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True patriotism

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

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Secretary-General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by Secretary-General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Mr Hon. Antonio Veloso Cuenco and party, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 10 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Chairmen of Amyotha Hluttaw Committees and officials from Hluttaw office.

At the meeting, two sides had a cordial discussion on implementation of ASEAN community in 2014 at a time when Myanmar takes ASEAN Chairmanship, promoting the role of AIPA and seeking ways for further development of AIPA in the future. After the call, the Speaker and Secretary-General Mr Hon. Antonio Veloso Cuenco posed for documentary photos together with the members.—*MNA*

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives a delegation led by Secretary-General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Mr Hon. Antonio Veloso Cuenco and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw.
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Manchester City's manager Roberto Mancini during their EPL match against Wolve on 22 April, 2012.
REUTERS

Roberto Mancini says Newcastle game tougher than facing Man Utd

LONDON, 4 May—Manchester City's visit to in-form Newcastle United on Sunday (12:30 GMT) will be more difficult than last Monday's match against title rivals Manchester United, according to manager Roberto Mancini.

The Italian said fifth-placed Newcastle would approach the game against Premier League leaders City in an extremely confident mood after their 2-0 victory at Champions League finalists Chelsea on Wednesday. "Newcastle played a fantastic game at Chelsea and I think this game will be more difficult for us," Mancini told reporters on Friday.

"The Manchester United game was at home and we played very well to win 1-0 but Newcastle is away and I think it will be harder."

The two Manchester clubs are locked together on 83 points with two games left to play this season, with City top on goal difference.

Mancini said City would keep a particularly close eye on red-hot Senegal striker Papiss Cisse on Sunday. "Cisse is incredible," said the Italian. "He scored two fantastic goals against Chelsea. "He has 13 goals in 12 league games for Newcastle and he's a good player. But not just him, their whole team is playing very well.

"They play to win in every game, they have a good mentality and for this reason I think it will be a good game on Sunday."

Manchester United entertain Swansea City at 15:00 GMT and Mancini dismissed the suggestion that Manchester City would be under more pressure because they play first on Sunday. "Our players know they have everything in their own hands," he said.—*Reuters*

Preparations for achievement in tennis discussed

YANGON, 4 May—A meeting to exchange views on achievements in tennis in the XXVII SEA Games was held at Myanmar Distribution Group (Head Office) on East Race Course Road in Tamway Township yesterday morning.

Present were Vice-Presidents U Khaing Htwe and U Win Swe, executives and officials of the Myanmar Tennis Federation, selected players and former coaches U Than Lwin, U Gyo Ba Maung, U Robert Thein Tun and U Maung Maung Lay, Myanmar tennis coach Technical Director Mr Robert Davis of the US.

They discussed achievement for success in tennis.

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Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination, most difficult of all religious examinations yearly held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, leading Theravada Buddhist Nation of Buddhist World

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$195 million Sea Shadow stealth ship for sale, only $10,000 deposit required

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Man Utd's Wayne Rooney scores his award-winning goal against Man City in February 2011.

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Webb Simpson of US hits an approach shot on the third hole during the first round of the Wells Fargo Championship on 3 May, 2012 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Great strides towards prosperity

Since a year ago, when a civilian government took office, Myanmar has seen a lot of changes in every sector. These changes are very encouraging, and the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar who has taken the reform measures shows his superb courage to the world that he is very eager to change Myanmar into a democratic and prosperous nation. Among these bold measures took by the president were releasing of prisoners and taking measures for national reconciliation.

At such a time, newsmen from the country's leading paper and journals got a rare opportunity to have interview with Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, the other day.

In his question, the chief editor from the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information asked whether there is a plan of the United Nations to persuade some countries who have yet to participate in Myanmar reform process as ASEAN member countries are calling for lifting sanctions against Myanmar and Japan is providing assistance to her but these some countries did not participate in the process fully. His second question dealt with the assistance of the United Nations to Myanmar.

The answer of the UN Chief is very encouraging. He said, "Now international community is showing their positive response. European Union has decided to suspend non-military sanction. Australia and Japan are joining in the process and Americans are also very serious in considering this. I think the world is responding positively. I am going to urge the international community members who are still sanction to consider lifting or suspending sanctions in my formal speech to the parliament (Hluttaw)."

Regarding the second question, the UN chief said, " UN is also going to normalize our operations. First of all we will discuss with the member states and try to normalize our operations as soon as possible. Right after my visit, we will discuss this matter with the governing body of UNDP. We will try to provide full economic assistance."

"As you may know, I am going to launch Global Compact of the United Nations. This will be very fortunate occasion for local entrepreneurs to engage with the international business counterpart."

"We will also try to discuss with the donors how to increase the Official Development Assistance. I think you are one of the lowest accepted countries in terms of ODA. In parallel with very positive democratization process, I think, the international community should provide more assistance. United Nations will mobilize and persuade the international community."

As pledged by the chief of the United Nations, the assistance from the UN will flow into the country sooner or later. And many others are eyeing investing in our country. On our part, let's try our best for our nation's prosperity. Let's welcome international cooperation together!

Union Minister holds talks with WFP resident representative, Director of Nippon Foundation

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— Union Minister for Border Affaris and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received Mr Carlos Velso, Resident Representative of the World Food Programme (WFP) and Mr Xuyi Mori, Director of the Nippon Foundation (Head Office) in Japan, at his office here at 2 pm and at 3 pm today separately.

At the meeting with Mr Carlos Velso, the Union Minister discussed matters on promoting cooperation between Myanmar and WFP and increasing food supplies to internal displaced people in Kachin State and to fur-flang areas.

At the meeting with the delegation led by Mr Xuyi Mori, they discussed matters on promoting cooperation in border areas development issues and extending project areas and MoU. Also present at the meetings were Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and directors-general of the departments under the ministry.—*MNA*

National Environmental Sanitation Activity-2012 opens

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—"Four sanitation tasks are crucial for health care of the State and contribute to the development of socio-economic status of people", said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, at the opening ceremony of National Environmental Sanitation Activity-2012, jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and UNICEF, at the Ministry of Health here yesterday morning.

The Ministry of Health is drafting National Five Year Strategic Plan for Water Supply, Sanitation & Hygiene (2012-2017). According to the WHO's annual reports, 1.8 million people are died of diarrhoea, most of whom are children. According to the research findings, systematic sanitations can reduce the outbreak of diarrhoea.

Afterwards, UNICEF Resident Representative Mr. Ramesh Shrethe delivered an address. And Chief of UNICEF Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Section Dr Dara Johnston explained the findings of Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) study on water, environment and hygiene in 24 townships in Myanmar. Afterwards, the implementation of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in Pyay District, Bago Region (West), was shown with video slides. The ceremony came to an end.

After the ceremony, the Union Minister and guests viewed the National Environmental Sanitation Activities-2012 booths. It was also attended by Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint, directors-general and officials from the ministries related to the Ministry of Health, officials from Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, resident representatives from UN agencies and representatives of social organization at home and abroad.—*MNA*

UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrethe speaking at the event.
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Union Cooperatives and Livestock and Fisheries Minister receives Chinese guests

Union Minister U Ohn Myint receives Chairman of Zhejiang Sifang Group Corporation of China Mr. Lin Guangpin and party.
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NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Chairman of Zhejiang Sifang Group Corporation of the People's Republic of China Mr. Lin Guangpin and party paid a call on Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint at his office in the Cooperatives Ministry here yesterday morning.

They had frank discussion about measures for systematic transformation of agricultural producers association operating 500 acres of farmland and above into cooperative syndicates, provision of modern farming equipment and capital for better socio-economic life of the member farmers, and importation and distribution of quality farming equipment. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Than Tun and personnel from departments and enterprises.—*MNA*

Opening of the National Environmental Sanitation Activity-2012 in progress. **—MNA**

China-US dialogue highlights will for new ties

Chinese President Hu Jintao addresses the opening session of the fourth round of the China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 May, 2012. — XINHUA

BEIJING, 4 May—A new round of China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED) on Thursday highlighted the will of both sides to build new relations in the era of economic globalization. China and the United States should break the traditional belief that big powers will conflict with each other, and seek new ways to develop relations between major countries, said Chinese President Hu Jintao when addressing the opening session of the fourth round of the S&ED in Beijing.

To build such a new type of relations between China and the United States, Hu called on the two sides to advance with the times in their thinking, policies and actions. Over the past 30 years and more since its reform and opening-up process started, China has, through the hard work and wisdom of the Chinese people and win-win cooperation with people around the world, pursued peaceful development, he said. "To follow the path of peaceful development is China's strategic choice that will never change, and it is a solemn commitment China has made to the world," according to Hu. To build a new type of relation between China and the United States, the president also called on the two sides to act in a spirit of equality and mutual understanding. Given different national conditions, it is impossible for China and the United States to see eye to eye on every issue, he admitted, calling on the two sides to expand common ground and properly manage their differences through dialogue and exchanges and by improving mutual understanding. As the world's top two economies were linked by shared global responsibilities, Hu suggested the two countries should step up coordination on regional and international issues, and promote peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific and beyond.— *Xinhua*

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping (R) meets with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (C) and US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 May, 2012. Clinton and Geithner came to China to attend the fourth round of the China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue, which kicked off in Beijing on Thursday.— XINHUA

Twin bomb attacks kill up to 20 in Russia's Dagestan

MAKHACHKALA, 4 May—Suicide bombers killed more than 20 people and wounded 110 in attacks on a police post on the outskirts of the capital of Russia's Dagestan Region, local investigators and law enforcement sources said on Friday. The attacks outside Makhachkala late on Thursday were the deadliest in months, undermining efforts by Russian security forces to contain an Islamist insurgency in the North Caucasus near Sochi, where Russia will host the Winter Olympics in 2014. More than a decade after federal troops toppled an Islamist government in Chechnya, also in the North Caucasus, security forces are fighting militants whose ranks are swollen by anger at poverty, clan feuds and pervasive corruption.

The first suicide bomber detonated a bomb when police stopped a vehicle to check documents, a statement by the National Anti-Terrorist Committee said. The second explosion came when fire brigades and ambulances arrived, causing additional casualties. A witness at the scene said a fire truck was reduced to charred wreckage. "After the blast, only the wheels of the truck remained whole," the witness told reporters. Local officials said that in addition to the up to 20 killed in the blast, 90 had been taken to hospital and 20 were treated at the scene. "Fragments of human bodies are scattered at the post," Russia's *Interfax* news agency quoted a law enforcement official as saying. Local investigators said they had found the remains of a man and a woman suspected of being the suicide bombers. Thursday's blasts were heard by residents far away in the centre of the provincial capital of Makhachkala. The attacks fell just three days before Vladimir Putin, who sent troops 12 years ago to crush rebellion in Chechnya, is to be sworn in as president. The unofficial Islamist website www.kavkazcenter.com said the police post was almost completely destroyed. A nearby gas pipeline also was damaged during the attack, *RIA* news agency reported.—*Reuters*

***Investigators work at the site where two bombs exploded in Makhachkala in this still photograph taken from video on 4 May, 2012. As many as 20 people were killed and 30 more wounded when two powerful blasts hit a police post outside the capital of Russia's violence-plagued Dagestan region, Russian media reported on Friday.*— REUTERS**

Iran's Bushehr nuke power plant at full capacity from 23 May: Russian contractor

MOSCOW, 4 May—Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant will start reaching its full capacity from 23 May as scheduled, the plant's Russian contractor Atomstroyexport said in a statement on Thursday. According to Atomstroyexport, Bushehr, the first nuclear power plant in Iran, has successfully reached 90 percent of its nominal capacity in routine trials in early May.

"Currently, the plant is operating at a lower capacity. The next stage of increasing Bushehr's capacity (from 75 percent to 100 percent) is scheduled for 23 May, 2012," Atomstroyexport said in a statement. Earlier, Russian officials said work at the Bushehr plant was proceeding as scheduled and they expected Bushehr could switch to full power in the first half of 2012.

Construction of the Bushehr plant was started in 1975 by several German companies. However, the work halted when the United States imposed an embargo on hi-tech supplies to Iran after the 1979 revolution. Russia signed a contract with Iran to complete the construction in 1998. Completion of the plant's construction was postponed several times by mounting technical and financial challenges and pressure from the United States.

Xinhua

Russia issues threat to NATO missile defence plan

BEIJING, 4 May—Russia's top military officer has threatened a pre-emptive strike on US-led NATO missile defence facilities in Eastern Europe, if Washington goes ahead with its missile defence plan. Chief of General Staff Nikolai Makarov, gave the warning at the start of an international conference on missile defence in Moscow. Russia also said talks between Moscow and Washington on the US-led NATO plan in Europe were deadlocked.It dismissed Washington's claim that the missile defence system is designed solely to deal with a missile threat from Iran, fearing it will undermine Russia's nuclear deterrent.

