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President U Thein Sein felicitates South African counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—On the occasion of the Freedom Day of the Republic of South Africa which falls on 27 April 2012, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa.

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True patriotism

- * It is very important for every one 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.

President U Thein Sein receives Japanese Deputy Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, met Deputy Prime Minister of Japan Mr Katsuya Okada, at Hotel New Otani in Tokyo, at 6.30 pm on 22 April.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe

Thein, U Hla Tun, U Tin Naing Thein and U Win Myint and departmental officials.

At the meeting, both sides discussed matters

related to further cooperation between Myanmar and Japan and Japan's assistance in Myanmar's development process.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets Deputy Prime Minister of Japan Mr Katsuya Okada, at Hotel New Otani in Tokyo.—MNA



President U Thein Sein visits TEPCO Kawasaki gas-fired power plant, J Power, Isogo thermal power plant, pays homage to Kamakura Buddha Image

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and party on 22 April morning visited Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)

Kawasaki gas-fired power plant, and thermal power plant of J Power, Isogo.

First, the President and party arrived at TEPCO Kawasaki natural gas-fired power plant at 9.30 am and

they were welcomed by the chairman of the company and officials. At the meeting hall, Chairman of the company Mr Katsumata extended greetings and the President

disclosed the visit to the power plant.

Next, the Myanmar delegation led by the President was conducted round the power plant. The TEPCO company is

supplying power to Tokyo and its environs. As the power coverage of the company is 10 percent (39527 kilometres) of Japan's area, it benefits 34 per cent (44 million) of the nation's

population. The power generation of the company is based on natural gas, coal and oil. To satisfy the power demand of the nation, the company built power plants (See page 8)



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein visits gas-fired TEPCO Kawasaki power plant.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Fulfill physical and emotional needs of infant through breastfeeding

A healthy start in life is the most precious gift one can make to a newborn child. A baby needs the physical closeness and warmth of its mother as much as it needs optimum nourishment.

For millions of years, babies have been breastfed. It's only natural. A mother's milk is ideal for her baby. It's the best. In fact, there is no substitute for mother's milk.

Poor infant feeding practices and their consequences are one of the world's major problems and a serious obstacle to social and economic development. In the first six months, the risk of morbidity and death from diarrhoea is respectively 15 and 25 times higher for children not receiving breastmilk, compared to those who have the immunological protection of an exclusively breastmilk diet.

While breastfeeding is making a remarkable comeback in the so-called developed countries, trends in developing countries are still dropping. Yet it is precisely in communities that breastmilk can make the difference between healthy growth and malnutrition, between life and death.

Today, very few people will deny that breastfeeding fulfills both physical and emotional needs of the infant. From theory to practice, however, is not always an easy step, especially not with the lingering heritage of artificial feeding practices.

As health workers including doctors, midwives, nurses and obstetricians are in daily contact with mothers and babies, they have a great influence on women's attitudes and decisions regarding infant feeding particularly during the critical first few days after the birth of a child. And they have a responsibility to protect and promote breastfeeding.

Union A&I Minister addresses ministry's annual coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing called for meeting goals in each project for the foundation of the country would become firm only when agro industry is developed in parallel with the national plans at annual coordination meeting of the ministry here in his office yesterday morning.

He also demanded timely drawing of comprehensive rules and regulations which exactly meet requirements of mother laws by departments concerned to enforce Farmland Laws and Vacant and Virsin Lands Laws prescribed by each Hluttaw.

The Union Minister urged the staff to review from various angles so as to obtain fundamental figures of the agro industry and accurate maps and to grant land law right.

In conclusion, he recognized the hard work of the staff of the whole ministry and encouraged them to pursue more success with added momentum. He also pointed out that respective departments have to work in concert to bring about socio-economic development of farmers. He wound up his speech with the call for unity among staff in each department of the ministry.—MNA

Sports information available through fax

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—The Sports Ministry announced that it has formed spokesperson team of the ministry to enable the public know its measures for promotion of sports standard of the nation, sports and public education information, and preparations for the XXVII SEA Games in real time. So, any journal willing to enquire about sports information can fax to 067-406027, 067-406026 describing its name on the fax paper.—MNA

Union Information and Culture Minister receives Italian delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received the visiting Italian delegation led by Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Giuliomaria Terzi Di Sant' Agata at his office here yesterday evening.

Also present at the call were Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sanda Khin, departmental heads of the Information Ministry and Culture Ministry, Italian Mayor of Turin Mr Piero Fassino, Italian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Paolo Andrea Betorelli and delegation members.

During the meeting, the two sides cordially discussed capacity building for cultural heritage preservation of Myanmar being undertaken with Italy's assistance under the aegis of the UNESCO, increased cooperation for preservation of Myanmar cultural heritage, training for human resources development of Myanmar, and further cooperation in cultural and information sectors.

Next, a press conference on capacity building for cultural heritage preservation undertaken with Italy's assistance under the aegis of the UNESCO was held at the assembly hall of the ministry, attended by correspondents from local and foreign news agencies



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and journalists from domestic journals.

Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department explained UNESCO's engagement in capacity building programmes for safeguarding cultural heritage in Myanmar carried out with the assistance of Italy and replied to the queries of local and foreign journalists.

UNESCO is supervising capacity building Programme for Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Myanmar with the aid of Italy. The programme covers three sections—the first

section is on-job training to draw management plan for safeguarding sites of cultural heritage in ancient Pyu cities and ancient Bagan city in need of urgent preservation. The on-job training includes renovation of brick and stone buildings, record making, and renovation of murals and concrete floral items.

The second section is cultural heritage data management system with the application of geography information system. It includes provision of equipment and software, training on data management technologies, capacity building course and GIS theoretical and practical

courses for three times.

The third section is policy and technological assistance to Myanmar in the process to nominate world heritage sites. It includes listing of national heritage sites, assistance in nomination and provision of other necessary assistances.

The Culture Ministry said capacity building programme for safeguarding cultural heritage in Myanmar being undertaken with the assistance of the UNESCO and Italy would contribute much to cultural heritage preservation works in Myanmar.

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Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department replies to queries asked by media persons related to capacity building programmes for safeguarding cultural heritage.—MNA

Union Health Minister receives guests from WHO, Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin received South East Asia Director of the World Health Organization Dr Samlee Plianbangchang and Resident representative Dr H.S.B Tennakoon and Professor Nicholas White of Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit and Dr Frank Smithuis of Thailand at his office yesterday separately.

During the meeting with the WHO South East Asia Director, the Union Minister exchanged experience on health care, implementation of disease prevention and treatment

campaign, and discussed future aid programmes, production of anti-venom and anti-rabies vaccine, anti-hepatitis "B" vaccine and vaccination campaigns programme, vaccination campaigns against malaria, TB and other communicable diseases and programmes for upgrading of labs.

The Union Minister and the Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit team exchanged experience on anti-malaria campaigns, research works, and drug resistance problems and discussed cooperation in HIV/AIDS, TB and other health care services.—MNA

Chinese Premier meets Polish President on bilateral ties

WARSAW, 26 April — Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski met here on Wednesday afternoon and pledged to deepen bilateral relations. Speaking highly of Poland's long history and splendid culture, Wen said Poland is a major nation in central and eastern Europe and also an important member of the European Union. China and Poland enjoy a traditional friendship and respect each other's development path, he said, adding that the two countries also boast sound development momentum in their ties and tremendous potential for bilateral cooperation.

China, he said, stands ready to work with Poland to further deepen the bilateral strategic partnership by

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (2nd L, front) inspects the guard of honour during a welcoming ceremony held for him by Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk (L front) in Warsaw, Poland, on 25 April, 2012. — XINHUA



earnestly carrying out their consensus in various areas such as politics, trade and economy and culture. A closer China-Poland relationship is not only in line with the fundamental interests of both sides but also conducive to the stable and healthy development of China-Europe ties, the premier said. For his part, Komorowski said the Polish people have a deep affection for the Chinese people and admire the

achievements China has made in its development. Noting that bilateral relations have developed steadily over the past years on the basis of mutual respect, he said the two sides can learn from each other as both of them are striving for national development.

Poland, the president said, is willing to push forward high-level contacts with China and enhance mutually beneficial cooperation so as

to bring more benefits to the two peoples. Meanwhile, Poland will play a positive role in reinforcing China's relations with central and eastern Europe and deepening the comprehensive strategic partnership between Europe and China, he said. Poland is the last leg of Wen's four-nation Europe tour. He has visited Iceland and Sweden and attended the opening ceremony of Hannover Fair in Germany. — Xinhua

Australian, S African dead in Indonesia plane crash

JAKARTA, 26 April — A South African pilot and his Australian passenger were killed when their Susi Air plane crashed in eastern Indonesia, officials said, in the airline's third fatal accident in a year. They were the only people on board the *Pilatus PC-6* aircraft, which was carrying the Australian photographer on a chartered flight, the airline's operations director Christian Strombeck told AFP on Thursday. "The pilot was

South African and the photographer was Australian. Both were killed," he said.

"The plane crashed on Wednesday at around 5:30 pm local time (0930 GMT), and the bodies were found at around 1:30 am on Thursday," he said. Another official had initially said the plane crashed at 1:30 am. "The *Pilatus PC-6* aircraft was flying in East Kalimantan to do some aerial photography when it

crashed," Strombeck added. The plane went down near a village in the Kutai Kartanegara District, Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman for the National Disaster Mitigation Agency, told AFP. "The aircraft crashed at the edge of a ravine," he said.

Susi Air is a small domestic airline that operates mostly Cessna Grand Caravan planes usually configured to carry 12 passengers and two pilots. It also operates a few smaller Pilatus aircraft. In November, one of the company's Cessna aircraft crashed while trying to land in Indonesia's remote Papua Region, killing a Spanish pilot. Another of its aircraft crashed in September in Papua province, killing an Australian and Slovakian pilot. The Indonesian archipelago of more than 17,000 islands relies on air transport to reach remote areas and has a poor aviation safety record.

Internet



This file photo shows a Susi Air Cessna C208B Grand Caravan aircraft, pictured at an airport in Jakarta, in 2011. A Susi Air Cessna aircraft on Thursday crashed in Indonesia's East Kalimantan Province killing two people, one of them an Australian. — INTERNET

US eyes easier access to China, Russia markets

SINGAPORE, 26 April — The Obama administration wants China to open its market further and is working to stop the application of a United States law on Russia in a bid to help American businesses compete there, US Trade Representative Ron Kirk said on Thursday. He added that President Barack Obama's administration is seeking to terminate application of the Jackson-Vanik amendment with respect to Russia so that American businesses "can compete on a level playing field in Russia or other members of the World Trade

Organization."

The Jackson-Vanik amendment regulates trade between the US and "non-market" economies that restrict emigration and other human rights. In a speech to business executives in Singapore, Kirk said "We firmly believe that China can contribute even more to global prosperity, if it opens its markets with the same dedication that has characterized its pursuit of entry into other countries' markets over the past 10 years."

