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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

President U Thein Sein receives Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of PRC

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China at the hall of President Office here this morning.

Together with President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein were Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Minister for Defence Maj-

Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Director-General U Min Zaw of President Office and Director-General U Tin Myo Kyi of Union Government Office. The delegation led by the Central Military Commission Vice-Chairman was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military, Naval & Air Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei.

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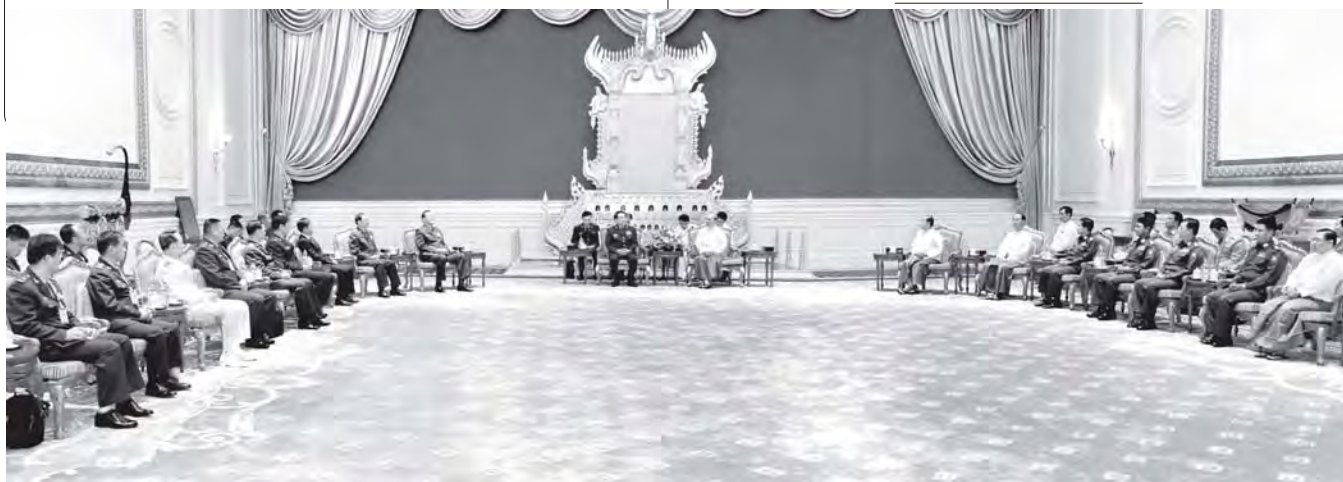
President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Establish more heavy industries

It is necessary to endeavour for industrial development to ensure long-term national progress. Aims and objectives have been set and are being realized for establishment of an industrialized nation. In doing so, power plants are being built to provide electricity fundamental to an industrial nation.

Industrial regions and zones are being established in correct regions, and more factories and workshops are being opened. As a result, production process of some heavy industries and import-substitute factories is gaining momentum.

Light and heavy industries and import-substitute industries play an important role in industrial development. Moreover, measures need to be taken to establish industries producing export items only, industries with small capital, less machinery and heavy manpower and industries with large capital and investment and bulk machinery.

All industries, State-run, private-run or cooperatives-run, must work harmoniously for industrial development. For those industries to be able to operate at full capacity, necessary aids such as raw materials, techniques and capitals must be rendered.

While encouraging development of small and medium industries, efforts are to be exerted for continued establishment of heavy industries. Likewise, it is required to work hard for boosting import-substitute items and export items.

Establishment of industrial regions and zones plus production of various kinds of goods have yielded fruitful results for industrial progress. Quality and standard are important in distributing commodities competitively to international markets. All factories are therefore to manufacture commodities that are in demand and marketable.

Man of great sympathy

By A.M.Soe



U Thein Lwin (2nd Row, Left) hands over K800,000 to U Kaung Tin (Right) on 7 May, 2010. (Photo/ Supplied)

Honesty can be a way of life for many people. For some it can define all that they really are and for others it can define how they view all of their peers, friends,

Peoples' Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Work coordination meeting on boosting of sugarcane production held



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing delivers address at work coordination meeting on boosting of sugarcane production.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Sugarcane Enterprise of Myanma Industrial Crops Enterprise

under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation held work coordination meeting on boost-

ing of sugarcane production at No. 2 Sugarcane Mill here today, attended by

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than.

After the meeting, the Union Minister viewed maintenance of machines at No. 2 Sugar Mill in Pinyinana Township, Nay Pyi Taw District and, sugarcane farms.

The Union Minister proceeded to quality sugarcane plantations that yield over 50 tons, near Kyeinn Village, Nay Pyi Taw District.

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Union Transport Minister meets JICA Chief Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received Chief Representative Mr Hideo Miyamoto of Japan International Cooperation Association (JICA) and party at his office here this morning.

They held discussion on promotion of shipping sector between Myanmar and Japan, matters related to enabling all vessels to use Ayeyarwady and Chindwin Rivers at any time, a plan to provide information and



technical assistance for risk management and to develop

storm prediction works and opening of courses for

development of transport sector.—MNA

and family. Anyway, honesty can affect you greatly and every solitary day.

U Thein Lwin, 50, in Zeyathiri Township, running a private business of welding and lathe on Yangon-Mandalay old highway, still remembers his honest moments last year and his face lit up when he recounted his story.

On 4th May, 2010, he was riding his motorbike along Yangon-Mandalay highway on his way to Kyaukpadaung, about 50 miles west of Nay Pyi Taw. While he was driving along the road between Meiktila and Kyaukpadaung, he found a hand bag in the rain.

Inside the bag were packs of big notes amounted to over K800,000 and a pension book. Fortunately, he got the name, address and phone number of the owner in the book. The owner is U Kaung Tin, Retired Headmaster, living in Natmauk.

Happily, he phoned the owner of the bag. He tried many times to contact the old retired headmaster, but unfortunately, ended in vain.

He finally came to a firm decision to go to the

village of the owner and to give back the bag to him.

"I have a lot of sympathy for the old retired headmaster. I am sure he can't sleep well and is feeling miserable as he has lost a lot of money. I also can't sleep well until I hand over the bag filled with big notes to the owner," he said.

On fourth day after he got the bag, he set off his trip to find the owner.

U Thein Lwin handed over the bag and money to the old man in the presence of Police Sub-inspector Win Naing Oo of Shwepandaw Police Station in Natmauk on 7th May, 2010.

The old man was on the verge of tears of happiness to see his money bag that he lost as he was taking care of mangoes he got from his friend as gifts. Finally, the old man's hope of getting back his lost property came true thanks to the honesty of the good citizen.

In fact, honesty, which some people try to live their lives by, prevails in Myanmar society.

Be Completely HONEST!

Indonesia battles forest fire on Sumatra island



An Indonesian firefighter is seen here putting out a forest fire in Bengkalis, in Riau Province on Sumatra island.—INTERNET

JAKARTA, 13 May—Indonesia has sent 120 firefighters to battle blazes from peatland areas that are causing unhealthy levels of pollution in neighbouring Malaysia, an official said. Authorities in Kuala Lumpur said on Thursday air quality had

reached 104 in Port Klang, on a scale which rates 101-200 as unhealthy. Elsewhere in central Selangor state, 29 areas had “moderate” readings.

“The smoke comes from fires in peatland areas in Riau Province,” forestry ministry fire control official Deni Haryanto told AFP.

The fires are used to clear land for palm oil plantations, he said.

“Our satellite monitoring shows that the fires in Rokan Hilir of Bengkalis District have been on and off since they started on Monday,” Haryanto said.

Fires on peatland can burn for days and release huge amounts of carbon into the atmosphere. Even when extinguished on the surface they can continue burning underground and reappear days later.—*Internet*



Pakistani men carry an injured blast victim to a hospital in Peshawar on 13 May, 2011 following a suicide and bomb attack on the paramilitary police in the northwestern Charsadda District. INTERNET

Three injured in blast in police line in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 May—At least three policemen were injured in a blast that occurred early Friday morning in Peshawar, the largest city in northwest Pakistan, reported local Urdu TV channel Samaa.

Further details about

the blast are not immediately available.

This is the third blast reported Friday morning in the country. Prior to this, Pakistan Taliban launched a twin suicide blast early Friday morning at an armed police training centre in Charsadda, a city some 30 kilometres northeast of Peshawar. The blasts, which took place at about 6:10 am local time, have so far reportedly killed at least 66 security personnel, ten civilians and injured more than

70 others.

Hospital sources said that about 20 out of the 70 injured in the twin suicide blasts were in critical condition and the death toll could further rise. Friday morning's attack at a police training center in Charsadda is the most serious one of its kind in Pakistan since the killing of the al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden by the US special task forces in Pakistan's northwestern city of Abbottabad on 2 May.

Internet

Al-Qaeda allies say they backed Iraq prison break

BAGHDAD, 13 May—Extremists linked to al-Qaeda in Iraq boasted in a statement Thursday that they slipped guns and messages to inmates for weeks before a bloody — but ultimately unsuccessful — prison break this week that left 17 dead.

The statement by the Islamic State of Iraq did not explicitly say the inmates had inside help, but the new details strongly suggested that they did.