Moscow has also offered to jointly run the missile shield with NATO. Though NATO has said it wants to cooperate with Russia, the alliance has rejected Moscow's proposal. The conference is the last major Russia-US meeting about military issues, before a NATO summit in Chicago later this month. Moscow has long opposed the deployment of the US-led NATO missile defence facilities near its borders. It has demanded legally binding guarantees from the US and NATO that the missile defence shield does not target Russia.

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Russia issues threat to NATO missile defence plan.
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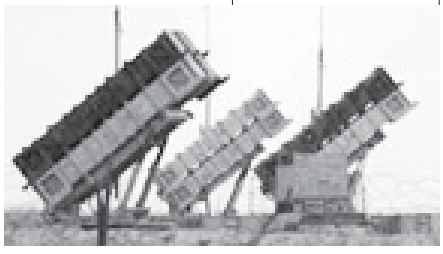

Three agents shot, injured in SF Bay area incident

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, 4 May—Three Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents were shot and injured on Thursday while serving "high-risk" warrants during an early morning sweep of San Francisco Bay area gang members, authorities said. The agents suffered non-life-threatening injuries after being shot with an assault rifle and were hospitalized in stable condition following the incident in Petaluma that was in connection with the investigation of a 2010 gang-related triple homicide in South San Francisco.

"We owe them a debt of gratitude," US Attorney Melinda Haag said at a Thursday news conference in nearby South San Francisco. "My office is proud to be associated with professionals who put their lives on the line to protect others." Thirteen men were arrested — many members of the 500 Block/C Street gang — during Thursday's sweep that also included two other cities. They are among 19 who were indicted last week on charges including racketeering and murder. Four of the men charged with murder in the triple homicide could potentially face the death penalty, if convicted. Fifteen of the 19 are expected to make their first appearance in Federal court on Friday.

Internet

Suicide bomber kills 17 in northwest Pakistan

KHAR, 4 May—A suicide bomber killed at least 17 people and wounded 40 on Friday in an attack on a police checkpoint in northwest Pakistan, casting doubt on official assertions that security offensives have weakened militants.

The bomber struck near a crowded market in Bajaur, one of the unruly Pashtun tribal regions near the Afghan border where the military has mounted offensives in recent years against the al-Qaeda-linked Pakistani Taleban, the biggest security threat to the country.Abdul Haseeb, a senior government official in the region, said at least 17 people were killed and 40 wounded. At least three of the dead were policemen, including a senior officer, said another official. Police and security forces sealed off the site of the attack.Pakistan, a strategic US ally, has failed to break the back of the Taleban despite numerous crackdowns.—*Reuters*

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Plant study flags dangers of warming world

A bee collects pollen from a field of crocuses at Kew Gardens in London, on 17 March, 2005.
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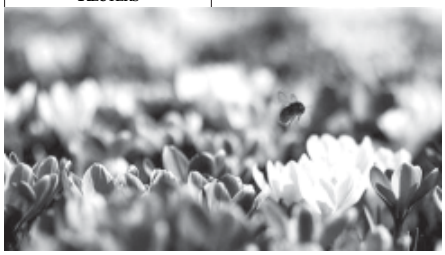


changing some breeding, migration and feeding patterns, scientists say.

LONDON, 4 May—Plants are flowering faster than scientists predicted in response to climate change, research in the United States showed on Wednesday, which could have devastating knock-on effects for food chains and ecosystems.

Global warming is having a significant impact on hundreds of plant and animal species around the world, Increased carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels can affect how plants produce oxygen, while higher temperatures and variable rainfall patterns can change their behavior.

"Predicting species' response to climate change is a major challenge in ecology," said researchers at the University of California San Diego and several other US institutions.

They said plants had been the focus of study because their response to climate change could affect food chains and ecosystem services such as pollination, nutrient cycles and water supply.

The study, published on the *Nature* website, draws on evidence from plant life cycle studies and experiments across four continents and 1,634 species. It found that some experiments had underestimated the speed of flowering by 8.5 times and growing leaves by 4 times.

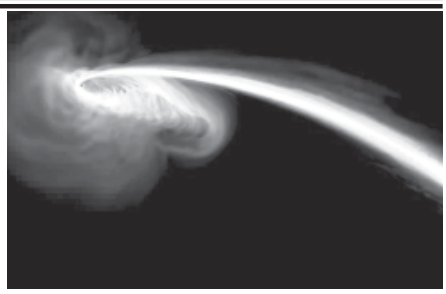
"Across all species, the experiments under-predicted the magnitude of the advance —for both leafing and flowering —that results from temperature increases," the study said.

The design of future experiments may need to be improved to better predict how plants will react to climate change, it said.

Plants are essential to life on Earth. They are the base of the food chain, using photosynthesis to produce sugar from carbon dioxide and water. They expel oxygen which is needed by nearly every organism which inhabits the planet.

Scientists estimate the world's average temperature has risen by about 0.8 degrees Celsius since 1900, and nearly 0.2 degrees per decade since 1979.

So far, efforts to cut emissions of planet-warming greenhouse gases are not seen as sufficient to prevent the Earth heating up beyond 2 degrees C this century — a threshold scientists say risks an unstable climate in which weather extremes are common, leading to drought, floods, crop failures and rising sea levels.—*Reuters*



This computer-simulated image shows gas from a tidally shredded star falling into a black hole.
INTERNET

Black hole observed destroying star

BALTIMORE, 4 May—US astronomers say they've identified the "victim" of a massive black hole that tore a star apart when it approached too close to the gravitational behemoth. In 2010, scientists observed the flare that is the signature of a galaxy's central black hole shredding a star that wandered too close, and have identified both the black hole responsible and the "identity" of its unfortunate victim — a star rich in helium gas. "This is the first time we've actually been able to pinpoint what kind of star was disrupted," study lead author Suvi Gezari, an astronomer at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, told SPACE.com.

Such an event is rare, astronomers said, occurring just once every 10,000 years per galaxy. Gezari and her colleagues monitored hundreds of thousands of galaxies in ultraviolet light and in June 2010 spotted a bright flare from a previously dormant black hole at the center of a galaxy about 2.7 billion light-years away.

"When the star is ripped apart by the gravitational forces of the black hole, some part of the star's remains falls into the black hole while the rest is ejected at high speeds," Gezari said.

"We are seeing the glow from the stellar gas falling into the black hole over time."

The researchers analyzed the spectrum of the ejected gas, which revealed it was mostly helium.

"This is the first time where we have so many pieces of evidence, and now we can put them all together to weigh the perpetrator — the black hole — and determine the identity of the unlucky star that fell victim to it," Gezari said.

Internet

US student engineers in mileage quest

ANN ARBOR, 4 May— Student engineers at the University of Michigan say the lawnmower engine-powered car they're designing should get pretty good mileage — about 3,300 mpg.

The University Supermileage Team will compete in the SAE International Supermileage Challenge, in Marshall, Mich, this summer, the university reported on Tuesday.

The competition challenges student teams to design and construct a single-person, fuel-efficient vehicle with a small four-stroke engine.

The Michigan team says a humble lawnmower engine can do the deed.

"We are taking something that is in your backyard and turning it into something that's sleek, modern and high-performance," said mechanical engineering senior Laura Pillari, project manager and co-founder of the team.

The goal this year is to beat the North American record of 3,169 miles per gallon, team members said, and to better it by reaching 3,300 mpg.

"Fuel efficiency is one of those issues prevalent in society today," said chief engineer and team co-founder Brett Merkel, a senior in mechanical engineering. "The technology we're coming up with can have far-reaching effects, and be implemented in just a few years."

Artist's impression of University of Michigan Supermileage competition entry.
INTERNET

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Tree pests worse with climate change

NEW YORK, 4 May— Climate change increases the risk to European spruce forests from destructive bark beetles because of rising temperatures and less rainfall, researchers say. Writing in the journal *Climatic Change*, scientists say low rainfall and warmer temperatures weakened the trees' defences against the bark beetle.

In addition, dry conditions have encouraged the bark beetle to extend its range by moving to higher altitudes, Lorenzo Marini from the University of Padua in Italy said. The low rainfall at those higher altitudes gave the beetles new opportunities to find suitable, weaker host trees which, under normal rainfall conditions, would have been less susceptible to bark beetle attacks, researchers said. The spruce bark beetle, Ips typographys, is one of the most destructive pests of the European forests, and scientists said they expected the insects to quickly respond to climate change.

Forest damage due to this bark beetle has increased markedly during the last decades throughout the whole of Europe, they said.—*Internet*

BlackBerry bets big on apps, touchscreens

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 May— Research In Motion (RIM) on Tuesday unveiled a revamped BlackBerry platform that discards the smartphone's trademark keyboard to embrace apps, touchscreens and other trendy features.

The long-promised platform was shown to software developers at the Canada-based company's annual BlackBerry World conference in Florida.

RIM also released kits for tailoring programmes for the new BlackBerry 10 platform and gave attendees slick prototype touchscreen smartphones on which to dabble with the software.

"BlackBerry 10 builds upon the core values and exceptional user experiences that have attracted more than 77 million BlackBerry customers around the world today," said RIM vice president of developer relations Alec Saunders.

"Developers building for BlackBerry 10 will be able to easily create the kind of cutting-edge apps that deliver truly engaging experiences and 'wow' customers."

Virtual keyboards in prototypes were seen as a bold move, since physical keyboards have been a strong selling point in the business market that has been RIM's stronghold.

BlackBerry has seen its share of the overall smartphone market eroded by iPhones and Android-powered devices that have been hits with consumers, who are increasing using personal devices on the job.

Analysts agree that the success of smartphones is dictated more by the troves of videos, games, music and other digital content available than it is by impressive hardware.

Social game publisher Gameloft announced at the conference that it is working on a lineup of titles for BlackBerry 10 devices including "Shark Dash" and "Ice Age Village."—*Internet*

NASA Web site wins two Webby awards

WASHINGTON, 4 May— NASA says its Web site has won awards in two categories in the 16th Annual Webby Awards, the leading international honour for the world's best Web sites. In the category of best government site, www.nasa.gov received its fourth consecutive People's Voice Award in a popular vote, and for the first time won the judges' Webby Award in the category, the space agency said on Tuesday.

"We are honoured to once again be recognized for our online communications efforts," said David Weaver, associate administrator for communications at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "On a daily basis, our extraordinary Web team provides a clear and accessible view into the agency's missions and milestones, to the benefit of American taxpayers and millions who follow us around the world."

THE WEBBY AWARDS

The NASA site had its busiest day ever with the launch of the final space shuttle mission in July 2011, as more than 560,000 people watched the launch on NASA's Web cast.

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European shares gain ahead of ECB, euro steady

LONDON, 4 May— European shares opened higher and the single currency languished near two-week lows on Thursday as investors waited to see if the European Central Bank will prepare the ground for further stimulus measures at its policy meeting later. The FTSEurofirst 300 index of top European shares was up 0.6 percent at 1,049.52 points after losing ground on Wednesday as weak data on both sides of the Atlantic rekindled concerns about the strength of global growth.

ECB policymakers, who will face demonstrators protesting against Spain's harsh austerity measures when they meet in Barcelona, are widely expected to leave the main interest rate unchanged at a record low of 1 percent.

But expectations have risen that the central bank will point to recent data showing the region's slide into a deepening recession and rising unemployment to hint at a policy change. "Given the recent weakness in the EMU economy indicators, we suspect the ECB will leave the door open for further action, should the economic scenario deteriorate further," Newedge strategist Annalisa Piazza said.

*Euro banknotes and a calculator are placed on a currency graph and ticker in this picture illustration taken in Zenica on 19 October, 2011. —*REUTERS

The euro was virtually unchanged at $1.3160 after falling as low as $1.3122 on Wednesday on the depressing economic news. Before the ECB meeting, recently downgraded Spain will test sentiment for riskier euro zone government debt with a small auction of new three- and five-year bonds. The country's borrowing costs are expected to rise more than a percentage point. Ahead of the sale, June German Bund futures were 11 ticks lower at 141.62, edging back from record highs hit the previous day.

Reuters

Fish body oil may help dialysis patients

LONDON, 4 May—Fish body oil — omega 3 — appears to help kidney patients undergoing hemodialysis, researchers in London said.