On the planned Trans-

Pacific Partnership (TPP) pact on trade and investment which the US is promoting, Kirk called on governments to "make the tough choices necessary to achieve our ambitious goals."

"Ultimately, our success will not be judged on whether we can conclude an agreement per se; rather, success will be judged on whether the final TPP agreement actually meets the high standards we originally set out to achieve and bring about economic benefits for all our partner countries," he said. — Internet

Russia confirms new crew members for ISS

MOSCOW, 26 April — Russia's Cosmonaut Training Centre (CTC) confirmed on Wednesday the three new crew members scheduled to leave for the International Space Station (ISS) on 15 May. They are Russian cosmonauts Gennady Padalka and Sergei Revlin, and NASA astronaut Joseph Acaba.

The CTC also revealed the backup crew of Russians of Oleg Novitsky and Yevgeny Tarelkin and American Kevin Ford. Padalka told reporters the new crew would stay in orbit for 126 days. During their duty, the

crew would host two manned space vehicles and one cargo space ship. The cosmonauts would also conduct a spacewalk and 40 scientific experiments, he said.

Also on Wednesday, the ISS was raised by some 4.1 km to an average altitude of 395.3 km, in a bid to create favorable conditions for the upcoming docking on 15 May. The maneuver started at 16:13 Moscow time (1213 GMT) by the boosters of the ISS' European ATV supply spacecraft and lasted 972 seconds.

Xinhua

Briton accused in Iran missile scheme released from US custody

SAN ANTONIO, 26 April — A federal judge in Texas released British millionaire Christopher Tappin from custody on Wednesday, but ordered him to remain in the state while awaiting trial on

charges he attempted to sell missile parts to Iran.

US Magistrate Judge Robert Castaneda ordered Tappin to surrender his British passport after going through the security checkpoint at the El Paso airport for a flight to Houston, where he will live with one of his attorneys, officials in the US Attorney's office said. The judge urged Tappin to follow court rules that include monitoring of any e-mail and he stay within five minutes of his attorney's home in suburban Houston. He will wear an electronic monitor so officials can track his whereabouts, they said.

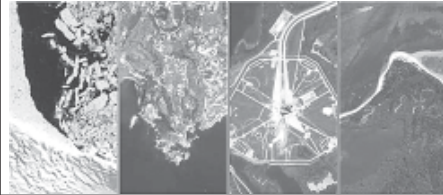
Tappin, 65, of Orpington, Kent, was required to put down \$50,000 cash to secure his \$1 million bail, the US Attorney's office said.

He is charged with attempting to buy 50 batteries for Hawk surface-to-air missiles and ship them to Iran. Tappin, who has pleaded not guilty, was extradited to the US in February following a lengthy legal battle. He faces up to 35 years in prison if convicted.

Reuters

These high-resolution photos include Ice sheet off the west of Adelaide Island and Kennedy Space Centre, United States.

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Kurdish rebels kill four Iran Guards

TEHRAN, 26 April — Kurdish rebels have killed four members of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards in the country's west, a provincial official told the *Mehr* news agency on Wednesday. The attack was carried out by members of the Party of Free Life of Kurdistan (PJAK) near the town of Paveh in Iran's Kermanshah Province on Tuesday evening, *Mehr* reported.

"Four members of the Guards were martyred and four others wounded in the cowardly act," Shahryar Heydari, the province's ranking security official, told *Mehr*.

Heydari said PJAK rebels also suffered casualties, but did not provide any details. The PJAK, labelled as "terrorists" by Teheran, has often clashed with Iranian forces, sparking retaliatory bombing of their rear bases in the mountainous border districts of neighbouring Iraq and Kurdistan.

The report on Wednesday was the first such account of a deadly conflict between Iranian forces and the Kurdish rebels since summer last year. In July 2010, the Islamic

republic's Guards launched a string of operations against the rebels and began shelling districts near the border with Iraq, killing dozens including the rebels' deputy commander.

Later in September, the Guards said they had forced the rebels out of northwestern Iran and killed more than 180 of them in a summer-long offensive.

Internet



A Kurdish rebel from PJAK (Party of Free Life of Kurdistan) inspects a crater left behind by an alleged Iranian artillery attack near a mountain encampment in Qandil in northern Iraq in 2008. Kurdish rebels have killed four members of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards in the country's west, a provincial official told the *Mehr* news agency on Wednesday. — INTERNET

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Google launches Street View in Israel



JERUSALEM, 26 April—Google has launched Street View in Israel, putting on show streets and sites of interest from the Holy Land's three major cities with its 360-degree street-level images, the US Internet giant said.

The imagery of "Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Jaffa and Haifa includes sites of interest such as the Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Armenian quarters of Jerusalem's Old City, the Via

Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Western Wall, Mount of Olives, old port of Jaffa, the Baha'i Gardens," a Google statement said.

Street View, which was launched in 2006, lets computer users view panoramic street scenes on Google Maps and take a virtual "walk" through cities such as New York, Paris or Hong Kong. Panoramic images are taken by cars equipped with special cameras which photograph an area

while driving through the streets.

The images are then processed in the US, where details such as faces and registration plates are automatically blurred before being published on Google Maps. In August, Israel's justice ministry gave Google the green light to start photographing the streets, but asked that Street View provide the public with a reliable way to request that further details be blurred after the images are published online.

Google said on Sunday that users would be able to ask for "additional blurring of themselves, their home or their car."

To the images available now at www.google.co.il/streetview Google will later add pictures of other cities and sites, including the Dead Sea, Nazareth, Tiberias, Acre and Eilat.—*Internet*

Evidence of historical tsunami found

NEA POTIDEA, (Greece), 26 April—Geological evidence suggests a tsunami described by the ancient historian Herodotus did indeed protect a Greek village from Persian invaders, scientists say.

Researchers from Aachen University in Germany said sediment on the northern Greek peninsula where the ancient village Potidea and the modern town of Nea Potidea are located shows signs of massive marine events such as large waves, evidence of tsunamis of the sort Herodotus said saved the village in 479 BC, the BBC reported.

Herodotus wrote of huge waves that killed hundreds of Persian soldiers during their siege of the village.

"Then there came upon them [the Persians] a great flood-tide of the sea, higher

than ever before, as the natives of the place say, though high tides come often," he wrote. "So those of them who could not swim perished, and those who could be slain by the men of Potidea who put out to them in boats."

The researchers said northern coastal regions should be included among the Greek regions prone to

tsunamis, although it is usually the southern coast of Greece that is identified as a risk area. "We have found several historic tsunamis on the coast," Aachen's Professor Klaus Reicherter said.

The researchers presented their findings at the annual conference of the Seismological Society of America in San Diego.—*Internet*



City heat could be beneficial for trees

NEW YORK, 26 April—Urban "heat islands," chronically elevated city heat levels, are driving some city trees to grow far better than their country cousins, US researchers say.

Scientists at Columbia University's Earth Institute said they found common native red oak seedlings grow as much as eight times faster in New York's Central Park than in more rural, cooler settings in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains. Since red oaks and their close relatives dominate areas ranging from northern Virginia to southern New England, the finding may have implications for changing climate and forest composition over a wide region, a Columbia

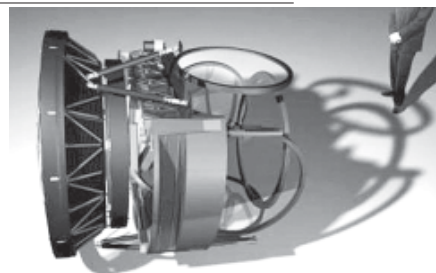
release said on Tuesday.

Urban "heat islands" are the result of solar energy being absorbed by pavement, buildings and other infrastructure, then radiated back into the air.

While the phenomenon is generally viewed as a threat to public health and a cause for concern, trees actually benefit, researchers say.

"Some organisms may thrive on urban conditions," Columbia tree physiologist Kevin Griffin said.

While a city's hot summer nights can be a trial for humans, they are a boon to trees, he said, allowing them to perform more of the chemical reactions needed for photosynthesis when the sun comes back up.—*Internet*



Proposed camera will be the world's largest digital camera.—INTERNET

incredible opportunity to design something so unique."

Having passed Critical Decision 1, the project will enter a detailed engineering design, schedule and budget phase, an SLAC release said on Tuesday.

If all continues as planned, construction of the telescope will begin in 2014. Preliminary work has started on LSST's 28-foot primary mirror and its final site atop Cerro Pachon in northern Chile.—*Internet*

World's largest camera get go-ahead

PALO ALTO, (Calif), 26 April—The world's largest digital camera, meant to make the deepest survey ever of night sky, has passed a critical milestone in its creation, US researchers say.

The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope camera—which will capture the widest, fastest and clearest view of the night sky ever observed—has received "Critical Decision 1" approval by the US Department of Energy to move into the next stage of the project.

The LSST camera will be roughly 5 feet by 10 feet, provide 3.5-degree field of view with an image surface diameter of just over 2 feet, providing an image resolution of approximately 3.2 billion pixels.

"With 189 sensors and over 3 tons of components that have to be packed into an extremely tight space, you can imagine this is a very complex instrument," said Nadine Kurita, the project manager for the LSST camera at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory. "But given the enormous challenges required to provide such a comprehensive view of the universe, it's been an

Skype debuts on PlayStation Vita game handsets

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 April—Skype has made its debut on PlayStation Vita, making its leading Internet video or voice calling service available on Sony's sophisticated videogame handset.

A Skype application for PS Vita devices began rolling

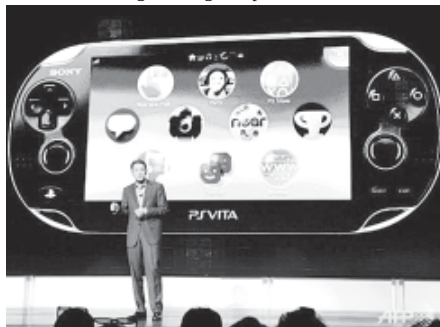
out to PlayStation Store in the United States on Tuesday and was due to become available for download in Europe and Asia on Wednesday.

The service includes free calls between Skype users along with video call capabilities that take

advantage of front- and rear-facing cameras on PS Vita handsets. Low rates are charged for other calls.

Sony's slick handheld videogame gadget hit major markets around the world in February as the Japanese entertainment titan bucked a trend towards play on smartphones.

Sony packed movies, music and the Internet into PS Vita handsets, along with what it called the "biggest and best launch lineup" of games in PlayStation history. Vita handsets that link to the Internet with Wi-Fi only were priced at \$250 in the United States, while models also capable of connecting to 3G telecom networks were priced at \$300. AT&T is the exclusive US carrier for Vita.—*Internet*



Giant asteroids hit earth more frequently than thought: research

WASHINGTON, 26 April—Research by international scientists concluded that giant asteroids, similar or larger than the one believed to have killed the dinosaurs, hit Earth billions of years ago with more frequency than previously thought, US space agency NASA announced Wednesday.

