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Our Three Main National Causes

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Farmers could fetch reasonable profits and generate more income if they can engage in both farming and breeding while practising triple cropping pattern growing marketable crops as well



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein views thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation in Kyaku Village in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a harvesting ceremony of 369 acres of high-yield Palethwe hybrid paddy in Alyinlo Village, Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

The President, accompanied by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein and Chairman U Tin Htut of Pyithu Hluttaw Peasant, Worker and Youth Affairs Committee, arrived at the modern advanced farmland in the village at 9.15 am and was welcomed by Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Deputy Ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw and departmental heads.

First, the President cordially greeted the farmers of the village and left instructions on agricultural development.

Next, he viewed the thriving plantation of 95-day-old Palethwe hybrid paddy grown with GAP system.

The President and party then attended the harvesting ceremony and viewed harvesting of paddy with three harvesters, which can harvest 4 to 6 acres per day. On the contrary, manual harvesting of one acre takes 12 people a day.

At the briefing hall of agricultural technique camp, the President heard a report by Union Minister U Myint Hlaing on cultivation of 16134074 acres of monsoon paddy and 2476129 acres of summer paddy across the nation in 2011-2012 totalling 18610203 acres, nation-wide cultivation of 10130 acres of Palethwe hybrid paddy in summer paddy cultivation season and cultivation of 21006 acres of summer paddy including 2340 acres of Palethwe hybrid paddy in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

In order to be able to grow the hybrid paddy in summer, in the rainy season of 2011-2012, Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds were produced at the 100 acres of land of Yezin University of Agriculture and at the 100 acres of land in

Shwetaungplantation in Wundwin Township, Meiktila District, Mandalay Region.

The Union Minister also reported on production of 100 acres of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds and Basmati hybrid paddy seeds at Yezin University in the summer paddy season of 2011-2012; 100 acres of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds and 100 acres of Basmati hybrid paddy seeds in Shwetaung

plantation in Wundwin Township, Meiktila District, Mandalay Region; 300 acres of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds at International Sun Moon Star Co Ltd of the special mechanized farming zone in Dagon Myothit (East) of Yangon Region; 50 acres at Dagon International Co Ltd; 100 acres at Green Asia Co Ltd; 50 acres at Hsinshweli Co Ltd; (See page 8)



Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation in Alyinlo Village in Pyinmana Township being ploughed with agricultural machinery.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Friends of democracy

Reform means to place or transform into an improved form or condition or to make adjustments or get better through changes or getting rid of faults or abuses.

Reform in fact is not a revolution. It truly is a kind of evolution, slowly but firmly bringing in benefits to the nation in every sector beginning from the fundamental stages to the highest level.

Our country at present is in the process of democratic reforms, the President and his administration establishing good governance and clean government in exercising the executive power for the betterment of the people and the State. Legislative bodies at different levels are enacting new laws for the flourishing of our emerging democratic society, making amendments and additions to the existing ones to be suitable to the changing conditions and revoking laws that become unnecessary at present. Judicial organizations on their part are striving for an unbiased and an independent and fair judicial system.

Generally, developing countries carry out a wide array of reforms to improve their peoples' living standards and develop their economies, mostly with the assistance from international financial institutions, domestic and foreign non-governmental organizations and aid agencies.

As we are also a developing country we too are making contacts and coordination with the international communities for their cooperation and participation in our reform drive. Thanks to the sincerity, vision, resolve and hard work of our government and its commitment to democratic reforms we are seeing signs of encouragement everywhere.

Myanmar now is winning more and more friends than ever from East and from West who are eager to render cooperation and assistance to the sectors which we need international aid.

As the world has acknowledged that our reforms are gaining more ground, we all must work with unity through common ground while fully realizing that reforms are friends of a democratic society.

German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives in Yangon



YANGON, 29 April—Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Guido Westerwelle and party of Federal Republic of Germany arrived here by air this afternoon.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department of Ministry of

Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Guido Westerwelle and party being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport.

MNA

Union FM attends 19th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—At the invitation of ASEAN-EU Dialogue Partner Coordinator Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attended the 19th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting (AEMM) held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 26 and 27 April.

The meeting was also attended by ASEAN foreign ministers and 19 ministers and vice-ministers from EU member countries led by the High Representative of the EU on

Foreign and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Her Excellency Catherine Ashton.

The meeting discussed recent development in ASEAN and EU regions, reviewed ASEAN-EU Enhanced Partnership and future direction, and exchanged views on regional and international affairs. Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin led the discussions on non-traditional security challenges. The meeting adopted the Bandar Seri Begawan Plan of Action to strengthen the ASEAN-EU Enhanced Partnership (2013-2017).

During the meeting, the EU Ministers commanded and congratulated the political development, and the economic and social reforms that are taking place in Myanmar and Foreign Minister of Cambodia, as current Chair of ASEAN, reiterated ASEAN Leaders' demand for complete and immediate lifting of sanctions against Myanmar. In the Co-Chair's Statement issued at the end of the meeting, the ministers welcomed the positive developments in Myanmar, including the successful holding of the by-elections on 1 April 2012, as a significant step towards

democratization. The ASEAN welcomed the step just taken by the EU to suspend restrictive measures, and to open a new chapter in Myanmar-EU relations while strengthening the overall ASEAN-EU partnership.

While in Brunei Darussalam, Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin held meetings with foreign ministers of Bulgaria, Denmark, Spain, the Netherlands, Estonia and Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and the minister of State for European Affairs of Ireland on matters of mutual interest and promotion of bilateral relations.—MNA



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing meets agricultural workers at 35-acre Paethwe hybrid paddy plantation near Aungzeya Village of Zeyathiri Township on 27 April.

MNA

Union Construction Minister views site for Mekong River Bridge

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint accompanied by departmental officials and Laotian Ambassador Mr Nilahath Sayarath on 28 April left here by air for

Tachilek to inspect the district senior engineer office and township engineer office of Public Works in Tachilek.

The Union Minister and party viewed maintenance of Tachilek-Tahlay section and Tahlay-Pahlyo-Kengluk road.

The Union Minister inspected the site for construction of Mekong River Bridge, two miles from Kengluk of Myanmar. He also inspected the site for

construction of the bridge near Chaingkok on the bank of Laos. He was welcomed by Laotian Minister of Public Works and Transport Mr Sommad Pholsena and officials.

At the hall of Rubber Factory in Monglao Sub-Township, the Union Minister met the Laotian Minister. Engineering teams of both sides coordinated preliminary engineering works. The two ministers inspected the site

for construction of the bridge.

Mekong River Bridge will be located on the bank of Mekong River, two miles from Kengluk of Tachilek District. On completion, Tachilek, Mongphyat, Kengtung districts of Myanmar and Laos will enjoy better transport facility. The bridge will contribute much to development of economy, social and tourism industries.—MNA

Kachin State holds workshop on all-round survey on household living conditions

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April — Kachin State held a workshop on the second all-round survey on household living conditions (2009-2010) at the city hall of Myitkyina on 26 April and Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai

addressed an opening speech.

Next, officials discussed survey on poverty, facts about MDGs and poverty movements and replied to the queries raised by departmental personnel.—MNA

Officials: Baghdad attacks kill five people

BAGHDAD, 29 April—Iraqi officials say two separate attacks in Baghdad have killed five and wounded 31 people. A police officer said on Thursday that two civilians died when a roadside bomb went off near a passing army patrol in the eastern Sadr City neighbourhood. He says 16 people were wounded in that blast, including three soldiers.

Another police officer says a parked car bomb went off next to a police patrol in the northern Hurriyah neighbourhood, killing three civilians and injuring 15 others. Two medical officials in nearby hospitals confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information. Violence has ebbed in Iraq, but insurgents attacks are still frequent.

Internet

Gunmen hit Syrian army from sea, Moscow slams rebels

BEIRUT, 29 April—Gunmen in inflatable dinghies killed several security officials in an attack on a military unit on Syria's Mediterranean coast, state media said on Saturday. The first seaborne assault reported during the revolt against President Bashar al-Assad.

The night raid, along with the killings of at least 15 people in violence in two areas near the capital, underlined the threadbare state of a UN-brokered ceasefire deal that has Western leaders talking of tougher steps to stop the bloodshed.

Russia, Damascus' most powerful ally, stepped up its criticism of anti-Assad militias, condemning what it called "barbarous" attacks designed to scuttle the two-week-old truce engineered by UN-Arab League mediator Kofi Annan.

Syria's official SANA news agency said several gunmen and soldiers died in fighting that followed the coastal attack near the northern port of Latakia, 35 km (22 miles) south of the Turkish border.

"The fighting ... resulted in the death and wounding of a number of military personnel while the number of those killed from the terrorist group was not known because they attacked the military unit at night," SANA said. It did not state the nationality of the attackers.

Reuters



Damaged buildings are seen in the centre of Homs in this handout picture shot in April 2012 and received by Reuters on 28 April, 2012.

REUTERS

NATO reports deaths of three troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 April—NATO says separate bomb attacks in Afghanistan's south and east have killed two of its service members, while a third died of non-battle injuries in the south.

The coalition says all three service members died Saturday. The US-led coalition did not provide their nationalities nor disclose other details in its late Saturday and Sunday statements. So far this month, 40 coalition members have died in Afghanistan, bringing the year's toll to 131.

Internet

UN chief visits Myanmar in light of significant changes

YANGON, 29 April—Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon arrived here Sunday on a three-day official visit to Myanmar in light of significant changes taking place in the country.

As his third official visit to Myanmar at the invitation of President U Thein Sein, Ban will travel to Nay Pyi Taw later on the day. While in the new capital on Monday, Ban is expected to discuss with U Thein Sein ways in which the UN can assist with ongoing reform and transition.

Ban will also meet speakers of the two Houses Thura U Shwe Mann and U Khin Aung Myint and will probably address the Parliament. Ban is expected to travel to Yangon on Tuesday and meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD) and Parliament representative-elect.

"Myanmar is only at the beginning of its transition and many challenges lie ahead, many concerns have yet to be addressed yet I am convinced that we have an unprecedented opportunity to help the country advance

towards a better future," said Ban days before his departure. Ban has congratulated Myanmar on holding successful by-elections on April 1, stressing the free participation of multiple parties in the polls as an important step forward.

Ban acknowledged "the courage and vision" of U Thein Sein, President of Myanmar, that has "made such progress possible." Ban urged the government and all political forces to cooperate and build on the important achievement of the by-election and to consolidate the country's democratic gains and to redouble their efforts toward genuine national reconciliation and long-term and durable peace.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council has also praised parliamentary by-elections held in Myanmar as important progress in the country's democratic reform process. It is the third trip of Ban to Myanmar with the first being in 2008 after cyclone Nargis struck the country and the second in 2009.

MNA/Xinhua

IAEA confirms talks to resume with Iran

TEHRAN, 29 April—The International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed Saturday that it will resume talks with Iran on Teheran's nuclear programme in mid-May. Iran's envoy to the UN watchdog, Ali Asghar Soltanieh told the official news agency IRNA on Friday that a new round of talks would be held in Vienna on 13 and 14 May. But IAEA spokeswoman Gill Tudor told AFP in an email Saturday that the talks would be a day later on 14 and 15 May. "The purpose is to continue the negotiations started early this year," Tudor said.

The watchdog said in late February that it "continues to have serious concerns regarding possible military dimensions to Iran's nuclear programme." Its concerns reflect suspicions by the United States and its European allies that Iran is seeking a nuclear weapons capability under the cover of its civilian atomic programme.

But Soltanieh said the resumption of talks "once again proves Iran's

determination to cooperate with the agency, confirms that claims against Iran are baseless, and shows that all of the Islamic republic's nuclear activities are peaceful." Separate talks between Iran and the so-called P5+1 group, comprising the five permanent UN Security Council members

plus Germany, were revived this month in Istanbul and are to go to an important new round in Baghdad on 23 May.

