun Soe Naing, 23, together with one M-22, one sub-machine gun, six magazines, 160 rounds of bullets, four grenades and two equipment sets.

Tatmadaw columns are combing Peletwa area of the armed men.—Myawady

Who cares World Peace...

(by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

In Middle East and their cruel and brutal activities are often seen awfully. The lives of the people around Syria and Iraq border areas are totally not safe and they lose peace and security.

In some countries, equality, justice, human rights are ignored by the very handful of oppressors or despots or tyrants. So, people in these countries are in despair and their lives are not secured and peaceful. Due to the unjust rules and suppression, civil war or disruption or violence takes places in these countries unpleasantly. In this situation, peace and order are lost and majority of people concerned are in crisis.

If every government across the world protects human rights, the world communities will have peace and security. Likewise, the world leaders should uphold human rights in the world. Then, there will be no conflict or violence or uprising in the world. Besides, the world leaders must adhere to the UN charter and other regulations or principles properly so that the world peace and security can be stabilized. The leaders of the respective country and the world leaders should be wise enough to tackle the chaotic issues which threaten greatly to world peace and security. They should know the root causes and handle the cases in peaceful way for the sake of all mankind. Exchanging gunfire is not the real solution for the problems indeed. It is essential that we all must cooperate with the United Nations for world peace and security.

The issues of racial discriminations and religious intolerance must be wisely handled and solved. Both cause chaos in the communities and the people concerned lose peace and security. Thus, they are insecure in their daily life. We are obliged to respect people of different faiths and not to insult them so that no violence will occur. Insulting other religious faith and practice can cause vulnerable consequences in the community.

If a certain country has some racial discrimination, the native people must have nationalistic sentiments. They despise, discriminate and humiliate the legal or illegal immigrants. In this case, the racial bias is shown in that country. There was a prejudice against the people of color in America, e.g. African, American, Asians, Indians etc. At present, there is a little prejudice against African Americans in America. When we live in a multicultural society, we should have racial equality.

People who really love peace are responsible for maintaining or preserving peace on earth. If the pacifists, philanthropists, kind-people, noble-minded people, honest people out-number the culprits in the world, peace and security can certainly prevail among fellow human beings. May world be free from acts of aggression, animosity, hostility and extremism!!!

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

Yangon, 23 April — An international day aimed at increasing the number of women pursing careers in information and communication technologies took place for the first time Wednesday in Myanmar.

Myanmar’s inaugural Girls in ICT Day was organized by the Young Women’s Christian Association in conjunction with Myanmar ICT for Development Organization.

The major objectives of the celebration are to encourage young women to enter science and technology, engineering and mathematics fields, raise their awareness of ICT and spread information on ICT-related courses and opportunities.

According to industry observers, Myanmar has a few female professionals in ICTs.

“ICT plays an important role in improving the lives of young females,” Daw Zin Mar Oo said, adding that there are plans to stage the event again in coming years.

During the one-day event, panelists discussed use of social media and the Internet, useful mobile applications, as well as digital security and personal security.

Many organizations around the globe celebrate Girls in ICT Day on the fourth Thursday.

According to International Telecommunication Union data, some 200 million fewer women are online than men, with women coming online later, and more slowly, than their male counterparts.

Young women encouraged to seek careers in ICT

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Girls and young women actively participate in an event to mark the Girls in ICT Day in Yangon.

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Immigration dept, NGO deliver citizenship cards to residents

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Po Shwe Tham (Daweet)

Tantinthyai Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Dr Win Aung, Head of Township INRD U Maung U, Saw Morris of NRC team and officials presented 162 CSCs and households registrations to five households.

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Air strikes hit Houthi targets north of Yemen’s Aden — residents

ADEN, (Yemen), 23 April — Warplanes from a Saudi-led coalition struck Houthi targets in and around the Yemeni cities of Aden and Ibb early on Thursday, residents in the area said, after Riyadh indicated its campaign against the Iran-allied movement would be wound down.

On Tuesday, the coalition announced an end to its month-old bombing campaign in Yemen but strikes have continued. A Saudi spokesman later said forces would continue to target the Iran-allied Houthi movement as necessary. Thursday’s targets included tanks being used by the Iran-allied Houthi movement in the villages near Aden, a port in the south, the residents told Reuters.