To cause the dinosaur extinction, the killer asteroid that impacted Earth 65 million years ago would have been almost six miles (10 kilometres) in diameter. By studying ancient rocks in Australia and using computer models, researchers estimate that approximately 70 asteroids the same size or larger impacted Earth 1.8 to 3.8 billion years ago. During the same period, approximately four similarly-sized objects hit the moon.

Evidence for these impacts on Earth comes from thin rock layers that contain debris of nearly spherical, sand-sized droplets called spherules. These millimeter-scale clues were formerly molten droplets ejected into space within the huge plumes created by mega-impacts on Earth. The hardened droplets then fell back to Earth, creating thin

but widespread sedimentary layers known as spherule beds. The new findings were published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*.

"The beds speak to an intense period of bombardment of Earth," said William Bottke, principal investigator of the impact study team at the Southwest Research Institute in Colorado. "Their source long has been a mystery."

The team's findings support the theory Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune formed in different orbits nearly 4.5 billion years ago, migrating to their current orbits about four billion years ago from the interplay of gravitational forces in the young solar system. This event triggered a solar system-wide bombardment of comets and asteroids called the "Late Heavy Bombardment."

In the paper, the team created a model of the ancient main asteroid belt and tracked what would have happened when the orbits of the giant planets changed. They discovered the innermost portion of the belt became destabilized and could have delivered numerous big impacts to Earth and the moon over long time periods.—*Internet*

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A HIV-positive girl plays during the celebration of Children's Day at International Human Foundation, Private Assistance Institution, in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 23 April, 2012. International Human Foundation serves approximately 100 HIV-positive children whose parents died from diseases related to human immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).—XINHUA

Dollar trade stays at lower level in early Tokyo market

TOKYO, 26 April—The US dollar trade stays at the lower 81-yen level early Wednesday in Tokyo market. At 9 am, the dollar fetched 81.40-45 yen against 81.27-37 yen in New York and 81.16-17 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Tuesday.

The euro changed hands at 1.3195-3197 US dollars and 107.40-44 yen versus 1.3193-3203 US dollars and 107.26-36 yen in New York and 1.3170-3171 US dollars and 106.89-93 yen in Tokyo late Tuesday afternoon.

Xinhua

Chinese researchers eye anti-AIDS gel

BEIJING, 26 April—Chinese researchers said Monday they have discovered an HIV-blocking agent that could be developed into a gel to limit the sexual transmission of AIDS.

Scientists from Hong Kong University said joint research with Shanghai Targetdrug Co, Nanjing University and City University of Hong Kong had discovered a molecule that blocks HIV from entering human cells.

Zhiwei Chen, director of the AIDS Institute of the University of Hong Kong Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, said the potency of the TD-0680 molecule against sexually transmitted HIV was "encouraging".

The new molecule could be developed into a microbicide gel to "prevent HIV sexual transmission" by killing off the virus as it tries to enter the body. This would give people, especially women, an "alternative method to protect themselves from the virus, in addition to condoms", Chen said. "The ideal solution is to develop an effective vaccine. Since such a vaccine remains elusive, we must explore



other strategies such as topical microbicide," he said. The TD-0680 molecule is several times more potent than Maraviroc, a Pfizer-developed equivalent which has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for clinical treatment, the Chinese scientists said. Unprotected sex accounts for more than 90 percent of AIDS infections in China, the researchers said in a statement. Their work was published recently in the peer-reviewed Journal of Biological Chemistry.—Internet

Asia's first Legoland to open in mid-september in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 April — Asia's first Legoland is set to open for business on Sept. 15 in Malaysia's southern state of Johor, bringing a new tourist attraction to the country. The 30.8-hectare theme park, located in Iskandar Malaysia, was 75 percent completed, said Siegfried Boerst, Legoland Malaysia General Manager.

He was quoted as saying by local media on Thursday that the contractors began work on theming the park last month and would begin installing the 50 million Legobricks and models next month. The Asia's first Legoland was scheduled to open by the end of this year, but Boerst said the theme park would be opened ahead of schedule by a couple of months, thanks to "the hardwork of all our contractors."

The official park's single-day tickets will

go on sale online later this month with a special introductory offer of 96 ringgit (31.4 US dollars) for adults and 70 ringgit (22.9 US dollars) for kids, and the operator will hold promotion on its website. Boerst said over 35,000 annual passes had been sold and 60 percent of the buyers were Malaysians. The annual passes, priced at 195 ringgit (63.8 US dollars) per adult and 150 ringgit (49 US dollars) per child, are valid until the end of 2013.

The park, with seven special themes namely Lego kingdom, imagination, land of adventure, lego technic, the beginning, lego city and miniland, is especially designed for families with children from two to 12 years of old. It will feature more than 40 interactive rides, shows and attractions when it opens.

Internet

Domestic industry sees marketable opportunities

BEIJING, 26 April—Leading Chinese industrial firms see this year's Hannover Messe as a great opportunity to showcase their innovations and new technologies, and are seeking chances to find overseas cooperation in sustainable development. As the partner country of the Messe, the world's major industrial and technology show, China has brought its latest achievement in new-energy vehicles and smart manufacturing, under the general theme of "Green and Intelligence".

"Low carbon economy and energy conservation are receiving increasing attention from consumers and manufacturers from all over the world, as these industries have experienced a smaller impact from the current global downturn," said Gu Chao, director-general of the exhibition administration office of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. Chinese firms in these areas "hope to improve technology exchange and cooperation with European counterparts to promote industrial sustainable development and achieve global economic recovery", he said.

The Hannover Messe, which runs from Monday to Friday, has attracted some 5,000 exhibitors from 69 countries and regions. Almost half of these exhibitors come from outside Germany, among which more than 500 came from China, promoting their latest products and technology in the Chinese Exhibition Hall.

They include Baiyun Electric Group, a Guangzhou-based business that specializes in operating electrical equipment, and CHINT Group, a Zhejiang company that provides engineering, procurement and construction services to transmission lines and power stations. China's First Automobile Works shows its plug-in hybrid electric car, the C131 PHEV, which reduces car emissions to almost zero.

FAW has set up joint ventures with international industrial leaders including Germany's Volkswagen, from which the State-owned automaker learned advanced technology, management and human resources skills, accelerating its entry to the international market and supporting the development of its local brand.

"By exhibiting their products at the world's biggest industrial fair, Chinese companies can find buyers for their latest products and seek more opportunities for trade and technical cooperation," said He Weiwen, co-director at the China-US-EU Study Centre of the China Association of International Trade.

Leading German technology businesses also expressed excitement, hoping the Messe will help them strengthen their presence in the Chinese market.—Xinhua



A man tries out the "ExoHand", a solution for future human-machine cooperation, at the Hannover Messe in Germany on Sunday.—XINHUA

Fewer bad debts, more saving help New Zealand bank profits rise

WELLINGTON, 26 April—New Zealand's registered banks reported combined profits of 3.3 billion NZ dollars (2.68 billion US dollars) last year, despite the fact that borrowing continued to slow, according to a survey out Tuesday.

The KPMG Financial Institutions Performance Survey (FIPS), which analyses the performance of New Zealand's registered banks, showed combined net profits after tax were the "highest seen in recent times" rising from 2.77 billion NZ dollars in 2010.

John Kensington, KPMG

head of financial services, said the "deleveraging trend" that began in 2010 showed "no clear sign of abatement" and could continue into 2013 and beyond.

The trend was driven by a softening of business confidence and concerns about slowing demand from China and Europe, said Kensington in a statement.

New Zealanders who had money available were not yet ready to spend and those without were reluctant to borrow, he said.

"For many, the global financial crisis was a wake-up call and people are now far

more concerned about their debt levels and less likely to increase borrowing."

New Zealand's saving record was woeful, so the deleveraging trend was the only positive outcome from the global financial crisis.

The results pointed to an improvement in asset quality with reductions in bad debts.

"Given the soft business confidence it is possible some industry sectors are struggling and, should conditions not improve, a deterioration of asset quality cannot be ruled out in the future," said Kensington.

Xinhua

Three test positive for avian flu in Taipei

TAIPEI, 26 April—Three poultry farm workers have been tested positive for the H5N2 avian influenza strain but none have displayed flu symptoms, Taipei's disease control authorities said.

They were among 141 people working at five poultry farms where the avian flu was discovered.

Tens of thousands of chickens in the farms have been culled since the outbreak of H5N2 in the past few months.

Medical experts believe the test results may well be a cross-reactivity since all the three persons had flu jabs last year, Xinhua news agency reported.

Cases of humans who tested positive for H5N2 while showing no health disorders were previously reported in South Africa and Japan between 1993 to 1995. Taipei authorities

confirmed the outbreak of H5N2 following sporadic reports in farms in central Taipei. The flu has so far affected chicken farms in Changhua, Tainan and Nantou.—MNA/Xinhua



Empire State Building about to lose status as tallest in NYC

NEW YORK, 26 April — One World Trade Centre, being built at the site of the fallen twin towers, could surpass the Empire State Building as the tallest building in New York as soon as next week, an official said on Tuesday. The iconic Empire State Building, built in 1931, was the city's tallest at a height of 1,545 feet to the tip of its broadcast antenna until 1972 when it was overtaken by the original World Trade Centre towers. It then regained the title after the 11

September, 2001 attacks, which destroyed the complex.

Construction started six years ago on the new World Trade Centre and now the skyscraper, formerly called the Freedom Tower, is poised to surpass the 102-story Empire State Building, Port Authority Executive Director Patrick Foye told reporters. "Weather permitting, we expect that we could exceed the height of the Empire State Building on Monday," Foye said. One World Trade Centre will stand at 1,776 feet to the tip of its

antenna when it is completed, possibly by late 2013.

The skyscraper, only 55 percent of which is leased, will be higher than the former twin towers, which were toppled in the 2001 attacks in which more than 3,000 people were killed. The north tower stood 1,727 feet including its antenna. Calling One World Trade Centre a "newer, taller cousin," the Empire State Building's spokesman in a statement said: "We've watched you grow and now we salute you." — Reuters



The Empire State Building (C) is seen in New York on 24 Aug. 2011. New York will mark the 10th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Centre with ceremonies on 11 September. —REUTERS



A competition for best moustache was held in Brussels, Belgium, on 22 April. — XINHUA

Indonesia tries to double tourist arrivals from China

JAKARTA, 26 April — Indonesia intends to double tourist arrivals from China by 2014 as bilateral relations have developed rapidly in recent years, Indonesia's Tourism Minister Mari Elka Pangestu has said. Indonesia would like to have more flights to China, with the aim of attracting 1 million tourists from the world's second largest economy by 2014, the minister told Xinhua ahead of a Chinese leader's visit to the country.