The IAEA-Iran discussions are expected to explore technical issues related to expanding inspections of Teheran's nuclear activities. Soltanieh said they would be aimed at

"finding a framework and modality to respond to the (IAEA's) questions." The last such discussions, in early February, ended in deadlock when an IAEA team visiting Teheran said it had been repeatedly refused permission to inspect the Parchin military site near Teheran.—Internet



A picture released by the Iranian presidency shows President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (second left) on a tour of Teheran's research reactor centre in February. The International Atomic Energy Agency has confirmed that it will resume talks with Iran on Teheran's nuclear programme in mid-May.—INTERNET

One dead, dozens hurt as storm hits St Louis bar tent

ST LOUIS, 29 April—One person was killed and dozens injured on Saturday when a thunderstorm packing high winds blew down a beer tent on to baseball fans celebrating after a St Louis Cardinals' game, police said. Several of those hurt were listed in critical condition at area hospitals, officer Sherri Bruns of the St Louis Police Department told Reuters.

The person killed was identified only as a male and the exact cause of his death was not immediately clear. A spokesman for Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St Louis, Jamie Gagliarducci, said that

20 people were treated in the facility's emergency room, where three were listed in serious condition. Two of them were being kept overnight, he said.

The remaining 17 were considered to be in fair or good condition, said Gagliarducci, who added that most of the victims had been taken to St Louis University Hospital because it was the nearest trauma centre to the scene.

A spokeswoman for University Hospital could not be immediately reached for comment. The tent was set up as a beer garden at Kilroy's

Sports Bar about a block from Busch Stadium, home to the Cardinals, and was blown off its moorings by strong wind gusts as the storm moved through the city.—Internet



A party tent from Kilroy's Sports Bar in St Louis rests against a railroad trestle near the bar after storm winds blew through the area following a baseball game between the St Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee Brewers at nearby Busch Stadium on 28 April, 2012. INTERNET

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Human impact on reef sharks studied

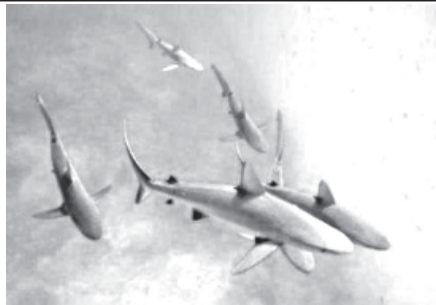
MANOA, 29 April—US scientists say they've completed a first large-scale estimate of reef shark losses in the Pacific Ocean — and the news for the predators is not good.

Many shark populations have plummeted in the past three decades as a result of excessive harvesting for their fins, as an incidental catch of fisheries targeting other species, and in recreational fisheries, their study, published in the journal *Conservation Biology*, reported.

"We estimate that reef shark numbers have dropped substantially around populated islands, generally by more than 90 percent compared to those at the most untouched reefs," researcher Marc Nadon of the University of Hawaii said. "In short, people and sharks don't mix."

The findings highlight the enormous detrimental effect that humans have on reef sharks, he said.

"Around each of the heavily populated areas we surveyed — in the main Hawaiian Islands, the Mariana Archipelago, and American Samoa — reef shark numbers were greatly



Gray reef sharks swim at Kure Atoll in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Hawaii.—INTERNET

depressed compared to reefs in the same regions that were simply further away from humans." Nadon said. "We estimate that less than 10 percent of the baseline numbers remain in these areas."—INTERNET

Study: Pollution 'hid' climate warming

CAMBRIDGE, 29 April—US researchers say pollution created a "warming hole" over eastern US states, a cold patch where the effects of global warming were temporarily

obscured. Climate scientists at Harvard University said particulate pollution in the late 20th century "masked" the warming of the Earth's surface in the eastern United States by greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane.

Tiny particles in the atmosphere can have a reverse effect on regional temperature scales, they said.

"What we've shown is that particulate pollution over the eastern United States has delayed the warming that we would expect to see from increasing greenhouse gases," lead author Eric

Leibensperger said in a Harvard release Thursday.

However, with efforts to reduce particulate pollution there has been a regional "catch-up" of warming, he said. "For the sake of protecting human health and reducing acid rain, we've now cut the emissions that lead to particulate pollution," he said, "but these cuts have caused the greenhouse warming in this region to ramp up to match the global trend."

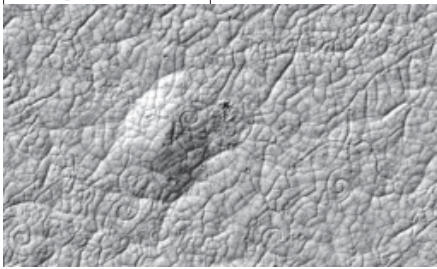
For much of the late 20th century particulate pollution hung thick over the central and eastern states.—INTERNET

and devise models before uploading solutions online in the form of a research paper.

Five students from Lincroft, NJ, High Technology High School — Vineel Chakradhar, Stephen Guo, Daniel Takash, Angela Zhou and Kevin Zhou — were found to have come up with the most sound mathematical solution to the proposed new high-speed rail programme.

INTERNET

Observed change in surface air temperature between 1930 and 1990. Observations are from the NASA GISS Surface Temperature Analysis. Image courtesy of Eric Leibensperger.—INTERNET



New Jersey teens win maths competition

NEW YORK, 29 April—Five New Jersey high school students have won scholarships in a competition in which maths was used to solve a current US transportation issue, officials said.

The contest drew nearly 5,000 11th- and 12th-graders from the eastern United States who were asked to use mathematical modeling to

determine the best regions in the country to revive the Department of Transportation's planned High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail programme. The Mega Maths (M3) Challenge was organized by Philadelphia's Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and sponsored by The Moody's Foundation from New York.

Teams of three-to-five students put their maths skills to the test to determine the best regions for the rail lines, predict ridership numbers and estimate the cost of implementation and the effect of such a programme on foreign-energy dependence, a Moody's release said Friday. Teams had 14 hours to study the issue, collect data

Samsung Galaxy S III expected for June launch

LONDON, 29 April—The buzz continues to build around the 3 May Samsung Unpacked event, taking place in London. After their Android app hinted at a Galaxy S III reveal, speculation on expected features adds to the hype. HTC is also preparing to reveal a new device, as details emerge around the Droid Incredible 4G LTE, while Asus props Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich in its latest quad-core tablet.

Samsung Galaxy S III

The Samsung Unpacked event is still days away, but that hasn't stopped anyone from speculating on the next Galaxy's feature set. According to unnamed sources, *Asia Today* reports that the Samsung Galaxy SIII

will come with the Cortex-A9 core and Exynos 4412, a quad-core processor that's expected to sell well given growing consumer demand. The UK-based Carphone Warehouse was also caught promoting an upcoming device called the Samsung Galaxy S3, expected on all major networks in the UK. We anticipate a 4.7-inch Super AMOLED Plus display and an overlocked 400MGz GPU, a possible preemptive strike against Apple's iPhone 5, which could come later this year.

HTC Droid Incredible



4G LTE

Verizon launched a teaser page this week flaunting the much-rumored HTC Droid Incredible 4G LTE. The 0.46-inch thick device will come with a 4-inch qHD LCD display, a 1.2GHz dual-core processor with 1GB of RAM, 8GB of internal memory with a microSD slot for expansion, and Android 4.0 ICS with HTC Sense 4. There's an 8-megapixel rear camera that shoots 1080p HD video, with a basic VGA front camera for video chat. Listed at \$299 with a 2-year contract, the Droid Incredible is priced at the higher end of Android's range of devices. The promotional page has since been removed, but *The Verge* managed to capture a few screenshots

before Verizon took it down.

Asus Transformer Pad TF300

The latest tablet from Asus is the Transformer Pad TF300, a 10-inch slate priced between \$379 and \$399 for the 16GB and 32GB models. That makes it more affordable than the current Eee Pad Transformer Prime. Under the hood you'll find the quad-core Nvidia Tegra 3 processor, though it lacks the premium aluminum back and Super IPS+ display, opting for a standard IPS screen with 1280x800 pixel resolution. Complete with Android 4.0 ICS, the TF300 also comes with an optional keyboard dock. The rear-facing camera is 8-megapixels, though it's missing an LED flash. The front camera is 1.2-megapixels, the same as in the Transformer Prime.—INTERNET

Britain to build spacecraft to study sun

LONDON, 29 April—A British company will take a lead role in building a spacecraft that will travel closer to the sun than any space probe has ever done, officials say.

The European Space Agency signed a contract with Astrium UK to build the SoI, or Solar Orbiter, set to launch in 2017 to take pictures and measurements from inside the orbit of Mercury, the BBC reported Friday.

Solar Orbiter, in its mission to study the sun's behavior and its influence on the solar system, will fly as close as 26 million miles from the sun, requiring the probe to be equipped with a robust shield.

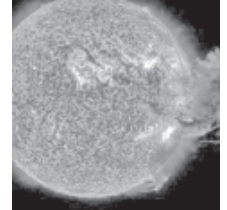
"Heat will be a huge problem," Ralph Cordey of Astrium UK said.

"If it were not protected, the face of the spacecraft

would get as hot as 500 degrees (centigrade; 932 degrees Fahrenheit)—which would be disastrous."

Solar Orbiter is a joint venture between the ESA and NASA, which will supply some instruments and sensors and also provide the launch rocket to send SoI toward the sun.

INTERNET



This NASA image taken on 7 June, 2011 shows the Sun releasing a M-2 solar flare, a S1-class radiation storm and a coronal mass ejection.—INTERNET

Samsung overtakes Nokia as world's top handset maker

SEOUL, 29 April—Samsung Electronics has rung in record earnings for the first quarter of this year, driven by strong sales of smartphones. To top the numbers, industry experts believe it has overtaken Nokia as the world's top seller of cellphones, and has outsold Apple in the smartphone space.

Samsung, the world's biggest supplier of memory chips, booked a record net profit of almost US\$4.5 billion for the first three months of this year, driven mostly by strong numbers from its mobile business.

Samsung did not give a breakdown of its handset shipments. According to industry experts, it now sells more mobile phones than any of its competitors - pushing Nokia down from the position it has held for 14 years.

While Nokia sold some 83 million handsets in Q1, Samsung is believed to have sold some 93.5 million.

And in terms of smartphones, research firm Strategy Analytics says, Samsung's smartphone sales totalled 44.5 million handsets - outstripping Apple's 35 million.

Kim Jin Young, head of Roa Consulting, said: "Samsung did very well with its fast-follower strategy. It quickly caught up with Apple very quickly and very well. It has now overcome that fast-follower period and is now aiming to become a market dominator."

Meanwhile, earnings from its TV and home appliances business also posted strong gains, while its chip business saw profits decline by more than half because of falling memory chip prices. Samsung is expected to launch its new Galaxy Phone next week in London. Analysts are predicting this momentum to continue into the second quarter.

INTERNET



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Gene 'switch' may help mend broken hearts

WASHINGTON, 29 April—Researchers have for the first time come up with an avant-garde approach to repair damaged hearts by converting injured cells into healthy beating muscle cells using microRNA. After a heart attack, heart muscle doesn't easily regenerate and it accumulates scar tissue, made up of cells called fibroblasts increasing risk for heart failure.

Researchers have tried various approaches, including the use of stem cells, to regenerate damaged heart muscle tissue, said Victor J Dzau, MD, the study's senior author and James B Duke Professor of Medicine at Duke University Medical Centre in Durham, NC. This is the first study to use microRNA, which are small molecules that control gene expression, to reprogramme fibroblasts into heart muscle cells. We have not only shown evidence of this tissue regeneration in cell cultures, but also in mice.

Using microRNA is simpler than many other tissue-regenerating approaches, said Dzau, who is also Chancellor for Health Affairs at Duke University.

For example, stem cells are not easy to work with and have ethical issues surrounding their use, he said.

This research represents a major advance in regenerative medicine overcoming the difficulties encountered with stem cells, and may be applied to other conditions of tissue damage such as stroke and spinal cord injury.

MicroRNAs serve as master switches. Each microRNA regulates genes, turning them on or off. Dzau's team identified a combination of three microRNA types that convert fibroblasts to muscle cells. Researchers will next study whether microRNAs repair damaged hearts in larger animals and improve heart function. If those studies prove safe and effective, they will start human studies, Dzau said.