In Ibb in central Yemen, residents reported an intense series of strikes early on Thursday on Houthi positions and weapon warehouses in the region. They said targets included a military base in the town of al-Kaifr, unspecified sites in Houbaysh, as well as a college on the outskirts of Ibb and another in the city of Yarim. In Aden late on Wednesday, five Houthi militiamen were killed at a checkpoint while fighting against local forces opposed to them.

The Houthis and their army allies loyal to powerless former president Ali Abdullah Saleh are battling fighters loyal to President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi. In the province of Dalea, eight Houthi fighters died, also at a checkpoint late on Wednesday. Heavy clashes were continuing in the area, residents said. Reuters

Aid groups express fear of renewed South Sudan fighting

JUBA, 23 April — Fighting in South Sudan’s oil-producing Upper Nile State in the past two weeks has killed at least 38 and the toll could rise, a military spokesman said on Wednesday, while aid groups said they may be forced to trim operations.

Thousands of people have been killed and more than a million have fled their homes since fighting between supporters of President Salva Kiir and former vice president Riek Machar erupted in the world’s newest nation in December 2013.

Several ceasefires have been agreed and broken and each side accuses the other of violating one announced in early February. Army Spokesman Col. Philip Aguer said in the first incident, South Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) soldiers fought against allied forces in Upper Nile.

Malakal, killing 36 of them and repulsing the rest. Aguer said in a second incident, fighting between guards protecting the government of Upper Nile and soldiers under Johnson Olony, a Major General in the South Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) from the Shilluk tribe in Upper Nile, killed two.

Aguer said the situation had calmed down. But Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) said in a statement: “At this moment the situation in Malakal town remains extremely volatile and it is expected that confrontations will continue in the coming hours.”

“MSF teams have today been forced to suspend some outreach activities to remote areas hosting internally displaced people.” It said that in April alone, 4,600 people had been displaced by fighting in Malakal.

The World Food Programme said three of its workers have been missing since 1 April, when they were travelling in a convoy carrying food aid that encountered inter-communal fighting between Malakal and Melut. WFP said another WFP worker who was abducted at gunpoint in Malakal airport had still not been found.

“Because of increasing concerns about staff safety, WFP is re-assessing its ability to work in some parts of Upper Nile State," it said in a statement.

“The agency plans to temporarily reduce its operations in those areas where it no longer believes it’s safe to work.”—Reuters

Rwandan troops cross into Congo, wound soldier — Congo government

KINSHASA, 23 April — Rwandan troops crossed into eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and wounded a local soldier, the Congolese government said on Wednesday, drawing an immediate denial from a Rwandan official.

Government spokesman Lambert Mende said Congolese troops fired warning shots at Rwandan troops who entered Rutshuru territory in Congo’s eastern province of North Kivu.

“The Rwandans responded by wounding one of our troops,” he said.

North Kivu governor Julien Paluku also said Rwandan troops had crossed the border on Wednesday afternoon.

He added that a team from the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region was being deployed to investigate the incident.

Rwanda’s deputy permanent representative to the United Nations Olivier Ndhugirehe said on his Twitter feed in response to the alleged incursion, “This is baloney, as usual.”

“Congo’s army has been conducting military operations since February against the Rwanda Hutu rebel group, the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR). The group’s presence on Congolese soil has in the past served as a pretext for a series of Rwandan border interventions.” Reuters

Iraqi forces fight to rout Islamic State militants from Ramadi

BAGHDAD, 23 April — Iraqi security forces fought to rout Islamic State militants from the western city of Ramadi on Wednesday, slowly regaining some ground from the militant group, security and local officials said.

The insurgents began encroaching on Ramadi two weeks ago, officials warned it was about to fall, sending more than 100,000 people fleeing their homes in and around the provincial capital.

Security officials said Islamic State were being pushed back from sections near the military’s Anbar operation command but booby-traps, snipers and suicide attacks were hindering government troops from recapturing other areas as they lost last week.

“We’re engaged in tough guerrilla warfare in Ramadi,” said an Iraqi security officer whose unit is fighting in Ramadi.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, he said the militants had dug tunnels between houses so they could carry out hit and run attacks. Anbar provincial council member Falih al-Essawi said security forces were taking their time in advancing to avoid exposing themselves to sniper fire.—Reuters

US concerned Iranian ships may carry arms to Yemen — Pentagon chief

MOFFETT FIELD, (California), 23 April — The United States is concerned a group of Iranian cargo ships may be carrying advanced weapons to Yemen, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said on Wednesday, as he called on Iran to avoid “fanning the flames” of the conflict with arms deliveries. Asked whether he thought weapons were on board the Iranian ships, Carter said: “We’re certainly concerned about that.”