Li Changchun, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, is currently on a four-nation overseas tour.

The Chinese leader has visited Britain, Canada and Colombia and is expected to arrive in Indonesia on Thursday. The visit will last till Saturday. To attract more Chinese tourists, Indonesia's leading carrier PT Garuda Indonesia has opened an office in Beijing and is planning to provide daily Jakarta-Beijing flights. Pangestu, who is of Chinese origin, said the weakening global economy would not have a significant impact on the country's tourism industry as the government has diversified its market to emerging economies in Asia.

"We will see that Asia would not be significantly impacted

by the global economic crisis. We will boost our promotion to penetrate the market in Asia, such as China, South Korea, India and Russia." The tourism industry has been the third biggest revenue generator for Indonesia after energy and palm oil industries.

The number of tourists from China coming into Indonesia was around 470,000 in 2011, according to Indonesian official figures. Indonesia has been working hard to boost the competitiveness of its tourism industry that may become a new engine of economic growth.

Jakarta has asked the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to speed up implementation of a common visa for the 10-nation bloc in a bid to boost tourism. Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago country with 17,508 islands, boasts cultural and ethnic diversity, natural sights and historical heritage. The beauty and uniqueness of the island country attracted 7.65 million foreign holidaymakers last year, higher than the 7 million people in the previous year, according to the statistic agency. Pangestu said this year Indonesia is expecting 8 million foreign tourists and the number could reach 9.5 million in 2014. — Xinhua

World's largest solar plane to make first cross-continent flight

PAYERNE, 26 April — Swiss-made solar-powered plane "Solar Impulse," the largest of its kind in the world, will take its first-ever cross-continent flight in May or June, the company announced on Tuesday. The plane, co-piloted by Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg, will attempt for the first time to fly more than 2,500 kilometres, taking off in Payerne in western Switzerland, crossing the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean without using a drop of fuel, and finally landing in Morocco.

The exact date for taking off will be decided according to weather condition. Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg will take turns to fly the aircraft on its 48-hour journey, with a scheduled intermediate stopover near Madrid to change pilots. This long-duration flight will serve as a dress rehearsal for the round-the-world flight in 2014, and will allow the team to gather experience in cooperating with international airports, integrating the prototype into regular air traffic patterns, and managing the logistics of maintenance,

said Borschberg, co-founder and CEO of Solar Impulse.

"Solar Impulse," the first aircraft that can fly day and night without fuel or polluting emissions, has a wingspan of 63.4 metres, as wide as an Airbus A340, and weighs only 1,600 kg. It has 12,000 solar cells mounted on the wings, which provide momentum for its four electric motors. The plane took its first international flight from Switzerland to Brussels on 13 May, 2011, and marked its second international flight to Paris in June last year.

Xinhua



A man tries out a Canon Inc's new digital SLR camera EOS-1D X at a Canon showroom in Tokyo on 24 April, 2012. Canon Inc on Wednesday posted flat quarterly earnings but upped its full-year profit forecast, as burgeoning demand for higher-end digital cameras helped offset fewer sales of printers and office equipment. —INTERNET

Leftist rebel killed in S Philippine clash

DAVAO CITY, 26 April — Government troops clashed anew with leftist rebels in southern Philippines on Tuesday, leaving one insurgent dead, police said on Wednesday.

A 12-man team from the army's Scout Rangers Regiment Training School were conducting a test mission when they encountered four suspected New People's Army rebels near Bitaugan Village, San Miguel town, in Mindanao's Surigao del Sur Province at 11 am, according to Martin Gamba, spokesman of Caraga police regional office.

Gamba said in a statement that the soldiers recovered at the site of encounter the body of the slain rebel, an AK-47 assault rifle and an improvised Claymore landmine. "The operation was coordinated with the local police. A pursuit operation was now being conducted against the fleeing guerrillas," said the police official.

Xinhua

Boy awaiting heart transplant abducted from St Louis hospital

KANSAS CITY, 26 April — A child-abduction alert was issued on Tuesday in St Louis for a 5-year-old boy who police said was on a waiting list for a heart transplant and is believed to have been taken by his father.

Porter Stone was reported missing from Children's Hospital at 4:20 pm local time after his father, with whom he left, called the boy's mother to tell her "he was taking his son," said officer Sherri Bruns of the St Louis Police Department.

The couple reportedly has been embroiled in a custody dispute over the boy, she said. The boy was carrying a backpack with a medical intravenous pump and medication that will last 48 hours, Bruns said. He was at the hospital awaiting a transplant, she said, adding, "He is next on the list." — Reuters



2012 Volkswagen Group Night was held in Beijing, on 22 April. New cars of Audi, Porsche, Lamborghini and other brands were displayed in the Water Cube.

XINHUA

Union Ministers hold discussions

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, who accompanied President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on the State visit to Japan, held discussions with Vice President Mr. Yasuhiro Harayama of Suzuki Motor Corporation, Executive Vice President Mr. Saeki Akira of Tobacco International (JTI) at Hotel New Otani in Tokyo on 21 April.

At the meeting, they concentrated on matters relating to making investment, planting industries, sharing techniques for human resource development and

creating job prospects in Myanmar.

Similarly, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Deputy President Mr. Hiroshi Minoura of Sumitomo-Mitsui Banking Cooperation (SMBC) at Hotel New Otani on 23 April morning. The meeting focused on matters related to bilateral cooperation for development of Myanmar banking system, as well as now-doing for advancing private banks in Myanmar.

Likewise, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein on 21 April evening

met with Japanese Minister of Economics, Trade and Industry Mr. Yukio Edano and party. They discussed matters relating to official development aids from Japan to Myanmar, disbursing loans to Myanmar including mutual cooperation in doing businesses between the two countries.

On 22 April evening, Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein held discussion with Japanese Deputy Minister of Economics, Trade and Industry Mr. Hideichi Okada and NEDO party at Hotel New Otani, giving attention to matters relating to bilateral cooperation tasks for development of Yangon

City.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint on 21 April received Secretary General of Japan Heart Yoshiaki Usui and party. The meeting focused on matters relating to health care which are being given in Myanmar, and rural health care tasks to be worked together with the Ministry of Health.—MNA



Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun meets Deputy President Mr Hiroshi Minoura of Sumitomo-Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)—MNA



Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein meets Japanese Deputy Minister of Economics, Trade and Industry Mr Hideichi Okada and NEDO party.—MNA

Union FM felicitates South African International Relations and Cooperation Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—On the occasion of the Freedom Day of the Republic of South Africa which falls on 27 April 2012, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Maite M Nkoana-Mashabane, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa.—MNA

Safe and secure transportation essential for tourism industry development: Union Hotels and Tourism Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Road transport coordination meeting, with a view to ensuring smooth and secure transportation for foreign tourists in Myanmar, was held at the Sports Ministry here this morning, with an address by Chairman of Committee for Ensuring Smooth Entrance for Foreign Tourists Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said the committee was undertaking four-point work plans for systematic development of hotels and tourism industry, namely, systematic and smooth entrance and departure procedures for the foreign tourists, systematization of transportation vehicles for provision of smooth and convenient transport to passengers, high-standard of hotels and restaurants, further development and sustainability of tourist destinations.

The Union Minister called for taking measures for standardization of vehicles, passenger security and customer satisfaction over the services and reasonable prices, warning that lack of such infrastructure and attitude would harm the image of the nation and its people.

The Union Minister stressed the intention of the meeting as systematization of transportation vehicles to avoid such problems.

He called for foreign-tourist-service sign, fixed price tag, and phone numbers of information counter MTT to be hanged over on vehicles, powered schooners, and horse-carts.

Next, the Managing Director of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism service and personnel reported on arrangements for provision of vehicles, horse-carts in Bagan Region, and powered schooners at Ayeyawady Port, and Heho, and Nyaung Shwe ports.

Next, the deputy minister made supplementary report, followed by concluding remark of the Union Minister.

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UNHCR Resident Representative calls on Union I & P Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Resident Representative Mr Johannes Gerhard Ten Feld of the UNHCR paid a call on Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi at the latter's office here yesterday evening.

The two had a frank discussion on joint-programmes of the ministry and the UNHCR in northern Rakhine State and follow-up plans, progress in implementation of Moepwint plans, assistance of the UNHCR to be rendered in peace negotiations in Kayin State, laws and procedures on Myanmar citizenship and potential for further cooperation in the future.

Director-General U Maung Maung Than of Immigration and National



Registration Department, Head of Office U Than Naing Tun and personnel were also present at the call.

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Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi receives UNHCR Resident Representative Mr Johannes Gerhard Ten Feld.—MNA

20 militants killed in operations in Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 April—A total of 20 Taleban militants have been killed and 11 others detained during joint military operations within the past 24 hours across the country, the Afghan

Interior Ministry said Wednesday morning. "Afghan National Police (ANP), army, NDS or intelligence agency and Coalition Forces launched 15 joint cleanup operations

in Kabul, Kapisa, Helmand, Logar, Kandahar, Ghazni and Paktia provinces over the past 24 hours, killing 20 armed Taliban insurgents and detaining 11 other suspects," the ministry said

in a statement.

They also found and seized weapons besides defusing 11 anti-vehicle mines, the statement said without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

MNA/Xinhua



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein pays homage to Kamakura Buddha Image in Kamakura of Japan.
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President U Thein Sein visits TEPCO Kawasaki gas-fired power plant, J Power, Isogo thermal power...

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in eight different areas with the effective use of fuels.

Of the power plants, Kawasaki power plant is equipped with steam turbine and gas turbine and it recycled byproduct as fuel.

Next, the President and Union ministers asked queries and officials answered them.

Afterwards, the President and party proceeded to J Power, Isogo thermal power plant and they were welcomed by the



Company Chairman extends greetings to President U Thein Sein, at the meeting hall of TEPCO Kawasaki gas-fired power plant.—MNA



chairman of the company and officials. At the meeting hall, Chairman of the company Mr Hitamura extended greetings and the President disclosed the visit to the power plant.

Later, they were

President U Thein Sein explains the purpose of visiting J Power, Isogo thermal power plant.

MNA

conducted round the power plant by officials.

Being the power plant using coal, it is facilitated with advanced technology and contributes much toward environmental conservation. With over 70 power plants in different countries, the company has to purchase most of coal from Indonesia and Australia.

At the meeting hall of the power plant, the President and Union ministers asked queries and officials concerned answered them.

Afterwards, the President and party proceeded to Kamakura Buddha Image in Kamakura, and paid homage to the Buddha Image and made cash donations.

The 13.35 metre high Buddha Image was cast with bronze in 1252. It is kept at Kotokuin Temple. It is the second greatest of its kind while Todai Buddha Image kept at Todaiji Temple in Nara is the greatest.

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Photo shows J Power, Isogo thermal power plant.