If everything comes to fruition, I think we will see this as a therapy in the next decade, Dzau said.

Conceivably, we'll use it to regenerate hearts damaged by heart attacks, avoiding heart failure and saving lives, Dzau added.

The study has been published in *Circulation Research*, an American Heart Association journal.—*Internet*



Members of the Laughter Yoga club practise laughing during morning exercise at a public park in Hanoi on 24 Sept, 2011. For the past two years, several hundred people have been gathering each morning at a public park in central Hanoi to practise laughing under the instruction of yoga master Le Anh Son in the belief that this will help them to be happier, fight disease and relief the stresses of daily life. Laughter yoga was launched in 1995 by Dr Madan Kataria, a physician, in India and there are now more than 6,000 clubs in 60 countries, Sonsaid.—REUTERS

Health Tip: Dealing with stress

A key way to handle stress is not to avoid life's challenges, but to deal with them head-on, the Cleveland Clinic says.

The clinic offers these suggestions for women:

- * Deal directly with challenging situations, instead of avoiding them.
- * Accept and embrace change as an opportunity to learn.
- * Focus on the present, rather than worrying about the future.
- * Trust your instincts and listen to what your "gut" tells you.
- * Honour and accept yourself.
- * Don't be afraid to seek professional help when you need it.—*Internet*

Japan, ASEAN vow to complete trade 'roadmap'

TOKYO, 29 April—Ministers from Japan and Southeast Asia agreed Saturday to complete a "roadmap" in August to double trade in 10 years between the world's third largest economy and the rapidly developing region.

The decision was made in Tokyo at a meeting of economic ministers from Japan and the 10 member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), according to a joint press statement.

The two sides had first agreed to work towards the plan when they met in August last year. The roadmap will be

presented for approval at a meeting of ASEAN and Japanese economic ministers in Cambodia in August, the statement said.

It will focus on areas such as liberalising trade, harmonisation of systems and narrowing development gaps. "ASEAN is an important production base for our country and at the same time it is a market with remarkable growth," Yukio Edano, Japan's minister of economy, trade and industry, told a news conference.

"It is important for our country to join hands with ASEAN to seek economic growth."—*Internet*



Apple avoiding billions in global taxes

NEW YORK, 29 April—Gadget giant Apple is avoiding billions of dollars in taxes by setting up small offices around the world to collect and invest the company's profits, *The New York Times* reported on Saturday.

The report said an office in Reno, Nevada, where the corporate tax rate is zero, was one of many that the California-based technology giant uses to legally sidestep state income taxes on some of its gains.

California's corporate tax rate is 8.84 per cent.

Record sales of iPhones and iPad tablet computers, particularly in China and other parts of Asia, saw Google report last week that it made a US\$39.2 billion profit in the quarter ended on 31 March.

The Times quoted Apple executives who said the Reno office and others in Ireland, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, the British Virgin Islands and other low-tax places were among the legal methods the company was using to reduce its global tax bill.

The newspaper said Apple had "devised corporate strategies that take advantage of gaps in the tax code," citing former executives who had helped craft those policies.

In Reno, Apple uses a subsidiary named Braeburn Capital to manage and invest the gadget company's money, the report said, and when those investments succeed, the Nevada address shields the profits from being subjected to tax.—*Internet*



The British pound.



Wealth of Britain's richest hits record high

New entrants included Andrey Andreev, 38, a London-based Russian businessman who founded dating website Badoo, with 500 million pounds.

Britain is officially in recession after its economy contracted in the last quarter of 2011 and first of 2012, and the government has suffered a slump in popularity after cutting income tax for top earners in last month's budget.

The government has also made harsh cuts in its spending, with Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron last week standing by the austerity strategy despite fears it is undermining growth.

The Sunday Times list, which includes those for whom Britain is home or their main base of operations, is based on identifiable wealth such as land, property or significant shares in publicly quoted companies, and excludes bank accounts.

Britain's top 10 billionaires in the *Sunday Times Rich List* 2012 (last year's rank in brackets):

1. Lakshmi Mittal and family — steel — 12.7 billion pounds (1st)
2. Alisher Usmanov — steel — 12.3 billion pounds (2nd)
3. Roman Abramovich — oil, industry — 9.5 billion pounds (3rd)
4. Sri and Gopi Hinduja — industry, finance — 8.6 billion pounds (9th)
5. Leonard Blavatnik — industry — 7.58 billion pounds (6th)
6. Ernesto and Kirsty Bertarelli — pharmaceuticals — 7.4 billion pounds (5th)
7. The Duke of Westminster — property — 7.35 billion pounds (3rd)
8. David and Simon Reuben — property, Internet — 7.08 billion pounds (8th)
9. John Fredriksen and family — shipping — 6.6 billion pounds (7th)
10. Galen and George Weston and family — retail — 5.9 billion pounds (10th)

Internet

LONDON, 29 April—Britain's richest people reached record levels of wealth in 2011 even as the country was slipping back towards recession, according to the annual *Sunday Times Rich List*.

The combined fortunes of the 1,000 richest people in Britain rose by 4.7 per cent to 414.26 billion pounds (US\$674 billion, 508 billion euros) despite high unemployment and harsh government cuts, beating the previous record of 412.85 billion pounds set in 2008.

The number of billionaires also hit a new high of 77.

Indian-born steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal held onto the top spot for the eighth year running, although his fortune dropped in value by 27 per cent to 12.7 billion pounds as the share price of his main business ArcelorMittal plunged.

Just behind him with 12.3 billion pounds came Uzbek-born metals and mining tycoon Alisher Usmanov, who holds about 30 per cent of the parent company of Arsenal football club.

Chelsea FC owner Roman Abramovich was third on the list with 9.5 billion pounds.

The wealthiest British-born billionaire was the Duke of Westminster, who owns a central London property empire, but he slipped from third place to seventh, with his fortune estimated at 7.35 billion pounds.

Anti-polio campaign for urban children conducting in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 29 April—The two-day campaign against polio, targeted mainly at urban children under five, began Saturday in Nepal.

Shyam Ram Upreti, director of the Child Health Division under the Ministry of Health and Population, said the government campaign aims to administer polio drops to 4.2 million children in two days. "In most of the government-run programmes, the coverage is comparatively low in urban areas due to busy lifestyle," said Upreti. He said the ministry is working closely with local clubs and municipalities this year to make the campaign successful. The ministry has mobilized 80,000 volunteers at 40,000 booths for the campaign, he said.

According to the ministry, the coverage of the programme is over 90 percent nationwide. The health ministry, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund-Nepal and World Health Organization (WHO) are helping the government conduct the campaign. Upreti said Female Community Health Volunteers will visit households Sunday to distribute polio drops to children who missed the dose on the first day. He informed that the country has not recorded the polio virus for the past 20 months and the division is conducting surveillance of the disease at the grassroots.—Xinhua



Afghan police destroy poppy field in east Afghanistan's Kunar Province, on 28 April, 2012. According to an UN report, poppy cultivation in Afghanistan has constantly increased over the past 10 years. Even though 20 out of the country's 34 provinces have been announced poppy-free, it is said that Afghanistan still supplies to the world 90 percent of the raw material used in manufacturing heroin. — XINHUA

At least 10 people killed in floods, mudslides in Haiti

SANTO DOMINGO, 29 April — At least 10 people were killed and many others missing in flooding and mudslides caused by days of downpours that have swept through much of Haiti, the country's Civil Protection Office said on Saturday.

Floods and mudslides destroyed hundreds of houses and public buildings, and inundated large areas of farmland, it said. The western and southern parts of the country were worst hit. And in the capital Port-au-Prince, many tent camps sheltering earthquake victims were severely damaged.

More than two years after a devastating earthquake hit Haiti on 12 Jan, 2010, nearly half a million Haitians are still accommodated at 660 camps scattered around the capital city. Over the last two weeks, some 150 suspected cholera cases were reported in Haiti every day. A cholera outbreak in 2010 in Haiti has killed more than 7,000 people.

Xinhua



Soldiers searching through burned properties in the Marysville area, as part of the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the bushfire crisis in Australia in 2009. Former volunteer firefighter Brendan James Sokaluk, who started a blaze that killed 10 people and destroyed more than 150 homes on the day of Australia's "Black Saturday" bushfires, has been jailed for at least 14 years. — INTERNET

CANBERRA, 29 April—A former volunteer firefighter who started a blaze that killed

10 people and destroyed more than 150 homes on the day of Australia's "Black Saturday"

Australian jailed for bushfire that killed 10

bushfires was Friday jailed for at least 14 years. The Victorian Supreme Court last month found 42-year-old Brendan James Sokaluk guilty of arson causing death over the fire he caused at Churchill in February 2009.

Sokaluk started a blaze on "Black Saturday", the day on which a series of simultaneous bushfires raged in extremely high, dry and windy conditions across Victoria state and left 173 people dead in the nation's worst natural disaster.

Justice Paul Coghlan sentenced Sokaluk to 17 years and nine months in jail with a non-parole period of 14 years, saying he had taken into account his mild intellectual disability and

autism spectrum disorder. In sentencing, Coghlan said he was satisfied that Sokaluk lit two fires on the afternoon of 7 February, 2009 which rapidly spread and eventually developed into an out-of-control firestorm which destroyed more than 150 homes. "I am also satisfied that you did not intend to kill anyone," he said.

Coghlan said the fire was a serious one, fanned by gusts of up to 65 kilometres an hour (40 mph), which had "truly catastrophic consequences" after a sudden wind change in the early evening. The court heard that Sokaluk set the fires on a day in which the temperature in the area hit 46.3 degrees Celsius (114

Fahrenheit). Coghlan said no sentence he could impose would provide compensation for the loss to the victims' families but noted it "does bring to an end one part of the process".

Rhonda Jacobs, who lost three family members in the Churchill blaze, welcomed the sentence. "Justice has been done and we're grateful, even though we're leaving behind much-loved family," she told reporters. "We now have a grandson without a father, mother or brother." Sokaluk, who admitted starting the fire but told police he had dropped cigarette ash out of his window and it had been an accident, was a Country Fire Authority volunteer in 1987 and 1988.—Internet

The Mexican government said on 27 April, 2012 it will tighten inspections and lower maximum allowed weights for freight trucks after protests over a string of deadly accidents involving double-trailer trucks.

INTERNET

Shallow undersea aftershock hits Aceh, Indonesia

JAKATRA, 29 April—An aftershock measuring 5.9 Richter scale struck off Aceh province of Sumatra island in Indonesia on Sunday, the country's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here. The quake jolted at 10:00 am Jakarta time (0300 GMT) with epicenter at 239 km southwest Simeulu island of Aceh and with the depth at 10 km under sea bed, the agency said.

The main shock with magnitude of 8.5 struck off Aceh earlier this month, killing ten people and left minor damages on infrastructures. Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone where is called "the Pacific Ring of Fire."

Xinhua

Mexico tightens rules, lowers weight on trucks

MEXICO CITY, 29 April—The Mexican government said Friday it will tighten inspections and lower maximum allowed weights for freight trucks after protests over a string of deadly accidents involving double-trailer trucks. Independent truckers partially blocked highways leading into Mexico City on Friday to protest rules allowing extremely heavy and very long trucks, something they say displaces them from hauling jobs and pressures them to overload their own rigs.

"No to the double trailers that cause accidents," read one sign held up by protesting truckers on a highway north of Mexico City. Mexico currently allows trucks to roam two-lane roads with loads of up to 80 metric tons and lengths

exceeding 100 feet, compared to a US limit of 80,000 pounds (40 tons) on interstate highways. Overloading and the use of double trailers on secondary roads apparently played a role in two recent road crashes.

On 13 April, a semi-truck pulling two trailers of grain allegedly lost its brakes while speeding along a highway west of Mexico City, then the rear trailer broke free and slammed into a bus carrying university students.

Five students and a teacher were killed. And one week ago, a double-trailer truck on a two-lane road in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz also lost its rear trailer, which slammed into a bus carrying farm workers, killing 43 people.

The federal Communications and Transport Department issued a statement Friday saying it is lowering



maximum weights by 4.5 tons, and limiting double trailers to 25 kilometer (15.5 mile) runs on secondary roads. At present the double-longs are theoretically limited to wider, main highways, but a special

permit has allowed them to complete many journeys on back roads.