“And there’s no reason for anybody to be delivering advanced weapons into a situation that’s already gotten way beyond what is reasonable there,” he told a small group of reporters, partly in response to the convoy of Iranian cargo ships in the Arabian sea.

Carter acknowledged that the movement of the US warships, including the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, gave President Barack Obama “options.” But he declined to say whether the United States might attempt to board the Iranian cargo ships, if needed.

“I’m not going to tell you what the United States is prepared to do. As the president said, we have options,” Carter said.

Saudi Arabia declared an end of the first phase of its campaign on Tuesday after almost a month of air strikes against the Iranian-allied Houthis. But hours later, air strikes and ground fighting resumed and the International Red Cross described the humanitarian situation as “catastrophic”. A Gulf official told Reuters that the new phase of the Saudi campaign would see a downscaling of military activity by the Saudi-led coalition with no further bombing of fixed military targets. On the political front, the official said, there was movement toward a dialogue.

Carter lamented the violence but voiced hope for peace efforts, saying the United States had hoped to “get the parties back to the table.”—Reuters

A boy holds up a rifle as he joins followers of the Houthi group demonstrating against the Saudi-led air strikes in Sanaa on 22 April, 2015.—Reuters

South Sudanese children sit outside their makeshift shelter in SPLA-IO rebel control area in the Southern part of Unity State Paynjar County on 20 March, 2015. —Reuters

US Defence Secretary
Ash Carter

shortly before landing in California. He did not elabor-ate. On Tuesday, Presi-dent Barack Obama said the United States had warned Iran not to send weapons to Yemen that could be used to threaten shipping traffic in the Gulf.

Washington this week deployed additional war-ships off Yemen’s coast, partially in response to the
Qualcomm forecast misses as customer loss hurts mobile chip sales

NEW YORK, 23 April — Qualcomm Inc forecast current-quarter revenue and profit below analysts’ expectations, saying the loss of a key customer and delays in product launch- es by some smartphone makers would hurt sales of its flagship Snapdragon chips.

Shares of the compa- ny, which also reported a 46 percent drop in sec- ond-quarter profit, were down about 2 percent in extended trading on Wednesday.

Earlier this year, long- time customer Sam- sung Electronics Co opted to use an internally devel- oped processor for its new Galaxy S6 smartphone and Note rather than Qual- comm’s latest Snapdragon mobile chip.

The company also cut its full-year revenue and profit forecast for the second time, citing lower sales of Snapdragon chips. “I think the recovery of the (chipset) business, given the loss of share at Samsung, will take time,” Topeka Capital Market analyst Sujit Desilva said, adding that a recovery was unlikely in the near term.

Most of Qualcomm’s revenue comes from selling baseband chips, which enable phones to communicate with carrier networks, but a majority of its profit comes from licensing patents for its CDMA cellphone tech- nology.

Hedge fund Jana Partners has been putting pressure on the company to spin off the chip busi- ness from its highly profit- able patent-licensing busi- ness. Last week, the fund said Qualcomm’s chip business was “essentially worthless” at current val- uations.

On a post-earnings conference call, the compa- ny said it had hired an “outside expert” to review the cost structure of its chip business in order to drive growth.

Qualcomm’s high-margin licensing business has also had its share of problems. The company agreed in February to pay a fine of $975 million (647.97 mil- lion pounds), the largest in China’s corporate history, to settle a long-standing antitrust probe by the gov- ernment.

Much of the decline in Qualcomm’s profit for the second quarter was due to the settlement, which also requires the company to lower its royalty rates on patents used in China.

The company fore- cast an adjusted profit of $5.50-$5.75 per share and revenue of $5.4 bil- lion-$6.2 billion for the third quarter.

Analysts on average were expecting a profit of $1.14 per share and reve- nue of $6.50 billion, ac- cording to Thomson Reu- ters I/B/E/S.

Excluding items, the company earned $1.40 per share. Revenue rose 8.3 percent to $6.89 billion.

Analysts on average had expected a profit of $1.33 per share and rev- enue of $6.83 billion, ac- cording to Thomson Reu- ters I/B/E/S.

Some Apple Watch buyers to get shipments sooner than expected

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 April—Some Apple Watch buyers who thought they would have to wait until June to receive their new gadgets will get them sooner, Apple Inc said on Wednesday.

When online preorders for Apple’s first smart- watch started on 10 April, many customers were sur- prised to see delivery times as far out as June instead of on 24 April, when the de- vises officially go on sale.