Militants in Baghdad were able “to infiltrate the building's security system weeks prior and to communicate with the detained group, to familiarize them with their plan of escape,” the statement said.

“They managed, thanks to Allah and His success, to introduce three pistols into the rooms of the brothers in the solitary confinement area,” it said. “All the components of the operation were completed inside and outside.”

The Islamic State of Iraq is a front group for al-Qaeda. The statement identified the escape plot's

ringleader as Abu Huthaifa al-Battawi, who was being held on charges of masterminding a Baghdad church siege that killed 68 parishioners, priests and guards last fall. Al-Battawi was shot and killed Sunday when he tried to flee, officials said.

Thursday's statement sought to paint a heroic picture of al-Battawi, saying he and other inmates returned to the shootout and “decided to fight till death.”

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told reporters Wednesday the government was investigating whether the breakout was an inside job, acknowledging that the inmates had grenades and other weapons during the attack.

“How the weapons and grenades entered the prison, and who entered them, so I cannot discuss now but the investigations are continuing and have reached to an advanced stage,” al-Maliki said.

Internet



An Iraqi policeman inspects the damage to a house belonging to a lawmaker in Kirkuk, 290 kilometres (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 May, 2011. An Iraqi lawmaker from the Sunni-backed Iraqiya bloc escaped an assassination attempt Thursday in the ethnically mixed city of Kirkuk. INTERNET

Two killed, seven wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 13 May—Two people were killed and seven others wounded in separate bomb attacks in central Iraq on Thursday, the police said.

In Baghdad, a civilian was killed and three others wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in Baghdad's northern district of Waziriyah, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, an explosive expert was killed while defusing a roadside bomb in the town of Dujail, some 60 km north of Baghdad, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In Salahudin Province, Colonel Madih al-Bayati, a police officer escaped unhurt a sticky bomb explosion in his car while driving in central the provincial capital city of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, a provincial police source said.

Two of Bayati's bodyguards in the car were wounded by the blast, the source said.—*Xinhua*



Iraqi security forces inspect the scene of a roadside bomb attack targeting a police patrol, killing and wounding a few civilians, police said, in Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 May, 2011. INTERNET

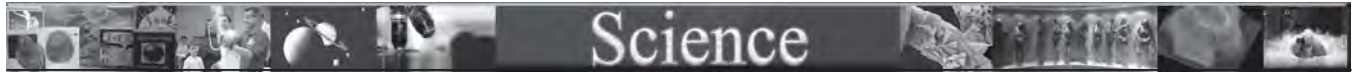
US missiles kill three in NW Pakistan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, 13 May—Pakistani intelligence officials say a US missile strike has killed three people near the Afghan border.

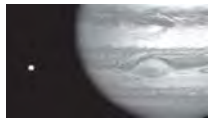
Four missiles struck a vehicle Friday in the Doga Madakhel village of North Waziristan tribal region. North Waziristan is home to many militant groups dedicated to attacking Western troops in Afghanistan.

The two officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media. They did not know the exact identities of the dead.

The strike comes amid tensions between the US and Pakistan over the May 2 American raid that killed al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden on Pakistani soil. The US relies heavily on the covert, CIA-run missile programme to kill Taliban and al-Qaeda militants in Pakistan's tribal areas.—*Internet*



'Ocean' of magma found on Jupiter moon



This image of Jupiter released by NASA in 2000 shows the moon Io (L). A moon of Jupiter is the only place other than Earth in our solar system where volcanoes occur, and scientists have found an ocean of magma beneath its surface that feed its potent eruptions.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 13 May—NASA's Galileo spacecraft has found an "ocean" of molten or partially molten magma beneath the surface of Jupiter's volcanic moon Io, US researchers say.

The finding from research conducted by scientists from the University of California, Los Angeles, UC Santa Cruz and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor is the first direct con-

firmation of such a magma layer on Io, and explains why the moon is the most volcanic object known in the solar system, a UCLA release said Thursday.

"Scientists are excited that we finally understand where Io's magma is coming from and have an explanation for some of the mysterious signatures we saw in some of Galileo's magnetic field data," Krishan Khurana, a research geophysicist with UCLA's Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics said.

"It turns out Io was continually giving off a 'sounding signal' in Jupiter's rotating magnetic field that matched what would be expected from molten or partially molten rocks deep beneath the surface." The signal was detected by a magnetometer on the Galileo spacecraft.—*Internet*

Japanese satellite declared dead in orbit



Artist's concept of Japan's Advanced Land Observing Satellite (ALOS), also known as Daichi.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 13 May—Japan's space agency says its Earth-observing satellite *Daichi* is dead in orbit, three weeks after a mysterious anomaly crippled the spacecraft. The Advanced Land Observing Satellite unexpectedly powered itself down 22 April for reasons that remain unclear. The Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency spent weeks attempting to re-establish communication with *Daichi*, but finally gave up the effort, SPACE.com reported Thursday.

"We decided to complete its operations by sending a command from the ground to halt its on-board transmitter and batteries at 10:50 am on May 12 (Japan Standard Time), as we found it was impossible to recover communication with the satellite," JAXA officials said in a statement. The *Daichi* satellite was launched in January 2006 as an all-purpose Earth surveyor, mapping the planet, searching for resources and quantifying changes in land cover such as deforestation.—*Internet*

Galactic star laboratory shines in new Hubble photo

NEW YORK, 13 May—A new photo by the Hubble Space Telescope has revealed a glowing galaxy packed with young stars and gas clouds, making it an ideal laboratory for astronomers hoping to study star formation and evolution. The Hubble image shows the dwarf galaxy NGC 4214, which is full of everything from hot, young star-forming regions, to old star clusters and red supergiants.

Hubble's Wide Field Camera 3, the telescope's newest camera, captured intricate patterns of glowing ionized hydrogen gas, cavities blown clear of gas by stellar wind, and bright star clusters in this optical and near-infrared image. A huge heart-shaped cavity possibly the galaxy's most eye-catching feature can also be seen at the centre of the image. Inside this hole is a large cluster of massive, young stars ranging in temperature from 18,000 to 90,000 degrees Fahrenheit (10,000 to 50,000 degrees Celsius). It's these strong stellar winds that are responsible for the creation of the large hollow area, researchers explained in a statement. The resulting lack of gas prevents any further star formation from occurring in this region, they added.

Internet



In this on 9 May, 2011 photo, Nick Risinger poses for a photo in Seattle with the rack of six synchronized astrophotography cameras he used to create the photograph on the wall behind him, which shows the entire night sky in a single composite image.—INTERNET



Microsoft, Nokia aim to nullify Apple trademark on App Store

New York, 13 May—New partners Microsoft and Nokia have joined forces, hoping to invalidate Apple's trademark registration for the terms APP STORE and APPSTORE in Europe, according to a statement issued by Microsoft.

Sony Ericsson and HTC are also joining the effort. Microsoft considers that "App store," like "toy store" or "book store," is a generic term that should continue to be available for everyone to use for stores that sell applications, a Microsoft representative said via e-mail. Nokia's position is similar: "Both terms lack distinctiveness and so the registrations should not have been granted," a Nokia spokeswoman said via e-mail.

The attack on Apple's trademarks in Europe was started by Amazon last month. The electronic

retailer has good reason to try to invalidate Apple's trademarks. In March, it launched the Appstore for Android, where it sells applications for Android-based smartphones and tablets. So far, it is only available in the US.

At the same time, Apple has applied for a new European trademark on APP STORE, which expands the scope of the existing one.

In Europe, the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) handles the registration of trademarks. A trademark grants its proprietor, in this case Apple, an exclusive right to prevent unauthorized use of the term without its consent, and if a company infringes on those rights it is allowed to take legal action, the OHIM said on its website.—*Internet*

First 7-Inch Android Honeycomb tablet expected from ViewSonic

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 May—Big screen Android tablets with Honeycomb 3.0 were all the rage, while smaller tablets were stuck with older smartphone versions of the OS—until now. The first 7-inch tablet featuring Honeycomb is set to arrive later this month from ViewSonic, and it will be dubbed the ViewPad 7x, according to a Pocket-Lint report.

Because Google rushed Android 3.0 to the market to counter the popularity of the Apple iPad, the company was unable to optimize the OS for

different-sized tablets fast enough. This meant that you could get Android 3.0 Honey-comb on 10-inch tablets such as the Motorola Xoom, but not on 7-inch tablets such as the HTC Flyer.

Now it seems that ViewSonic will be the first to get on the market a 7-inch Honeycomb tablet at the end of May, if Pocket-Lint's sources are accurate. The tablet will be called the ViewPad 7x, and will reportedly be sold alongside the ViewPad 7 (not as a replacement). Pricing and exact availability are unknown for the ViewPad 7x.—*Internet*

YouTube starts online hits music video chart

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 May—YouTube on Thursday began publishing a chart that tracks top music videos at the popular Google-owned website.

A YouTube 100 chart online at youtube.com/music will be updated weekly based on the popularity of videos whether works are amateur or professional, according to YouTube product manager Chris LaRosa.