Dr Louise Moist, a scientist at Lawson Health Research Institute, said hemodialysis can be delivered through arteriovenous grafts — artificial vessels created to join an artery to a vein. However, these grafts are prone to congestion and clotting, causing disruptions to treatment and a need for surgical treatment.

Moist and colleagues followed patients undergoing hemodialysis using new arteriovenous grafts for 12 months after creation. Patients were assigned to daily doses of either four fish oil capsules, or four placebo capsules.

The study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* found patients, who took fish oil experienced a lower rate of graft failure, with half as many grafts lost to clotting.

In addition, the amount of time until clotting occurred increased and fewer corrective interventions were required, the study said.

Those taking fish oil also had lower blood pressure, lower rates of heart attacks, heart failure and other cardiac-related events, Moist added.

"This study provides very exciting results," Moist said in a statement. "Fish oil did not fix all the problems with grafts but it reduced the number of costly, time consuming procedures for patients already receiving a very burdensome treatment with dialysis."—*Internet*

Audi to increase India plant capacity by 50 pct

*Bayern Munich's Thomas Muller (front) poses with Audi's Q3 compact SUV during his visit to Auto Expo in New Delhi on 10 January, 2012. —*REUTERS

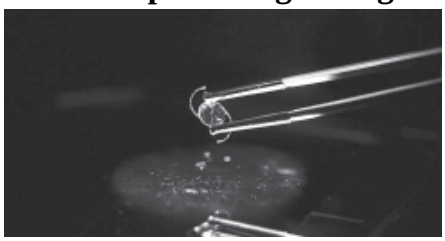
MAHARASHTRA, 4 May— Audi AG (NSUG.DE) plans to increase the capacity at its Indian plant by 50 percent, the head of its India unit said, as it looks to become the country's biggest luxury vehicle brand.

The Volkswagen AG-owned carmaker plans to increase capacity at its Aurangabad plant in Maharashtra to 9,000 vehicles from 6,000 vehicles by the end of 2012, Michael Perschke, head of Audi India, said on Thursday.

Audi sold just over 5,500 cars in India in 2011, and targets sales of 8,000 cars in the current calendar year, as it looks to overhaul BMW and Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz brand at the top of the Indian luxury carmarket.

Reuters

Nepal's 'magic' surgeon brings light back to poor



*A low-cost acrylic lens, also called intra-ocular lens, is pictured at the Tilganga Eye Centre's laboratory in Kathmandu on 26 April, 2012. The lenses are produced at the centre's laboratory by workers wearing bio-safe masks, helping bring the cost down to $US4 (S$5) per lens from more than US$100 a piece. The centre produces about 350,000 lenses annually and sells them to other nations. —*REUTERS

KATHMANDU, 4 May— Dressed in his hospital scrubs, Dr Sanduk Ruit looks into the eyes of a patient through a microscope hanging over an operating table.

He makes two tiny holes in one eye, takes out a jelly-like mass of natural lens and replaces it with an artificial one that fits snugly into the patient's eye, all in about five minutes, deftly moving his fingers clad in thin white gloves.

The patient is then moved away swiftly, without any stitches, and Dr Ruit repeats the process to remove cataracts — a leading cause of blindness in Nepal — from the eyes of another person.

The simple operation pioneered by Dr Ruit, a Nepali national, at the Tilganga Eye Centre in Kathmandu has benefited tens of thousands of people in Nepal and other countries in Asia and Africa, where surgical teams from the centre provide much needed care in field camps.

Reuters

Hero MotoCorp shares drop on earnings concerns

MUMBAI, 4 May—Shares of Hero MotoCorp (HROM.NS) dropped 5.6 percent on Thursday, a day after it narrowly lagged estimates with net profit of 6.04 billion rupees for the Jan-March quarter. Investors were also disappointed with the outlook from the world's largest two-wheeled vehicle manufacturer, and expect Hero to pare its dividend payout ratios in a bid to improve its balance sheet, analysts said. "We expect the Street to de-rate the stock in coming months," Morgan Stanley said in a report on Thursday, citing the dividend cut and a "muted" outlook as key reasons.

The investment bank said that Hero's stock is trading at 17 times forward 2013 earnings, a level it called "unjustified," and adding it would remain "underweight" on the stocks.—*Reuters*

Lack of sleep hurts handling of unexpected

UNIVERSITY PARK, 4 May—Surgeons who are sleep-deprived can perform a learned task or learn a new task, but have trouble dealing with the unexpected, US researchers say. Dr Jonathan Tomsk, a research fellow involved in surgical resident training at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, and colleagues tested two groups of medical students — one sleep deprived and the other rested — over two days.

All study participants were shown how to use a virtual reality simulator on the first three levels of difficulty. The study subjects practiced for no more than 45 minutes a day. Researchers instructed study participants to get a full night's rest and then tested the subjects on the first three levels of the simulator. The study participants returned for a second day of testing either fully rested — no less than 6 hours sleep — or sleep deprived — less than 2 hours of sleep. The study published in *American Journal of Surgery* demonstrated no difference in ability to perform a previously learned simulated surgical task or to learn a new simulated surgical task while moderately sleep deprived, but in order to achieve the same level of performance, sleep-deprived subjects demonstrated increased cognitive workload — load related to the executive control of working memory — compared to their rested counterparts.

Internet

Reducing calories may preserve memory

SCOTTSDALE, 4 May— Cutting back on calories is a good idea to protect the heart, and US researchers say eating less also may reduce a person's risk of memory loss. Yonas Geda of the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz, and colleagues looked at the association between eating and those with mild cognitive impairment.

The researchers compared eating habits and diagnosis of memory loss in 1,000 participants, ages 70 and older. "Caloric consumption of more than 2,143 calories per day is associated with twice [the] increased risk of having mild cognitive impairment," Geda said in a statement. "It's important to see your doctor regularly to check for signs of serious memory loss."

The findings were presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology.

Internet

*Employees work in an assembly line at a plant in Haridwar on 8 April , 2008. —*REUTERS

Woman who lost Ark lotto ticket entitled to $1m

SEARCY, 4 May — An Arkansas woman who cashed a $1 million lottery ticket may have to give up the winnings to a woman who threw away the ticket after she bought it, according to a judge's ruling on Tuesday.

The judge decided that Sharon Duncan was entitled to the prize money, not Sharon Jones, who claimed the prize money after she took the ticket from a trash can of discarded lottery tickets at a convenience store in Beebe, a city about 40 miles northeast of Little Rock. Jones' attorney, James Simpson, said he plans to appeal.

Sharon Jones, centre, who cashed a winning lottery ticket after taking it from a bin of discarded tickets on 15 July, 2011, at a Beebe, Ark, convenience store, walks to a court house during a break in a trial in Searcy, Ark, on 1 May, 2012.— INTERNET

Jones had testified that she already spent some of the money on a new truck and cash gifts to her children.

Simpson noted that Duncan testified she threw away the ticket after the read-out on a ticket scanner said, "Sorry. Not a winner."

The attorney argued that people shouldn't be allowed to throw items away and then say, "'ooh, I want to un-abandon it.'" "We'd have garage-sale law all over the place," he said.

"It became trash when someone threw it away." White County judge Thomas Hughes, however, said Jones never met the burden of proof that Duncan abandoned her right to claim $1 million.

"The $1 million was never found money," Hughes said. Earlier Tuesday, Jones testified that she gathered a handful of discarded tickets from the trash can — as she had done many times before — and said there was no sign alerting customers not to take tickets.

That contradicted Super 1 Stop store manager Lisa Petriches' earlier testimony that she had taped a sign that read "Do not take" on the can.

But a former store clerk testified that Petriches posted the sign only after Jones claimed the prize.

Petriches brought the lawsuit against Jones, and Duncan joined it after the judge said at a January hearing that she may be the true owner of the ticket. Hughes ruled that Petriches and the store's owner, Louie Dajani — whose corporation, Summer One LLC, joined the suit — weren't entitled to anything.

The judge instructed the winning side to write the judgment for his signature, and it will become official once Hughes signs it. Jones' attorneys will then have 30 days to file an appeal.

Hughes found that the evidence weighed in Duncan's favor that she bought the winning ticket, even though lottery records and store security video didn't synch up to the precise timing of the purchase.

Sharon Duncan, one of three women involved in a lawsuit over a $1 million lottery ticket, leaves the Wilber D. Mills Court Building during a break in Searcy, Ark, on 1 May, 2012.— INTERNET

Arkansas Lottery Security Chief Lance Huey testified that he investigated the circumstances of the ticket falling into Jones' hands. He said the lottery was satisfied with the investigation and awarded the prize.

Duncan's attorney, James "Red" Morgan, argued that she simply made a mistake by throwing away a $1 million ticket and that the only right she willingly parted with was to enter the ticket for the possibility of a secondary prize.

Internet

'Bullied' dolphin hiding from pushy pod, officials say

LOS ANGELES, 4 May — A lone dolphin has spent the past several days residing in a California coastal bay after several reports suggest it was "bullied" by a pod of fellow dolphins that were blocking its return to the open sea. "He was scared, he was intimidated, he was bullied," Peter Wallerstein of the Marine Animal Rescue told the *Los Angeles Times.* At first, wildlife officials tried encouraging "Bolsa Chica Bob" to return to sea. But when the dolphin, who is nicknamed after the section of wetlands he has been taking shelter in, tried returning to the ocean he was met by two other dolphins who blocked his path.

"There could be tension among the dolphin pod, and dolphins can be very aggressive, even among themselves," Wallerstein said. Now, Wallerstein says officials are no longer pressuring the 7-foot dolphin to leave the bay, saying there is an ample supply of fish available should he choose to make the area his permanent home.

"We're being very cautious about forcing it into harm's way," he said. However, not everyone is convinced that the dolphin is actually being bullied. "Maybe the others are angry," Dennis Kelly, chairman of the Marine Science department at Orange Coast College, told the Orange County Register. "'You're lagging behind, you moron.' Maybe they were going whack it. 'You're not paying attention. Slap! OK, we're leaving.'"—*Internet*

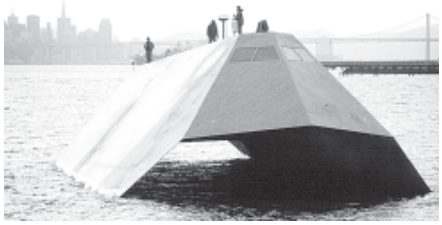
Rainstorms or strong downpours pounded some regions in Fujian Province in recent days. The observatory of Fujian issued warning signal of hail on Tuesday afternoon.— XINHUA

$195 million Sea Shadow stealth ship for sale, only $10,000 deposit required

NEW YORK, 4 May — The US Department of Defence's Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has placed its famous Sea Shadow stealth ship up for auction. And while the high-tech military sea vessel cost more than $195 million to develop, its opening bid was for the relatively tiny sum of $50,000, with only a $10,000 deposit required. *The Courier Mail* reports that the ship was made famous to a broader audience when it served as the inspiration for the home of James Bond's villainous foil in the film "Tomorrow Never Dies."

The General Services Administration auction for the ship is scheduled to end this Thursday, with the current bid at the time of publishing up to just over $100,000. However, before you begin finalizing your plans for global dominance, there is one major catch to the auction: The ship will be dismantled and reduced to scrap before being handed out to the auction's eventual winner.

"The ex-Sea Shadow shall be disposed of by completely dismantling and scrapping within the USA," reads the item's description on the GSA website. "Dismantling is defined as reducing the property such as it has no value except for its basic material content." The 164-foot experimental craft was first constructed in 1983 by Lockheed for the US Navy and contains the same stealth technology used by its more famous aerial counterparts.



The $195 million Sea Shadow is up for sale.— INTERNET

Although it appears almost flimsy on the surface, it actually contains two submerged twin hulls and is specifically designed to withstand very rough ocean waves of up to 18 feet.

Internet

Drunken Brits fined for kidnapping penguin 'Dirk'

CANBERRA, 4 May — Two drunken Welshmen on Wednesday escaped with a fine after being convicted of stealing a penguin called Dirk from an Australian theme park after consuming large amounts of vodka. Former Royal Marine Rhys Owen Jones, 21, and his bricklayer friend Keri Mules, 20, broke into Sea World on Queensland's Gold Coast last month and swam with the dolphins and let off a fire extinguisher in a shark enclosure. The pair, in Australia on a working holiday, then stole Dirk, Southport Magistrates Court heard.