On Wednesday, Apple notified some buyers that they would not have to wait so long after all. “Our team is working to fill orders as quickly as possible based on the avail- able supply and the order in which they were received,” Apple said in a statement.

An Apple spokesman declined to say how soon the company would ship the watches or how many customers would be affect- ed.

The Cupertino, Califor- nia company previous- ly predicted that demand would exceed supply at product launch. It has not said how many watches its customers have preordered.

In a note to clients on Wednesday, FDR analyst Daniel Ives estimated Ap- ple would take over 2 mil- lion preorders for the watch and ship 20 million of them in 2015.

“The longer-term con- sumer adoption curve for the Apple Watch remains a major ‘hot button’ question among tech investors as broad customer feedback is yet to be seen,” Ives wrote.

How do you tell a boy dinosaur from a girl dinosaur?

WASHINGTON, 23 April — For extinct creatures like dinosaurs known only from fossils, it is notoriously dif- ficult to differentiate the males from the females of a species because sex dis- tinctions are rarely obvious from the skeletons.

But in the case of the well-known Jurassic dino- saur Stegosaurus, a study pub- lished on Wednesday may provide a handy how- to guide on telling the boys from the girls based on the shape of the big bony plates protruding from its back.

Stegosaurus, which roamed the western Unit- ed States about 150 mil- lion years ago, was a large, four-legged plant-eater with two rows of plates along its back, as well as two pairs of spikes at the end of its tail to clobber predators.

The largest Stegasaur- us species reached about 30 feet (9 metres). The species in this study, Stegosaurus mjosi, measured roughly 21 feet (6.5 metres).

A Montana Stegosaur- us “graveyard” contained fossils of several individu- als, with plates coming in two distinct varieties: some wide, others tall. The wide ones reached sizes 45 per- cent larger in surface area than the taller ones, which were nearly 3 feet (90 cm) high.

“Males typically invest more into their ornamen- tation than do females, so the larger wide plates were likely from males,” said Evan Saitta, a 23-year-old paleontology graduate stu- dent at Britain’s University of Bristol whose study ap- pears in the journal PLOS ONE.

“The broad, thin struc- ture of the plates and their positioning on the back of the animal suggest that they were used in sexu- al display, analogous to the tail of a peacock. The broad, wide plates likely made a continuous display surface along the animal’s back to attract mates, like a billboard.”

To test whether the plate differences were in- stead because some indi- viduals were young and others old, CT scans and microscopic analyses were performed that showed the bone tissue had ceased growing, meaning both varieties came from full- grown adults.

A man walks past Qualcomm stand while attending the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona on 3 March, 2015.—Reuters

Fresh cell therapies confirmed illegal in Switzerland

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**Jeb Bush knocks Hillary Clinton over Asia trade talks stance**

WASHINGTON, 23 April — Republican Jeb Bush on Wednesday bashed Democratic 2016 presidential contender Hillary Clinton for voicing reservations about overseas trade talks, a rare issue on which the White House enjoys support from Republicans, with many Democrats opposed.

Bush, the former Florida Governor who is also expected to jump into the presidential race, said Clinton backed foreign trade agreements as secretary of state but has grown reticent now that she is secretary of state but has grown reticent now that she is seeking the Democratic nomination.

The US Congress is debating whether to give the TPP a “fast-track” authority to negotiate deals such as the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The White House says the pact would open up new markets to US exports and help businesses compete abroad.

But many Democrats and their supporters, including labour unions, say free-trade deals help big corporations at the expense of American jobs.

On Tuesday, Clinton said any trade deal “has to produce jobs and raise wages and increase prosperity and protect our security.” Bush called those tests “poison pills” that amount to a change of position.

“I haven’t changed in my view even though Hillary Clinton has,” Bush wrote in a post on the blog publishing site Medium. “It is time to move forward as even recent Democratic presidents have recognised — and Sec Clinton shouldn’t stand in the way for political gain.”

A Clinton spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Bush’s post.

The TPP would set trade rules and common standards and cut tariffs between the United States and 11 Pacific Rim countries. Lawmakers last week introduced legislation to give Obama “fast-track” authority. This would require Congress to vote for or against a trade deal, without the opportunity to amend it.

Republicans have found themselves in the unusual position of defending the White House. Senator Ted Cruz, who is seeking the 2016 Republican presidential nomination, and influential Representative Paul Ryan wrote an opinion piece dated on Tuesday in the Wall Street Journal asking colleagues to approve fast-track authority.