"On the Floor" by singer Jennifer Lopez was atop the inaugural list followed by "Judas" by pop queen Lady Gaga and "ET" by musician Katy Perry.

"Not only does the YouTube 100 give props when fans make original videos for popular songs, it also captures YouTube's one-of-a-kind musical diversity," LaRosa said.

"YouTube users get into music as fans and original musicians, and our new chart gives the community a better way to find the most engaging music on YouTube."—*Internet*



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Health

Young children can access earliest memories, study finds

TORONTO, 13 May—Young children may have memories stretching back to late infancy, but these memories fade away as childhood proceeds, a new Canadian study finds.

Researchers at Memorial University of Newfoundland asked 140 children ages 4 to 13 years to describe their three earliest memories, and approximate how old they were at the time the event happened. The children's parents confirmed the events and their timing. Some of the youngest children could recall memories from before 2 years of age.

However, these early life memories tended to get lost as children aged. Two years later, the researchers asked the children the same questions. Overall, those who were 7 or younger

when questioned the first time recalled different memories the second time around. In contrast, one-third of the 10- to 13-year old children described the same memory at both rounds of questioning.

The researchers suggest this is because the very early memories of young children are fragile and vulnerable to forgetting. The study is published 11 May in the journal *Child Development*. "Younger children's earliest memories seemed to change, with memories from younger ages being replaced by memories from older ages," said study leader Carole Peterson, professor of psychology at the university, in a news release from the Society for Research in Child Development.—*Internet*



An expert performs in-vitro fertilization in 2006. Retrieving about 15 eggs from a woman's ovaries in a single cycle gives the best chance of having a baby through in-vitro fertilisation (IVF), researchers reported on Wednesday.

INTERNET

Health tip: Avoid overtraining

Training can help strengthen your body and prepare you for an athletic event. But you're not doing yourself a favour by overtraining, the Cleveland Clinic says. The clinic mentions these signs that you've overdone it:

- * When you develop a psychological distaste for working out.
- * When you feel sore all the time.
- * When you frequently feel tired for no apparent reason.
- * When you seem to take longer to "recover" from exercise.
- * When you develop symptoms of mild depression.
- * When your strength or stamina appears to be declining.—*Internet*

Treat snakebites with adrenaline, study says

COLOMBO, 13 May— Giving adrenalin to people with snakebites helps prevent severe allergic reactions to antivenom treatment, new research finds. There's a high rate of acute adverse reactions to antivenom, according to the study. But giving low-dose adrenaline to patients who have been bitten by a poisonous snake before administering antivenom reduces the risk of severe allergic reactions.

The study, conducted by researchers from the University of Kelaniya in Sri Lanka, involved more than 1,000 people hospitalized for snakebites. Patients were given low-dose adrenaline, promethazine, hydrocortisone or placebo immediately before treatment with antivenom. The treatments were administered alone and in all possible combinations. The study found that adrenaline reduced severe reactions to the antivenom by 43 percent at one hour and by 38 percent over 48 hours. Patients given hydrocortisone or promethazine did not experience those same benefits.

Internet



People look at quilts, created by HIV-positive people, on display during the 'Names' event in Kiev, Ukraine, on 13 May, 2011. Ukraine will mark the upcoming World Memory Day of people who died of AIDS on 15 May.—INTERNET



Business



Ford optimistic after 'remarkable' turnaround

CHICAGO, 13 May—Ford's chairman expressed optimism Thursday about the future of the company his great grandfather founded, as shareholders heaped praise on executives for the automaker's stunning reversal of fortune. "We face uncertainty in many areas from the price of fuel to the strength of the global economy," Bill Ford told shareholders at Ford's annual meeting. "But despite these concerns, I'm optimistic about our future."

Ford was among many to praise chief executive Alan Mulally for the number-two US automaker's "remarkable" turnaround after years of bleeding balance sheets and the deepest economic downturn in decades. Ford 2010 net income was a \$21-billion improvement over 2008 and its 2011 first quarter profit of \$2.6 billion was its best first quarter performance in more than a decade, Bill Ford noted.—*Internet*



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INTERNET



Edward Baumann works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 18 April, 2011.

INTERNET

Digia to cut 190 jobs due to Nokia restructuring

HELSINKI, 13 May— Finnish software firm Digia said it would cut up to 190 jobs due to restructuring at its major client Nokia.

Digia said in a statement on Friday that the job cuts would affect staff in its mobile solutions segment and in some administrative and support functions. At the end of March, Digia employed around 1,600 people.

Reuters

Wall Street ends up, helped by defensive shares

NEW YORK, 13 May—Defensive shares led a rebound in stocks on Thursday as investors weighed mixed economic signals and recent volatility in commodities as they searched for direction.

The Dow industrials fell nearly 100 points in the morning but recovered later after a lackluster auction of 30-year US bonds and headlines suggesting negotiations to raise the US debt ceiling had intensified.

The strong performance by defensive shares, such as health care and consumer staples, suggested investors were still attracted to stocks while other asset classes made them more nervous.

"Fixed income investments don't seem very attractive at the current yield. There's some concern about commodities. The volatility has scared a lot of people away, so I think a lot of investors are sitting back and saying, 'Where can I put my money?'" and the stock market is that," said Channing Smith, comanager of the Capital Advisors Growth Fund in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Dow Jones industrial average (DJI) was up 65.89 points, or 0.52 percent, at 12,695.92. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (.SPX) was up 6.57 points, or 0.49 percent, at 1,348.65. The Nasdaq Composite Index (.IXIC) was up 17.98 points, or 0.63 percent, at 2,863.04.—*Reuters*

German economy accelerates in 1st quarter

BERLIN, 13 May—Official data show that the German economy, Europe's biggest, accelerated strongly to grow by 1.5 percent in the first quarter of 2011. The quarter-on-quarter reported Friday by the Federal Statistical Office was more than triple the figure of 0.4 percent for the final three months of last year. That figure was depressed by an early spell of harsh winter weather.

The German economy has benefited over the past year from strong demand for machinery, cars and other goods from a recovering global economy. It hasn't yet shown signs of being ruffled by debt troubles and anemic growth elsewhere in Europe. Data released earlier this week showed that German exports and imports both rose in March to their highest monthly level since the country started keeping records in 1950.—*Internet*



Members of the media photograph a group of weapons, ammunition and a hand grenade displayed at a news conference at City Hall in New York, 12 May, 2011.
INTERNET

Two arrested in NY synagogue bomb plot

NEW YORK, 13 May—New York undercover police have arrested two men who bought weapons in an alleged plot to disguise themselves as Jews and unleash a bloodbath in Manhattan synagogues, city officials said.

The suspects, Ahmed Ferhani, 26, and Mohamed Mamdouh, 20, both of North African descent, were also alleged to have said they would attack the Empire State Building.

Police “arrested two men who said they wanted to destroy a major synagogue in Manhattan and then

purchased several weapons and a grenade from an undercover officer,” Mayor Michael Bloomberg said in a news conference.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the men — one a US citizen and the other a legal resident — were arrested Wednesday immediately after purchasing weapons from an undercover agent.

They bought two Browning semi-automatic pistols, a Smith and Wesson handgun, ammunition and a hand grenade during the sting operation, Kelly said.—*Internet*

Heavy rains disrupt rescue at SW China landslide-hit quarry

QUANZHOU, 13 May—Hundreds of police and firefighters searching for buried workers at a landslide-hit quarry in southwestern China were evacuated Thursday as heavy rains pounded the area again.

Rescuers still hope to find the three quarry workers still missing under the sludge at the quarry located in a mountain valley in Quanzhou County, near the tourist city of Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

A landslide engulfed the quarry workers’ dormitory amid heavy rains on Monday afternoon. Eighteen bodies have been recovered and one survivor died on the way to the hospital, bringing the total confirmed death toll to 19. Local officials say that although life detector-wielding rescuers found no signs of life under the rubble, the mission will not end until all missing workers are recovered. Authorities cordoned off the landslide site on Thursday.

The local weather forecast bureau expects the rainfall to last until the weekend, prompting authorities to issue a warning for new geological disasters in the area.—*Xinhua*



Model Ana.R shows jewellery designed by Swiss stylist Suzanne Syz during an exhibition held at Ben Brown Fine Arts Gallery in Hong Kong, south China, 12 May, 2011. A personal jewellery exhibition of Suzanne Syz kicked off here on Thursday. —XINHUA

Russia, Pakistan sign economic deals, promise to counter terrorism

MOSCOW, 13 May—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his Pakistani counterpart Asif Ali Zardari finished talks Thursday with a joint statement and three agreements on economic cooperation, the Kremlin said.

During their meeting, the presidents discussed several issues of common concern, including anti-terrorism,

situation in the Middle East and in Afghanistan, and drug threats in the region.

Medvedev stressed that both countries have faced similar terror threats, which he called a “major evil of the 21st century.” The two leaders also stressed the importance of keeping peace and stability in Afghanistan and pledged to support

efforts for national reconciliation in that country.