Their lawyer Bill Potts, who *Australian Associated Press* reported was wearing a penguin tie in court, said his clients meant no harm. He said after they awoke the next day with hangovers and found the bird in their room they tried to care for it by feeding it bread and putting it in the shower. "They tried their incompetent best to care for the penguin," Potts said. The little bird was eventually found, exhausted but otherwise well, after a couple spotted it in a nearby shallow estuary when they had released it. The couple said they saw the captive-bred penguin get chased out of the water by another animal — possibly a shark — before it was then herded back in by a dog. Sea World workers eventually came to retrieve it.

Potts said the men, who pleaded guilty to trespassing, stealing, and keeping a protected animal, regretted their actions and were deeply embarrassed by the international media coverage of their exploits. Magistrate Brian Kucks fined them Aus$1,000 ($1,034) each and said they were lucky not to have drunkenly stumbled into the polar bear enclosure. "You could have found yourselves in a morgue if you'd gone into the wrong enclosure. Perhaps next time you are at a party you will consider drinking a little less vodka," he said, AAP reported from the court.

Internet

Handout photo shows fairy penguin Dirk at Sea World on Queensland's Gold Coast. Two drunken Welshmen has escaped with a fine after being convicted of stealing a penguin called Dirk from the theme park after consuming large amounts of vodka.— INTERNET

Stricken Texas "bucket list" baby dies, father says

WASHINGTON, 4 May — A Texas baby born with an incurable disease whose parents created an online "bucket list" for their daughter that became an Internet sensation has died, her father said on Tuesday. Michael Canahuati said in a blog posting that five-and-a-half-month-old Avery died on Monday afternoon after going into cardiac arrest. The little girl was born in November with spinal muscular atrophy, a rare genetic disorder that doctors predicted would kill her before she turned 2.

"Avery's passing this quickly came as a complete shock to all of us, as she had just been given a thumbs up at her last doctor's appointment only three days ago," Canahuati wrote on Tuesday. He made the announcement on the website — http://www.averycan.blogspot.com/ — where over the past month he and his wife have been posting fanciful light-hearted blogs written as if penned by Avery herself.

Among the postings was a so-called "bucket list" of things Avery hoped to do before she died. The list included a number of goals — to swim with dolphins, to get a manicure and pedicure and a tattoo — that expressed an optimism the little girl would prove the doctors wrong and live a long, rich life. Avery did many of the things mentioned on the list including moving her legs, tasting solid foods and visiting relatives. The "Baby Avery" blogs have attracted more than 3 million page views since April, when they first began being posted, according to a counter on the website.— *Reuters*

Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination, most difficult of all religious examinations yearly held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, leading Theravada Buddhist Nation of Buddhist World

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

It is known that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been a predominantly Theravada Buddhist nation in the world for nearly one thousand years, and over 90 per cent of nation's population has taken faith in Theravada Buddhism since then. Furthermore, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been recognized as a permanent higher learning centre of genuine Theravada Buddhism not only in the Buddhist world but also throughout the world. According to historical records of Buddhism, the Fifth and Sixth Great Buddhist Councils (Synods) were successfully convened in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with a view to purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana (the Buddha's teachings) all over the world. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council, which was attended and participated by Maha Theras from Five Theravada Buddhist Nations, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, was successfully held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in 1954.

In order to carefully preserve genuine Theravada Buddhism, a great number of Buddhist Monastic Institutions and Learning Centres of Buddhist Scriptures have been established in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for years. For the time being, the two Pariyatti Sasana Universities, one in Yangon and another in Mandalay have been so far established to promote and propagate the Theravada Buddhism throughout the world. At present, Buddhist monk students are attending these two universities, and if they have got through the prescribed examinations held by these Universities, they will be conferred Takkasila Dhammaçariya Degree (Bachelor of Arts) in Buddhism and Tekkasila Maha Dhammaçariya Degree (Master of Arts) in Buddhism respectively. And now, the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, the very first one in the Buddhist world has been also already established in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in order to propagate, promote and flourish genuine Theravada Buddhism throughout the world, and to share the knowledge of Buddhism both in theory and practice with the peoples of the world to promote their happiness and moral well-being.

According to the Pariyatti (learning canonical Texts) Education System of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, there are seven kinds of religious examinations including the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination yearly held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The seven kinds of religious examinations are as follows:-

(1) Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination
(2) Dhammaçariya Examination
(3) Pathamagyi Examination
(4) Pathamalat Examination
(5) Pathamange Examination
(6) Abhidhamma/Visudhimagga Examination (only for Laymen and Nuns)
(7) Five Nikaya Examination

Out of these seven kinds of religious examinations, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination has been separately held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar since sixty-four years ago (1948). Buddhist monk candidates who wish to appear for this Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination must have passed at least the Pathamagyi Examination. In fact, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination is quite different from other religious examinations because the candidates have to take 33 days to sit for this examination. They have to take both oral examination consists of **Pali Texts of 8026 pages of Tipitaka conons and the written examination consists of Pali Texts, Athakatha (Commentaries) and Tika (Sub-Commentaries) of 9934 pages of Tipitaka canons respectively.** Only the candidates who have got through both oral and written examinations will be presented the Title of Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida (the Title of Religious Heroes). Up to now, only twelve outstanding members of Sangha (Bhikkhus) were presented the Title of Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida within over 63 years' duration of the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination.

It is learnt that many members of Sangha throughout the country appeared for the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination from year to year. However, most of them were not successfully. In fact, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examinations is the most difficult of the religious examinations which are yearly held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Such Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination can be held only in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which has carefully preserved the genuine Theravada Buddhism for nearly one thousand years. It is learnt that such examination cannot be held in other Theravada Buddhist nations.

Members of Sangha, multifarious Buddhist people and Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, hand in hand, are striving to propagate, promote and flourish the genuine Theravada Buddhism not only in homeland but also at abroad. We all Buddhists know that the Sasana is of the three kinds, viz (1) Pariyatti Sasana (Learning the Buddha's teaching), (2) Patipatti Sasana (Practical application of the Buddha's teaching) and (3) Parivedha Sasana (Realization of the Buddha's teaching). Out of them, the Pariyatti Sasana is the most important one which mainly leads to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana (the noble teachings of the Buddha). The aims and objectives of holding the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination are to preserve, promote and flourish the genuine Theravada Buddhism all over the world.

Firewood distributed to local people free of charge

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— Firewood was distributed to local people free of charge in Aungthiri Village of Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 29 April.

Assistant Director U Tet Toe of District Forest Department and Staff Officer U Hsan Myint Tun of Tatkon Township Forest Department explained the purpose of distributing firewood to the local people.

Later, staff members of the department shared 10 tons of firewood to 124 households of Aungthiri Village.—*Kyemon*

Trade promotion meeting held in Myawady Trade Zone

MYAWADY, 4 May— Myawady Trade Zone of Border Trade Department is undertaking promotion of bilateral trade and realization of regular routing of trade by implementing five aims.

The trade promotion meeting was held at the hall of Myawady Trade Zone on 30 April. Deputy Commissioner U Myint Tin of Myawady District GAD delivered an address.

Director of Myawady Trade Zone U San Lwin explained matters related to promoting trade and replied to queries raised by merchants.

Myanma Alin

Mussel collectors earn increased incomes in summer

DISTRICT NEWS

YEDASHE, 4 May— Water level of rivers and creeks decline in April in summer, so those who collect mussels can earn incomes.

The collectors may collect over 200 mussels at lakes, creeks and drains daily, selling it at K 1600 to K 2000 per viss. The mussels are washed in water and then boiled in pot. After opening the covers , flesh of mussles is to be boiled. Then, the flesh can be cooked with the use of various cooking materials or made as salad. Despite collecting least number of mussels in previous years, the collectors sell mussels at markets due to gathering larger number of mussels this year.—*Ko Lwin (Swa)*

UMFCCI officials meet Thai entrepreneurs

YANGON, 4 May—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Federation of Thai Industries of Thailand jointly organized the Seminar and Business Matching on Economic Partnership Among Neighbouring Countries Thai-Myanmar and the Investment Opportunities & Potentials for Thai Entrepreneurs in Myanmar at the federation on 25 April afternoon.

It was attended by President of the federation U Win Aung, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin, U Thaung Tin and U Mya Han, Joint General Secretaries, CEC members, departmental officials, Myanmar entrepreneurs, Minister-Counsellor of Thai embassy Mr Kallayana Vipattipumiprates, President of the Federation of Thai Industries Mr Payungsak Chartsutipol and Thai entrepreneurs.

President of the federation U Win Aung, Minister-Counsellor of Thai embassy Mr Kallayana Vipattipumiprates and President of the Federation of Thai Industries Mr Payungsak Chartsutipol made speeches.

Joint General Secretary U Moe Kyaw of the federation submitted the paper on investment opportunities of Myanmar and Thai economic counsellor Mr Prajuab Supinee the paper on facts about salient points for investment in Myanmar.

Next, the attendees followed the meetings on respective businesses.

UMFCCI

I & P Ministry learns int'l census work for 2014-census

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — To be able to take the census in 2014 in accordance with international set standard, Ministry of Immigration and Population held a meeting on discussing international census works at the ministry here today.

It was attended by Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win, directors-general, deputy directors-general, directors and officials of the departments under the ministry.

During the meeting, Director-General of the Population Department U Myint Kyaing reported on findings related to taking census in Thailand in 2010, organizational set-up of committees for taking census, the census law and works for taking census, schedules, technology and use of machines, question forms and situations.

Afterwards, participants of the meeting discussed the matters related to findings, suggestions for the work and requirements.

Union Minister U Khin Yi stressed the need for reviewing the census taken in foreign countries and for using the census taking system which is suitable for Myanmar.

He also called for reviving the method which was used in Myanmar previously, for drawing systematic plans for promoting the information sector to educate the people to participate in the work, for sharing the method in regions and states and for systematic preparations.—*MNA*

Union Defence Minister receives Member of House of Councilors of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min received a delegation led by Member of House of Councilors of Japan Mr Yoshihiko Isozaki of Liberal Democratic Party at his office here this afternoon.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on making strenuous effort on rehabilitation tasks in the area of Nargis and Giri storms and Tahlay earthquake in Myanmar by Myanmar Tatmadaw and Tsunami in Japan by Japan's Defence Force.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt, Commodore Aung Thaw and officials concerned.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min receives Member of House of Councilors of Japan Mr Yoshihiko Isozaki of Liberal Democratic Party and party of Japan.*—MNA**

Dy Foreign Minister holds discussion with American guests

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr. Myo Myint received Mr. Murray Hiebert, Senior Fellow and Deputy Director of Southeast Asia Programme at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) at the ministry here at 1:30 pm today.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the United States and Myanmar.—*MNA*

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives Hong Kong guests

YANGON, 4 May—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe received Chairman of Asia and Pacific Committee Mr Marc Castagnet of General Chamber of Commerce of Hong Kong at the government office, here, yesterday morning.

They discussed matters related to economic cooperation. Also present at the call were Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock U Soe Min, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myint and Region government secretary U Than Aung.

The region chief minister attended the opening of Green Hill Hotel on Po Sein Road in Tamway Township.

MNA

Those wishing to form political parties applying to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Those wishing to form political parties are applying to the Union Election Commission for permission to form political party and 27 persons, including U Mya Than, applied for permission to form Danu National Democracy Party yesterday.

As to the application, the Union Election Commission has requested ministries concerned to assess whether those wishing to form political parties conform to the provisions of Political Parties Registration Law Sections (4) and (6).—*MNA*

Dy Construction Minister inspects road works in Ayeyawady Region

***Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspects maintenance of Sakkawt-Danubyu-Zalun Road.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 30 April morning looked into maintenance of Sakkawt-Danubyu-Zalun Road with the use of heavy machinery in Ayeyawady Region.

In meeting with engineers in Zalun Township, the deputy minister gave instructions on improvement of Hinthada-Zalun road section. Then, the deputy minister assigned duties to Maubin and Hinthada District Public Works and Road/Airport Special Groups.

MNA

KIA (Kachin) armed group destroys rail track in Mogaung

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— KIA (Kachin) armed group blasted the rail track between Hsarhmaw and Htobu stations in Mogaung Township, Kachin State, yesterday, destroying about a feet of the track, a concrete slipper and a wodden slipper at the mile post No. 677/10.

After the blast happened around 8.20 pm, there occured an exhange of fire between a security unit for rail tracks and the KIA armed group.

An engineering group of Myanma Railways from Mogaung Station reached the site yesterday night to repair the damaged portion of the track.

KIA armed group has destroyed roads, bridges and rail tracks which are non-military targets. The local people and peoples across the country want the KIA to stop their destructive acts as the attacks have affected and hindered the socio-economy of the local people.—*MNA*

Coord meeting on putting Myanmar cultural heritages on list of global heritage held

YANGON, 4 May—A coordination meeting of the steering committee, expert team and drafting team on putting Myanmar cultural heritages on the list of global heritage took place at National Museum here this morning.