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President U Thein Sein meets correspondents of Japanese News Agencies



President U Thein Sein gives an interview to correspondents from news agencies of Japan at Hotel New Otani in Tokyo.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with correspondents of Japanese News Agencies at Hotel New Otani in Tokyo on 23 April morning and answered queries raised by the correspondents.

Those News Agencies are Japan National Press Club, NHK Japan Broadcasting Corporation, Nippon Television, NEKKI Asia News Department, Kyodo News, The Yomiuri Shimbun and The Mainichi Newspaper.

Also present on the

occasion together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein and U Hla Tun, Myanmar Ambassador U Khin Maung Tin and officials.

The President answered queries over latest development in Myanmar politics, parliamentary matters, cooperation on common ground in the interest of the State and the

people setting aside the differences, salient points on the Constitution, Japan's assistance to Myanmar, cooperation with the international community, holding talks with national race armed groups for prevalence of peace in the nation and future works and matters on Dawei Deep Sea Port which were raised by the correspondents.—MNA

President U Thein Sein at Narita Airport in Tokyo before his departure for home.

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President U Thein Sein visits TEPCO Kawasaki natural gas-fired power plant. (News on Page-1)—MNA



President U Thein Sein at J Power, Isogo coal-fired power plant. (News on Page-1)—MNA

Industrialists to follow fixed period of electricity use

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—When there is an increased use of electricity and it cannot be generated to meet the consumer need, priority is given to supplying power to the public. So, industrial zones, factories and workshops are not allowed to use electricity between 5pm and 11 pm during which the public use electricity most. Moreover, steps have to be taken to supply power alternatively in the daytime when there is not enough electricity. However, some factories and workshops are found to have failed to follow the rules, causing difficulty in power supply. Therefore, according to the procedures of the Ministry of Electric Power No.2, the following actions will be taken against the illegal use of electricity:-

- (a) Power supply will be cut off together with a fine if the illegal use of electricity is found out for the first time.

- (b) Power supply will be cut off together with a fine for a month if the illegal use of electricity is found out for the second time.
 (c) Power supply will be cut off together with a fine for three months if the illegal use of electricity is found out for the third time.
 (d) If the illegal use of electricity is found out for the fourth time, a lawsuit will be filed against the offender at a police station and power supply will be cut off for good.

The Ministry of Electric Power No.2 has issued a notice that with the industrialists exactly following the fixed period of electricity use, it will facilitate smooth distribution of electricity.—MNA



President U Thein Sein receives Chairman of Graduate Institute of Policy Studies (GRIPS) Prof. Takashi Shirashi and party at Hotel New Otani of Japan. (News on page 16)—MNA



President U Thein Sein meets staff families of Myanmar mission and scholars in Tokyo. (News on page 16)

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 28th day

Messages put on record, MPs involved in discussions and clarifications made on bills

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Third regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for 28th day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here at 10 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 598 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At today's session, messages were put on record, MPs participated in discussions and clarifications on bills were made.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw recorded message on press release of Cambodian 1 April by-election monitors' group on behalf of the ASEAN Chairman, message on report on 20th ASEAN Summit and message on Japan's debt. They were sent by the President when the session was adjourned and were still to put on record.

U Kyaw Naing Htay of Intaw Constituency, U Myint

Myanmar, Malaysia to promote cooperation in science and technology

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili of Malaysia and party paid a call on Union Science and Technology Minister U Aye Myint at the latter's office this morning.

The two sides discussed development of competent human resources and

bilateral cooperation and science and technology.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo, the director-general of Industry and Vocational Education Department, the acting managing-director of Advanced Science and Technology Department and the rector of Mandalay University of Computer Studies.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister meets JICA resident representative and party

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received a delegation led by Resident Representative in Myanmar Mr. Masahiko Tanaka of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Director Mr. Akihito Sanjo of Economic Infrastructure Department of JICA (Headquarters) at the meeting hall of the office of Yangon Region government at 11:00 am today.

Both sides discussed matters related to bilateral cooperation in development of Yangon City.

Also present at the call were Yangon Mayor Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin and secretary of the region government U Than Aung.—MNA

Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency, U Shwe Maung of Buthidaung Constituency, U Ye Tun of Hsipaw Constituency, Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency, U Zung Hlei Thang of Chin State Constituency (2), U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency (9), U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency (5) and Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (1) made discussions on report of Joint Bill Committee on resolution of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union that defining committees, commissions and organizations formed by respective Hluttaws as Union level organizations is not appropriate with provisions in the constitution. They discussed: There is no particular definition for the phrase "Union level organization" in the constitution. The phrase includes only in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law, Pyithu Hluttaw Law, Amyotha Hluttaw Law, Union Attorney-General Law and Union Auditor-General Law. It would be wrong to mix it up with provisions in the constitution. It is not in line with provisions in Section 46 of the constitution.

Applying definition of "Union level organization" prescribed in enacted Hluttaw laws, the tribunal decided that defining committees, commissions and organizations formed by respective Hluttaws as Union level organizations is not appropriate with provisions in the constitution. It means Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law, Pyithu Hluttaw Law, Amyotha Hluttaw Law, Union Attorney-General Law, Union

Auditor-General Law are not appropriate with the constitution. Moreover, it also objects to provisions in Section 443 of the constitution.

Hluttaw committees, commissions and organizations led by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives, otherwise Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, who are exercising the legislative power, the highest one of three sovereign powers of the State, could be nothing but the Union level organizations. The resolution of the tribunal is inaccurate. The statement clearly mentioning committees, commissions and organizations are Union level organizations should be added in any suitable section of the constitution.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker tasked the Joint Bill Committee to recompile the report based on discussions and suggestions of the Hluttaw representatives and to submit its report on 30 April.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker made clarifications on 2012 Pyithu Hluttaw Bill and 2012 Amyotha Hluttaw Bill returned by the President with his remarks.

Vice-Chairman U San Tun of the Joint Bill Committee submitted the committee's report and remarks. MPs who were willing to make discussions on remarks of the President were to submit their name lists with signed description of paragraph, subparagraph and content to discuss not later than 4 pm on 27 April.

The session concluded at 1 pm and continues for 29th day on 30 April.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives sign in attendance book.—MNA

Environmental conservation measures to be taken in gems mining in Mogok



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint views condition of flowing water at Yeni Creek in Mogok.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint called on gems businessmen to carry out environmental conservation and reforestation in gems mining.

At the meeting with executives of Mogok Township Gems Entrepreneurs' Association at Mogok Township General Administration Department on 21 April, he also urged them to plant trees in the mining plots yearly and called

on departments concerned to report on applications for new mining plots in Mogok for official permission.

The meeting was also attended by Mandalay Region, district and township-level departmental officials and personnel from Myanma Gems Enterprise.

After the meeting, the Region Chief Minister inspected flow of water along the Yeni Creek and urged officials concerned to dredge silt in the creek. —MNA

Union Defence Minister receives Major General Stephen D. Tom of USA Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and party

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Major General Stephen D. Tom of the USA Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and party paid a call on Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min at his office here this morning and discussed searching of remains of US military personnel lost on Myanmar battleground during World War II.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt and personnel.—MNA

US, Japan near agreement on realignment

WASHINGTON, 26 April—The United States and Japan are near an agreement over the realignment of US forces in Okinawa and Guam, a Pentagon source disclosed on Monday. According to a Pentagon statement, US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta on Monday called his Japanese counterpart Naoki Tanaka, discussing the realignment.

Panetta told Tanaka he "looked forward to an official announcement in the very near future outlining specifics of the mutually

agreed-upon way ahead," regarding the realignment of US forces in Okinawa and Guam, said Pentagon spokesman John Kirby.

Kirby said both Panetta and Tanaka reaffirmed "the importance of the US-Japan Alliance in the defense of Japan and in contributing to regional peace and security," and both expressed their interest in continuing to modernize the alliance by enhancing their already strong security cooperation initiatives.

Xinhua

Hong Kong to return rare Philippine turtles

HONG KONG, 26 April—Thirty-six turtles seized from smugglers, including 20 of one of the world's rarest species, are to be returned from Hong Kong to the Philippines, an official said on Wednesday. It will mark the first time a protected Philippine species seized from the illegal wildlife trade abroad has been returned, Philippine environment department deputy chief Luz Corpuz told AFP. Wildlife authorities in Hong Kong will hand the 20 pond turtles and 16 South Asian box turtles to Philippine enforcement officers on Friday, she said.

"They are Philippine species, and returning them

back to their natural habitat is a big accomplishment for our conservation efforts," Corpuz said of the Philippine pond turtles, which are found only in the island of Palawan. "In the past we had routinely allowed protected wildlife confiscated abroad to be turned over to their local shelters because we do not have money. 'This time we're lucky because we have a little money left and we would like to enhance our enforcement activities.'"

Swiss-based International Union for the Conservation of Nature lists the 21-centimetre (8.3-inch) pond turtle, *Siebenrockiella leytensis*, as "critically

endangered" and "one of the rarest and least known turtles in the world". The 20-centimetre box turtle, *Cuora amboinensis*, is listed by as "vulnerable" in the Philippines, though it is also found in other tropical countries of Southeast Asia.

Corpuz said airport authorities in Hong Kong seized the 36 turtles in February after a flight from Manila. They will be released back into the wild in Palawan, she added. Trafficking in pond turtles is punishable by a six-year prison term and a million-peso (\$23,447) fine in the Philippines, but Corpuz admitted the government did not have



File photo shows a Philippine pond turtle at the Manila Zoo. Thirty-six turtles seized from smugglers, including 20 of one of the world's rarest species, are to be returned from Hong Kong to the Philippines, an official said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

enough resources to enforce the law. "We don't know who were responsible for smuggling them to Hong Kong, but the turtles could

have most likely ended up as medicine, as pets, or as food in Chinese restaurants," she said.

Internet

Japan astronomers find most distant galaxy cluster

TOKYO, 26 April — Japanese astronomers said Wednesday they had found a cluster of galaxies 12.72 billion light-years away from Earth, which they claim is the most distant cluster ever discovered. Using a powerful telescope based in Hawaii, the team peered back through time to a point just one billion years after the Big Bang, the birth of the universe.

"This shows a galaxy cluster already existed in the early stages of the universe when it was still less than one billion years into its history of 13.7 billion years," the team of astronomers said in a press release. The discovery was jointly made by researchers from the state-run Graduate University of Advanced Studies and the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan using the Subaru Telescope in Hawaii. They found a "protocluster of galaxies", which is expected to help scientists understand the structure of the universe and how galaxies developed.

The study is to be published in the *Astrophysical Journal* of the United States. Researchers using NASA's Hubble Space Telescope have previously announced the discovery



This 2008 handout photo from NASA shows the Coma Cluster of galaxies captured by the Hubble Space Telescope. Japanese astronomers said Wednesday they had found a cluster of galaxies 12.72 billion light-years away from Earth.—INTERNET

of a possible cluster of galaxies around 13.1 billion light-years from Earth, but that has not yet been confirmed, the Japanese researchers said.—Internet

More Chinese to enjoy better Internet surfing experience

BEIJING, 26 April — More people in China will have broadband Internet access and enjoy an improved Internet surfing experience thanks to a government campaign to increase broadband coverage and width. Deputy Minister of Industry and Information Technology Shang Bing said in an online Press conference that the ministry will prioritize the project in order to raise broadband coverage and width this year.