After the meeting, Russian and Pakistani delegations signed agreements on cooperation on air transportation, energy and agriculture. In particular, they agreed to support a gas pipeline project from Turkmenistan to India via Afghanistan and Pakistan.—*Xinhua*



Archaeologists supervise a dig inside the halls of the Sant'Orsola convent in the heart of Florence for the remains of a 16th-century woman believed to be the model for Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa in a bid to unlock an art world mystery. —XINHUA

Baby leopards, bear found in bags at Thai airport

BANGKOK, 13 May—Authorities at Thailand’s international airport arrested a first-class passenger Friday whose suitcases were filled with baby leopards, panthers, a bear and monkeys. The animals had been drugged and were headed for Dubai.

The man, a 36-year-old United Arab Emirates citizen, was waiting to check-in for his flight at Bangkok’s Suvarnabhumi

International Airport when he was apprehended by undercover antitrafficking officers, who had been monitoring him since his black market purchase of the rare and endangered animals, according to the FREELAND Foundation, an anti-trafficking group based in Thailand.

When authorities opened the suitcases, the animals yawned, said Steven Galster, director of FREELAND, who was

present during the bust. There were two leopards, two panthers, an Asiatic black bear and two macaque monkeys — all about the size of puppies.

“It looked like they had sedated the animals and had them in flat cages so they couldn’t move around much,” Galster said. Some of the animals were placed inside canisters with air holes.

Internet



In this photo released 13 May, 2011 by the FREELAND Foundation, a leopard cub looks out from a cage after being confiscated by Thai authorities at Bangkok’s Suvarnabhumi International Airport.
INTERNET

Grenade explosion hurts 12 in Colombian “drug town”

BOGOTA, 13 May—At least 12 people were injured in a grenade explosion in Colombia’s infamous “drug town” of Medellin in an apparent act of revenge over the arrest of three gangsters, police said Thursday. The attack occurred Wednesday evening when unidentified men threw a grenade at a police patrol, injuring three police officers and nine civilians, Medellin Police Chief Javier Perez told reporters.

Two minors were among the wounded, who have all been hospitalized, he added.

Police suspected the attack could be related to recent arrest of three members of a local gang known as “La Sierra” which in recent weeks has been involved in a series of violent attacks in different parts of the city, said Perez.

He also announced a bounty of 10,000 US dollars for information that will lead to the arrest of the men guilty for Wednesday’s attack. Medellin, the capital of the north-central province of Antioquia, has long been home to many of the country’s drug activities and drug gangs.—*Xinhua*

Iranian nuclear power plant operational within weeks

MOSCOW, 13 May—Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov on Thursday said that Iran’s Bushehr nuclear power plant will be operational within weeks, according to the *Itar-Tass* news agency.

“We are keeping up with the schedule, which was adjusted by request of Iranian partners. I can confirm that it (the full operation) is a matter of few weeks,” Ryabkov was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, Russia’s Atomic Energy Agency Rosatom confirmed that Russian nuclear fuel manufacturer TVEL has supplied 30 tons of fuel for refueling the reactor at the Bushehr plant.

Citing a Rosatom spokesman, *Interfax* said the fuel was to be loaded into the reactors within a year.

Russian contractor Atomstroyexport confirmed 8 April it had resumed loading fuel into the reactor at the Bushehr nuclear power plant.

Xinhua

Growing tea and hardwood plants to mark International Year of Forests

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Tin Maung Lwin



Eucalyptus saplings seen at Myoma nursery of Tatkon Township Forest Department of Nay Pyi Taw District.

The United Nations has declared that the year 2011 is the International Year of Forests. It is noticeable for promotion of conservation of forests and extended cultivation of trees.

Myanmar designates June and July as the month of tree planting and gears up cultivation of trees. Since previous

The news crew of Myanma Alin had an interview with Staff Officer U Hsan Myint Tun of Tatkon Township Forest Department of Nay Pyi Taw District on their efforts in nurturing saplings.

"Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw District nurtures teak and hardwood (Eucalyptus) as main saplings. The work



U Hsan Myint Tun, Staff Officer said, "Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw District plans to grow teak and hardwood plants in 35 villages this year."

years, the nation has been managing to grow three teaks plants and 20 hardwood plants per household, to establish teak plantations on a commercial scale and set up fuel-substitute wood forests of villages.

plan has been adopted to grow three teak plants for every household, so a total of 2170 households will grow 6510 teak plants. Moreover, 75500 hardwood plants will be grown at 3775 households. All the cultivation areas



Photo shows teak saplings at Myoma nursery of Tatkon Township Forest Department.

are located in 35 villages," the Staff Officer said.

He explained, "Moreover, the department plans to distribute 10,000 teak plants to be grown along Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, 40,000 teak plants for the people and 12435 saplings of various plants to departments."

We have learnt that Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw District has planned to establish 850 acres of teak plantation on a commercial scale, 200 acres of watershed forest and 800 acres of value-

added natural forests. The saplings will be distributed free of charge by Township Forest Departments in the tree planting months in the rainy season.

Nowadays, the climate change across the world is depended on the deforestation. According to the FAO, a total of 130,000 square kilometres of world forests are depletion due to logging the forests, extension of sown acreage, carrying out of slash-and-burn farming and forest fires.

The global warming is one of the factors on omission of carbon dioxide from factories and

workshops. The FAO estimated that the forests cross the world absorb one trillion ton of carbon which is equal to a half of the carbon volume in the atmosphere of the world. It is obvious that the forests control the global warming.

As part of efforts for realizing the mottoes of the Ministry of Forestry, all the people of every household are to grow three teak plants and 20 hardwood plants and participate in establishment of teak plantations on a commercial scale.

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Neem saplings seen at Myoma nursery of Tatkon Township Forest Department.

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — The visiting Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China General Xu Caihou visited Myanmar Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) this morning. The Central Military Commission Vice-Chairman signed to visitors' book.

In the afternoon, the Chinese delegation also visited National Defence College where officials conducted them round the college. In the evening, the visiting Chinese delegation went to Uppatasanti Pagoda and observed white elephants at white elephant shed and religious buildings in the precinct of the pagoda.—MNA

Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of PRC tours Nay Pyi Taw



Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission General Xu Caihou and party visit White Elephant Shed in Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives WFP country director and representative



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe receives Country Director and Representative Mr Carlos Velos of World Food Programme.—MNA

YANGON, 13 May — Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received World Food Programme Country Director and Representative Mr Carlos Velos at the government office of Yangon Region this afternoon. MNA

Manufacture of bridge trusses discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received Vice-President Mr Wang Bo of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd importing trusses for Pakokku Bridge construction, and party at the ministry here today. They discussed matters related to manufacture of bridge trusses between the ministry and the company.—MNA

Union Labour and SWRR Minister receives Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Union Minister for Labour and Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi received Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong at his office here this morning.

Both sides discussed matters related to courses on human resources of the two countries, and risk management and rehabilitation.

Similarly, the Union Minister received Resident Representative Mr. Mohamed S. Abdel-Ahad of UNFPA

and party at the SWRR Ministry and discussed matters on women development and capacity building, and gender equality, taking care of senior citizens.

Likewise, Dr Zaw Moe Aung of The Leprosy Mission International (Myanmar) TLMI (Myanmar) and Dr Michael Paul Griffiths, adviser to disabled persons, called on the minister. They discussed matters on implementation of programmes for disabled persons.

MNA



Union Minister U Win Tun delivers an address at Environmental Conservation Committee meeting.—MNA

Environmental Conservation Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun urged Environmental Conservation Committee which was reconstituted with 21 members including ministers, deputy ministers and directors-general from 19 ministries to draw a Strategy Action Plan to be implemented in the practical field after reviewing the

records of the former committee at the meeting of the committee at the ministry here this morning.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the committee Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung stressed the need to carry out environmental conservation work as a bounden duty.

Then committee members presented re-

ports on environmental issue and its impacts.

Secretary of the committee Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department of the ministry explained formation of five special work groups of the committee.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the Union Minister.

MNA

UNSG's Special Adviser concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — The visiting Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Under-Secretary-General Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party called on Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win at the latter's office in Bago this morning.

Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party met representatives from civil society and NGOs as well as representatives from political parties at UNDP Office

in Yangon in the morning and diplomats of embassies in Yangon at the same venue in the afternoon.

Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party left Yangon by air this evening and they were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Before his departure, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations met media men at the lounge of the airport. — MNA

Union I&P Minister meets Singaporean Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi received Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua Hian

Kong at his office here this morning. The meeting focused on immigration services between the two countries.

MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister attends opening of AFC President's Cup 2011



Chief Minister U Myint Swe watches the opening match between Yadanabon FC (Myanmar) and YEEDZIN FC (BHU) of AFC President's Cup 2011.—MNA

YANGON, 13 May — Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attended an opening ceremony of AFC President's Cup 2011 held at Thuwunna Stadium here this evening.

The Region Chief Minister, Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win, Yangon Mayor Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education

Department U Thaung Htaik, Chairman of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials concerned from the participated teams greeted the football players individually.

They enjoyed the competition between Yadanabon FC (Myanmar) and YEEDZIN FC (BHU) as the first event of AFC President's Cup 2011.—MNA

MOC Chairman's Cup Men's Hockey Tourney goes on



Nay Pyi Taw Command Team and Gati Coast To Coast Team highly compete at Theinbyu artificial pitch.—NLM

YANGON, 13 May — Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup Men's Hockey Tournament continued at Theinbyu artificial pitch here today.