But many of Obama’s fellow Democrats say trade deals make it easier for American companies to move jobs to countries with lower labour costs.

**Former Florida Governor and probably 2016 Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush speaks at the First in the Nation Republican Leadership Conference in Nashua, New Hampshire on 17 April, 2015. Reuters**

Former Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley, a Democrat who is considering challenging Clinton for the nomination, said in an email to supporters that opposing the Asia deal was “common sense.”

Obama said last week that any trade deal he reaches would benefit US workers. —Reuters

**New technology for production of Serbian raspberry brandy**

BELGRADE, 23 April — The Innovation Center of the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy in Belgrade and the Fruit Research Institute in Cacak have developed a new technological process for the production of raspberry brandy, which will make it possible for raw materials to be used through the whole year. The process will allow producers to use frozen raspberry with preservation of its sensory qualities, smell and taste, another advantage being that it will be possible to produce brandy out of several times smaller amounts of fruit. Classic process requires 16 kilograms of raspberry to produce one liter of 40-percentage brandy, while the new technological process requires only 1.2 kilograms of the fruit. The brandy will cost EUR 10.15, it was said at the promotion of raspberry brandy at the Serbian Chamber of Commerce. The project’s expert team stated that talks with a serious Serbian producer on the purchase of this technology or possible joint production are already underway. Radosav Cerovic from the Innovation Center said the project implemented with the support of the Ministry of Science and Technological Development is worth RSD 4.6 million. — Tanjug

**Claims Day Notice**
**MV Silver Fern VOY NO (0005S)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SILVER FERN VOY NO (0005S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.4.2015 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**Shipping Agency Department**
**Myanmar Port Authority**

**Agent for: MS China Shipping Lines**

Phone No: 2301185

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**Claims Day Notice**
**MV E.R. Turku VOY NO (070W)**

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Weather report

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 24th April, 2015: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan and Chin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

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Japan museum on biggest battleship marks 10th anniversary

HINOMARU, 23 April — A museum featuring the Japanese battleship Yamato, built as the world’s biggest during World War II, marked its 10th anniversary on Thursday, with the number of visitors expected to top 10 million this summer.
The Yamato Museum in Kure, Hiroshima Prefecture, named after the navy ship, opened in 2005 on the 60th anniversary of the war’s end, displaying a 1.8-million-dollar replica of the vessel along with 17,000 historical materials. The warship was built in the western Japanese city in 1941. A total of 9.89 million people had visited the museum as of Wednesday. It is likely to draw further attention this summer for the 70th anniversary of the war’s end. “I think the museum is popular because it shows both the greatness of technology used in building the Yamato and the regretful fact that it was used in the war,” said Kazushige Todaka, director of the museum.
The Yamato was sunk in 1945 by US bombers in the East China Sea with 3,000 crew aboard. The museum displays a one-tenth-size replica, measuring about 26 meters long and 6 metres high, which cost 210 million yen ($1.8 million). “I came here because I wanted to learn what caused Japan to face such a dismal fate,” said 66-year-old visitor Shinichi Yazawa, who travelled from Tokyo.—Kyodo News
**From Vine to Billboard, Shawn Mendes lands chart — topping album**

**New York, 23 April —** Oscar-winning actress Sandra Bullock was named the world’s most beautiful woman in 2015 by People magazine on Wednesday and laughed when she heard about the honour.

“No, really! I just said, ‘That’s ridiculous,’” she told the magazine.

Bullock, 50, who won a best actress Academy Award in 2010 for her role in “The Blind Side,” said she found beauty in her role as a mother to her 5-year-old son, Louis. “Real beauty is quiet. Especially in this town, it’s just so hard not to say, ‘Oh, I need to look like that,’” she said about Los Angeles. “The people I find most beautiful are the ones who aren’t trying.”

Bullock also credits her healthy diet, including green juice, and working out up to five times a week for helping to keep her grounded and balanced.

But it is her son who gives her the biggest bragging point. When Louis asked her why she had wrinkles, Bullock told him some of the lines on her face were from laughing so much.

“You’re not old, you’re just happy,” she quoted him as replying.

Bullock follows other Hollywood stars such as Lupita Nyong’o, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jennifer Lopez and Julia Roberts who have received the honour in previous years of the magazine’s annual beautiful people issue. Bullock will be providing the voice of a super hero in an upcoming 3D computer-animated comedy film “Minions.”