In her opening speech, Chairperson of Steering Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin said Myanmar became a signatory to 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage on 29 April 1994. A tentative list of eight Myanmar National heritages including Pyadalin Cave, Bagan Region, Inlay Lake, ancient Pyu cities and Mrauk U region was submitted in 1996. Bagan region was included in the list of global heritage in 1995. Since 2009, measures have been taken to put three ancient Pyu cities out of the eight on the list of global heritage. In 2010, periodic reporting 1 and international assistance were requested. Moreover, capacity building for safeguarding cultural heritage in Myanmar project started with the assistance of Italian government. In February 2012, international assistance and Italy project assistance were received. She then called for efforts for putting Myanmar's cultural heritages on the list of global heritage as a national duty.

Then, Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department reported on work progress and retired Director-General U San Win on compilation and submission of draft. The deputy minister made a remark and presented gifts to scholars.

Since February 2012, implementation of capacity building for safeguarding cultural heritage in Myanmar projects has started in categories.

To implement the tasks, steering committee, expert team and drafting team have been formed and nomination dossier is being drafted. Measures are being taken to submit the draft to World Heritage Centre in September 2012 in collaboration with scholars from various departments.—*MNA*

Traditional Fragrance Grinding Contest held in Kyaukpyu

KYAUKPYU, 4 May— Kyaukpyu District Women's Affairs Organization held the Myanmar Traditional Fragrance Grinding Contest 1373 ME at Sasana Beikman in Kyaukpyu on 12 April morning.

Chairperson of Kyaukpyu District WAO Daw Khin Than Tun made a speech. A total of 11 teams from wards and villages participated in the contest.

The prize presentation ceremony was held on 16 April. Chairperson of District WAO Daw Khin Than Tun awarded the first prize to Myitkyinatan Ward team, Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Yu Khaing Phyu the second prize to West Ward team, member of District WAO Daw Hla Hla Kyaw the third prize to Rakhine Paikseik Ward team.

Secretary of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Khin Hnin Hset and District Auditing Officer Daw Aung Thein presented consolation prizes to Thanpanchaung Ward and Asoeya Ward teams.

District IPRD

Heavy rains, hailstone hit Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 4 May— Heavy rains hit Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region in the last week of April.

On 26 April, hailstones dropped in Yamethin in addition to heavy rains. While there was heavy rain, strong winds hit the town on all sides. The winds blew off roofs of some houses and broke some trees in the urban areas.

Due to rapid change of climate, the lightning stroke at one buffalo each in the paddy farm of southern area of Yamethin and in a village, south of Yamethin.

Local people were delighted at raining due to declining of heat and safety of danger of fire in a short period. Moreover, the farmers who nurture chilli saplings thanked the rains for coldness.

Kyemon

Nylon hand-baskets marketable in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 4 May— Hand-baskets made of nylon are marketable than that of rattan and plastic in Meiktila.

"In the past, the hand-baskets made of nylon are popular among those from villages in shopping. Now, housewives in urban areas prefer hand-baskets made of nylon," said a seller of nylon hand-baskets in Meiktila Market.

"Prices of hand-baskets made of nylon are in variety, depending on sizes. Moreover, the prices depend on one layer of basket or two layers. Two-layer baskets are higher prices because the products can be used in all places. Regularly, nylon hand-baskets are sold at K 1500, K 2000, K 2500, K 3000 and K 4000," he continued.

The customers choose the colours of products and quality of durability. That is why Nylon hand-baskets take places of rattan and plastic wares.

Kyemon

Passengers continue trips with use of dozers in rains of Rakhine State

MRAUKU, 4 May—Pre-monsoon rains showered in various regions of the nation recently. Due to the rains after 28 April, passengers faced difficulties in Rakhine State and Yangon Region and their transportation delayed in the rains.

"When it rained in the region, rainwater flowed down from the hilly areas. In the rains, passenger buses faced slips and derailed into the silt. Some buses spent night in the valley. Fortunately, most of the buses continued their trips with the assistance of dozers being used in construction of the roads," said a traveler to MraukU.

Most of the passenger buses are Hyundai brands that faced engine faults and overheat of engine in the poor conditions of roads and rains. Moreover, these vehicles faced slips on the roads and derailed into the silt.

"The roads in Rakhine State are slippery in the rainy season and dusty in summer. On my trip, the passenger bus I took was pulled by dozers of the construction sites," recounted a Rakhine nation on his travel experiences in An valley.

This open season, travel agencies give better services to the tourists and travelers to make trips to Ngapali beach of Rakhine State and MraukU by car and hovercraft.

Khin Yadana

DISTRICT NEWS

Myanmar sports delegation back from Singapore

YANGON, 4 May—Vice-President of Myanmar Para Sports Federation and Vice-President of Myanmar Special Sports Federation U Myo Myint and Executive U Thein Win arrived back here by air on 30 April after attending the Special Olympics 2012 Asia Pacific Leadership Conference held in Singapore from 27 to 29 April.

The conference was attended by leaders of the special sports teams and executive directors from 25 countries of Asia-Pacific region.

Myanmar will host the Mekong Region 5-Aside Football Tournament of five Mekong regions in November.—*Ko Myo*

Tornado hits Ywathit Village of Monyo Township

YANGON, 4 May—A tornado hit Ywathit Village of Monyo Township in Thayawady District of Bago Region at 6.30 pm on 1 May.

In the event, two women were wounded.

The tornado broke the mango tree down on the hut of U Soe Win in the village. Thus, Ma Yin Kyi, 39 was injured at her left shoulder and Ma Zargyi Win, 18 at her cheek and nose.

Three members of Fire Services Department and 10 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade sent the injured to Monyo Township People's Hospital. Ma Zargyi Win was serious, so she was sent to Yangon General Hospital.

Htet Khaing-Sangyoung

Strong winds kill one girl, drown 11 fishing boats

YANGON, 4 May—While fishing at Sangyoungton Lake located at reference map GP 762623, nine nautical miles from fire station of Maubin Township, in Sangyoung Village of Maubin Township in Ayeyawady Region, at 3.30 pm on 1 May, eleven fishing boats capsized in strong winds and heavy rain.

In the incident, Ma Myint Myint Aye (a) Kayinma, 14, daughter of U Win Kyi of Setgyipaing Village in Maubin Township died in the incident. The remaining persons escaped from the natural disaster by swimming.

A total of 20 members of Fire Brigade from Sangyoung Village and local authorities carried out salvage of the dead body and fishing boats.

Htet Khaing-Sangyoung

EVD AND BOOKS DONATED: ***Ko Aung Myint Hlaing-Ma Min MinThan of Mya Thawda Textile Shop of Mingala Market donated one Smart EVD player and 300 books to Thuta Bank Library in Kamapa Village of Kungyangon Township of Yangon Region on 2 May. The Chairman of the library committee accepts donations.*** **—TOWNSHIP IPRD**

Yadanabon plays goalless draw with Phukhet FC

PHUKHET, 4 May—As part of preparations for second leg of the MNL 2012, Yadananbn FC playing tune-up matches in Thailand played a goalless draw with Phukhet FC at Surakul Stadium in Phukhet of Thailand at 6 pm on 2 May.

Yadanabon FC deployed star players Paing Soe, Aung Myint Aye, Kyaw Naing Win and Yin Min Aung (keeper) and three foreign footballers.

Yadanabon played vice versa attacks with Phukhet FC in the match.

Yadanabon FC plans to reshuffle foreign players this transfer season and tests one US player and three African players.

Soe Nyunt

97-year-old Australian man becomes world's oldest university graduate

SYDNEY, 4 May — A 97-year-old Australian man will set another world record for being the oldest university graduate in the world, local media reported on Friday. Allan Stewart, from Tea Gardens on the New South Wales (NSW) North Coast, will become the world's oldest university graduate on Friday afternoon when he graduates with a Master of Clinical Science (Complementary Medicine) from Southern Cross University in Lismore in NSW, according to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) reports.

His fourth university degree will surpass the Guinness World Record that Stewart set in 2006 when he completed a law degree at the University of New England at age 91. Stewart completed his first degree with a Bachelor of Dentistry from the University of Sydney in 1936. He later completed a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at Northwestern University in Chicago, and practiced as a dentist in London, Sydney and the rural areas of northern NSW. Stewart said that the fourth university degree may be his last.

"I can hang up my mortar board and academic robes after this one, although I said that after my last degree and then I got bored," he said in a statement. "People should never use the excuse that `I am too old to study ' or `I have left my run too late'," Stewart said. "It is never too late to expand your mind, make new friends and challenge yourself to achieve something worthwhile." His lecturer Sonia Brownie at Southern Cross University said Stewart had studied mostly by correspondence online with good time management skills.— *Xinhua*

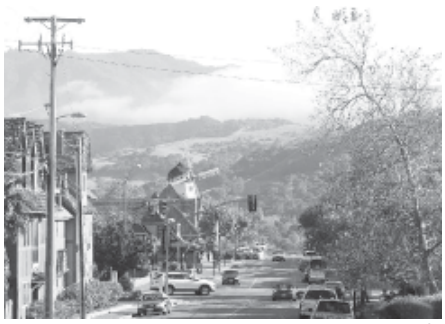


Photo taken on 30 April, 2012 shows the street view of Solvang, a city in Santa Barbara County, California, the United States. Solvang was founded in 1911 by a group of Danes who travelled west to establish a Danish colony. The city is home to a number of bakeries, restaurants, and merchants offering a taste of Denmark in California. Also, the architecture of many of the facades and buildings reflects traditional Danish style. **XINHUA**

India developing cyber defence programme

NEW DELHI, 4 May — India is developing a cyber defence programme aimed at protecting vital sectors like defence, railways and power, a top military scientist has said. "The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is developing an indigenous technology to ensure networking systems are safe and secure. It has completed 50 percent of the project to protect cyber network in the country from malware and hackers," DRDO Director KD Nayak was quoted by the local media as saying at a two-day seminar in the southern city of Bangalore. The top scientist said that the remaining 50 percent of the project will be completed soon.

Xinhua

Crowds of tourists and locals throw themselves into the mud carnival on 30 April, 2012 in Cangyuan county in southwest China's Yunnan Province. **— XINHUA**

China April HSBC services PMI rises to 6-month high

BEIJING, 4 May — China's services sector enjoyed its busiest month in half a year in April, with business expectations at their highest level in 12 months, a private sector survey of purchasing managers showed on Friday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC China Services Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) rose to 54.1 in April from 53.3 in March, its strongest reading since October 2011, and followed an uptick in HSBC's manufacturing PMI released earlier this week.

The rise in the HSBC services PMI was in contrast to a retreat in China's official services PMI - albeit from a higher level after revision to its methodology in March - which was weighed down mainly by a continuing downturn in the real estate sector.

Markit Economics, which compiles the HSBC-sponsored survey, detected a broad-based rise in key service sector indicators. "April data signaled a further rise in new orders placed at Chinese service providers.

Although below the long-run trend for the survey, the rate of new order growth was solid, and the sharpest in 10 months," Markit said in a statement of survey findings. "Companies commented on better demand conditions, new product launches and the success of promotional campaigns."

Staff numbers in the services sector rose for a 39th consecutive month. April's rate of job creation was the sharpest since November 2011 and survey respondents typically attributed hiring to a rise in new business.

The robust showing for the services sector signals both a further incremental reorientation of the economy away from its reliance on investment-led factory output and that domestic demand may be stabilizing after a period of weakness.

Reuters

Employees make circuit boards at an electronic component factory in Hefei, Anhui Province on 2 May, 2012. **— REUTERS**

Japan switches off last nuclear power plant; will it cope?

TOKYO, 4 May — Japan shuts down its last working nuclear power reactor this weekend just over a year after a tsunami scarred the nation and if it survives the summer without major electricity shortages, producers fear the plants will stay offline for good. The shutdown leaves Japan without nuclear power for the first time since 1970 and has put electricity producers on the defencive. Public opposition to nuclear power could become more deeply entrenched if non-nuclear generation proves enough to meet Japan's needs in the peak-demand summer months.

"Can it be the end of nuclear power? It could be," said Andrew DeWit, a professor at Rikkyo University in Tokyo who studies energy policy. "That's one reason why people are fighting it to the death." Japan managed to get through the summer last year without any blackouts by imposing curbs on use in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami. Factories operated at night and during weekends to avoid putting too much stress on the country's power grids. A similar success this year would weaken the argument of proponents of nuclear power.