Nay Pyi Taw Command beat Gati Coast To Coast 3-0 and

Myanmar Police Force won over Defence Services (Air) 4-1.

Showdowns between Sky Wing and Smart Youth, and Ministry of Defence and Defence Services (Navy) will be tomorrow.—NLM

U-5 aged 342,522 children to be given polio vaccination in Magway Region

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe held a work coordination meeting on national immunization days for 2011 with health officials of the region.

At the meeting held at Magway Region Health Department, the chief minister heard

reports on matters on immunization activities for 2011 in the region.

Magway Region has planned to give polio vaccine 342,522 children aged under-5 in 13 townships in the region tomorrow and 11 June in 2011. Over 1806 medical teams will vaccinate the children.

MNA

Rural bridge inaugurated in Mawlamyinegyun Tsp

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 13 May — A ceremony to inaugurate a reinforced concrete bridge across Tontu Creek took place in Tontu Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township on 1 May.

Wellwisher U Bo

Taw-Daw Hla Kywe (Thuza Fashion and Textile Shop) of Mawlamyinegyun formally opened the 75 feet long bridge that was built at a cost of K 4 million.

Township IPRD

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

Union CPT Minister meets Vietnamese, Singaporean Ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun received Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung at his office here yesterday

morning. The meeting focused on boosting cooperation in communication technology between the two countries.

Likewise, the Union Minister met Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua Hian Kong this morning. They held

comprehensive discussions on conducting courses for enhancement of e-Government, nurturing and turning out skilled human resources for ICT sector and cooperation in communications sector between the two countries.

MNA

Union Minister stresses need for good discipline in training

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan called for keeping good discipline in training as part of efforts for achieving success in the 26th and 27th SEA Games.

At the meeting with presidents and responsible personnel of Myanmar Chess Federation, Myanmar Yacht Federation, Myanmar Martial Arts Federation, Myanmar Traditional Chinlon Federation and Myanmar Jockey Federation at the Ministry of Sports here today, the minister and participants of the meeting discussed matters on intensive training for athletes and new generation of athletes.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department reported on the needs for the training and athletes. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the union minister.—MNA

RUMFCCI Vice-President to attend 4th UN Conference on Least Developed Countries

YANGON, 10 May — A Myanmar-entrepreneur delegation led by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Tun Aung on 8 May evening left here for Turkey to attend the 4th UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries and Exhibition to be held in Istanbul from 9 to 13 May. They were seen off by President of RUMFCCI U Win Aung, Vice President U Aung Lwin and officials concerned at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Pansodan-Dalla Ferry...

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it would take long; and that the Pansodan-Dalla route was the shortest and the cheapest, so commonly, commuters chose that route.

In the cyclone "Nargis", Kyansittha Ferry, one of the four ferries, was sunk near Dalla bank. While the wreck was being salvaged and repaired, Hti Hlaing Shin Ferry, a replica of Kyansittha Ferry was plying in place of Kyansittha Ferry. After it had been repaired, Kyansittha Ferry resumed its service, thus bringing the number of the ferries plying between the two banks to four. Of the four, two are in service, and another is anchored in the middle of the river to stand by for service if the two in service cannot run for various reasons. And only one ferry is duty-off daily.

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US Border Patrol on horseback are seen near Chamizal National Memorial Park in El Paso, Texas, 10 May, 2011.
INTERNET

Drought expands dramatically in Texas, losses mount

KANSAS CITY, 13 May—Another dry week in the southern United States has driven the spread of a devastating drought further across Texas and neighbouring states, promising to add to economic losses that could top \$3 billion.

Texas, suffering its longest dry spell on record, saw the highest level of drought — dubbed “exceptional” by climatologists — jump from 26 percent of the state to 48 percent over the last week, a report released on Thursday by a consortium of national

climate experts said.

So far at least 9,000 wildfires have destroyed or damaged more than 400 homes and scorched 2.2 million acres across Texas, according to state officials who have asked for federal assistance.

The region’s new wheat crop has largely withered as other crops being planted now thirst for moisture, while pastures and rangeland are so poor they cannot sustain grazing cattle.

“It certainly has been rough here,” said Brent Bean, an extension agronomist at Texas A&M University. “We need rain. It is

ironic that the Midwest and the Mississippi Delta are getting all that rain and we’re the ones that need it.”

Farmers have nearly given up on harvesting much of the state’s new wheat crop, three-quarters of which is rated by agricultural officials as in poor or very poor condition. Corn planting, under way now, is requiring heavy irrigation, which is costly, and water supplies are dwindling. Texas is a key growing state for wheat, and generally produces 5 to 10 percent of the country’s winter crop.

Reuters

Indian capital experiences record high temperature

NEW DELHI, 13 May—The Indian Capital experienced a 43.1 degree Celsius hot day Thursday as the power demand also soared to the season’s highest, according to local media reports.

The maximum temperature touched 43.1 degrees Celsius, four notches above the average for this time of the year and was the hottest 12 May in the last five years, the *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted a meteorological department official as saying.

With rise in temperature, power demand in the city soared to the season’s highest of 4,568 MW Thursday, higher than Wednesday’s 4,509 MW, the *Press Trust of India* quoted a power department official as saying. The rise in power demand has also resulted in outages ranging from half-an-hour to two hours in several areas of the city, said the report. According to a projection of the power department, the peak demand is expected to cross 5,100 MW in the city in summer months of June and July.—*Xinhua*

High levels of chemicals found in some fish in S California

LOS ANGELES, 13 May—Based on a decade-long study, California authorities warned Thursday that anglers should not eat some fish because they carry high levels of chemicals.

Barracuda, sand bass and other fish along Southern Californian coast have been found to be contaminated with toxic chemicals, according to the state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHHA).

The finding is based on a decade-long study by state and federal agencies of 22 species of fish along 160 kilometres of Southern California coast, the agency said.

This is a renewed effort to emphasize that some fish carry high levels of chemical contamination, said the agency, which had previously set up warning signs at fishing

sites after chemical contamination was detected in some fishes.

The OEHHHA said it will put up new signs at the Santa Monica Pier and other popular fishing sites next week to warn anglers about consuming these fishes.

The 24 new signs, with graphics and warnings in English and Spanish, provide updated information on fish that should not be eaten, officials said.

The agency has been working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to examine chemical contamination in fishes along the California coast.

“We need these new signs to let anglers know that there are five species of fish they would do well to avoid,” said Carmen White, project manager at the EPA.

US returns smuggled Peruvian artifacts

WASHINGTON, 13 May—An 18th-century manuscript, pottery dating to AD 300 and other smuggled artifacts were returned to Peru by US Customs officials on Thursday.

The repatriated items — worth approximately \$43,000 — were handed over at the Peruvian Embassy in Washington.

They included an Inca pottery vessel from the 1400s, a pot with feline designs from about AD 300, handmade textiles and two headbands possibly used in graves along Peru’s Pacific coast, and a 1,200- to 1,500-year-old stone sculpture.

“The antiquities we are returning today are more than mere objects. They are remarkable treasures of untold historical significance, which provide clues into the lives of our ancestors,” said Luis Alvarez, assistant director of US Immigration and



An 18th century manuscript dating back to AD 300 is seen in this undated handout photo released to Reuters on 12 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Customs Enforcement.

In the case of the 18th-century manuscript, the investigation involved ICE agents in New York and Denver, and US Customs and Border Protection in Houston.

Based on leads from Peruvian officials and ICE agents, US Customs searched an antiques dealer’s luggage and found what would later be identified as a stolen manuscript from Recoleta Library in Arequipa, Peru.

The accused man passed away before authorities could prosecute him.

Reuters

Flooding Miss River threatens catfish industry



In a 9 May, 2011 photo, one of the Simmons Farm Raised Catfish ponds is buried inside the levee near Yazoo City, Miss.—INTERNET

YAZOO CITY, 13 May—Catfish farming in Mississippi faces grave danger from flooding.

The rising Mississippi River and its swelling tributaries threaten to inundate an

economic mainstay that generates \$200 million in annual sales. These new woes follow struggles in recent years against competition from Asian imports and high feed prices.

Mississippi is the leading US producer of farm-raised catfish, followed by Alabama and Arkansas. Catfish is Mississippi’s seventh largest commodity. But numerous challenges, including competition from catfish-like species called basa and tra imported from Vietnam and the high cost of feed, have led some catfish producers to fill their catfish ponds and grow row crops. Catfish farmers say Asian growers produce a cheaper product by using chemicals that have been banned in the United States.—*Internet*



A guide introduces submachineguns exhibited to visitors at the Beijing Small Arms Museum in a shooting rang in Beijing, China, on 8 May, 2011. The small arms museum is set to officially open to the public in the next few days, showcasing weapons made in home and abroad.

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File photo shows A woman walks past a globe exhibition about combatting global warming and climate change in Copenhagen in 2009.
INTERNET

Global resource consumption to triple by 2050

UNITED NATIONS, 13 May—Global consumption of natural resources could almost triple to 140 billion tons a year by 2050 unless nations take drastic steps, the United Nations warned Thursday.