The department also said double-trailers will all have to be inspected within two months. The department said

it will increase its inspection force by 14 percent and increase weigh-in scales from 63 to 88. Double trailers will also have to carry proof of the weight of the freight they carry.—Internet

A business to rescue others

Tin Maung Than



If there is a business, there is also the risk. Every business actually is a venture that can bring success as well as failure. If the business is functioning well and making profits, it is OK. But if it shows deficits or even falls down there is the big problem that involves capital loss and layoffs.

A business can fail or fall for certain reasons including incompetency, human err, corruption, disasters both man-made and natural, wars, financial meltdown, depression and other hazards including terrorism.

So what will it do when it falls down? Going to the government for help? Normally, an elected government runs on its own revenues mostly come from taxes. So it alone may not have the financial capacity to save every failed business through a generous bailout.

Fortunately, there is another business whose job is to rescue other businesses facing losses from unforeseeable hazards or guarantee protection from risk for a fee called premium, whose amount depends upon the frequency and severity of the event occurring.

It is no other than insurance, a business which according to some sources was born at a coffee house in London opened by Edward Lloyd in the late 1680s. As ship owners, merchants, and ship captains usually went there, it became a reliable source of the latest shipping news. It later became the gathering point for people and organizations wishing to insure cargoes and ships, and those willing to underwrite such ventures. Till today, Lloyd's of London remains the main global insurance market.

There are also other big names such as Tokyo Marine

Holdings of Japan, Allianz and Munich Re Group of Germany, Manulife Financial Corporation of Canada, The Travelers Companies of the US, Zurich Financial Services and Swiss Reinsurance Company of Switzerland, Assicurazioni Generali of Italy, ING Group of the Netherlands, AXA of France, China Life Insurance Company Limited of China and Prudential of UK in the global insurance field.

Now, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has permitted the establishment of private insurance companies in Myanmar at a paid-up capital of K 46,000 million (roughly 55 million USD) for every company doing both general insurance and life insurance.

For general insurance or GI alone a private company can run fire insurance, car insurance, comprehensive insurance and money insurance services at a paid-up capital of K 40 billion, while companies that will provide only life insurance need K six billion as paid-up capital.

Currently, the State-owned Myanma Insurance is the sole institution offering marine (both cargo and hull) insurance cover and aviation insurance cover apart from other types of insurances mentioned above. The private sector is not allowed to enter marine and aviation insurance markets yet, but there are plans to open the areas to citizen entrepreneurs later when the domestic insurance starts flourishing well.

Like banking, insurance is a globally connected prestigious business operating under its own principles and ethics and sometimes through gentlemen's agreements.

It in fact is a giant service industry indicating a 2.7 per cent increase in global insurance premiums in inflation-adjusted terms in 2010 to \$4.3 trillion, exceeding pre-crisis levels. Growth in life insurance premiums was 3.2 percent during the same year which also saw 2.1 per cent hike in non-life sector. Especially in the emerging economies the business was growing so fast at a rate of 11 per cent rise in premium income, while developed countries witnessed only around 1.4 per cent increase in their premium earnings.

But in our country insurance is still unknown to most of the people. Many businesses are running without insurance cover and only few people have life insurance policy let alone other unfamiliar types such as gap insurance to cover the excess amount on auto loan, burial insurance that covers the cost of a funeral and home insurance that provides coverage for damage or destruction of the policyholder's home.

Lack of public knowledge and interest in insurance

normally creates two opposite trends for the new comers. A large number of people or property without having insurance cover can be assumed there is still a large untapped market for the business to grow robustly or on the other hand the land is so hostile for the business to develop well. But with hard work, patience, amicable services and goodwill the new-born companies can win the hearts and minds of the people including the entrepreneurs. Besides, insurance is an essential part of the market economy.

Optimistically, the emergence of private companies with strong capital will generate job opportunities especially for professionals as insurance is a knowledge-based industry and provide risk cover for other business, individual properties and the people while leaving the natural environment unharmed as it is also a smokeless industry.



Lloyd's a pioneer in insurance.



FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES INSPECTED:
PyinOoLwin Township Fire Preventive Measures Committee and PyinOoLwin District Fire Services Department raised preventive measures. On 8 April, Staff Officer U Tun Tun Soe and party give talks on fire hazard at Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory.—KYEMON

MGF to host 33rd Asia Pacific Junior Golf Championship

YANGON, 29 April—Myanmar Golf Federation will host the 33rd Asia Pacific Junior Golf Championship 2012 at Punhlaing Golf Course in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region from 15 to 18 May.

The championship will

be categorized in the 15-17 aged group (A), the 1-14 aged group (B), the 11-12 aged group C and the U-10 aged group D.

Youth golfers from 12 countries namely the Philippines, Indonesia, China (Taipei), Thailand,

YANGON, 29 April—Sports and Physical Education Department

Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan and Guam including Myanmar.

For further information, dial Han Event Management, Tel: 01-651374 and 092037671.—Kyaw Tint

Paletwe paddy plantations harvested in Htantabin

YANGON, 29 April—The Paletwe paddy plantation on 12 acres of farmland was harvested with the use of combined harvesters in Hsatgale Village of Htantabin Township of Yangon Region on 26 April.

Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Taing Ya, Deputy Head of

Yangon Region Agriculture Department U Thein Lwin, Assistant Head of Department U Zaw Myint, Township Administrator U Ngwe Doe and officials supervised the harvesting.

The paddy plantation produced 150.12 baskets per acre in wet status.

Myanma Alin

Myanmar traditional chess championship on 2-11 May

under the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Chess Federation will jointly organize the Myanmar Traditional Chess Championship 2012 at the hall of the federation at Aung San Stadium in Yangon from 2 to 11 May.

Those wishing to take part in the championship are

to enlist at the meeting of the players to be held at the hall of the federation at 1 pm on 1 May.

The absent athletes will be substituted with others.

The players who were allowed to take part in the championship are Win Zaw Tun (A&I), Maung Maung Latt (Home Affairs), Nyein

Chan (A&I), Ko Ko Gyi (Mandalay), Lin Naing Oo (Transport), Aung Kyaw Aye (Yangon), Myint Han (Transport), Nay Oo Kyaw Tun (Home Affairs), Soe Min Kyaw (Forestry), Naing Myo Lin (Defence), Zaw Win Lay (A&I) and Ohn Kyaw (Home Affairs).

The sports events of XXVII SEA Games will be inserted with Myanmar traditional chess event.

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President U Thein Sein gives instructions on agricultural development at briefing hall of 369-acre high-yield Paletwe hybrid paddy agricultural technique camp in Alyinlo Village, Pyinmana Township.

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Farmers could fetch...

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25 acres each in Kayin State and Mon State; and three acres in Ayeyawady Region totalling 853 acres for increased cultivation of up to 0.1 million acres of Paletwe hybrid paddy and production of 1053 acres of Paletwe hybrid paddy seeds in 2011-2012.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt reported on cultivation of 163206 acres of monsoon paddy in the cultivation season of 2011-2012 against the target of 164048 acres and production of 13.972 million baskets of paddy (85.61 baskets per acre) in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area; cultivation of 21006 acres of summer paddy exceeding the target of 19380 acres accounting for 108.39 percent; reclamation of advanced farmlands – 500 acres in Pobbathiri Township, 315 acres in Dekkhinathiri Township, 369 acres in Pyinmana Township, 393 acres in Zabuthiri Township and 41 acres in Ottarathiri Township totalling 1618 acres and plans to reclaim 637 acres in Tekyigon Village,

Aungchantha Village and Alyinlo Village in Zabuthiri Township, 250 acres in Nyaungbingyisu in Pobbathiri Township and 650 acres in Nyaunggon Village and Yanaungmyin Village in Dekkhinathiri Township, totalling 1537 acres.

Then, he also reported on giving agricultural loans – K 68.490 million for 1713 acres of 432 farmers in two townships under the arrangement of Mya Sein Yaung Cooperative Society, K 1367.800 million for 27356 acres of 8863 farmers in Zeyathiri Township under Zeya Multi-crops Production Co, K 1120.80 million for 20244 acres of 6434 farmers in Pobbathiri Township under Aung Thiri Foundation and K 516.320 million for 15029 acres of 3396 farmers in five townships under Nay Pyi Taw Council totalling K 3079.410 million for 64343.80 acres of 19125 farmers and measures being taken to collect debts.

Next, Deputy Minister U Ohn Than explained such strong points of the hybrid Paletwe paddy strains as stronger root structure, 150 up to 200 baskets of rice per

acre yield, longer lifespan (110-120 days), followed by local farmers who affirmed high quality, high yield and commercial viability of Paletwe hybrid paddy strains, and measures for extension of sown acreage.

In his instructions to the Union ministers, deputy ministers and local farmers on agricultural development drive, the President

highlighted the worrying trends of growing food demand following the global increase in population. He warned that though Myanmar had food sufficiency as it was rich in water and land resources, steps were to be taken to make sure there was enough food for the anticipated potential population of 100 million in the future and to

rural development and poverty alleviation scheme. Only the majority of the peasantry was well-off, could the nation be prosperous. He said he had made serious discussions about reclamation of flooded farmland, construction of dykes in farmlands prone to salt water because of disaster, production of paddy seeds, construction of modern rice

reasonable profits and generate more income if they can engage in both farming and breeding while practicing triple-cropping-pattern growing marketable crops as well. The President then urged the farmers to equip themselves with diligence, industry and willing mind for self-development and better life. He promised that the government would help them

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein inspects high-yield Paletwe hybrid paddy.

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High-yield Paletwe hybrid paddy being harvested at 369-acre plantation in Alyinlo Village, Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

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export the surplus abroad. As arable land could be extended no more, measures were being taken to boost the yield on current arable land. Thanks to the shift to Paletwe hybrid paddy strains combined with modern agricultural patterns, farmlands which used to yield only 50 baskets of rice could now produce 100 baskets of rice per acre.

The President added that growing of marketable crops was subject to farmers, calling for non-extinction of world-class quality Pawhsanhmwe rice. Myanmar was working hard to become industrialized nation based on agriculture. Agricultural development was a major programme in

mills, human resources development, technical assistance, projects in Ayeyawady Delta and provision of modern farming equipment for agricultural development during his goodwill visit to Japan.

Likewise, arrangements were being made for formation of agricultural produce cooperative syndicates— with farmland of 500 acres and above as one syndicate. Such syndicates would be founded systematically and provided with modern farming equipment and capital for further socio-economic development of farmers under cooperative sector and private sector. Such syndicates had been initiated now. Farmers could fetch

in their hard work.

The President and party then went to 10-acre modern Paletwe hybrid paddy seed nursery in Kyaku Village of Dekkhinathiri Township and heard reports on agricultural patterns and seed production and cultivation of 21 different kinds of hybrid paddy strains presented by Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and Chinese agriculturalist Mr Kapa Zhang.

The President put questions for his knowledge and presented a fruit basket to Chinese agriculturalists.

The President then viewed cultivation of hybrid rice plants in the farm and cordially greeted local farmers of Kyaku Village.

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220 more megawatts would be produced...

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The hydropower plants by nature could operate at full capacity in the rainy season and have to depend on stored water in summer. The EP-1 power plants could generate 1168 Megawatts and the EP-2 gas power plants, 330 Megawatts in January, February, March and April in 2011 when the usage reached to the max. For the same months in 2012, the EP-1 facilities could generate 1340 Megawatts and the EP-2 gas power plants, 352 Megawatts, showing no decline compared with the previous year. The maximum electricity generation capacity of the EP-1 plants is set to be 1200 Megawatts and that of the EP-2 plants, from 300 to 350 Megawatts in time of the highest demand.

Under joint venture with China, Myanmar constructed Tarpein (1) and Shweli (1) power plants of which the former was suspended since 14-6-2011 for security reasons. The EP-2 power grid bought 210 Megawatts from the latter from June 2009 to June 2010 and 110 Megawatts from July 2011 to June 2012 in separate deals and made an offer for more 100 Megawatts this summer.