"They don't have the polls on their side," said DeWit. "Once they go through the summer without reactors, how will they fire them up? They know that, so they will try their darndest but I don't see how." Japan has 54 nuclear power reactors, including the four at Tokyo Electric's Daiichi plant in Fukushima that were damaged in the earthquake and tsunami, culminating in three meltdowns and radiation leaks for the worst civilian nuclear disaster since Chernobyl in 1986.

One by one the country's nuclear plants have been shut for scheduled maintenance and prevented from restarting because of public concern about their safety. The last one running, the No3 Tomari reactor of Hokkaido Electric Power Co in northern Japan, is scheduled to shut down early on Sunday. Anti-nuclear activists will celebrate with demonstrations over the weekend.— *Reuters*

Employees of SMBC Nikko Securities Inc work using only LED desk lights, during daytime at the company office in Tokyo in this 30 June, 2011 file photo, a day before a target to cut electricity use by 15 percent in regions affected by Japan's 11 March earthquake and tsunami takes effect. **— REUTERS**

Cuba to start clinical trials of new pneumonia vaccine

HAVANA, 4 May — Cuba will this year begin clinical trials of a new pneumococcal vaccine developed by the island nation's biotech industry, the official daily Granma said on Thursday. The vaccine was developed by scientists at Havana's Finlay Institute and the Centre for Biomolecular Chemistry, Finlay Director Concepcion Campa was quoted as saying by Granma. As one of the most deadly diseases, the bacteria leads to pneumonia and other afflictions such as meningitis and sinusitis, mainly among the elderly, children and those with weakened immune systems.

Campa is participating in the 16th International Seminar of the Caribbean Medical Association (AMECA), which began Wednesday in Havana and gathered 200 specialists from various countries. Campa gave a lecture on the impact on national public health of the more than 10 vaccines manufactured on the island. She headed the scientific team that created the "first and only effective vaccine in the world against meningococcal group B" (vaccine VA-MENGOC-BC), according to the Cuban medical authorities.—*Xinhua*

China, Asia at centre of Auckland Airport expansion targets

WELLINGTON, 4 May — Auckland Airport, the main international gateway to New Zealand, is aiming to triple the number of services flying to China by 2020 as part of an ambitious plan to expand New Zealand's tourism industry.

The airport management on Friday released the Ambition 2020 growth plan, saying there was potential to grow the number of international visitor arrivals from 2.6 million last year to more than 3.5 million in 2020.

"Asia, especially China, will provide the largest growth potential both in visitor arrivals and in the amount they will spend when they're here," said Glenn Wedlock, Auckland Airport general manager aeronautical commercial. "China is a vital growth market for New Zealand and we see the market developing from 160,000 today to over 430,000 arrivals by 2020.

More importantly, we need to target more direct flights, longer stay visitors and FIT (free independent travelers)/semi FIT visitors," said Wedlock in a statement. Airport management believed the number of direct flight visitors could grow from 50,000 a year to 170,000 by 2020, he said.

"To achieve these results, and to achieve other ambitious trade targets outlined by the government, we will need to see air services between New Zealand and China reach around three times the number of direct flights today." The airport would also be targeting Southeast Asian markets, such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore, which could " easily each develop into 100 million NZ dollars plus (80.02 million US dollars) visitor spend markets."—*Xinhua*

Police hold seven over qat "terrorism funding"

LONDON, 4 May— Police said on Tuesday they had arrested seven people on suspicion of financing terrorism overseas and money laundering through the illegal export of the narcotic qat to north America. Six men and one woman were held in early morning raids in London, the Welsh capital Cardiff and in Coventry in the English midlands, police said. The raids were part of an investigation run in parallel with the US Homeland Security Investigations directorate into a network suspected of exporting qat to the US and Canada.

"The arrests were a part of a pre-planned, intelligence-led operation into suspected fund-raising for terrorism overseas," London's Metropolitan Police said. Qat is grown and widely chewed in the Horn of Africa and in Yemen. It is habit-forming and excessive use can cause insomnia, stress, depression and apathy. The plant, whose leaves must be consumed fresh, is legal in Britain but is a controlled substance in the United States and Canada.

Police did not disclose the origin of the smuggled qat or where they believed the funding was targeted, but international authorities have previously said profits from the qat trade are used to finance militant groups like al Shabaab in Somalia. A UN Monitoring Group report last year estimated qat traders using one Mogadishu airfield in an area controlled by al Shabaab would have paid the militant group around $500,000 in taxes over a 10-month period in 2010. Police were also searching seven other residential properties in London, Coventry and Worthing on England's southern coast and business premises in Coventry.

Reuters

Rescuers carry a tube which will be used to pump water out of the flooded Junyuan No 2 Coal Mine in Hegang, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 3 May, 2012. Death toll of the colliery flooding that occurred at the coal mine Wednesday evening has risen to nine while five are still trapped in the flooded shaft. Rescue work is still underway.
XINHUA

Inquiry defends Israeli fatal airstrike in Gaza

JERUSALEM, 4 May— A probe into the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) airstrike that killed 21 members of a family in Gaza during Operation Cast Lead claimed on Tuesday that the bombing was not intentional and that civilians were not targeted during the operation.

The inquiry into whether the IDF committed criminal negligence and intentional targeting of civilians during the bombing that destructed the building in which the Samouri family lived in January 2009, resulted in the acquittance of those involved, according to a press release from the Israeli rights group B' Tselem.

Military prosecutors responded in a letter to claims made by B' Tselem, saying that, during the probe, they had not found any evidence of negligence on the IDF's part. "It is unacceptable that no one is found responsible for an action of the army that led to the killing of 21 uninvolved civilians, inside the building they were in under soldiers' orders, even if not deliberately," B'Tselem's head of research, attorney Yael Stein said.— *Xinhua*

Newlyweds hold hands as part of ancient Chinese nuptial rites during a group wedding ceremony in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 1 May, 2012. A total of 130 newlyweds here chose to attend the group wedding ceremony, which followed the marriage rites of the Han Dynasty (220 BC-220 AD).— XINHUA

Pentagon report paints mixed picture of Afghanistan war

WASHINGTON, 4 May— Citing limited gains, a US Defence Department report on Tuesday painted a mixed picture of the war in Afghanistan, with an insurgency that's capable of withstanding losses and launching high-profile attacks even as it faces mounting pressure from US forces. The report, mandated by Congress, said the Taleban has been unable to reclaim territory taken by foreign and Afghan forces in Kandahar and Helmand Provinces, as the Afghan security forces makes significant improvement during the past months.

The report, which covers the situation of the past six months, said that attacks on US and Afghan forces declined in 2011 for the first time in five years and that the positive trend appeared to be continuing into 2012. However, the report said Taleban remains "resilient and determined," and will attempt to regain lost ground and influence in the coming months.

It noted the insurgents still have safe havens in Pakistan, posing biggest threat to the long-term success of the war.It also asked the question if the Afghans could hold on to the security gains made in the past years following a withdrawal of forces in the coming years. Foreign troops will be out of Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

Xinhua

Vodafone hands over satellite station to Ghana's new space centre

ACCRA, 4 May — The management of Vodafone Ghana Limited, a subsidiary of Vodafone plc UK, handed over on Wednesday its Satellite Earth Station at Kuntunse, about 20 km west of the capital, to the government of Ghana for use by the new Space Science and Technology Centre.

This was contained in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Minister for Environment, Science and Technology (MEST) Sherry Ayittey and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vodafone Ghana Kyle Whitehill at the official opening of the Centre.

The MOU indicated that the redundant Vodafone earth satellite station would be converted into a telescope for research and development in the field of astronomy.

"The Small Satellite Development Programme (SSDP) where the centre is collaborating with Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd to develop small satellites in the country is also part of the new programme," the minister said. On the new center, Ayittey said the vision was to uncover and exploit the capabilities of space science and technology for national socio-economic and technological development through education and cutting edge research.

She added that the center would coordinate the implementation of national space science and technology programmes in the four main focal areas of Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Communication, Meteorology as well as Astronomy and Astrophysics.

The minister was also hopeful that the technology would be used to monitor crops in continental climates through assimilation of satellite information.

"The journey to space science and technology development is long and there is no short cut to arrive at the destination," Ayittey warned, adding, "We need to invest in infrastructure and human capacity development to meet the goals and objectives we have set for ourselves."

Ghana officially opened its Space Science and Technology Centre (SSTC) here on Wednesday to harness the potentials of science and technology for accelerated socio-economic development.

Xinhua

Sino-US cooperation in science, technology mutually beneficial: President

BEIJING, 4 May — Chinese President Hu Jintao said on Tuesday that Sino-US cooperation in science and technology benefits the two countries and the world as a whole. Hu made the remarks in a congratulatory letter to the opening ceremony of the 14th meeting of the Sino-US Joint Commission on Science and Technology Cooperation on Tuesday, noting that such cooperation will boost scientific development not only for the two sides but also for the world.

Hu said that China and the US all pay high attention to scientific and technological innovation and actively promote cooperation in this field, which has become a significant impetus for the development of Sino-US relation as well as cultural communication. Bilateral scientific and technological cooperation will achieve greater success with the efforts of the two sides and contribute significantly to the construction of Sino-US win-win partnership of mutual respect and mutual benefits, Hu said. In his letter, Hu also extended greetings to Chinese and US scientists dedicated to promoting Sino-US scientific and technological cooperation and expressed thanks to all those who have contributed to promoting the development of Sino-US relations.The Sino-US Joint Commission on Science and Technology Cooperation is an organization established between the governments of China and the US.—*Xinhua*

FBI: Five men charged in Ohio bridge bomb plot

CLEVELAND, 4 May — Five men described by federal authorities as anarchists angry with corporate America and the government were charged Tuesday with plotting to bomb an Ohio bridge linking two wealthy Cleveland suburbs. The men were arrested on Monday night after unknowingly working with an FBI informant for months, a strategy that federal investigators have used repeatedly in recent years to nab alleged terrorists. "They talked about making a statement against corporate America and the government as some of the motivations for their actions," US Attorney Steven Dettelbach said in announcing the arrests with the head of the FBI in Cleveland, Stephen Anthony.

The alleged plotters researched explosives and obtained what they thought was C-4 explosives. The material, in fact, was harmless and the public was never at risk, because the men got it from the informant, officials said. The men planted the fake explosives at the base of the bridge, armed them, went to a remote spot and "entered the codes that they thought would blow up the bridge with innocent people traveling over it," Dettelbach said.

The men were charged with conspiracy and trying to bomb property used in interstate commerce. All five appeared on Tuesday in US District Court, where Magistrate Judge Greg White ordered them jailed without bond pending a hearing on Monday.—*Internet*

A jogger runs along the tow path approaching a bridge at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Brecksville, Ohio, on 1 May, 2012.— INTERNET

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"Supermoon" to shine on Sunday

TIANJIN, 4 May — A "supermoon" will appear in the sky on Sunday, when the natural satellite will be at its biggest and brightest this year. "If the weather is good, the Chinese public can enjoy seeing a much bigger and brighter moon than usual," said Zhao Zhiheng, a member of the Tianjin Astronomy Society, on Thursday. The moon's distance from Earth varies between approximately 350,000 km and 400,000 km due to its oval orbit, meaning it appears to be various sizes when seen from our planet.

At 11:35 am on Sunday Beijing time, the moon will be the brightest of this year as it will "directly face" the sun and reflect all sunlight to the earth; at noon, the moon will be the biggest of this year as it will arrive at its perigee, or the closest point to Earth in its orbit, Zhao explained. As it appears in the Beijing daytime, residents of the Chinese capital may need a telescope or other astronomic viewing apparatus to observe the phenomenon, however.

The supermoon tends to bring high and low tides, but claims that it is linked to natural disasters like earthquakes or volcanic eruptions have been denied by experts.

"The supermoon is neither mysterious nor strange. It is a normal celestial phenomenon and will not affect people's lives," Zhao said. Last year's supermoon appeared on 19 March, when it was also the biggest and brightest in 18 years. The supermoon will shine again on 23 June next year.

Xinhua

The disaster zone in Miyagi prefecture is shown on 18 June , 2011 after the massive 9.0-magnitude earthquake and tsunami devastated the northeastern coast of Japan. A motorcycle that washed ashore on Canada's west coast may have drifted across the Pacific after being carried out to sea by last year's devastating Japanese tsunami, Canada's CBC television reported.— INTERNET

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This 19 Feb, 2012 file photo shows a line of 2012 Prius sedans at a Toyota dealership in the south Denver suburb of Littleton, Colo. Toyota and Chrysler saw big US sales gains in April 2012, but they came at the expense of General Motors and Ford. Toyota said its sales rose 12 percent as its inventories finally return to pre-earthquake levels— INTERNET

Six missing in central China coal mine accident

CHANGSHA, 4 May — Rescuers in central China's Hunan Province are racing to locate six miners who were missing in a coal mine accident, local authorities said on Friday.