The special issue of the magazine will hit newsstands on Friday.—Reuters

**Director of the movie Courteney Cox arrives at the premiere of ‘Just Before I Go’ in Los Angeles, California on 20 April, 2015.—Reuters**

**Canadian singer Shawn Mendes performs at the 2015 Juno Awards in Hamilton, Ontario, on 15 March, 2015.—Reuters**

**Los Angeles, 23 April —** US actress Courteney Cox goes behind the camera in her new feature film “Just Before I Go” and the “Friends” star says she has been bitten by the directing bug.

The movie, which stars “American Pie” actor Sean William Scott, tells the story of a man who wants to go back to his hometown to make amends before killing himself.

Cox, known for her roles in television series “Cougar Town”, comedy hit “The Odd Ones Out” and indie film, it’s a lot of fun.”

Cox made her directorial debut with “Just Before I Go” opens in US cinemas on 24 April.

**Reuters**

**Rihanna has revealed new track ‘James Joint’**

**New York, 23 April —** R&B superstar Rihanna has revealed new track ‘James Joint’. The 27-year-old singer posted an excerpt from her forthcoming album “in celebration of 420”, reported Huffington Post. 420 is an annual holiday celebrated by marijuana enthusiasts around the world.

Rihanna recently spoke candidly about controlling her public image via social media, admitting that she doesn’t “give a dick” about privacy anymore.

An unreleased duet between Chris Brown and Rihanna, ‘Put It Up’ recently surfaced online. Rihanna previously unveiled the powerful music video for her new song “American Oxygen.”—PTI

**Tom Cruise scared to do plane stunt in ‘Mission: Impossible 5’**

**Los Angeles, 23 April —** Tom Cruise has revealed he was “scared” to hang on the side of a plane 5,000 feet in the air for his upcoming film “Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation”.

“I was scared,” Cruise told the audience at CinemaCon in Las Vegas, while playing footage of that harrowing scene. “As always, I will do everything I can to entertain an audience and put as many people into your theaters… I’m an aerobatic pilot and I’ve always wanted to do that,” he added.

Cruise, 52, said being a part of the franchise’s fifth installment, which hits theaters 31 July, is a “dream come true”. “This movie has a tremendous amount of action of course, but also intrigue and mission twists,” he said.

He had filmed it in eight times to perform the death-defying stunt. “He’s actually out there doing these things. He really did it.”

**PTI**

**Canadian singer Shawn Mendes performs at the 2015 Juno Awards in Hamilton, Ontario, on 15 March, 2015.—Reuters**

**Los Angeles, 23 April —** Teen singer Shawn Mendes, who grew a dedicated fanbase as a Vine star on social media, landed at No 1 on the US weekly Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday, outing the “Furious 7” soundtrack from the top spot.

“Handwritten,” the debut record from 16-year-old Mendes, sold 106,000 albums, 103,000 songs and 4.8 million streams, tallying a total of 119,000 units.

Billboard said Mendes is the youngest artist to notch No 1 on the album chart since another social media star-turned-singer, Justin Bieber, topped the chart in 2010 at age 16.

Last week’s chart-topper, the soundtrack to Universal Pictures’ blockbuster film “Furious 7”, dropped to No 2 this week, with 79,000 units, while country singer Reba’s latest album “Love Somebody” debuted at No 3 with 62,000 units.

**Reuters**

**Katie Holmes producing victim advocate drama for Cinemax**

**Los Angeles, 23 April —** Actress Katie Holmes has teamed with former “Sons of Anarchy” co-executive producer Mike Daniels for a character-driven action drama, which has been sold to Cinemax.

Daniels will write the script and will serve as the show runner. He and Holmes will executive produce. There are no current plans for Holmes to star, though that is a possibility, subject to availability.

This marks Universal TV’s first project for Cinemax.—PTI

**Oscar-winning actress Sandra Bullock**

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Colombia honours Gabriel Garcia Marquez at Bogota book fair

Bogota, 23 April — Colombia is honouring au-
thor Gabriel Garcia Marquez at its largest literary event a
year after his death, paying tribute to the Nobel Prize
winner known for his fan-
tastical blend of magic and real-
ity.

Bogota’s International Book Fair opened its doors on
Tuesday with a special
commemoration for the
Colombian-born writer, who
passed away at his home in
Mexico City in April last
year, aged 87.