A UN environment panel said the world cannot sustain the tearaway rate of use of minerals, ores and fossil and plant fuels. It called on governments to “decouple” economic growth from natural resource consumption.

With the world population expected to hit 9.3 billion by 2050 and developing nations becoming more prosperous, the report warned “the prospect of much higher resource consumption levels is far beyond what is likely sustainable.”

A UN Environment Programme (UNEP) panel said the world is already running out of cheap and quality sources of some essential materials such as oil, copper and gold, which in turn need rising volumes of fuel and water to produce.—*Internet*

Dangerous consumer products reported in EU markets up 13%

BRUSSELS, 13 May—The number of dangerous consumer products reported in European Union markets rose significantly in 2010 compared with the previous year, says an EU report on product safety released on Thursday.

According to the report, the number of notifications distributed through the RAPEX system rose from 1,993 in 2009 to 2,244 in 2010, an increase of 13 percent.

Clothing, textiles and fashion items were the most notified product category in 2010, while toys were second, the report said.

The report attributed the rise to increased awareness, greater market surveillance, and better training to spot problems.

Xinhua

Arctic countries to strengthen rescue operation



A plane takes off from an ice runway near the Applied Physics Lab Ice Station to return to Prudhoe Bay in the Arctic north of Alaska on 18 March, 2011.—INTERNET

COPENHAGEN, 13 May—Arctic states signed a unprecedented agreement Thursday in Greenland to improve search and rescue operations in the north polar circle, Danish press reported.

In inking the first-ever legally-binding pact of the Arctic Council, top diplomats from the forum's eight

members said it would enable better coordination in responding to future accidents.

“Denmark is very satisfied with the result of the ministerial meeting in Nuuk,” said Danish Foreign Minister Lene Espersen, co-host of Thursday's Seventh Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting held in the Greenlandic capital.

“The Search and Rescue Agreement is ground-breaking, as it is the first legally binding agreement negotiated under the auspices of the Arctic Council and an important step towards safe shipping in the Arctic,” she said in a statement.

Established in 1996, Arctic Council groups Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States. Denmark represents its two dependencies — Greenland and Faroe Island — at the forum.—*Xinhua*

Malaysia unveils plan for \$20 billion oil complex

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 May—Malaysia's national oil company Petronas on Friday unveiled plans for an ambitious \$20 billion oil refinery and petrochemicals complex in a southern state bordering Singapore as part of its energy processing expansion.

Petronas Chief Executive Shamsul Azhar Abbas said the project, which will be undertaken with foreign partners, could turn Johor state into an energy trading centre and bolster Malaysia's long-term economic growth.

He said the project, which will be completed by late 2016, would not compete but rather complement Singapore, which is Asia's largest oil trading and storage centre but lacks resources for further expansion. He said Petronas is no longer keen to just sell oil and gas in their raw forms but venturing into producing end products for export to Asia.—*Internet*

Over a billion tonnes of food wasted every year

ROME, 13 May—Around a third of the food produced in the world every year — around 1.3 billion tons — gets lost or wasted, the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization said on Wednesday.

“Given the limited availability of natural resources it is more effective to reduce food losses than increase food production in order to feed a growing world population,” the FAO said in a report.

FAO said the amount of food lost or wasted every year is equivalent to more than half of the world's annual cereals crop. Some 925 million people around the world suffer from hunger.

The report said that



A box of food scraps in San Francisco, California.—INTERNET

the problem in the developing world was mainly food losses — through, for example, crop failures and poor infrastructure.

In industrialized countries, the issue is more about “retailers and consumers throwing perfectly edible foodstuffs into the trash.”

The report found that in Europe and North America consumers wasted between 95 and 115 kilogrammes (209 and 253 pounds) of food every year. The report found that in the retail industry there was an “over-emphasis on appearance”.

Internet



Li Yuanchao (R), head of the Organization Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, shakes hands with Hiromasa Yonekura, head of a visiting delegation of the Japan Business Federation, in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 May, 2011.—XINHUA

China vows to enhance cooperation with quake-hit Japan

BEIJING, 13 May—A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Thursday voiced willingness to promote exchanges and cooperation with Japan across all fields.

China is ready to make concerted efforts with Japan to cement a friendship between the people's of the two countries and enrich a strategic relationship of mutual benefit, Li Yuanchao, head of the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee, told a delegation of the Japan Business Federation visiting Beijing.

“Economic and trade cooperation serves as an important pillar of Sino-Japanese relations,” Li said, hailing the active role played by the Japan Business Federation in promoting bilateral ties.

The federation groups most of Japan's leading companies, industrial associations and regional economic organizations.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (024)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (024) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P. 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.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV COLTAN VOY NO (009) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Yoshihiko Takano (R), professor of Japan's National Institute for Material Science and researcher Keita Deguchi display a superconductive metal compound, which is seven times higher when dipped in red wine than for ethanol or water at his laboratory in Tsukuba city, suburban Tokyo.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (129)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (129) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(1) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
HOLIDAY NOTICE**

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 17th MAY 2011 (Full Moon Of Kason Day) Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

**Red wine offers clue
to superconductive future**

TSUKUBA, 13 May—Japanese scientists at a boozy office party stumbled across a discovery they hope will help revolutionise efficient energy transmission one day: red wine makes a metal compound superconductive.

The researchers plan to showcase their surprise findings later this year, the 100th anniversary of the discovery of the phenomenon of superconductivity, the zero-loss flow of electricity through certain materials. The "eureka" moment came when National Institute for Materials Science researchers found that an iron-based compound became superconductive after being soaked in alcoholic drinks such as beer, wine and sake.

Red wine was the hands-down winner in producing the desired physical effect, although no-one is quite clear yet on how exactly it worked, said researchers at the institute in Tsukuba, east of Tokyo.

The ratio at which compounds became superconductive was seven times higher when dipped in red wine than for ethanol or water. It was four times higher for white wine and three times higher for beer, sake and whisky.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (385)**

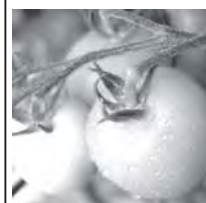
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Tomato is the most Googled fruit

The tomato is the UK's most Googled fruit. INTERNET

LONDON, 13 May — The tomato is the UK's most Googled fruit, according to new research. People are twice as likely to Google tomatoes as apples, which is the second most common searched-for fruit.

The review, by the World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF), found Google lists 53.6 million web pages mentioning tomatoes. Bananas and peaches are in joint third place on the Google search, followed by oranges.

As well as the UK, tomatoes also come out

top in the US, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Apples rank second in all of these countries except New Zealand, where peaches are the second most favourite fruit. The research was carried out to mark Fruity Friday, which aims to encourage people to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Teresa Nightingale, general manager for the WCRF, said: "I have always thought of apples, oranges and bananas as the most popular fruits, so I was surprised to see them all beaten by the tomato, especially as many people actually think of tomatoes as a vegetable. "But although we tend to cook tomatoes in our evening meals or in savoury dishes, this doesn't change the fact that the tomato is a fruit."

Internet

Nissan reports profit, plans to increase US deals

TOKYO, 13 May—Nissan is hoping to steal US sales from its Japanese rivals, who have been harder hit by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

In a memo sent Thursday to dealers, Nissan North America Vice President Al Castignetti said Nissan is in a "much healthier position" than Toyota Motor Corp and Honda Motor Co in terms of US inventory. That's because its factories in Japan and North America have recovered more quickly from damage and supply shortages. The automaker plans to offer more aggressive incentive deals toward the end of May to capture customers.

"We have the opportunity to collectively 'rev the Nissan engine' and grow market share beginning this



Nissan President and CEO Carlos Ghosn speaks during a Press Conference in the automaker's headquarters in Yokohama, Japan, on 12 May, 2011. Nissan says it rounded out a record year for car sales by returning to the profit in the fiscal fourth quarter after a loss the year before. Nissan Motor Co., allied with Renault SA of France, reported a 30.77 billion yen (\$380 million) profit for January-March.

month," Castignetti wrote in the memo.

Internet

Japan recalls tea over radiation fears

TOKYO, 13 May—Japan has detected radiation above the legal limit in tea grown southwest of Tokyo and blamed it on the stricken Fukushima nuclear plant northeast of the capital, officials said on Thursday.

Kanagawa prefecture has started a recall of the tea after measuring about 570 becquerel of caesium per kilogramme in leaves grown in the city of Minamiashigara, prefectural officials said. The legal limit is 500 Bq/kg.

The prefecture has asked the city and its agricultural cooperative to recall the tea and stop its sale for now, although the caesium was at a level unlikely to affect human health, the prefecture said.

"It was the first detection of radiation above the legal limit in farm products grown in our prefecture," said Hideto Funahashi,

of the Kanagawa agricultural bureau. "We have not specified the source of the radiation, but we cannot imagine any other than the nuclear power plant."

The Fukushima Daiichi plant, located some 220 kilometres (135 miles) northeast of Tokyo and 280 kilometres from Minamiashigara, was crippled by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami.