China will offer another 35 million families optical-fiber broadband access by the end of this year, Shang said. "In 2011, the country's broadband users with a width higher than 4 megabits (M) accounted for 40 percent of all users, and we plan to raise it by 10 percentage points this year," Shang said.—Xinhua

Google starts to sell smartphone in web store

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 April — Google said Tuesday it has begun selling Galaxy Nexus smartphone in the new Devices Section of its Google Play web store. According to Google Mobile Blog, the unlocked and unbranded Galaxy Nexus costs 399 US dollars with no carrier commitment or contract.

The phone also supports NFC (near field communication) technology and is pre-installed with Google Wallet, which let users to make purchases and redeem offers with a simple tap of their phone. It's not Google's first time to get in the smartphone sale business. In 2010, the company failed to sell Nexus One, a specially-designed Android smartphone, directly to consumers. The store was closed only four months later.

Late last month, Google is reported to plan to sell tablet computers directly to consumers in its online store. Some industry watchers said Google may use the store to boost the introduction of much-anticipated Nexus tablet, a 7-inch device at the price of 199 dollars.

Xinhua

Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) Invitation for Application to Foreign Language Courses

The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) will open evening courses on Chinese, English, French, French (Translation and Interpretation), German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Thai.

Commencement date of course	: 14-5-2012
Commencement date for submission of applications	: 8-5-2012
Closing date for applications	: 11-5-2012 (For English language the day on which the targeted number of applicants is reached)
Application to be submitted to	: Yangon University of Foreign Languages
Days on which classes held	: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Time	: 5:20-7:00 p.m.
Documents required	: Certificate of Matriculation (or) Marks Certificate (or) Degree Certificate (Both Original and copy are required)
Enquiry	: Student's Affairs Section, YUFL Phone : 514372 (Ext-809)

Application must be submitted in person.

Yangon University of Foreign Languages Invitations for application of MA(EFL) Course

1. The First Year academic programme leading to the MA (English as a Foreign Language) degree for the 2012-2013 academic year will be opened in June 2012.
2. Those who wishes to attend the course should
 - (a) be Myanmar citizens
 - (b) fulfil the requirements for admission to the First Year academic programme leading to the MA (EFL) degree.
3. Applications should be submitted by 18 May 2012 at the latest. Enquiries on admission may be made during office hours at Student Affairs Department, Yangon University of Foreign Languages.
Ph: 514371, Ext 809.

Winter punches back with snow, heavy rain in Northeast

BUFFALO, 26 April — Winter made a comeback on Sunday as a powerful storm brought rare, late season snow to the northeastern United States, and parts of New England faced the threat of flooding. After a milder-than-normal winter in most of the country, snow fell late Sunday from the mountains of West Virginia to the southern shores of Lake Erie in Pennsylvania and New York, with as much as one to two feet expected over the next 36 hours. In Buffalo, New York, 3 to 6 inches of snow were expected over the period, said Bob Hamilton, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Buffalo.

He said there could be power outages from the wet, heavy snow on power lines. "It's going to cause some damage, no question about that," Hamilton said. Rain drenched the Boston area on Sunday, prompting the Boston Red Sox baseball team to postpone an evening game against the New York Yankees. The National Weather Service warned of flooding across southern New England as heavy rain was expected to continue falling through the night. It issued a flood watch for parts of northern Connecticut, Massachusetts, southern New Hampshire and Rhode Island, according to its website. Late season storms are unusual, but not unheard of, in the Northeast, Hamilton said.

"It happens every 15 years or so. It's something you deal with when you live in this part of the country," he said. The rain extended south to Washington, DC, and into North Carolina, spurred by a deep low pressure system along the Atlantic coast. The rain was accompanied by 50 mile per hour winds. Travel delays were expected on Monday. Private forecaster AccuWeather said the highest rainfall amounts of up to 4 inches would fall from Virginia to New York City late Sunday. New England would be hit harder early Monday into the morning rush hour. — Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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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.

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Search for long missing New York boy fails to find remains



FBI agents and New York City police officers remove concrete from a New York City apartment building where they were searching a basement for clues in the 1979 disappearance of Etan Patz, on 20 April, 2012. — INTERNET

NEW YORK, 26 April — Investigators searching a New York basement for clues about the 1979 disappearance of a 6-year-old boy have ended their digging at the scene after "nothing conclusive was found" from a four-day excavation, law enforcement source said on Sunday.

Etan Patz was one of the first missing children in the United States to have his photograph printed on milk cartons after he disappeared,

and his case helped fuel an intense national campaign in search of missing children in the 1980s.

The revival of the search on Thursday by the FBI and New York Police Department raised hopes of a breakthrough but ended without finding any bones or obvious human remains, said the source, who was informed on the matter but declined to be identified because of the sensitive nature of the case.

"The search in the Patz location has concluded and there was nothing conclusive found," the source said. "A stain on the wall is being tested (in a laboratory) but it's inconclusive what that's about."

The digging has been done. There were no bones or obvious human remains found. However, an FBI spokesman insisted a team would be back at the site in the trendy Manhattan neighbourhood of SoHo on Monday.

"The search is going to continue, and we're not done, and we'll be back out there tomorrow," said Peter Donald, an FBI spokesman. The stain, described as a spot on a wall, was found on Saturday in a basement that was used by a handyman as a workshop at the time of Patz's disappearance, according to another law enforcement official who asked not to be named because the investigation was continuing.

The boy was formally declared dead in 2001.

Investigators recently reopened the case and began

tearing apart the basement looking for clothing and human remains after a cadaver-sniffing dog sensed something at the site.

Investigators found the stain by spraying the site with luminol, a chemical that can help indicate the presence of even trace amounts of blood, among other substances. In 1979, Othniel Miller, then a handyman, used the basement as his workshop, less than a block from Patz's home, an apartment in which Patz's parents still live.

Investigators recently interviewed Miller, who has not been charged with a crime. Miller's lawyer has said his client was not involved in the boy's disappearance and he is cooperating with authorities.

A woman who answered the door at Miller's red-brick terraced home in Brooklyn on Saturday deferred all questions to Miller's lawyer.

"This is so overwhelming," she said, before heading back upstairs. "We just want peace."

Reuters

Women visit Spanish town to ease a bride shortage

CANDELEDA, 26 April — Country boy, meet city girl. Inspired by a Hollywood western, a Spanish dating association is trying to slow a population drain from the country's beleaguered central villages, introducing bachelors to women bussed in from the big City of Madrid with hopes of ending a bride shortage.

Candeleda, a town of 6,000 on the banks of the picturesque Lobera River, hosted a weekend fiesta to welcome 68 women for a meet-and-greet with the village's single men.

Ancient cave paintings show Candeleda has been inhabited for some 5,000

years, and resident Jose Miguel, 67, said he would hate to see its population dwindle after such a long history. "I've checked out the few widows and single women here," said Miguel.

"I signed up for this to meet new ladies and to hopefully show them the beauty of my town," he group, Asocamu, was set up in 1995 to promote rural repopulation by organizing parties for single men and woman, but Spain's painful financial crisis and the lure of city jobs has made the need more pressing than ever, Manuel Gozalo, one of the organizers, said on day.

Internet



In this 20 April, 2012, photo, David Meyer, a professor of Geology at the University of Cincinnati, holds a lobe of a fossil at Caster Library on the campus in Cincinnati. Experts in the US are trying to figure out what the 450 million-year-old fossil dubbed "Godzilla" used to be. The 150-pound fossil recovered last year in Kentucky by amateur paleontologist Ron Fine is more than 6 feet long. — INTERNET

4000-year-old cliff paintings discovered in N China

Eighteen cliff paintings dating back over 4,000 years have been discovered by archaeologists in northern China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, an official said on Sunday.

The prehistoric portraits were unearthed in the Yinshan Mountains in Urad Middle Banner (an administration division of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region), said Liu Binjie, head of the Cultural Relics Bureau of Urad Middle Banner. The patterns are still clear and the paintings have been arranged

in an orderly manner on the cliffs. Liu added that they are the finest of their kind that have been unearthed so far. Among the paintings, seven faces were exaggerated and monstrous, and have been interpreted as the seven stars of the "Big Dipper" constellation.

Liu concluded that these may have been drawn by prehistoric men for worship. So far, over 10,000 ancient cliff paintings have been discovered in the Yinshan Mountains, according to the archaeologists.

In chessboxing, players alternate between boxing and playing chess.



Chessboxing uses fighters' brains, brawn

three minutes of boxing for 11 alternate rounds, with the game ending with either a knockout or a checkmate, CBS News reported on Tuesday.

Andy "The Rock" Costello, a former police officer who played chess for his English county at age 10, said Chessboxing is a perfect marriage of his interests.

"I think the contrast of seeing two people playing chess and then hitting each other, either of them in isolation wouldn't be comedic," said Costello, who faced off recently in London against Nikolai "The Siberian Express" Sazhin. "But when they're alternated it is [pretty funny]."

However, Costello said he was "disappointed" to lose to Sazhin, who served on the Russian boxing team as a teenager and has been playing chess for 10 years, in a checkmate.

Participants in Chessboxing in London said the latest European sports craze allows them to use both their brains and their brawn in the ring.

The game involves two competitors playing three minutes of chess followed by

News Album

Swedish cop fined over salad, keeps badge

A Swedish police officer was convicted of bribery for soliciting a free salad from a restaurant owner he had pulled over. The officer testified that he had been kidding around when he proposed tearing up the traffic ticket in exchange for some greens from the motorist's restaurant.

"He gave me the salad anyway," testified the officer, whose name was not revealed. "I think we wanted to gain some new customers." The Local said the restaurant owner testified he was happy to avoid a hefty fine for not wearing his seat belt but felt a little uneasy and told a friend about the transaction. The friend then went to the police. The conviction carries a \$3,100 fine, but the Gothenburg Police Department decided the conviction wasn't that serious and won't fire the officer.

Man charged with felony for stealing soda

After leaving a Naples, Fla. McDonald's without paying for a cup of soda, Mark Abaire, 52, is in hot water, facing a felony theft charge, police say. Abaire walked into the restaurant around 10 pm Thursday and asked the employee at the counter if he could have a cup for water. When he was given one, he went to the soda fountain and filled it with soda instead, then left to sit outside. A manager told police he asked Abaire to pay for the soda and he refused, and then remained on the premises after being asked to leave. He then cursed at the manager, prompting them to call the police. Due to previous petty theft convictions, what would have been a misdemeanor petty theft charge was escalated to a felony, which could earn Abaire up to five years in jail and a \$5,000 fine. He also faces charges of trespassing and disorderly intoxication, the *Daily News* (Naples, Fla) reported.