Widely-loved works
including “One Hundred
Years of Solitude” helped
him win the Nobel Prize for
Literature in 1982 when he
was honoured for his novels
and short stories “in which
the fantastic and the realistic
are combined in a richly
composed world of imagi-
nation.” That book tells the
story of the Buendia family
in the fictional village of
Macondo, which is based on
the town of Aracataca close
to Colombia’s Caribbean
coast where Garcia Marquez
was born and raised.

Fair organizers have
displayed the author’s books
and pictures and brought the
world of Macondo to life in
a special exhibit.

“We are all Macondo.
Macondo is this country.
Macondo is the Caribbean.
Macondo is any place on this
planet where people iden-
tify with the dramas of the
people of Macondo,” said
Piedad Bonet, organizer of
the display. Colombian
President Juan Manuel San-
tos helped inaugurate the
fair, saying Gabriel Marquez
was remembered “with pas-
tion and tenderness”.

Events run until 4
May.—Reuters

Serbia sells Yugoslav-era film studio, rights to iconic movies

Belgrade, 23 April — Serbia sold a famed Yu-
goslav-era film studio on
Wednesday for eight mil-
lion euros ($8.59 million),
signing away the rights to
an archive of classic cine-
matography over the pro-
tests of filmmakers and cin-
ema buffs.

Founded in the wake
of World War Two by Yu-
goslav leader Josip Broz
Tito, Avala Film produced
or co-produced hundreds
of movies including a host
of much-loved classics in-
cluding the 1967 winner of
the Cannes Film Festival’s
Palme d’Or, “I Even Met
Happy Gypsies”. The studio,
located on a hill on the out-
skirts of Belgrade, fell into
disrepair with the collapse
of the Yugoslav federation
in war in the 1990s.

Bankruptcy proceed-
ings began in 2011, drawing
warnings from Serbia’s film
community that the state
risked losing a valuable par-
the of its national heritage.

As the sale neared, a
petition was started seeking
to exclude the film archive
from the privatisation pro-
cess, without success.

On Wednesday, it was
sold to Filmway, which is
registered as being founded
one month ago with capital
of 60,000 dinars, or about
500 euros ($337). The legal
representative is listed as
Michel Babic, a French
filmmaker. Filmway takes own-
ership of 21,642 square
metres of studios and office
space including actors’ suits,
rights to the Avala Film ar-
hive, costumes, props and
a mock Italian city recalling
the studio’s glory days.

Critics say the sale of
the rights is indicative of a
lack of state care and fund-
ing for culture and the arts
in Serbia, where the privati-
sation process has for years
been mired in corruption.

Dozens of people gath-
ered in front of the Pri-
vatisation Agency to protest.

“Our film history should not be forgotten,” said Luka
Ozgovoz, a student at Bel-
grade’s Faculty of Dramatic
Arts.—Reuters

Output output rivals big nations’ GDP, but resources eroding

Ottawa, 23 April — Eco-
nomic output by the world’s
oceans is worth $2.5 trillion a
year, rivaling nations such
as Britain or Brazil, but ma-
nine wealth is sinking fast
because of over-fishing, pol-
lution and climate change, a
study said on Thursday.

“The deterioration of
the oceans has never been so
fast as in the last decades,”
Marco Lambertini, direc-
tor general of the WWF
International conservation
group, told Reuters of the
study entitled “Reviving the
Ocean Economy”.

Ocean output, judged as
a nation, would rank
seventh behind the gross
domestic product of Britain
and just ahead of Brazil’s
on a list led by the United
States and China, the study
said. The report, by WWF, the
Global Change Institute
at Queensland University
in Australia and the Boston
Consulting Group, esti-
imated that annual “gross
marine product” (GMP) was
currently worth $2.5 trillion.

That included fisheries,
coastal tourism, shipping
lanes and the fact that the
oceans absorb carbon diox-
dide from the air, helping
to slow global warming. The
study did not estimate the
rate of decline in GMP.

Lambertini said the
report aimed to put pressure
on governments to act by
casting the environment in
economic terms and was a
shift for the WWF beyond
stressing threats to creatures
such as turtles or whales.

“It’s not just about
wildlife, pretty animals. It
is about us,” he said.

The report, for in-
stance, values carbon di-
oxide absorbed from the air
at $39 per tonne, drawing
on estimates by the US
Environmental Protection
Agency to judge damage
from warming such as more
flooding or risks to human
health.—Reuters

Fish swim in the Mediterranean sea on the south coast of the Balaric island of Mallorca, Spain
on 20 Aug, 2006.—Reuters

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New York, 23 April — An eye-popping, 100-carat
diamond, the highlight of a magnificent jewels sale in
New York on Tuesday, sold for $21.1 million, Sotheby’s
auction house said.