The joint venture is preparing to close one-year deal for the proposed amount of electricity at a price equal for both Myanmar and China buyers, 0.189 Yuan or 24.60 Kyats for one unit. 220 more Megawatts would be produced from Pyu, Nanchong and Upper Paunglaung projects of the ministry which would go into operation in coming years. And more 202 Megawatts would be generated by Thaukyekhet (2), Biluchaung (3) and Upper Biluchaung projects of joint venture works between the ministry and national entrepreneurs through BOT system which would be commissioned into service in coming years. The ministry has to prepare for selling electricity wholesale demanded more and more by the power grid. One unit or one KWH price of the power plants would vary with the production costs of each plant. For example, average one unit production cost of hydropower plants is 19.55 Kyats and that of Tikyit coal-fired power plant is 53.54 Kyats. He concluded his speech with the call for meeting yearly soaring demand of the power grid and taking constant measures for maintenance of the power plants.—MNA

Sagaing Region holds budget coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—The coordination meeting on budget tasks of Sagaing Region was held at the hall of Sagaing Region Government on 27 April morning, with an address by Chief Minister of the region U Tha Aye.

Director U Chit Mya of Region Budget Department and departmental officials reported on budget works and departmental matters.

Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Saw Myint Oo gave a supplementary report on budget. Those participated in the discussions. The Region Chief Minister attended to the needs.

In the afternoon, Regional Work

Committee of Sagaing Region Development of Border Areas and National Races held the meeting 2/2012 for progress of border areas and national races. Chairman of the Regional Work Committee Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye delivered an address.

Secretary of the Work Committee Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Kyi Naing reported on progress of works. Chairman of the Leading Body of Naga Self-Administered Zone U Ruh San Kyu reported on regional process in development of border areas and national races.

Members of the work committee also participated in discussions.

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KIA mine blast derails Mandalay-Myitkyina sleeper train, wounding two

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—A mine blast by KIA (Kachin) armed group made No. 33 sleeper train running from Mandalay to Myitkyina derailed between railroad mile post No. 616/1 and 616/2 near Bridge No. 534 between Nan-si-aung Station and Mohan Station, 18 miles southwest of Mohnyin, Kachin State at 1.10 am today, leaving two wounded.

The explosion derailed the eight coaches of the train, causing a few damages and wounding Shin Chandobhaya, 13 in right leg and breaking left leg of Myo Min Htaik, 28.

The Kachin State Superintending Engineer of Myanmar Railways and coach repair teams and personnel after the incident rushed to the scene to repair the damaged coaches. The wounded were sent to Mohnyin Hospital for medical attention and Mandalay-Myitkyina trains are halted.

At a time when the Union government is making efforts to make eternal peace with national race armed groups and holding peace talks with the KIA, people feel that such acts of KIA as raiding Sadon Sub-township General Administration Department in Waingmaw Township of Kachin State and shooting staff to death, attacking Border Guard Force (headquarters) in Lupi Village

of Chipwe Township and blowing off railroads, roads and bridges pose a threat to stability of the State, community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order aspired by people across the nation including locals of Kachin State and hope KIA would mend their ways and end committing subversive acts.

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Photo shows the train derailed by the mine blast of KIA (Kachin) armed group.—MNA

Delegation led by UNSG and wife arrives at Yangon



Mr Ban Ki-moon and wife Mrs Ban Soon-taek lay wreath at former UNSG U Thant's Mausoleum.—MNA

YANGON, 29 April—A delegation led by United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and wife Mrs Ban Soon-taek arrived here by special flight at 12.25 pm today.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Myanmar Permanent Representative to UN (New York) U Than Swe, Resident Representative of UN agencies in Yangon Mr Ashok Nigam, Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Daw Yin Yin Myint and officials.

Mr Ban Ki-moon and wife in the evening visited former UNSG U Thant's Mausoleum in Shwedagon Pagoda Road where they received a welcome by the late secretary-general's daughter Daw Aye Thant and husband Dr Tin Myint Oo and family.

Mr Ban Ki-moon paid floral tribute and lit peace candle.

The secretary-general and wife and party proceeded to Nay Pyi Taw in the evening by special flight.—MNA

Bomber captured dead in Muse, Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—A man was captured dead as he tried to throw a bomb at a patrol car of Muse Township Police Force in Muse, Shan State, yesterday evening.

The man riding a motorbike was killed by the home-made bomb that exploded in his hand as he was trying to throw it at the patrol car at the circular junction on Union Highway in Kaunghmuton Ward at 9.25 pm. He seemed

to be a man aged between 25 and 30 with a fair complexion and his height was about 5 feet and 2 inches. A loaded M-20 pistol, a magazine and seven bullets were seized from his body.

There was no casualty of police force members and measures are being taken to arrest those linked to the case.

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One killed, two wounded in KIA (Kachin) heavy weapon attacks

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—In building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the government is working hand in hand with the Tatmadaw

and the people. In addition, it is negotiating with national race armed groups to be able to participate in regional development and peace and stability of the State. As a result, most of national race armed groups making peace efforts as well as regional development endeavours with added momentum in cooperation with the government and the Tatmadaw.

At a time when the government, Tatmadaw and national race armed groups are working together for peace and tranquility of the State and regional development, KIA (Kachin) armed group with intent to commit destructive acts and kill innocent people fired heavy weapons at Konhnaw Village in Momauk Township, which is a non-military target, at 1.45 pm on 26 April, killing Maung Laurence, 5, and wounding U San Paing, 57, and Ma Lint, 22, who are in critical condition.

Local battalions and responsible people are giving necessary assistance to the injured who are in Bhamo People's Hospital.

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Demonstration on hatching of fingerlings in Tatkon



TATKON, 29 April—According to the rural development and poverty alleviation programme, the Ministry of Cooperatives and the Ministry of Livestock and

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Fisheries jointly organized the demonstration on fingerling breeding in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 8 April.

In-charge of District Fisheries Department U Myo Naing and Staff Officer U Myo Thant Sin of Cooperative Department presented fingerlings of golden Hamilton's Carp. They demonstrated hatching of fingerlings and replied to queries raised by local people.—*Myanma Alin*

CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: Patron of Bago Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, Chairperson Daw May Thu and members donated cash assistance to those who received eye surgical treatment at Basic Education Middle School No 6 in Bago recently.

MYANMA ALIN



Mongphyat gets new rural bridge

MONGPHYAT, 29 April—A ceremony to inaugurate Nanyun Creek Bridge was held in Nanyun Village of Mongphyat Township in Shan State (East) on 8 April.

Shan State Hluttaw representative U Maw Shay and wellwisher U Ka Soe Bo

formally opened the bridge. A local spoke words of thanks.

The wooden bridge is 24 feet long and 12 feet wide. It was built at a cost of K 8.5 million.

Thanks to the newly-opened bridge, local people are enjoying better and

smooth transport to Nanyun Village and 32 villages of Nampan Village-tract in Mongphyat Township, five hilly gillage-tracts of Kengtung Township and Monglon Village-tract of Monghsat Township.

Myanma Alin

GTI old students to meet at golf tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—The 19th Old Students Golf Tournament of All AGTI will be held in Nay Pyi Taw at 12 noon on 5 May.

Old students and guests are to enlist at U Khin Aye, Head of Office, Tel: 01-519863, Min Ye Hset, Tel: 09-6806308, U Thet Zin Moe, Tel: 09-49202525 and U Lwin Pyone, Tel: 09-43188341, not later than 4 May.

The tournament will be sponsored by Mon Tawa Construction Co.—*Kyemon*



CERTIFICATE PRESENTED: Principal of Pre-Primary School of Social Welfare Department in Thakayta Township Daw Thida Lwin presents a certificate to student Maung Lin Myat Thit on 10 April.—*MYANMA ALIN*

Dispensary, building of Post-Primary School opened

YANBYE, 29 April—A ceremony to open the dispensary was held in conjunction with the opening of new school building at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Thinpaungchaung Village of Thinpaungchaung Village-tract in Yanbye

Township of Rakhine State on 9 April morning.

Head of Yanbye Township Health Department Dr Nyunt Oo, wellwisher U Win Maung and Headmaster U Kyaw Tun Aung formally opened the dispensary.

U Win Maung (Hein

Thitsa Goldsmith) of No. 30-B on Yawmingyi Road in Dagon Township of Yangon Region, wife Daw Nwe Nwe Than and family spent K 6 million on construction of the dispensary.

The school building was built by contributions of the local people.—*Kyemon*

RESPECT PAID TO AGED: The 25th ceremony of paying respects to older persons was held at the Dhammayon of Sitpinkwin Village of Thanlyin Township on 17 April 2012 (Myanmar New Year Day). Local people pay respects to older persons.

MYANMA ALIN



Myanmar stands 9th position in Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group (IV)

YANGON, 29 April—With the aim of securing achievements in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013 and having experiences in international tennis tournaments, the Myanmar youth tennis team comprising Captain Min Min, Nge Hnaung, Phyo Min Thar and Aung Kyaw Naing who participated in the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group (IV) arrived back

here by air on 23 April evening.

The team took part in the ITF Future (FI) held in Ho Chi Minh of Vietnam from 2 to 8 April and ITF Future (FI) in Ho Chi Minh of Vietnam from 9 to 15 April.

The team also participated in the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group (IV) in Doha of Qatar from 16 to 23 April and the team played against Jordan, Singapore, water and Cambodia in the Pool (B) of the cup.

Myanmar lost to host Qatar 2-1 on 16 April, Jordan 2-1 on 17 April, Cambodia 3-0 on 18 April and Singapore 3-0 on 19 April. Myanmar beat Bahrain 3-0 on 20.

That is why, Myanmar was designated at the 9th position, and Bahrain, 10th position.

Myanma Alin



FISH RELEASED: Fish releasing ceremony is held at Thadu Lake near Hsandaushin Pagoda in Shwepyitha Township yearly. Local people joyfully participate in fish releasing ceremony at Thadu Lake on 17 April (Myanmar New Year Day.) MYANMA ALIN

Thai entrepreneurs meet Myanmar businessmen

YANGON, 29 April—A delegation comprising 80 entrepreneurs led by Chairman of Mr Payungsak Chatsutipol of Federation of Thai Industries of Thailand met with Central Executive Committee members, executives and Myanmar entrepreneurs of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye

Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 24 April.

They discussed investment opportunities in respective businesses in Myanmar.

The Thai delegation comprised entrepreneurs from vehicles and spare parts industries, foodstuff industries, garment industries, cosmetic industries, petrochemical and gas industries, agricultural

industry, machinery, iron and steel industry, glass industry, sugar production industry, aluminium industry, real estate industry, ceramic industry and transport services.

During their meeting, the Thai entrepreneurs and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry signed the MoU on economy.

Thura Aung



Located in Hongya County of Sichuan Province, Liujiang Ancient Town was once dominated by a few wealthy families in the old time. Its well-preserved traditional Chinese garden style residences, together with the nearby mountains and the creeks running through the town compose a beautiful landscape picture.

XINHUA



Hollywood films with Chinese elements a "reel" hit

BEIJING, 29 April — From Disney's 1998 animated feature "Mulan" to Dream Works' 2011 hit "Kung Fu Panda 2," Hollywood blockbusters have been enjoying success through their use of Chinese elements. While major Hollywood studios have seen decreased earnings in the domestic market, offshore box office earnings totaled a record 13.6 billion US dollars in 2011, with China as one of the major forces driving up ticket sales. Last year, China's film market generated 13.1 billion yuan (2 billion dollars), of which 4.9 billion yuan, or 37 percent, was generated by ticket sales for US blockbusters.

Since China imported its first American movie, "The Fugitive," in 1994, the country has increasingly contributed to Hollywood's earnings.

It is expected by some to overtake Japan, which had a 2.3-billion-US-dollar film market last year, according to

the Motion Picture Association of America.

No film producer would dare ignore this market, and director James Cameron has even made China a major destination for his firm's film shoots and promotional activities and described China's 3D film and TV market as "an endless prospect."

"When I came to China in 2010, there were 600 screens showing films.