Singer Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber not afraid of telling the truth

LOS ANGELES, 26 April—Singer Justin Bieber isn't worried about revealing his feelings in his new album "Believe" and says as long as he's honest, he won't hurt anybody.

The teenage star has played a large part in writing his latest songs and has expressed how he feels about different aspects of his life, including girlfriend Selena Gomez, reports showbizspy.com

"I don't really worry about putting too much of myself out there in my songs," said Bieber. "As long as you are doing it innocently and not trying to harm anybody then it can only turn out well."

Internet

Actor Martin Lawrence and children attend the premiere of "This Is It," at Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on 27 October, 2009.—INTERNET

Internet made me famous: Kim Kardashian

LOS ANGELES, 26 April—Socialite Kim Kardashian feels that she wouldn't be famous without the internet as social networking sites allow her to interact with her fans.

"I think a lot of our fan base and a lot of our connection with people is Internet based. I think that the Internet has brought on a different kind of celebrity," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Kardashian as saying.

We are very well aware of who we are and what our place is. We are so active on twitter, on our Facebook pages, we are writing back, we are connecting. We enjoy it," she added. While she likes to interact with her fans, Kardashian also revealed how she enjoys hitting back at the people, who abuse on twitter.

"I love writing them back. People will write me, 'My phone battery lasts longer

than Kim Kardashian's marriage,' and I'll write back, Oh, which phone is that?," she said.

"When people are so stupid, you just have to have fun with it. Someone [without



Socialite Kim Kardashian a profile photo] will say I'm fat, or a hairy Armenian, and I'll write back, 'Oh, that egg picture of yours is so gorgeous'.—Internet

Martin and Shamicka Lawrence to divorce

LOS ANGELES, 26 April—Martin Lawrence's publicist confirmed on Tuesday the Hollywood actor and his wife, Shamicka, are divorcing after



two years of marriage. "Martin and Shamicka Lawrence have decided to divorce," the actor's representative told People.com. "The couple has made the joint decision to part ways." The Lawrences dated for 15 years before tying the knot in 2010. They have two children. "Out of love and respect for one another we will continue to remain friends and raise our two beautiful daughters together," the couple said in a joint statement issued to People.com.

Internet

Cheryl Cole 'testing culinary skills on Will.i.am'

WASHINGTON, 26 April—Cheryl Cole has been testing her newly honed culinary skills on Will.i.am since he relocated to the UK to work as a mentor on 'The Voice'.

The 28-year-old Girls Aloud singer has had the Black Eyed Peas front man—who also happens to be her manager—around for dinner every night in a bid to save the rapper from eating room service alone.

The treats that she's been serving up include everything from roast dinners and cakes through to scones and tarts.

"Will.i.am loves the food. It makes a change from backstage catering, restaurants and hotels," Contactmusic quoted a source telling *The Sun* newspaper.—Internet



Cheryl Cole

Carrie Underwood to perform in Britain

LOS ANGELES, 26 April—Singer Carrie Underwood is set to make her live debut in Britain as she will appear at London's Royal Albert Hall as part of her world tour, in support of her album "Blown Away".

Underwood is looking forward to her performance on 21 June as she feels many artists from the country have influenced her.

"It's been a long time



Singer Carrie Underwood

coming to head over to London to perform for my UK fans. I'm so excited," contactmusic.com quoted

her as saying. "It's the home of some of my musical influences. I love George Michael, Annie Lennox, The Rolling Stones, and of course, Adele.

I want to do that tradition proud," she added.

"There are so many great British artists doing well in the US at the moment; I want to show the UK another side of America," she said.

Internet

Fischer: Everyone wants to come back to 'Office'

LOS ANGELES, 26 April—Jenna Fischer says she and her co-stars on the American version of "The Office" all want to return for a ninth season of the sitcom. The future of the series has been uncertain as NBC has not announced whether it will renew it, while media reports suggest cast members Mindy Kaling and Rainn Wilson are working on new TV pilots for next season.

Asked for the inside scoop on the situation, Fischer told *The Hollywood Reporter*, "I don't know; it's not up to me, because I'm just the actor, but the actors are all prepared and wanting to come back.

"The whole cast, I'm talking about everybody—Ed [Helms], John [Krasinski], me, everyone is wanting to come back. So it's really just a matter of NBC pulling the trigger," the actress said. "They have to announce it by May 15 when the up-fronts happen, right? So we're all just waiting. We're really excited to come back, everybody wants to come back. I know Rainn does have his show, but he's going to come back to 'The Office' as well, so yeah, we're just waiting."—Internet



Actress Jenna Fischer

Bayern Munich qualify for Champions League final after penalty shoot-out



Bayern Munich players celebrate after winning a semi final second leg Champions League soccer match against Real Madrid's at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium, in Madrid, on 25 April, 2012. — XINHUA

MADRID, 26 April — Bayern Munich qualified for the final of the Champions League on Wednesday night after knocking out Real Madrid in a penalty shoot-out. Cristiano Ronaldo, Kaka and Sergio Ramos missed the vital penalties for Madrid, with Bayern keeper Manuel Neuer saving from Ronaldo and Kaka and Ramos blazing over the bar. Madrid's Iker Casillas was also heroic, saving from Toni Kroos and Philipp Lamm, but he was unable to stop Bastian Schweinsteiger smashing home the decisive penalty. Bayern will now play Chelsea in the final, which will be played on their home ground in Munich.

Things looked to be going Real Madrid's way

when the Spanish side raced into a 2-0 lead after just 13 minutes thanks to Cristiano Ronaldo. The Portuguese striker opened the scoring from the penalty spot in the sixth minute after Bayern's young left back Alaba touched the ball with his hand following a shot from Angel De Maria. Ronaldo sent the keeper the wrong way to put his side ahead on the night and give them the virtual qualification thanks to the away goal they had scored in Germany a week later. After 13 minutes Ronaldo added a second to make it 2-0. The ball cannoned around outside the Bayern Area and fell to Mesut Ozil, who showed good vision to feed Ronaldo, who scored with a sweeping shot from just outside the area.

It was a frantic game and neither defence looked comfortable and Madrid defender Pepe again showed his lack of a cool head just before the half hour when he allowed Bayern into the tie by needlessly pushing Mario Gomez in the Madrid penalty area. Former Madrid striker Arjen Robben produced a fine penalty which beat Iker Casillas, who had guessed his intentions, but was unable to get to the ball. After a frantic first period, the second was rather more conservative from both sides and the chances were more limited as Madrid perhaps realized that a second goal from the Germans would need them needing two more goals. Mario Gomez forced a save from Casillas after 57 minutes, while Benzema also

had a chance for Madrid.

However, as the half continued it became clear that both sides were increasingly scared of conceding a decisive goal. Kaka replaced Angel De Maria with 15 minutes left for Madrid, while Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes kept faith with his starting 11. Ronaldo saw a shot blocked in the last minute and the match went into 30 minutes of extra time. Shortly into extra time Bayern brought Thomas Muller on for Frank Ribery, but as so often happens in extra time fear appeared to take over both sides, with neither willing to take risks and neither Madrid nor their visitors were able to direct a shot on target and as a result the game went into the fatal penalty shoot-out. — Xinhua



Bayern Munich's Arjen Robben (L) falls over Real Madrid's Marcelo during their Champions League semi-final second leg soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, on 25 April, 2012. — XINHUA



Juventus' forward Alessandro Matri (L) fights for the ball with Cesena's goalkeeper Francesco Antonioli during the Italian Serie A football match Cesena vs Juventus at Dino Manuzzi stadium in Cesena. Juventus and AC Milan's thrilling tussle for the Serie A title continued on Wednesday as they both scraped 1-0 wins against struggling sides. — INTERNET

Juve and Milan scrape wins as Cesena relegated

CESENA, 26 April — Juventus and AC Milan's thrilling tussle for the Serie A title continued on Wednesday as they both scraped 1-0 wins against struggling sides. Juventus maintained their three points lead over Milan as a late goal by Marco Borriello — his first in 17 games for the club — was enough to defeat Cesena and consign the losers to Serie B for next season. It was just as well Borriello popped up to score as Juve were off colour with Andrea Pirlo missing a ninth minute penalty.

"It's a goal that brings us three points," said Borriello. "But there are still four games remaining and it won't be easy, as we saw today against Cesena, who were all but relegated. We don't have time to celebrate this win as we have Novara this weekend."

Milan too made heavy weather against relegation-threatened Genoa before Ghanaian star Kevin-Prince Boateng pounced to score the winner four minutes from

time to ease the nerves of the San Siro home crowd.

Defeat leaves Genoa just one place above the drop. "That's okay because we won," sighed a relieved Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri. "The end of season matches are always difficult because often you play against sides that have to win to save themselves."

"Today we were obliged to win, but in the first-half, we were not very good."

"We're not as good as we were last month. At the moment playing well for us is difficult, but the title race is still open." The title contenders continue their battle on Sunday when Juventus are away to second from bottom Novara while Milan have the tougher task away to mid-table Siena. A rejuvenated Inter Milan are right back in the running for a place in next season's Champions League after winning 3-1 at Udinese earlier on Wednesday thanks to an inspired performance by Wesley Sneijder.

Internet

International Sports

Sweden's Hjorth feels like Mobile's home

MOBILE, 26 April — Maria Hjorth heads back to a place that holds special memories while Lexi Thompson will be hoping to avoid another final-round meltdown at the LPGA's Mobile Classic which begins on Thursday. Sweden's Hjorth captured the event last year at the Magnolia Grove golf club by firing a final round 67 to beat 54-hole leaders Kim Song-hee of South Korea and American teenager Lexi Thompson. "It's always great to be back at a place where

you've won and defending is always special," said Hjorth, who won the then-Avnet LPGA Classic with her husband Shaun McBride acting as her caddy.

"There's obviously a lot of memories that come back. You go out there and play and you see a lot of shots that you hit last year and you still see a lot of putts that you made from the tournament. "And obviously a lot of great memories with my husband on the bag so it was a nice family get together for the week."

Having a win as well was even more amazing. "It marked the fifth career win for Hjorth, who has gotten off to a slow start to 2012."

Her best finish was a tie for 25th at the Singapore LPGA tournament. She has missed the cut in two of a half dozen tournaments this year.

"I feel pretty good about my game and I've worked hard on it, especially my putting," Hjorth said.

Internet



Maria Hjorth heads back to a place that holds special memories while Lexi Thompson will be hoping to avoid another final-round meltdown at the LPGA's Mobile Classic which begins on Thursday.