It has since leaked radiation into the air, ground and ocean, and engineers say it will take at least another half a year to stabilize it. The central government has imposed a ban on a range of vegetables and dairy produce from parts of Fukushima prefecture and several neighbouring regions and banned fishing in the vicinity of the plant.

MNA/AFP/CNA

Aussie Rules player sent off for "dangerous haircut"

An Australian Rules footballer sporting a spiky mohawk was sent off for having a dangerous haircut in a minor league match near Melbourne last weekend.

Nathan Van Someren was shown a yellow card during the third quarter of his team Simpson's game against Otway Districts in the Colac and District Football League.

"Before the game the umpire said that I could not play with my hair like that. He told me it was dangerous," Van Someren told the Geelong Advertiser.

"We all thought that he was taking the mickey out of me. A few umpires have made jokes about my hair before, so I didn't think any more of it. "I played a bit in the first and second quarters and then I was yellow carded."

Van Someren, 25, said he had no intention of changing his hairstyle and league officials later ruled he should not have been punished. "The Colac umpires have... acknowledged that it was an incorrect interpretation of the rule that really refers to prohibited items," Gerard Ryan, local umpiring chief, told the *Warrnambool Standard*.

iPhone GPS aids in capture of car theft suspect

Police say an iPhone left in a stolen truck is how officers were able to capture a burglar suspected of multiple auto break-ins in Colorado Springs.

Officials at the El Paso County Sheriff's office said 29-year-old Joshua Mitzelfelt allegedly stole a truck left unattended and running in a driveway Tuesday morning. The

owner's iPhone was on the front seat.

The truck's owner began tracking his vehicle's location through a website monitoring the phone's GPS application while updating sheriff dispatchers. Officers spotted the truck about seven miles from the owner's residence and arrested the driver.

Police were able to

link items found in the vehicle to other burglaries in the area. Mitzelfelt has been charged with possession of a controlled substance, second degree aggravated motor vehicle theft and first degree burglary.

News Album

Buried alive! How not to have fun on a Florida beach

Burying yourself in the sand is a fun sport for many beach-goers, but one teenage Austrian Olympic swimmer managed to bury himself alive in Florida.

It took 60 rescuers including cave-in specialists nearly two hours to dig out 19-year-old Jakub Maly. They used boards to shore up the sides of the seven-foot (two-metre) trench he

had dug and which collapsed over his head after he jumped in.

Maly, who competed in the 2010 Youth Olympics in Singapore and is now on the Austrian Olympic swimming squad, was given an oxygen mask to help him breathe during the dramatic rescue on Sunday evening at Pompano Beach, Florida.

He spent a night in

hospital before flying back to his home in Austria where he was recovering. "He is an Olympic swimmer so I suppose he digs Olympic size holes," Pompano Beach Fire and Rescue spokeswoman Sandra King told *Reuters* on Tuesday. "You could have fit a Volkswagen in that trench."

Maly and a dozen members from his

Austrian swimming team had been taking a day off from three weeks of training and competition when he excavated the enormous hole for fun.

When the sand collapsed over him after he jumped in, his teammates quickly cleared the sand from around his head and mouth so he could breathe, but could not pull him out.



Swiss adventurer, Yves Rossy, dubbed "JetMan" will try to fly over the Grand Canyon on Friday in a US first, three years after he flew into the record books by crossing the Channel between Britain and France.



Voice actors Angelina Jolie and Jack Black pose during a photocall for the animated film "Kung Fu Panda 2" during the Cannes Film Festival on 12 May, 2011. XINHUA

Designer Galliano to face French trial in June

PARIS, 13 May—Former Dior designer John Galliano will go on trial on 22 June on charges that he made racist insults, accusations that rocked the fashion world and cost him his coveted job.

Galliano's downfall began in February when he was detained in a

drunken state and questioned about accusations that he hurled anti-Semitic insults at a couple in a Parisian cafe. The couple filed a legal complaint, and another woman then accused him of similar insults.

The Paris court

announced the trial date Thursday. Prosecutors have said Galliano could face up to six months in prison and (EU-RO)22,500 (\$31,000) in fines, if convicted of "public insults based on origin, religious affiliation, race or ethnicity."—*Internet*



Fashion designer John Galliano

Will Ferrell gets top US award for humour

NEW YORK, 13 May—Will Ferrell, whose comic impersonations and movie roles have established him as one of the most well-known US humourists, is to receive the annual Mark Twain prize for American Humour.

Ferrell will receive one of the nation's highest honours in the world of comedy on 23 October at a special presentation night held at the Kennedy Centre Concert Hall in Washington DC, the Kennedy Centre said on Thursday.

Ferrell, 43, first established himself in the world of comedy along with many top US comedians before him on the sketch comedy show *Saturday Night Live*. Last year's recipient of the Twain prize, Tina Fey, also worked



Actor Will Ferrell

on the programme. Besides starring in numerous movies from "Talladega Nights" to "Step Brothers" and "Blades of Glory", Ferrell co-founded the comedy website *Funny or Die* in 2007 and made his Broadway debut in 2009 with a one-man satire impersonating former President George W. Bush.—*Reuters*

No charges for rocker Doherty over party death

LONDON, 13 May—British musician Pete Doherty, best known as a member of Babyshambles and The Libertines, will not face charges over the death of an actor at a party in 2006, prosecutors said Thursday.

Mark Blanco, 30, died after plunging from a balcony at a flat in Whitechapel in east London.

After examining the case in detail, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said there was insufficient evidence to charge any individual with either murder or manslaughter.

Blanco was involved in a confrontation with Doherty, his minder Johnny Jeanneval and a friend Paul Roundhill at the party shortly before his death, investigations have shown.

All three have denied any



British singer Pete Doherty

wrongdoing and an inquest and police reports have failed to establish the circumstances which led to the death.

Jeremy Hopkins, head of the CPS London Complex Casework Unit, said none of the evidence available was capable of establishing that Blanco was thrown or pushed from the balcony or that any other individual was present when he fell.—*Reuters*

Captain Terry tells Chelsea to 'splash the cash'



Chelsea captain John Terry

LONDON, 13 May—Chelsea captain John Terry has said the Blues must spend again on new players during the close season if they are to regain the Premier League title from Manchester United. The Blues 2-1 defeat by United last weekend left Sir Alex Ferguson's side needing just one point from their final two games to secure a record 19th English title.

Chelsea, bankrolled by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, spent £50 million signing striker Fernando Torres from Liverpool and £25m on centre-back David

Luiz during the January transfer window. But the London club, who won the domestic double last season under Carlo Ancelotti, are set to end this campaign without a trophy after losing in the FA Cup to Everton and being knocked out of the Champions League by United.

"I always think we should strengthen all over the pitch (in the summer)," England skipper Terry told Chelsea TV. I look back when Jose Mourinho was here — we had a very big squad and great players who could come in, but then that brings financial problems to the club and players become unhappy." — *Internet*

No place for Ballack in Germany squad

BERLIN, 13 May—Michael Ballack's international exile continues after he was left out of the 23-man Germany squad announced on Thursday for the friendly against Uruguay and next month's Euro 2012 qualifiers. The 34-year-old has not now played for Germany since March 2010 after suffering back-to-back injuries last year and he has struggled to get a regular place in the Bayer Leverkusen team since making his return in January.

He has been left out of the Germany squad to face Uruguay on 29 May in Sinsheim before the Group A leaders take on Austria, on 3 June, and Azerbaijan, on 7 June, in Vienna and Baku respectively in Euro 2012 qualifiers. "Michael has not been nominated for the next three internationals," confirmed coach Joachim Loew in a statement. "The decision has been discussed with him." — *Internet*

Stoke boss Pulis aims for revenge over City



Stoke City's Manager Tony Pulis

LONDON, 13 May —Tony Pulis finally completed his arduous journey from outcast to saviour at Stoke City by leading his unfashionable club to their first FA Cup final and now he has unfinished business with Manchester City at Wembley on Saturday.

When Pulis returned for his second spell in charge of Stoke in June 2006,

his appointment was greeted with disdain by a fanbase with bad memories of their manager's first stint at the Britannia Stadium.

Pulis had been unsuccessful and unpopular during that three-year reign and the 53-year-old now admits at least 90 percent of Stoke supporters were against chairman Peter Coates' decision to bring him back.

Fortunately for Pulis, his chairman and Stoke's long-suffering fans, it proved an inspired move and the club will enjoy the biggest day in its 148-year history when he leads the team out for the Cup final against City's collection of mega-money signings.

— *Internet*

Federer stunned by Gasquet, Nadal shrugs off fever in Rome tennis

ROME, 13 May—Roger Federer's French Open problems piled up on Thursday when he was dumped out of the Rome Masters by Richard Gasquet but world number one Rafael Nadal shook off a fever to make the quarter-finals.

World number three Federer went down 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/4) in the third round to Frenchman Gasquet, a worrying setback less just 10 days before the start of Roland Garros, the second Grand Slam of the season.

Nadal, the defending

French Open champion, quickly put behind him what he described as his worst clay performance in memory on Wednesday to streak into the quarter-finals with a 6-4, 6-2 win over compatriot Feliciano Lopez.