Now, however, "Titanic 3D" is being shown on 2,800 screens," Cameron said of the film that recently set records in the Chinese mainland. His sci-fi smash-hit "Avatar" is the highest-grossing film of all time, marking up 2.78 billion US dollars worldwide, including 200 million US dollars in China."

So what can be more useful than a film with a Chinese story in seizing a share of the tremendous market," said film theorist Dai Jinhua.

Xinhua



Among the 120 vehicles debuting in the 2012 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition, 84 were creations of China's own brands.—XINHUA

Eight killed in two Colombia attacks

BOGOTA, 29 April — At least eight people died in two separate attacks allegedly launched by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrilla group in southern Colombia, local sources said on Friday. The first attack happened on early Friday in a rural zone in Caqueta, southern Colombia.

Carlos Vargas, a police officer in Caqueta, said "FARC terrorists attacked the citizens. They threw bombs." The explosive devices hit several houses and killed a man, his wife and their baby, who were sleeping at home when the attack happened. "The immediate report we had was that a woman and a minor died instantly," said Vargas, who added the seriously injured man was taken to a hospital but died later.

Xinhua

Drought causes water shortage, parches crops in China

BEIJING, 29 April — Lingering drought has left more than 8.57 million people short of drinking water and huge areas of farmland parched in China, the nation's top drought-relief authority said on Friday.

As of Friday, droughts have affected 3.64 million hectares of farmland, mostly in the provinces of Yunnan,

Shanxi, Hubei, Sichuan and Gansu, according to the Office of State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters. The amount of farmland and number of people affected by the droughts are both below the average figures registered in previous years, said the office. Since mid-April, arid regions in the south have seen

rounds of scattered rainfall, but the rains have been too weak to ease regional droughts, the office said. The headquarters have sent five work teams to affected regions to assist in drought relief work and the Ministry of Finance channeled 500 million yuan (79.7 million US dollars) to finance the work.

Xinhua

Bear wanders onto Colo campus, moved to mountains

BOULDER, 29 April — A 200-pound black bear that wandered onto the University of Colorado campus and caused a stir before falling 15-feet from a tree has returned to the wild, officials said on Friday. State wildlife official Jennifer Churchill said that the 200-pound male bear was tagged and taken to a remote Rocky Mountain area of ponderosa pines, with plenty of oak brush and chokeberry — food fit for a bear — west of Boulder. The bear has become a celebrity since it wandered around a university residence hall in Boulder and climbed a tree Thursday. Wildlife officers eventually tranquilized it, and the bear dropped from its perch onto pads placed on the ground. A photographer with the CU Independent online student newspaper captured a shot of the bear, its arms and legs akimbo, as it fell. The bear

landed on its back before a crowd of gawking students. Some stroked its paws after it was caged.

"It was really a perfect landing," campus police spokesman Ryan Huff told the *Daily Camera*.

Rhonda Chestnutt was putting coins into a parking meter near the Bear Creek student apartments on Thursday when she felt shaggy fur brush against her legs. Chestnutt, who works for a leadership program at the university, thought it was a large dog — until the bear looked back over its shoulder. "It was like, 'Excuse me, pardon me, coming through,'" Chestnutt told the *Camera*. "It was running full speed." Churchill said bears emerge from winter hibernation in March and April and are scavenging for food.

Internet



In this photo provided by the CU Independent, a bear falls from a tree after being tranquilized by Colorado wildlife officials at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo., on 26 April, 2012. The bear, which university police spokesman Ryan Huff said was likely 1 to 3-years-old and weighed somewhere between 150-200 pounds, had wandered into the university's Williams Village dorm complex. — INTERNET

Baby security breach closes NJ airport terminal

NEWARK, 29 April — A terminal at Newark Liberty International Airport was shut down for over an hour Friday after officials discovered that a baby hadn't been properly screened, Transportation Security Administration officials said. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the airport, described the incident as a security breach that occurred at around 1:15 pm at a security checkpoint. Terminal C was evacuated and passengers had to go through security screening again.

TSA spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said a mother and baby went through a metal detector when the machine sounded an alarm. The mother handed the child to the father, who had already been screened. The mother was cleared, but the baby hadn't been properly screened. The parents and baby left the checkpoint and headed to their gate, Farbstein said. TSA officers searched for the family in the secure area of the terminal and notified Port Authority police as per protocol, but they

emphasized that it was a low-risk situation, Farbstein said.

A TSA official said they had explained the circumstances of the breach to the Port Authority police and recommended against evacuating the terminal since it was a low-risk situation. Steve Coleman, a Port Authority spokesman, said that it took the TSA more than 30 minutes to notify police of the lapse and that officers "took immediate action to make sure the breach did not endanger passengers or our facility."

"We're not going to second-guess a real-time decision made by our police department to err on the side of caution and protect passenger safety," he said. The terminal and checkpoint were closed from 1:30 pm to 2:50 pm. Passenger Jennifer Pallanich said she was on a Houston-bound flight scheduled to depart at about 2 pm and boarding had been completed, but because of the breach, the passengers had to evacuate and go through security screening again.

Internet

Peru rebels kill 3 security forces, injure 2 on army search

LIMA, 29 April — Shining Path rebels on Friday killed three members of Peru's security forces and wounded two others while they were searching for police who disappeared in an earlier ambush, the armed forces said. It was the latest setback to the government's push to retake a lawless bundle of jungle valleys in southeastern Peru where a remnant band of Maoist rebels runs cocaine trafficking in the world's most densely planted region of coca plantations.

"Two patrol groups of the armed forces clashed with narco-terrorists," the high command of the armed forces said in a statement. "Operations have been intensified in the zone to capture them." President Ollanta Humala, a former military officer, has increased troop deployments as he responds to a public outcry that rebels brazenly kidnapped 36 natural gas workers, shot down a helicopter and killed up to six security agents two weeks ago.

The search team was trying to find two of those

security agents, both members of the national police force, when it was fired upon by rebels, the army said. Taking control of the region in the Ene and Apurimac River Valleys, where the military estimates there are about 400 rebels, is crucial for Humala's economic plans. Peru's main natural gas pipeline originates in the nearby Camisea fields and last month Humala said construction would start soon on a second, \$3 billion pipeline to feed a new petrochemical complex on the Pacific coast that could draw \$13 billion in foreign investment.

Holdout rebels, whose force is now too weak to threaten the government, went into the cocaine-trafficking business after the founders of the group were arrested in the early 1990s. The Shining Path, or Sendero Luminoso in Spanish, launched a war to overthrow the state in 1980, and some 70,000 people were killed in the conflict. Over the last three years, some 60 security agents have died in skirmishes with what remains of the rebels. — Reuters

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In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, a cameraman films a bus that was damaged by an explosion in the Midan neighbourhood in Damascus, Syria, on 27 April, 2012.—INTERNET

Five gov't troops killed across Syria Saturday

DAMASCUS, 29 April — Five army personnel, including an officer, were killed on Saturday in separate attacks carried out by "armed terrorist groups" across Syria, state-run SANA news agency reported. A lieutenant colonel was shot dead and four other soldiers were injured when armed groups showered their transportation with gunfire in al-Qusair district in central Homs province, the main flashpoint of the 13-month-old unrest that aims to topple the rule of President Bashar al-Assad.

Another armed group detonated an explosive device in the town of Kar Aud in northern Idlib province, killing two security forces, SANA said, adding that another roadside bomb went off in al-Masdouma area in Idlib, injuring a security member. Also in Idlib, engineering units dismantled six explosive devices planted by armed groups in different areas, said SANA.

Meanwhile, armed groups on Saturday fired at members of the border guards in the Damascus' suburb of Yabroud, killing two of them, according to SANA. Saturday's escalation of violence came as the advance team of UN observers, who arrived in Syria 10 days ago, were patrolling restive areas in Syria to monitor the government and the opposition's commitment to the UN-backed cease-fire. The team toured Saturday the central Hama and coastal Latakia provinces.

Xinhua

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Colombia: French journalist missing, four killed

BOGOTA, 29 April — A French journalist was missing early Sunday along with five Colombian security force members following combat with leftist rebels that claimed the lives of three soldiers and a police officer, Colombia's Defence Ministry said. It identified the missing journalist as Romeo Langlois, whose has worked for media

including the Paris newspaper Le Figaro, and said he was accompanying troops on a counterdrug mission in the southern state of Caqueta.

In a statement, the ministry said four soldiers were also wounded in what it called "heavy combat" with the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, during an operation by Counternarcotics Bataillon No 1 that destroyed five cocaine processing labs. Langlois is a Colombia resident, and the ministry identified him as a "war correspondent." It did not say

when the counterdrug mission began.

A senior police official said the combat occurred on Saturday and that heavy rain in the area after nightfall was impeding military operations. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to provide information.

The Defence Ministry said that in addition to Langlois, four soldiers and a police officer were missing. The operation occurred in the hamlet of Buena Vista in the municipality of Montanita.

Internet

Officials say Chinese tea products safe

BEIJING, 29 April — Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture have said that China's tea products have a high safety level overall and the country's regulations on pesticide residue levels are in line with international standards.

Jian Qiu, a researcher from the ministry's pesticide examination office, made the comments Saturday after a recent report revealed that some products manufactured by a foreign tea company and sold in China have higher levels of several types of pesticide residue.

Some of the residues were said to be within China's standards, while European standards completely ban their use. The report triggered public concern about the double standard, as well as China's food safety threshold. "China's standards for pesticide residue levels were made in full accordance with

principles set down by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the food consumption habits of Chinese people," Jian said. Jian said that since different countries have different consumption capacities, climates, plant diseases and insect pests, it is impossible to compare one country's pesticide residue standards with those of another country.

Dong Hongyan, a senior official from the ministry's supervision bureau for agricultural product quality,

said the ministry has banned several types of pesticides from use in tea harvesting and has also promoted uniform criteria for tea plantations to reduce possible harm from the irregular use of pesticide. According to Dong, the ministry will make more efforts to encourage planters to use more efficient and low-toxicity pesticides and further improve the country's regulations for pesticide residue in line with the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Xinhua



This file photo, released by Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, shows the interior of a Year of the Dragon version of a Rolls Royce Phantom car. As more and more Chinese buy cars, automakers say consumer tastes in the Asian nation have a growing influence on vehicle design the world over. — INTERNET

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 1st May (Tuesday) 2012, May Day being Bank holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar



Large van bomb defused on Northern Ireland border

DUBLIN, 29 April — British army experts defused a 600-pound (275-kilogram) van bomb on Saturday on the Northern Ireland border, the largest such bomb in more than a year linked to Irish Republican Army die-hards.

British army experts defused the homemade bomb two days after a passing motorist told police about the abandoned van on a border road near the predominantly Catholic town of Newry, a hub for IRA

activity.

Police and soldiers took more than a day to search the surrounding area, fearful of a potential IRA ambush, before moving in.

Newry's police commander, Chief Superintendent Alasdair Robinson, said the bomb was "a very significant device. If this had exploded, it would have caused devastation."

Robinson said the bomb — two explosives-filled barrels attached to a detonator and power-timer unit — was fully assembled, viable and big enough to cause major damage to a town centre.

He said anybody within 50 yards (metres) of the bomb would probably have been killed had it exploded.

He said the attackers might have abandoned the bomb short of their intended target after encountering a police patrol ahead, as has happened several times previously when IRA dissidents tried to drive car bombs into town centers. But politicians noted that IRA dissidents made no telephone warnings.

The anti-British militants usually issue warnings when leaving bombs in civilian areas, but not when they are trying to draw police into range of a bomb or a second hidden device nearby.

Internet

Officials say Chinese tea products safe.

XINHUA

Under-construction building collapses in S China, casualties unknown

NANNING, 29 April — An eight-floor building still under construction collapsed Sunday morning in Nanning in south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, said local fire

fighters. The building collapsed at about 8 am Sunday. Rescuers have rushed to the accident site but the casualties are still unknown, said fire fighters.— Xinhua

More frozen cows found near Colorado spring

Officials plotting to dispose of six cow carcasses found in a cabin near Colorado's Conundrum Hot Springs said more frozen cows were found buried in the snow.