INTERNET

Monterrey repeats CONCACAF Champions title

TORREON, 26 April — Monterrey won the CONCACAF Champions League title on Wednesday, taking the two-game series with a 3-2 aggregate total against fellow Mexican club Santos Laguna after a losing the second game 2-1 on Wednesday night. Monterrey, which won the first leg 2-0 last week, became the first team to win consecutive

championships since Pachuca did it in 2007 and 2008. Mexican clubs have won seven consecutive titles and 13 of the last 17.

Monterrey's Neri Cardozo, an Argentine, scored the deciding goal in the 82nd minute, converting a pass from second-half substitute Walter Ayovi. "This team had lots of personality, and that's how we won it," Monterrey coach Victor Manuel Vucetich said. Daniel Luduena, also an Argentine, scored in first-half injury time for Santos and Oribe Peralta had a goal in the 51st minute.

The title gives Monterrey a berth in the Club World Cup in Japan later this year. Monterrey played without top striker Humberto Suazo, who scored both goals in the first leg. The Chilean was suspended from the match because of an accumulation of yellow cards. "Sadly I couldn't be in there," Suazo said. "One feels really bad watching from the outside. We are deserving champions and now we can try to improve in Japan." — Internet



Santos' Aaron Galindo, right, fights for the ball against Rayados de Monterrey's Cesar Delgado, left, during the CONCACAF Champions League final soccer match in Torreon, Mexico, on 25 April, 2012.

INTERNET

Kuznetsova out with leg injury in Morocco

FEZ, 26 April — Second-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova is out of the Grand Prix SAR after retiring with a leg injury in the third set of her second-round match against Irina-Camelia Begu on Wednesday. Former French and US Open champion Kuznetsova breezed through the first set 6-1, lost the second in a tiebreaker and trailed 3-2 in the third when she pulled out.

Sixth-seeded Chanelle Scheepers of South Africa lost 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 to Dutchwoman Kiki Bertens. Third-seeded Petra

Cetkovska defeated Tímea Babcsinszky 6-3, 6-2, and fifth-seeded Simona Halep stopped Alexandra Cadantu 6-2, 7-5. Qualifier Garbine Muguruza Blanco advanced when Patricia Mayr-Achleitner retired after losing the first set 6-4. — Internet



Svetlana Kuznetsova

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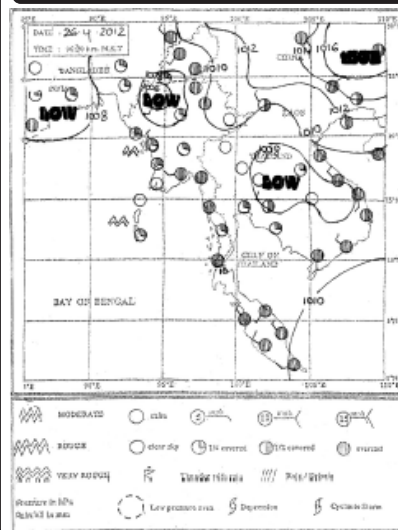
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- 8:40 am
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- 4:00 pm
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- 4:20 pm
- 6. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:30 pm
- 7. Song of National Races
- 4:55 pm
- 8. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
- 9. Song of Yeaster Years
- 5:20 pm
- 10. Myanmar Language
- 5:50 pm
- 11. Sports Highlight
- 8:00 pm
- 12. News
- 13. Just for Laughs
- 14. Teleplay
- 15. Song Lover

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 27th April, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	35/95	21/70	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	35/95	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayah	38/102	25/77	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	26/79	12/54	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sgawing	38/100	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sgawing	43/109	27/81	Partly cloudy	
7	Tanintharyi	36/97	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	39/102	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	42/108	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	42/108	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon.	37/99	26/82	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	39/102	27/81	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	35/95	25/77	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	29/84	18/64	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	
15	Northern Shan	37/99	15/59	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	
16	Eastern Shan	36/97	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyarwady	37/99	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	42/108	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	39/102	27/81	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	42/108	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Chin State, scattered in Kachin State and isolated in Upper Sgawing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyarwady and Tanintharyi Regions. Southern Shan and Kayah States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) below April average temperature in Kachin State, (5°C) above April average temperature in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperature in Sgawing and Magway Regions, Shan and Rakhine States and above April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chaik (45°C), Monywa and Mawla (43°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Sakhin (1.57) inches, NayPyi Taw (Talon) (1.02) inches and Mandalay (0.63) inch.

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southwest Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas.

Manchester braced for biggest derby

LONDON, 26 April—Alex Ferguson has described it as the most important derby in his 26 years at Manchester United while Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini thinks his side are too far behind in the Premier League title race for it to be decisive.

Differing views, but the reality is that whoever wins the game at the Etihad Stadium on Monday is likely to be crowned champions with United three points clear at the top and three matches of the season left.

The battle for Champions League places involving Arsenal, Newcastle United, Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea also becomes more intense after Chelsea reached next month's Champions League final.

Should Chelsea go on to win the Champions League, whoever finishes fourth will not qualify for the elite competition and go into the Europa League.

Meanwhile, at the bottom, the fight to avoid joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in next season's Championship (second tier), is just as frantic with Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Wigan Athletic, Queens Park Rangers and faltering Aston Villa battling for their Premier League lives.



Manchester City's manager Roberto Mancini (R) walks behind his Manchester United counterpart Alex Ferguson before their English Premier League soccer match at the City of Manchester Stadium in Manchester, northern England, 10 Nov, 2010. —REUTERS

Monday's match at the Etihad (1900 GMT) begins with United top on 83 points and City second with 80. If City win they would move ahead of United on goal difference while a United victory would leave them six points clear with two matches to play. —Reuters

Bieber, Lady Gaga to appear in "Men In Black 3"

Lady Gaga and Justin Bieber will make cameo appearances as aliens in Men In Black III.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 26 April—Already convinced that Lady Gaga is a space alien? You're about to get some confirmation.

"Born This Way" singer Gaga and "Baby" belter Justin Bieber will make brief appearances in the upcoming sci-fi sequel "Men in Black 3," director Barry Sonnenfeld told Collider in a recent interview.

Sonnenfeld said that the singers' images will flash on the alien surveillance board at Men in Black headquarters, which in the first installment included shots of Steven Spielberg, Danny DeVito,

Sylvester Stallone and George Lucas.

"I can't remember who we had in the second one, but in this one there are a few people that you'll see up on the surveillance board including Lady Gaga, Tim Burton, who probably knows more about aliens than I do, and let's see who else... Justin Bieber," Sonnenfeld said.

Sonnenfeld said that there's an art to choosing which celebrities will be exposed as extraterrestrials in the film franchise. "Men in Black 3," which was hampered by delays, will hit the big screen on 25 May. —Internet

Jeremy Lin tests knee as NBA playoffs loom

NEW YORK, 26 April—Jeremy Lin tested his surgically repaired left knee with shooting and conditioning drills, but it remained unclear if the Knicks sensation would return if New York goes deep in the NBA playoffs.

"I asked him yesterday how he felt after getting out running a little bit," Knicks coach Mike Woodson said.

"He said he felt pretty good. But we've got to put him through drills where he's cutting and things of that nature to make sure the knee doesn't swell up and he's not physically sore."

Lin had surgery to repair a torn meniscus on 2 April, with the projected six-week recovery time ruling him out for the rest of the regular season and probably the first round of the playoffs.

"I'd like to think if we were able to get out of this first round, he should be ready for the second round,"

Woodson said.

"Again, it's not for me to determine that. He's got to come to us along with the doctors and say that the knee feels fine and he's confident that he can cut and do the things he once did," the coach added.

Lin, 23, was an NBA unknown when he shot to prominence in February,

getting the starting nod from then-coach Mike D'Antoni and energizing a flagging Knicks team.

Lin, who was born in California to parents from Taiwan, became an international sensation as the first American of Chinese or Taiwanese descent to play in the NBA. —Internet



Jeremy Lin during an NBA game at Madison Square Garden on 16 March. Lin has tested his surgically repaired left knee, but it remained unclear if the Knicks sensation would return if the Knicks playoffs. —INTERNET

Eight Taliban militants killed in Afghan Kandahar province

KANDAHAR, 26 April—Eight Taliban militants were killed during an operation in southern Afghan province of Kandahar, provincial police chief said on Thursday.

"Based on intelligence, a special unit of Afghan Border Police raided a Taliban hideout in Hadah area of Spin Boldak district Wednesday night killing eight militants," General Abdul Raziq told Xinhua.

They also found and seized a handful of weapons and explosive materials besides seizing six motorcycles used by militants, the police chief added. Taliban militants have yet to make comments.

Xinhua

President U Thein Sein meets former Japanese prime ministers, MPs

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Japanese MP Mr Takeda Ryota at Hotel New Otani at 8.30 am on 23 April.

Next, the President received Japanese MP Mr Hirohiko Nakamura at 8.50 am.

The President also received former Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe and party at 9.20 am.

Afterwards, he received Chairman of International Friendship Exchange Council (FEC) Mr Ken Matsuzawa and party at 9.50 am.

In a similar manner, the President received Chairman of Graduate Institute of Policy Studies (GRIPS) Professor Takashi Shirashi and party at 10.20 am.

Next, he received former Japanese Prime Minister Mr Nakasone at 10.55 am.

Also present on the occasions were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein, U Hla Tun and U Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador U Khin Maung Tin and high-ranking officials.

At the meetings, they had discussions on further cementing friendship between the two countries, exchange of visits of youth delegations for further strengthening friendly ties between Japan and Myanmar peoples.

In the evening, the President together with Myanmar delegation members attended a dinner hosted by Japan-Myanmar Association at Hapoan Restaurant.

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President U Thein Sein meets former Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe and party.—MNA

President U Thein Sein meets ambassador, embassy staff, scholars in Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with Myanmar ambassador, embassy staff and their families and scholars at

Myanmar embassy in Tokyo on 22 April during his visit to Japan.

During the meeting, staff of Myanmar embassy, scholars and military attaché and staff paid respect to the

President in accordance with the Myanmar traditions and custom.

Speaking on the occasion, the President clarified situations in Myanmar including

progress in political process and stability, success of the April-1 by-election, more constructive relations with international community, peace making process with ethnic armed groups and the government's commitment to bring about external peace, foreign investment proposals and creation of job opportunities.

He also urged Myanmar scholars to work hard to become intellectuals and intelligentsias, stressing the importance of human resource development for the development of the country and called on staff of Myanmar embassy to promote the bilateral friendship in a country they were assigned to and to do their bit in the development of the country while abiding by the diplomatic ethics.

The President presented gifts to the embassy staff and their families and cash to the scholars.

Before meeting with them, President U Thein Sein paid respect to seven Members of the Sangha led by Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivumsa who were visiting Japan.

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President U Thein Sein presents gifts to diplomats and their families of Myanmar embassy in Japan.

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Chauk	(45°C)
Monywa	(43°C)
Minbu	(43°C)

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 28th day Messages put on record, MPs involved in discussions and clarifications made on bills



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