World number two

Novak Djokovic took his unbeaten run at the start of this season to 34 matches as he strolled past Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka 6-4, 6-1 while world number four Andy Murray saw off Italian Potito Starace 6-2, 6-3. — *Internet*



Mancini waits on Tevez ahead of FA Cup final

MANCHESTER, 13 May —Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini will wait until Saturday, just hours before kick-off, to decide whether Carlos Tevez is fit to start in the FA Cup final. But the Italian manager has cleared Gareth Barry to face Stoke.



Manchester City's Argentinian forward Carlos Tevez

Tevez, City's captain, put himself in the frame for Wembley by playing the last seven minutes of Tuesday's victory over Tottenham, which secured Champions League football for the Eastlands club, to make his long-awaited comeback from a torn hamstring.

Mancini remains cautious over going in with the Argentina striker, whose last start came against Liverpool a month ago, right from the start but plans to give him every opportunity to prove his fitness.

— *Internet*

Nick Watney opens with a 64 as Woods exits early

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 13 May—Phil Mickelson hit a shot onto the green and it rolled into the water. Ben Crane hit a shot over an island and it wound up on dry land. Tiger Woods played the shortest tournament of his career.

Even on a relatively calm day, there's no predicting what might happen at The Players Championship. The strangest sight of all Thursday was Woods, limping off the ninth green and heading to the parking lot, but not before making a detour to a fitness trailer with a sign painted on the side that said, "Is knee pain holding you back?"

Nine holes into this first tournament since the Masters — where Woods said he had a "minor injury" to his left knee and Achilles — he couldn't go on. He withdrew after a 42 on the front nine, his highest 9-hole score ever at the TPC Sawgrass.



Nick Watney

"I'm having a hard time walking," he said. Nick Watney and so many others made it look easy, even though it rarely is on this crazy course.

One week after he missed the cut for the first time in nearly a year, Watney opened with an 8-under 64 for a one-shot lead over Lucas Glover. Not only was it Watney's best score at Sawgrass by four shots, he had a double bogey early in his round. — *Internet*

Casillas salutes Spanish champions Barcelona



Real Madrid's goalkeeper and captain Iker Casillas

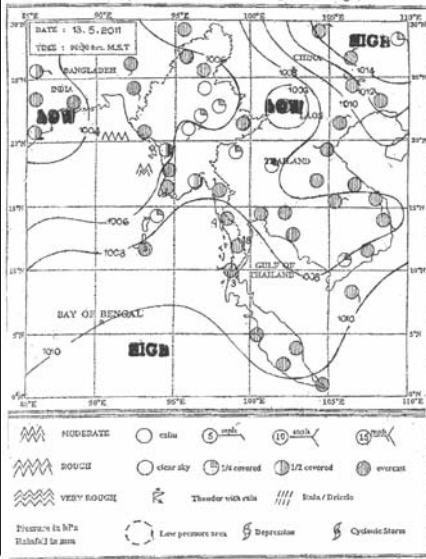
MADRID, 13 May—Real Madrid captain Iker Casillas on Thursday congratulated his club's arch-rivals Barcelona after the Catalan side secured their 21st Spanish league title. "I congratulate Barcelona, they have played a very good, very serious championship," said the Spain goalkeeper during the presentation of his new official website and

Facebook page.

"I congratulate them, on behalf of myself and Real Madrid, as they showed themselves to be very respectful when we won the King's Cup (by beating Barcelona 1-0) a few days ago." Casillas also sought to diffuse the tension that had built up between the two teams during the four hard-fought 'clasicos' that they contested with each other in recent weeks.

"After 20 days of such confrontations with Barcelona, it's normal that there was tension but we have to forget that and turn the page," said Casillas, who won the World Cup with Spain alongside several Barca players last year. The Real goalkeeper added that he would be supporting "football" when Barca meet Manchester United in the Champions League final at Wembley in London on 28 May. — *Internet*

France's Richard Gasquet (L) shakes hands with Switzerland's Roger Federer after winning their ATP Rome Open tennis tournament match at the Foro Italico in Rome. — INTERNET

WEATHER**Friday, 13th May, 2011***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Mon State, isolated in Mandalay Region, Kachin, Shan and Kayin States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Shan States, (3°C) below May average temperatures in Taninthayi Region and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chauk (45°C), Magway and Gangaw (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.70) inch, Paung (0.64) inch and Hsipaw (0.51) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 12-5-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 13-5-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-5-2011 was (72%). Rainfall on 13-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 12-5-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 13-5-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-5-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 13-5-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 13-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (10.79) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (15.00)

inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (8) mph from Southeast at (10:30) hours MST on 12-5-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and partly cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 14th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Mon State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery condition in Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14th May 2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for May 2nd Weekend: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Yangon Region and isolated in Mandalay Region.

China International Sport Show opens in SW China

CHENGDU, 13 May—China International Sport Show, the largest exhibition of sporting goods in Asia Pacific, opened Friday in Chengdu, capital city of southwest China's Sichuan Province. The show, inaugurated in 1993 and coming into its 28th edition (two editions a year since 2002), features a record 1,041 international and domestic sporting goods enterprises. They are displayed in six sections - sportswear, outdoor, tennis and badminton, ball games, gym and sports venue facilities.

It is a huge improvement on the inaugural show held in Xi'an in 1993, when about 100 enterprises took part.

Xinhua



New Zealand's Auckland Blues
Stephen Brett controls the ball against Australia's Queensland Reds' their Super rugby match in Brisbane on 13 May, 2011.
 INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (14-5-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (14-5-11 09:30 am ~ 15-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * From Bilateral Cooperation to Mutual Prosperity
- * News
- * Buddha's Foot Print
- * News
- * Record Album
- * Ceremony in Honour of 2009 Academy Award Winners
- * News
- * Five Treasures in the Ancient City of Mrauk-U

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- * News
- * Spotlight On the Star "Tin Tin Nyo, Her Life & Her Movies" (Part-1)
- * News
- * Modernized Myanmar Fashion Designs
- * The Legacy of Painting
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * South Okkalapa Pagoda
- * Myanmar Movie "Love Be Win"

**Saturday,****14 May****View on today**

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News

- 7:40 am**
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:05 am**
7. Poem Garden
- 8:15 am**
8. Musical Programme
- 8:25 am**
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am**
10. International News
- 8:35 am**
11. Teleplay (Heath)
- 8:45 am**
12. Local Talent
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme

- 11:10 am**
3. Game For Children
- 11:50 am**
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 1:20 pm**
5. Yan Can Cook
- 1:45 pm**
6. TV Drama Series
- 2:45 pm**
7. Teleplay (Forest)
- 3:30 pm**
1. AFC President's Cup (2011) (Delay) (FC Istiklol (TJK) & Jabal Al Mukaber Club (PAL))
- 5:00 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 5:10 pm**
3. International Science News

- 5:20 pm**
4. Documentary
- 5:30 pm**
5. Game For Children
- 6:00 pm**
6. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
7. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
8. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm**
9. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm**
10. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
11. News
12. International News
13. Weather Report
14. Cartoon Series
15. TV Drama Series
16. Gitadagalae Phwinfbaoahn

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Judges and legal staff always to work for ensuring the rule of law in accord with provisions of the constitution

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Judges and legal staff are always to work for ensuring the rule of law. And they need to do so in accord with the provisions of the constitution and legal procedures, said Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo at the first coordination meeting of the Supreme Court of the Union, Chief Justices of Region and State High Courts and Region and

State heads of law offices held at the Union Supreme Court here this morning. The Union chief justice added that in performing their duties, they need to decide in accord with law, give their verdicts correctly and promptly, show their honesty and protect their dignity and be free from bribery and corruption.

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Talks on five characteristics for village libraries given

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Talks on five characteristics for village libraries were held at Pyinnya Alin Library in Hsonekwe village in Lashio Township, Lashio District of Shan State (North) on 11 May. Next, officials held coordination meeting on ensuring a plot for construction of a village library that will be built with the contribution of the State in 2011-12 fiscal year.

They also toured Konnyo village to coordinate matters for construction of a self-reliant village library.—MNA

Pansodan-Dalla Ferry Line transports over 30,000 commuters daily

Byline: Chit Win Myat



Hti Hlaing Shin Ferry plying between Pansodan and Dalla.

Ferries of Pansodan-Dalla Ferry Line handle more than 30,000 passengers a day plying between Yangon and Dalla in the Yangon River, which is the main entrance to Yangon for dwellers of the Delta. Since Kyansittha Ferry was salvaged, the four ferries have been plying

in turn between the two banks. A staff member from the Inland Water Transport said that taking a ferry, a commuter from on Dalla side could get to downtown Yangon in five to 10 minutes; that vehicles from Pyapon, Dedaye, Twantay, Kungyangon, Kawhmu, Bogale and Mawgyun

townships terminated in Dalla; that if a passenger took a ferry from Dalla bus termination, he would reach Yangon, and the ferry fare was 10 kyats; that if a commuter chose the route to Yangon through Dagon Ayeya Bus Terminal and Hlinethaya Township, (See page 9)

Japanese satellite declared dead in orbit



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China vows to enhance cooperation with quake-hit Japan



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