The miners with the Congshan coal mine in the township of Shashi in Shaodong County went missing after their cage plunged into the shift at about 8:45 Wednesday, according to the Shaodong government.

The government has since ordered production suspension of local mines for an all-out overhaul. Separately, 10 people have been confirmed dead in a coal mine flood in northeast Heilongjiang Province by Friday, and efforts to rescue another four trapped miners are ongoing.

Xinhua

'Dirty Cowboy' book pulled from schools

A Pennsylvania couple convinced a local school board to pull award-winning children's book "The Dirty Cowboy" from school libraries, officials said.

The parents went before the Annville-Cleona School Board with their objections to the book and the board voted 8-0 to remove it from district libraries, the *Harrisburg (Pa) Patriot* reported.

The book follows the story of a "dirty" cowboy who takes a bath and his dog then refuses to return his clothes to him because he doesn't recognize the cowboy's scent. The couple objected to the book's depiction of the nude cowboy, whose private parts are covered by various objects in the book's illustrations.

Superintendent Steven Houser told the *Lebanon (Pa) Daily News* the parents "were asked what do you feel might be the result of viewing or reading this material, and their answer was, 'Children may come to the conclusion that looking at nudity is OK and therefore pornography is OK.'" Amy Timberlake, author of "The Dirty Cowboy," wrote on her blog that she was disappointed by the decision.

"To be clear, this fight is not about 'The Dirty Cowboy' ... This fight is about libraries providing access to all sorts of books [the ones we like and the ones we don't], for all sorts of people. None of us want a vehement few choosing the books we get to read," she wrote.

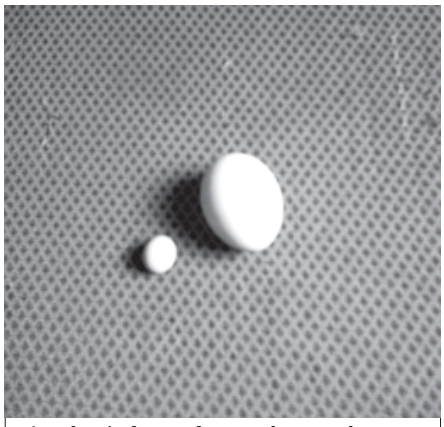
Cover for the book "The Dirty Cowboy" via Amazon.com.

Officials investigate Mussolini bus sign

Officials with a Rome transport company said they were investigating after a display honouring World War II dictator Benito Mussolini was photographed on a bus.

The officials, with the ATAC company, said they were shown a picture of a bus display reading "Onore al Duce," which means "honour to Il Duce" (Mussolini's nickname), *ANSA* reported.

The company said whoever was responsible for the display, if identified, will be reported to police for the "criminal" act.



A pocket-sized egg and a normal egg are shown at Fan's home in Yongxiu county, East China's Jiangxi Province, on 16 April, 2012.

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Postcard arrives after 55 years

A Virginia man whose postcard from his mother took nearly 55 years to arrive has been offered a free trip to the Chicago aquarium pictured on the card. Scott McMurry, 71, said the postcard his mother sent him from the John G Shedd Aquarium in Chicago in 1957 apparently became lost in the mail for nearly 55 years before showing up at a Florida home with a similar address to the Georgia address listed on the card, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Thursday. Elizabeth Fulcher, 33, the woman who received the card April 18, posted a picture of the item on Facebook and soon her friends were able to locate McMurry in Virginia.

McMurry said the Shedd heard of the postcard's long trip and offered him an all-expenses-paid trip to Chicago to see the aquarium, which he had never heard of until receiving the postcard.

"If you would have asked me two weeks ago, I would have said it would never happen to me," McMurry said. "It's sort of like winning the lottery." A US Postal Service spokesman said officials do not know what happened to the card between 1957 and its arrival at Fulcher's house.

Crossing guard has 11 college degrees

A British man with 11 university degrees, including a doctorate in philosophy, said he took a job as a school crossing guard to give back to the community.

Bruce Berry, a member of the high-IQ organization Mensa, said he took a job as a crossing guard five days a week near the Crofton School in Wakefield, England, *The Sun* reported.

"I love working for degrees but wanted to do something for the community. It's nice to get kiddies to and from school safely," said Berry, who speaks five languages fluently.

Berry, who makes $325 per month at the job, said his father was a teacher at Crofton.

"I feel part of the family there," he said.

Kesha wants to work with Bieber, Richards

LONDON, 4 May—Singer Kesha is eager to collaborate with Justin Bieber and Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards sometime in the future.

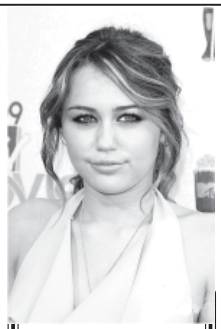
"The range of artists I want to work with is so vast, it's bizarre. I would love to have Keith Richards on the record. I would sure as hell like to do a collaboration with Bieber and at the same time do a song with the Flaming Lips," she told *V* magazine.

"If someone is a real artist, you can't confine them to a particular genre. It's my mission to make it all make sense somehow," she added.

The 25-year-old singer is very proud of her success so far, but says she still feels like the "dirty little sister" of the biggest pop stars.

"I do feel like there are the pop stars of the world and then I'm like their dirty little sister, running around with s**t on my face in combat boots because I can't walk in heels," she said.—*Internet*

Singer Kesha



Miley Cyrus

Miley Cyrus in talks to become 'X Factor' judge

WASHINGTON, 4 May—Miley Cyrus is in talks to join Simon Cowell's US version of 'The X Factor', according to reports.

The 'Climb' hitmaker has reportedly been approached by Cowell's team and is said to be in negotiations to take one of the two places on the judging panel left vacant after the departure of Nicole Scherzinger and Paula Abdul.

'There have been talks with Miley,' Contactmusic quoted a source as telling Celebuzz.

If Cyrus, 19, does take up the role she will join Simon, LA Reid and most likely Britney Spears, on the show.

Simon has previously confirmed talks with Britney, saying: 'I would love to have her on the show ... I think she would be a fascinating person to sit next to.'

Internet

Tom Cruise in 'Van Helsing' remake

Actor Tom Cruise

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—Actor Tom Cruise is set to star and produce the remake of 2004 vampire movie "Van Helsing".

Cruise will produce the remake of the Hugh Jackman-starrer alongside Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci's K/O Paper Products, reports contactmusic.com.

It will be one of the first works of Kurtzman and Orci under their new two-year production deal with Universal Pictures.

Internet

Kelly Clarkson

Don't Smoke

Clarkson, Usher set for Billboard show

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—Kelly Clarkson, Linkin Park, Nelly Furtado and Usher have been booked to perform at the 2012 Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas, ABC said.

The show is to take place on 20 May at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Additional acts and presenters will be announced in the coming weeks, the network said.

Internet

'Blunderbuss' tops US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—Jack White's "Blunderbuss" is No 1 on the US album chart, Billboard.com reported on Wednesday. Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard 200 is Adele's "21," followed by Lionel Richie's "Tuskegee" at No 3, One Direction's "Up All Night" at No 4 and Lee Brice's "Hard 2 Love" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Kip Moore's "Up All Night" at No 6, the Wanted's self-titled debut at No 7, Nicki Minaj's "Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded" at No 8, Gotye's "Making Mirrors" at No 9 and Jason Mraz's "Love is a Four Letter Word" at No 10.

Internet

Jack White

Rooney stunner wins 20 Seasons Best Goal

Man Utd star gets award for overhead kick against Man City in 2010/11 season

Man Utd's Wayne Rooney scores his award-winning goal against Man City in February 2011.— INTERNET

LONDON, 4 May — Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney has won the Premier League Goal of the 20 Seasons Award. The 26-year-old's spectacular overhead kick against Manchester City in February 2011 was voted the best ever in a Premier League poll of hundreds of thousands of football fans from around the world. Rooney beat off competition from the other nine nominated goals, gaining 26% of the vote to finish ahead of his rivals. Dennis Bergkamp's impudent flick and spin goal for Arsenal against Newcastle in March 2002 received 19% of the votes, with Thierry Henry's flicked volley for the Gunners against Manchester United in September 2000 taking 15%.

"I grew up watching the Premier League so to be voted the Best Goal in the history of the Premier League is a great feeling," said Rooney upon receiving the award. "There's so many good goals in that shortlist, goals that I watched in my living room as a kid: Alan Shearer's goal, Paulo Di Canio's, Tony Yeboah's, David Beckham's. "To be competing with them and winning is a great honour for me and something I'm very proud of. I'd like to say a big thank you to all the fans that voted for me."

The Goal of the 20 Seasons is the first Award to be announced as part of the Premier League's 20 Seasons celebrations, which are designed to honour the players, managers and football that has taken place over the two decades of the world's most watched and supported football league. There were 300,000 fans who voted in the Premier League 20 Seasons Awards casting over 4.2m votes in five categories: Goal, Match, Save, Goal Celebration and Fantasy Team of the 20 Seasons.

In addition, there are also six panel categories: Player, Manager, Team, Season, Most Memorable Quote and Fantasy Team of the 20 Seasons.

Internet

Pardew salutes 'astonishing' Cisse strike

Newcastle boss in awe of striker's superb goals — especially the second — against Chelsea

LONDON, 4 May — Newcastle manager Alan Pardew has hailed Papiss Cisse's second strike against Chelsea on Wednesday as an "astonishing goal". Cisse produced two goals of extraordinary quality to give his side a 2-0 win at Chelsea, a victory which boosts their hopes of finishing in the top three of the Barclays Premier League. But it was Cisse's second that grabbed the headlines.

The 26-year-old was on the left wing and far from goal when he thumped a volley with the outside of his right boot over Petr Cech and into the far top corner of the net. "It was an astonishing goal," said Pardew. "We were seeing the game out at 1-0. "Cisse took a chance and you can see he meant it. He's hit it true. It is one of the great goals.

"There's nothing you can do about that. As soon as he hit it Petr Cech was struggling and it nestled in the far corner. "The fans who paid their money to come here, it will live long in their memories." The brace continues Cisse's superb goal-scoring form since his transfer from German Bundesliga side Freiburg in the January transfer window. He has scored 13 goals in 12 League matches to help give the Magpies a real chance of qualifying for next season's UEFA Champions League. And Pardew says he is delighted with how well the Senegalese striker has settled in at the club. "You can't say that we could predict the impact and the goals that he has scored but we knew that he was a good player," Pardew told BBC Sport.

Striker Papiss Cisse has been in excellent form since moving to Newcastle in January. INTERNET

"The Bundesliga is one of the best leagues in the world. He gets more chances at this club and he has taken them and whenever he is near the goal, he is going to hit the target. "He has been brilliant and he has bought into everything that we do here." The win, Newcastle's first at Chelsea since 1986, was the ideal response after they were beaten 4-0 by relegation battlers Wigan Athletic at the weekend. And it is the perfect preparation for Sunday's crunch clash at home to title-chasing Manchester City.

Internet

Real Madrid's players celebrate aboard an open-top bus in Madrid, on 3 May, 2012, during a parade after winning the Spanish first division soccer league title. Thousands of jubilant Real Madrid fans converged on the centre of the Spanish Capital on Thursday to hail their conquering heroes and celebrate the club's first La Liga title in four years.—INTERNET

Mourinho celebrates title

MADRID, 4 May — Real Madrid caoch Jose Mourinho celebrated his side's 32nd league title in Spain with a brief interview with the club's official television station on Thursday. Mourinho's side clinched the title with a 3-0 win away to Athletic Club Bilbao to assure second place FC Barcelona are now unable to catch them in the table. "We scored so many goals and have won so many games with high quality football that we have to celebrate. The players have been fantastic all season all season and they deserve it. The title is very well deserved," he said.

"I have won titles in Portugal, Italy and England, but this was the hardest, but nobody gave us any gifts," said Mourinho after a game in which Madrid's rivals ended up with 10 men after Javi Martinez was sent off for handball. "This title is the most important of all and it belongs to all of us, while those who suffer with this club have all contributed their grain of sand. It is difficult, but it is deserved," he insisted. FC Barcelona reacted quickly to Madrid's title, publishing an official congratulations in their twitter account, but coach Pep Guardiola, did point the finger at some refereeing decisions he felt had gone against his side over the course of the season. Barca were given two penalties in their 4-1 win against Malaga, but Guardiola found it hard to celebrate them. "I feel bad about the penalties, because now we don't need them and it' s a bit late... A lot of things have happened that have been hidden by our silence," said Guardiola.