Bill Kight, a spokesman for the White River National Forest, said a US Forest Service team hiked and skied the 8 miles to the cabin, located southwest of Aspen, to check on the six frozen cows located inside the structure and they discovered additional cows buried in snow, *The Aspen Times* reported on Wednesday.

"We've got quite a few carcasses," Kight said. "It's more than six, but I can't give you a number yet."

The cattle were among the 29 reported missing by a rancher from the adjacent Gunnison National Forest in late fall. The cows died of exposure when the temperatures plummeted,

officials said. Kight said samples of the plaster from the cabin will be tested for asbestos to determine whether it and the cows can be disposed of via fire. He said samples from the hot springs will be tested to see if the water has been contaminated by the carcasses.

News Album

Missouri property filled with stolen goods

A Missouri sheriff said a 40-acre property contains stolen goods including cars, tractors, ATVs, power tools, construction materials and concrete.

Dade County Sheriff Steven Stapp said his office had been receiving complaints about the owner of the property, located a few miles from Greenfield, for several years and investigators recently learned the property was filled with stolen goods, KYTV, Springfield, Mo, reported on Wednesday.

"If it's not grass or a tree or a rock, I would say that the majority of the items out here are

received from stolen property," Stapp said. "Anything from power tools to concrete, construction materials, concrete construction working tools, ATV's, tractors, pickup trucks, cars." Stapp said investigators are looking into whether the property owner, who is believed to be in Springfield, was also involved in narcotics and cattle theft crimes in the area.

Deputies arrested a property caretaker, whose name was not released, on possession of meth and drug paraphernalia charges and he will likely face additional charges, Stapp said.

Reported whale turns out to be turtle

Firefighters in Florida responding to a call about a whale at a beach said they instead discovered a 400-pound leatherback sea turtle.

Pompano Beach Fire Rescue said dispatchers received a call Tuesday about a large animal believed to be a whale in the water at Southeast Eighth Street and firefighters arrived to discover the massive turtle swimming in the water, WPLG-TV, Miami, Fla, reported on Wednesday.

Witnesses said the turtle climbed onto the shore and buried 40 to 50 eggs about 4 feet deep in the sand before returning to the water.

Fire rescue officials said the area was cordoned off to protect the turtle's offspring.



Photo shows a 24-ft (7.3-m) reticulated python called Fluffy longest living snake.

Ten years for smuggling meth in beer

A woman found to have smuggled methamphetamine across the US-Mexico border by hiding it in beer was sentenced in Texas to 10 years and one month in prison.

Carolina Avila, 20, who was convicted on four federal drug counts in January, was sentenced Tuesday to the prison sentence for smuggling 16 1/2 pounds of meth across the border at the Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported on Wednesday.

Customs officers discovered floating particles in the beer being transported by Avila, who was traveling with her 18-month-old daughter, and the suspect initially denied knowledge of the drugs. However, she later admitted she had been transporting the meth for her father, a drug trafficker.

LiLo misses flight for White House Correspondents' dinner



Lindsay Lohan

WASHINGTON, 29 April—Lindsay Lohan missed her scheduled 1 pm flight from LAX to Washington, DC, for the White House Correspondents' dinner.

The troubled actress plans to make a later flight on Friday, TMZ reported.

The 25-year-old is booked to be Greta van

Susteren's guest at the annual dinner organized by the White House Correspondents' Association.

The invitation had generated controversy when Meghan McCain, the daughter of Sen John McCain (R-Ariz), tweeted on Thursday, "Let me get this straight Greta Van Susteren is bringing Lindsay Lohan to the WHC Dinner but has a moral offense to Louie CK"

Van Susteren had recently criticized the Radio and Television Correspondents Association for asking comedian Louie CK to perform at their 2012 dinner as she objected to his jokes about former Governor Sarah Palin.

Internet

Rihanna releases making-in video for 'Where Have You Been'

LONDON, 29 April—Rihanna has gone topless in the video for her new album 'Where Have You Been'. The official video for the singer's latest song is scheduled to arrive only on Monday but till then she herself released another making-of clip.

The Making of the video shows the 24-year-old singer sitting in a nest. "I'm in a nest right now," the *Mirror* quoted her as saying to the camera.

"Sitting on this [some white cushioning], so I can protect my booty from all these branches. This is another part of wildlife. I guess we're gonna call this 'the owl set up'," she said.

The Grammy Award winner explained that the reason as to why she's pretending to be an owl is because of its perfect kill rate. "Because they have a 100 percent kill rate, that's why," she said.—*Internet*



Rihanna

Veteran actors take a dig at current Hollywood fare

WASHINGTON, 29 April—Veteran actress Debbie Reynolds has said that the standard of Hollywood movies has gone down as compared to older generation movies.

"I wish they would clean up some of the movies, make them a little more wholesome," Reynolds told FOX41's Pop Tarts. "I think the American public wants that, so we should give it to them," she said.

Linda Gray, best known for her role as the Sue Ellen Ewing in the prime time soap 'Dallas', said that today's scripts often don't develop characters and their relationships very well.

"We are used to everything being so fast—next, next, next—so it is lovely for younger people to be able to see the magnitude and magic of old Hollywood films."

"Films for me they have been all about relationships. I think they spent more time



Veteran actress Debbie Reynolds

expanding those relationships back then," she added. Woody Allen's longtime collaborator Tony Roberts misses the Old Hollywood studio system and how it functioned to establish iconic stars.

"In the old studio system [actors and actresses] signed up for seven years or five years, and they made a lot of movies each year."

"They could still make bad movies, yet they still got parts, because they had a contract and they learned on the job."

"Nowadays, if you are lucky enough to get one or two pictures under your belt, that could be the end of you—and you never grew, you never got that comfortable being a character in front of the camera," he said.

Internet

Hugh Grant on the joy of playing 'Pirates!'

NEW YORK, 29 April—British film star Hugh Grant jokes that the stop-motion animators behind his new movie 'The Pirates! Band of Misfits' helped him be the actor he has always wanted to be. "That's the joy of this film," the famously witty and self-deprecating Grant told reporters in New York recently. "Physical comedy, I can't really do that, but I didn't have to. I left it to the animators. They did everything for me. I can't do physical comedy. I can't do stunts. I can't do emotion. They did it all."

Although the voice cast for the Aardman Animations movie features Imelda Staunton, Martin Freeman, Salma Hayek, Jeremy Piven

and David Tennant, Grant said he didn't work with any of them when he was recording his lines in a studio.

"They have a brilliant all-purpose actor, who reads the other [parts]. Otherwise, it's just Peter Lord standing next to me being extremely critical and difficult," Grant deadpanned to United Press International while sitting next to Lord, the film's director, who laughed at the remark.

Asked what it was like not having the energy of those other actors to feed off of while taping his lines, Grant replied: "Well, this all-purpose actor was so brilliant, actually, if you wanted ping-pong, you got ping-pong."

"People think as actors,



Hugh Grant

it's so important to work off each other, but, in a way, animated films sort of give the lie to that because, on the whole, you just do it by yourself and they stick it together in an editing room," he told UPI.

Internet



Musician Gregg Allman

Gregg Allman postpones book tour

LOS ANGELES, 29 April—American musician Gregg Allman's representatives say he has postponed a book tour by a week so he can undergo a medical procedure.

"We wanted to let everyone know that Gregg is excited for the book launch and is still planning to get out on the road starting May 8," a message on his Web site said on Thursday. "We'll be posting updates regularly. Let's all send positive vibes Gregg's way."

Neither the nature of the procedure nor where it was performed were disclosed in the message.

Allman, 64, is a founding member of The Allman Brothers Band. His memoir 'My Cross to Bear' is due out Tuesday, the same day he was scheduled to kick off his book-signing tour at Barnes & Noble in New York's Union Square. That engagement as well as several others booked for next week have been postponed.

The May 8 book-signing is to take place at a Barnes & Noble in Buckhead, Ga.

Internet

Barclays mark Friedel's appearance milestone

Spurs keeper recognised for playing 300 consecutive Barclays Premier League matches



Against QPR, Brad Friedel played his 300th consecutive Barclays Premier League match. INTERNET

LONDON, 29 April — Barclays have presented Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Brad Friedel with a special Barclays Merit Award for his outstanding

achievement in playing 300 consecutive Barclays Premier League matches. It is the longest run of back to back appearances in the Premier League's history.

BRADFRIEDEL'S 300 CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE MATCHES

- * 29,013 minutes played
- * 1,526 saves – an average of five saves per match
- * 97 clean sheets
- * 366 goals conceded – only one goal every 79.27 minutes
- * 47 penalties faced – 14 saved
- * Five managers: Graeme Souness (Blackburn), Mark Hughes (Blackburn), Martin O'Neill (Aston Villa), Gerard Houllier (Aston Villa) and Harry Redknapp (Tottenham)
- * 0 substitutions

Friedel's run started on the first day of the 2004/05 season when he was chosen by Graeme Souness for Blackburn's 1-1 home draw against West Bromwich Albion. He played for the 300th time in a row in Tottenham Hotspur's match at Queens Park Rangers on Saturday 21st April. Friedel, 40, has been the first choice goalkeeper for five different managers, never having been dropped or injured for a Barclays Premier League game.

Friedel joined the top flight of English football back in 1997 when he signed for Liverpool. During his time in the UK he has made 451 League appearances. Tottenham goalkeeper coach Tony Parks said: "I don't think personally that Brad's record of 300 consecutive matches in the Premier League will be beaten by another goalkeeper."

INTERNET

Lewis leads Mobile Bay LPGA Classic after 3 rounds

MOBILE, 29 April — Stacy Lewis will probably chat away with Brittany Lincicome, who might squeeze in some Sudoku time during pauses in the action. Nothing like good friends and puzzles to keep a high-stakes round of golf loose. The two pals and France's Karine Icher will play in the final group Sunday with the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic title on the line.



Stacy Lewis tees off on the first hole during the third round of the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic golf tournament, on 28 April, 2012, in Mobile, Ala. INTERNET

Lewis birdied five of the last seven holes Saturday for her second straight 5-under 67, giving her a two-stroke lead over Lincicome entering the final round.

"We'll try to just keep each other relaxed, and hopefully we'll have a pretty close tournament coming to the end," Lewis said.

Lewis, the Kraft Nabisco Championship winner last year, had a 14-under 202 total. The long-hitting Lincicome, a two-time winner last season, also shot a 67.

"It's going to be very exciting," said Lincicome, the 2010 runner-up. "It's fun to play with a friend because it kind of relaxes you a little. So going into it, we'll still be chit-chatting like we always do and just play as if it were just a practice round on Tuesday and not hopefully be overly stressed ... and just go out there and have a good time."

Lewis had two bogeys on the front nine to fall behind Lincicome before making a late charge for the second

straight day. The former Arkansas star had four birdies on the final six holes Friday, though she also closed with a bogey. Her third-round run started with a fairway bunker shot to 8 feet on No.12.

INTERNET

Nadal to meet Ferrer in 4th Barcelona Open final

BARCELONA, 29 April — Six-time champion Rafael Nadal defeated Fernando Verdasco 6-0, 6-4 Saturday to ease into the Barcelona Open final, where he will face fellow



David Ferrer of Spain celebrates his victory over Milos Raonic of Canada during the Barcelona open tennis in Barcelona, Spain, on 28 April, 2012. Ferrer won 7-6, 7-6. INTERNET

we made mistakes that we cannot afford, wasted too many goals and at the end were punished," he said.

"We wasted an opportunity, which is not the first time it has happened this season, as we have dropped points along the way," he added. The result has lifted Napoli into the crucial third position in Serie A, level on 55 points with Lazio, who visit Udinese on Sunday.

INTERNET

Sensational Suarez sinks Norwich

Uruguayan scores a brilliant hat-trick as Liverpool ease to win at Norwich

LONDON, 29 April — Luis Suarez scored a wonderful hat-trick—including a fabulous third goal - as Liverpool earned their eighth away win this season in the Barclays



Premier League at Norwich City. The Uruguayan produced a powerful finish after being set up by Steven Gerrard to put the Reds in front on 24 minutes.

And he netted again four minutes later with a precision low drive after

Luis Suarez showed his class with an excellent hat-trick at Norwich City.