The perfect classic em-
erald-cut D colour diamond,
which is about the size of a
walnut and was mined by
De Beers in southern
Africa, was purchased by
an anonymous buyer via a
telephone bid. It had a pre-
sale estimate of $19 million
to $25 million.

Gary Schuler, the head of
Sotheby’s jewellery de-
partment in New York, said
the gem is the definition of
perfection. “The colour is
whiter than white, it is free
of any internal perfections,
and so transparent that I can
only compare it to a pool of
water,” he explained.

At $21.1 million, which
includes the buyer’s premi-
un, fell short of the
$30.6 million world record
price paid for a 118.28 carat
white diamond in Hong
Kong in 2013. Sotheby’s said
only six perfect dia-
mants weighing more than
100 carats had been sold at
auction in the last 25 years.

A flawless pink dia-
mond, dubbed the “Pink
Star,” set a world record
price for a gemstone at auc-
tion when it sold for $83.02
million in Geneva in 2013.

Schuler said the dis-

tinguishing characteristic
of the huge diamond sold
on Tuesday is its size and
tastic beauty. Originally
weighing over 200 carats,
it was spent more than a
year perfecting its cut and
polish.

Sotheby’s said that
from 1990 to 2013 the price
per carat for a 100-carat
perfect diamond had risen
from $125,000 to $260,000.

The diamond was the
top selling item in a sale of
more than 350 jewels that
were expected to sell for
a total of more than $50
million. Other highlights
include a pear-shaped pur-
plish pink diamond weigh-
ing 6.24 carats that has a
pre-sale estimate of up to
$3 million as well as a
blue diamond and coloured
diamond ring weighing 6.06
carats that could bring in as
much as $4.5 million.

Two Cartier Art Deco
jewels, a magnificent emerald, sapphire, lapis
fazuli and diamond pen-
dant necklace as well as a
rubel, emerald and diamond
bracelet, will also be auc-
tioned.—Reuters
Monaco, 23 April — A trademark display of grit and resilience earned Juventuus a goalless draw at Monaco as the Italian side qualified for the Champions League semi-finals for the first time since 2003 with a 1-0 aggregate victory on Wednesday. Juve, the first Italian team to reach the last four of Europe’s premier club competition since Inter Milan in 2010, were under the cosh throughout.

It was a case of youth versus experience as Juventuus’s Andrea Pirlo and Patrice Evra had 30 more Champions League appearances than the whole home side’s starting team and Monacoo’s lack of nous was exposed as the match wore on.

“We went through and thanks to our desire to sacrifice, to fight, to reach our goal,” Juventuus skipper Gi- anluigi Buffon told BeIN Sport.

“I think Juve deserved their qualification. Maybe not for today’s game but for that mindset.”

Monaco were well on top in the early stages and Kondogbia hit a fierce 20-metre strike that flew just over the bar, while Bernardo Silva’s low cross was almost deflected into his own net by Andrea Barzagl in the 15th minute.

Kondogbia continued to shine in midfield and had another chance but shot straight at Juve keeper Gianluigi Buffon, before the visitors, who were without injured midfielder Paul Pogba, began to wake from their slow start as the match wore on. They nearly found a way through when Pirlo’s pass looked bound for Stephan Lichtsteiner on the edge of the box before Daniej Sasic snatched the chance away from him.

Juventus began to look increasingly fragile on the left side of their defence and Chilean midfielder Ar- turo Vidal was lucky not to concede a penalty when he appeared to bring Kondogbia down in the box, but referee William Collum waved play on. Jardim replaced midfielder Jeremy Toula- lan with Dimitar Berbatov at halftime and added fresh blood up front by switching Anthony Martial with Valere Germain 14 minutes form time, but it failed to unsettle Juventus, who saw the game out comfortably.

The last time Juventuus reached the last four they went on to make the final in 2003, before losing to AC Milan on penalties.

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Hernandez late show ends Real’s Atletico jinx

Madrid, 23 April — Javier Hernandez’s late strike kept Real Madrid on course for a record-ex- tending 11th European Cup crown with a 1-0 win over 10-man Atletico Madrid in a tense quarter-final at the Benbene on Wednesday.

The first leg ended 0-0 and the tie appeared to be heading for a first goal- less draw after two legs in Champions League knock- out history until James Rodriguez slipped a pass to Cristiano Ronal- do in the 88th minute.

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