INTERNET

stealing the ball from Elliott Ward. But Suarez saved the best for last, producing a delightful chip from 45 yards to outwit John Ruddy in the Norwich goal, who had strayed from his line. Jonjo Shelvey had earlier headed against the woodwork for Liverpool, while Norwich's Elliott Bennett saw a shot pushed away by Pepe Reina in the visitors' goal.

INTERNET

Kyle Busch takes 4th straight Richmond spring race

RICHMOND, 29 April — Carl Edwards thought the race was his to win. So did Tony Stewart. And Kyle Busch? Well, he didn't think he had a chance as the laps wound down at Richmond International Raceway. But a penalty on Edwards took him out of contention Saturday night, and a late caution flag for debris gobbled up Stewart's lead and gave Busch one last chance at another Richmond win. Busch pounced on the opportunity, got a strong final pit stop from his Joe Gibbs Racing crew to beat Stewart back onto the track, and sailed away for his first win of the season.

"No catching Stewart without that caution," Busch said. The victory snapped a

22-race winless streak for Busch, and came a day after he went to Victory Lane for the first time as a Nationwide Series team owner. Kurt Busch drove his younger brother's car to its first victory

Friday night. The win was also the fourth consecutive in the spring race at Richmond for Busch, who broke a tie with Richard Petty (1971-73) for consecutive win.

INTERNET



Kyle Busch celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va, on 28 April, 2012. — INTERNET

International Sports

Botafogo reinstates interest in signing Seedorf

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 April — Botafogo has reinstated its interest in signing veteran AC Milan midfielder Clarence Seedorf. The Brazilian club revealed on Saturday it had maintained regular contact with Seedorf since a six-hour meeting between directors and the 36-year-old last year.

"If I told you that we hadn't been in contact throughout this time I would be lying," Botafogo's vice director of football Andre Silva told Globoesporte. "It's our desire to have him here. It's now a matter

for the club's technical department. The only question we have is financial but if I get the ok, I will jump on the next flight to Milan."

The Dutch international earns a reported monthly salary of 250,000 euros with the Serie A club. It is understood he is seeking 80,000 euros above what Botafogo is prepared to offer.

Silva's comments come a day after Botafogo coach Oswaldo de Oliveira confirmed the club's interest in the Surinamese-born playmaker.

Seedorf, who has been at Milan since 2002, has made 28 competitive appearances this season. He is the only player to have won the Champions League four times with three different clubs: Ajax (1995), Real Madrid (1998), and Milan (2003, 2007).

Xinhua



AC Milan midfielder Clarence Seedorf

INTERNET

Roma draw with Napoli 2-2

ROME, 29 April — Fabio Simplicio came off the bench to strike a late equalizer to deny Napoli victory as the sides shared a 2-2 draw the Stadio Olimpico on Saturday. Napoli seemed to be heading for their third straight win after Edinson Cavani put them in front for the first time in the 67th minute.

Marquinho had given Roma a 41st-minute lead

before Juan Zuniga equalised for the visitors early in the second half. Cavani scored Napoli's second but Simplicio then came to the capital club's rescue and hit the back of the net three minutes from time. Napoli head coach Walter Mazzarri felt his side "wasted an opportunity" to get the victory against Roma. "We had our chances in the first half too, while after the break

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PRIZE AWARDED: The Bayintnaung Brokerage Group held the third golf tournament at Royal Mingaladon Golf Club in Mingaladon Township on 8 April. Executive of the group U Lu Maw presents first prize to U Nay Lin. —KYEMON

Traffic rules talked in Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—A talk on traffic rules was given at No 2031 Air Defence Battalion in Inbintha of Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 25 April morning.

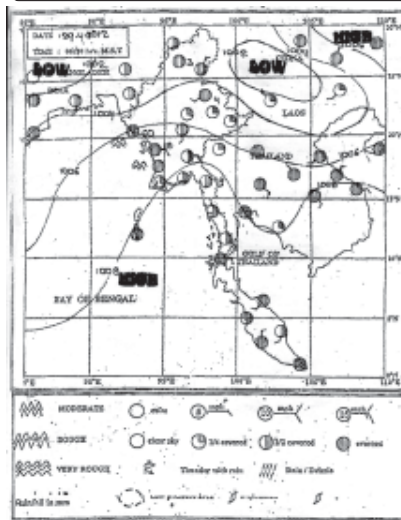
Officials of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee gave talks on traffic rules to members of the battalion and families, totalling 131 servicemen and 72 family members.

IP Min Thaik Htaik of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police talked about root causes of traffic accidents, happenings of traffic accidents, road signs, disciplines for road users and vehicles, international traffic rules enforcement with the use of visual aid. —Min Min

11 dead after coach plunges off cliff in SW China

KUNMING, 29 April—A coach plunged off a cliff on Saturday in southwest China's Yunnan Province, leaving 11 passengers dead and nine others injured, local authorities said Sunday morning.

The accident happened around 5 p.m. Saturday in Yunxian County in the city of Lincang, said authorities with the county government. Seven people were confirmed dead on the spot,

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 30th April, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	20/68	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunder showers	(60%)
2	Kayah	33/91	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
3	Kayin	36/97	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
4	Chin	18/64	15/59	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thunder showers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	20/68	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thunder showers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	40/104	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
7	Tanintharyi	35/95	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
8	Bago	37/99	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
9	Magway	40/104	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	39/102	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
11	Mon	35/95	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
12	Yangon	39/102	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	22/72	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunder showers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	26/79	15/59	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunder showers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	16/61	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunder showers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	34/93	20/68	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunder showers	(60%)
17	Ayeeyawady	38/100	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	39/102	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	39/102	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers	(60%)

Chelsea 6-1 QPR

LONDON, 29 April—Brimming with confidence after his last-minute goal against Barcelona in the Champions League semi-final on Tuesday, the £50million man was too hot to handle.

Daniel Sturridge got the party started inside the first minute with a scorcher from distance, before John Terry headed home from a corner.

Then the Torres show began as he rounded R's keeper Paddy Kenny to notch his first.

It was 4-0 with only 25 minutes of the first-half played as Torres fired in his second.

QPR did manage to get one back as Djibril Cisse notched late on, but it was cold comfort for the visiting fans.

Roberto Di Matteo's men now sit just a point



Fernando Torres scores his hat-trick goal. Torres hits treble as Champions League finalists boost their top-four hopes.

behind fourth-placed Newcastle with the Toon heading to Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Hughes' men stay just above the relegation zone on goal difference, although 18th-placed Bolton have a game in hand.

Sturridge got the rout up and running with a wonder strike from outside the area with only 46 seconds on the

clock.

The England star whipped a right-footed shot which flew into the top corner past the helpless Kenny.

QPR were complaining that Frank Lampard was in an offside position when the shot was struck and had interfered with play, but the goal stood. Terry then fired a volley at Kenny before Lampard's delicate chip was turned over by the keeper from

a corner.

From the resulting set-piece, Terry powered home a free header to double the lead after 13 minutes.

Chelsea were flying and QPR were in freefall as Torres finished off a super move to make it 3-0 six minutes later.

He has his second after 25 minutes as he capitalised on a mix-up between Nedum Onuoha and Kenny to lash home. Torres finally had his treble as Chelsea launched a clinical counter attack. Mata played a delicious ball through to his compatriot who dove in on goal before slotting a composed finish into the far corner. Cisse took some gloss off the score-line with 84 minutes played as the Frenchman finished off Onuoha's inviting centre but it was no more than a consolation goal. It was stunning win for Di Matteo and his men as their revival under the Italian shows no sign of letting up.

Internet



Rescuers try to bring out trapped people from a rock crack at the scene of a coach accident in Yunxian County of Lincang City, southwest China's Yunnan Province on 28 April, 2012. A coach plunged off a cliff in Yunxian County on Saturday, leaving 11 passengers dead and nine others injured. —XINHUA

and another four died in hospital.

Of the injured, six are in serious conditions.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

Azarenka sets up Stuttgart final with Sharapova

BERLIN, 29 April—World number one Victoria Azarenka enjoyed another walk in the park against Agnieszka Radwanska on Saturday, beating the Pole for the fifth time this year to reach the Stuttgart Grand Prix final.

Australian Open winner Azarenka next faces world number two Maria Sharapova after the Russian beat Czech Petra Kvitova, the Wimbledon champion, 6-4-7-

6 in their semi-final.

"Agnieszka always brings out the best in me," said the Belarus player after cruising to a 6-16-3 win. "I'm very happy with the way I played." Azarenka had already beaten Radwanska in Sydney, at the Australian Open quarter-finals and in Doha and Indian Wells, California. The 22-year-old, who has lost only one match this season, went on to win all four tournaments. Sharapova saved break points in three successive service games during the second set and also a set point before wrapping up the match 7-3 in the tiebreak. —Reuters



Union FM and wife welcome UNSG and wife at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—A delegation led by United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and wife arrived at Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon by special flight at 6 pm today.

They were welcomed by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin and departmental officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.

The UN secretary-general

met the press at Myat Tawwin Hotel where he stayed at 7 pm.

Media representatives who interviewed the UN chief were Chief Editor U Than Myint Tun from News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information, U Ko Ko of Yangon Times Journal, Daw Aye Mya Kyaw of 7Day News Journal, U Than Zaw Tun of Weekly Eleven Journal and U Hsan Oo of Myanmar Times Journal.

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A delegation led by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and wife being welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sanda Khin and officials.—MNA

220 more megawatts would be produced from Pyu, Nancho and Upper Paunglaung projects and 202 more megawatts from Thaukyekhet-2, Biluchaung-3 and Upper Biluchaung projects one year after



Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min addresses meeting on power generation at Paunglaung Hydropower Station.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min visited Paunglaung Power Plant this morning and inspected Current Transformers and Circuit Breakers in Switch Yard and main generators and

control panels in basement of the power plant.

On arrival at the control room, the manager of the power plant reported him on situation of generation of electric power by the power plant. The minister called for

serious attention to supplying electricity depending on hourly demand by the power grid under the Ministry of Electric Power No (2).

The meeting on generation of electricity held at the meeting hall of the power plant was attended by the managing director and managers of Paunglaung, Khabaung, Kunchaung, Yenwe, Shwegyin, Zaungtu, Mone, Kyeeohn Kyeewah, Yeywa, Kengtaung, Tikyit, Kintar, Hsedawgyi, Thaphanseik, Zawgyi (1), Zawgyi (2), Biluchaung (1), Biluchaung (2) and Shweli (1) power plants.

The plant managers went into details on generation of electricity in 2012, comparison for generation in 2011 and conditions of the power plants. The managing director explained yearly generation of electricity, future plan and targets of the power plants under Hydropower Generation Enterprise.

The Union Minister said in his speech the ministry is the wholesaler of electricity generated by the power resulted from hydropower projects plants at full capacity from the switch yards of the plants to the power grid of the EP-2 Ministry which later manages to distribute it, combined with that of gas power plants under their management, to Yangon through Yangon Electricity Supply Board and to other townships Electric Power Supply Enterprise.

He put emphasis on balanced production of electricity in the summer when the demand which varies in each hour or period is on the increase. For instance on 19 April, the usage of electricity nationwide jumped to the peak at 7 pm with 1591 megawatts and dipped to the lowest point at 4 am with 934 megawatt. The amount of electricity generated by the ministry is increasing year by year with 3678 KWHs in 2006-2007 fiscal year, 4008 KWHs in 2007-2008 FY, 4247 KWHs in 2008-2009 FY, 5473 KWHs in 2009-2010 FY, 6543 KWHs in 2010-2011 FY, and 7780 KWHs in 2011-2012 FY to date. For the whole 2011-2012 fiscal year, over 9100 KWHs of electricity was produced.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (29-4-2012)

Kyaukpyu	3.82 inches
Paletwa	3.23 inches
MraukU	3.23 inches
Kyauktaw	2.87 inches
Sittway	2.75 inches
Maungtaw	1.88 inches

Japan, ASEAN vow to complete trade 'roadmap'



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Kyle Busch takes 4th straight Richmond spring race



Kyle Busch celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va, on 28 April, 2012. PAGE 14