Xinhua

Walker signs new Tottenham deal

LONDON, 4 May — Tottenham Hotspur full-back Kyle Walker has signed a new contract that will keep him at the club until 2017. The 21-year-old has been in fine form this season and has established himself as a key part of Harry Redknapp's starting XI. He has played in 35 of Tottenham's 36 Barclays Premier League matches this season and has chipped in with important goals against Arsenal and Blackburn Rovers.

Kyle Walker has established himself as first-team regular at White Hart Lane this season. INTERNET

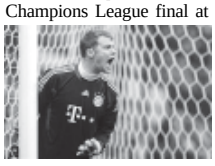
His performances earned him the Professional Footballers' Association's Young Player of the Year Award last month, beating Sergio Aguero, Gareth Bale, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Daniel Sturridge and Danny Welbeck in the process. Walker joined Tottenham from Sheffield United in 2009 and last season he had loan spells at both Queens Park Rangers and Aston Villa. He made his England debut in the 1-0 victory over Spain last November and is expected to be a part of Roy Hodgson's squad for this summer's Euro 2012.— *Internet*

Bayern victory would boost Euro 2012 chances: Neuer

MUNICH, 4 May — Bayern Munich can lift Germany's hopes of winning Euro 2012 by beating Chelsea in this month's Champions League final, the Bavarian club's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer said on Thursday. "I was angry in 2010 when (Bayern) lost the Madrid final to Inter Milan," said German international Neuer who was then with Schalke 04.

"The atmosphere in the national team was not good at the beginning of the 2010 World Cup but if you have eight players who join the team after winning the Champions League then that gives every team member a push." Neuer is among eight Bayern players due to join up with Germany's Euro 2012 squad after the Champions League final at their own Allianz Arena in Munich on 19 May. Germany, without a major trophy since 1996, reached the Euro 2008 final only to lose to Spain who also beat them in the semi-finals on the way to landing the 2010 World Cup.

Spain are favourites to win the European Championship again in the tournament in Ukraine and Poland that starts in June. "They will do everything to win the title. They are the favourites again," Neuer told a small group of reporters at Bayern's training centre in a leafy Munich suburb. The Bayern keeper saved two penalties in the spot-kick victory over Real Madrid in the Champions League semi-finals last month. Germany are in the same Euro 2012 group as Portugal, Netherlands and Denmark.— *Reuters*



Bayern Munich's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer

International Sports

Simpson seizes share of lead at Wells Fargo

CHARLOTTE, 4 May — Webb Simpson admitted his pairing with Tiger Woods made him nervous on Thursday, but it didn't show as he seized a share of the first-round lead at the $6.5 million Wells Fargo Championship. Simpson, playing with Woods and former US Open champion Geoff Ogilvy of Australia, chipped in for eagle at the par-four eighth hole at Quail Hollow and drained a 60-foot birdie putt at 12 en route to his seven-under par 65.

He was tied with former British Open champion Stewart Cink and Ryan Moore for the lead, with five more players — England's Brian Davis, Rickie Fowler, DA Points, Patrick Reed and Australian John Senden — a stroke back on 66. "I was nervous playing with Tiger. I prayed a lot out there," said Simpson, who lives nearby. "Once I made a couple birdies, I kind of enjoyed it."

Internet

Webb Simpson of the United States hits an approach shot on the third hole during the first round of the Wells Fargo Championship at the Quail Hollow Club on 3 May, 2012 in Charlotte, North Carolina. INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(5-5-12 09:30 am ~ 6-5-12 09:30 am) MST

* News
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* News
* Unity is Happiness
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* Safety Visit... Shwe Chaung Bridge
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* News
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* Deserved Inheritance
* News
* Large Parasol "Souvenir of Pathein"
* Myanmar Movie "One Precept"

MYANMAR TV

(5-5-2012) (Saturday)

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw - Uppatasanti Paritta

7:40 am
2. Sermon on " Fullmon Day of Kasone, The Sacred Day" by Kyaukse (Shwe Sedi Pariyatti Sarthintaik Sayadaw)

8:50 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song

11:00 am
4. Martial Song

12:55 pm
5. Delicious Dishes

1:10 pm
6. TV Drama Series

4:00 pm
7. Martial Song

4:05 pm
8. Song of National Races

4:45 pm
9. Programme in honour of " Fullmoon Day of Kasone"

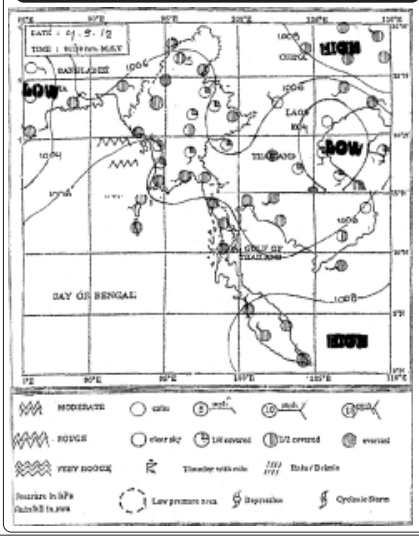
5:00 pm
10. Songs in commemaration of Fullmoon Day of Kasone

5:15 pm
11. Beautiful "Asean"

7:00 pm
12. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
13. News
14. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 5th May, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	36/97	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	36/97	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayin	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	23/73	11/52	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	36/97	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	41/106	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tanintharyi	33/91	24/75	Likelihood of widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	40/104	26/79	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	43/109	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	35/95	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	39/102	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	31/88	18/64	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	32/90	18/64	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	37/99	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	39/102	26/79	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	41/106	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	39/102	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	27/81	Partly cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Tanintharyi Region, scattered in Mon State, isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Shan States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (5°C) above May average temperatures in Eastern Shan State, (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Magway, Bago and Yangon Regions, Southern Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (43°C), Chauk and Magway (42°C) each, Myingyan and Taungdwingyi (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Phyarpon (2.09) inches, Kawthoung (1.02) inches and Bawlakhe (0.75) inch.
Bay Inference	Weather is partly cloudy in Southwest Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in Lower Myanmar areas.

Hotel services coordinated in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 4 May—A coordination meeting on accommodation of women's football teams that will take part in the Women's Football Tournament in Mandalay was held at Ayeyawady River View Hotel on Strand Road between 22nd and 23rd Streets in Mandalay at 9.30 am on 2 May.

It was attended by hoteliers of Mandalay. Secretary of XXVII SEA Games Preparation Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu gave necessary instructions.

Deputy Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Ohn Myint Oo, Director of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Kaung Htut and Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliers Association (Mandalay) U Myint Aung reported on progress of works.

The hoteliers participated in discussions and preparations for giving accommodation services to the players.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Deputy Minister.—*Mandalay Sub-printing House*

Actor Gary Sinise supporting veterans in Ill

Actor Gary Sinise listens to a media question after a meeting between President Bush and organizations that support the US military in Iraq and Afghanistan in this 26 June, 2006 file photo taken in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington. INTERNET

LISLE, 4 May—Hollywood actor Gary Sinise (suh-NEES') is helping promote a summer concert in suburban Chicago that will benefit veterans.

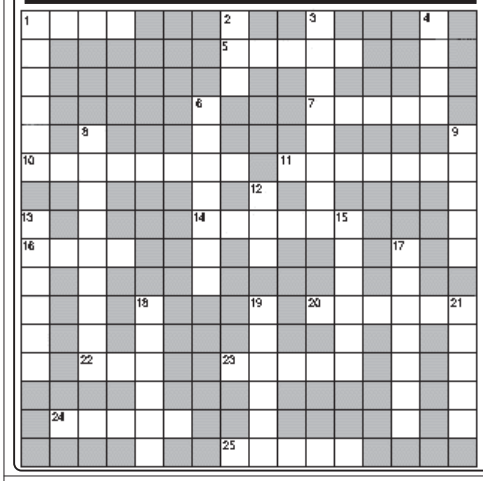
The "Forrest Gump" star helped kickoff ticket sales for "Rockin' for the Troops" on Thursday at the Navistar headquarters in Lisle.

The concert is planned for 21 July in nearby Wheaton. Sinise is slated to perform with his Lt Dan Band, which is named for his character in the Oscar-winning movie.

The *Daily Herald* reports (http://bit.ly/IN38n4) that proceeds will benefit Operation Support Our Troops America. The Naperville-based charity has raised $2 million for projects benefiting veterans, including research on post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

Sinise says "we all enjoy what the military provides for us." Officials from Navistar and other companies also announced efforts to hire returning veterans.—*Internet*

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Color of state bird
16. State beverage
5. State muffin
20. State gem
7. Bird of state arms
22. Color of state gem
10. Number of counties in New York State
23. Highest mountain in New York State
11. ____ and Justice are two symbols on the state arms
24. Type of boat found on the state arms
14. Largest lake in New York State
25. State fish

Down

1. State fish live in freshwater ____, lakes, and streams
2. The ____ scallop is the state shell
3. State bird
4. State flower
6. Largest city in New York State
8. State motto
9. Maple____comes from the state tree
12. The state fossil is the ____ scorpion
13. New York is the '____' state
15. State capital
17. Golden Delicious, McIntosh, and ____ are varieties of the state fruit
18. Longest river in New York State
19. State animal
21. There are almost 1,500 ____ and villages in New York State

No Shanghai move for Drogba, Anelka hints

SHANGHAI, 4 May—French striker Nicolas Anelka on Friday hinted that his former Chelsea teammate Didier Drogba would not be joining him at the Chinese club Shanghai Shenhua.

Anelka, player-coach of Shenhua, previously expressed hopes that the 34-year-old forward could join him in a lucrative move to Shanghai.

Anelka confirmed he had spoken to Drogba and the Ivory Coast international had reached a decision over his future, but Anelka said it was "inconvenient" to tell people what that might be. "Even if Drogba finally chooses to stay with Chelsea, that can only prove Drogba himself wanted to stay and Chelsea also wanted to keep him," Anelka said, as quoted by Shanghai Internet portal www.online.sh.cn. "If Drogba cannot come to Shanghai, then there are no regrets because the world still has many other fine players," said Anelka, 33, according to a transcript of a news conference. The former French international joined the Chinese Super League side in January and was named player-coach shortly before Shenhua sacked French head coach Jean Tigana last month, after a poor start to the season.—*Internet*

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Deputy Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets Inter-Parliamentary Union-IPU delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein received a delegation led by Ms. Norah Babic of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), at Committee Hall No.1 of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 9 am today.

At the meeting, both sides cordially exchanged views on Hluttaw affairs, cooperation with international organizations and the formation of Hluttaw committees.

Present at the call together with Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein were Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin and officials from Hluttaw office.—*MNA*

Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein receives delegation led by Ms. Norah Babic of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) at Committee Hall No.1 of Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Champion Challenge Cup eyes prospects for Int'l gold medals

Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Union Minister U Tint Hsan speaking at the meeting.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— Athletes who are the country's prospects for medals should take part in the upcoming Nay Pyi Taw Challenge Cup for 2012 as the cup is aimed at producing outstanding and talented athletes, said Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan today.

The 2nd Champion Challenge Cup will be held with the aim of producing the sports prospects for success as part of the ministry's efforts for winning gold medals in international sports events, the Union Minister said in his address at the coordination meeting on holding Nay Pyi Taw Champion Challenge Cup for 2012 at the ministry here today.

According to the address the union minister, the ministry would assign duties to in-chages from states for success of the hosting 27th SEA Games.

The coordination meeting was participated by Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and in-charges of the Sports and Physical Education Department from regions and states.

Divided into four groups, Nay Pyi Taw Champion Challenge Cup for 2012 will be held as from the second week of June till the third week of July comprising 32 sports events.— *MNA*

Di Matteo agonising over Chelsea's FA Cup final lineup

LONDON, 4 May— Chelsea's interim manager Roberto Di Matteo is agonizing over his team selection for Saturday's FA Cup final against Liverpool (16:15GMT) and has not ruled out playing Didier Drogba and Fernando Torres together in attack. The Champions League finalists are bidding to win the FA Cup for the fourth time in six years and have all their players available for the trip to Wembley apart from injured central defenders David Luiz and Gary Cahill, who have hamstring problems.

"It is always a difficult decision when I have to leave players out, not just the two strikers, especially as we have so much competition for places at this club," Di Matteo said on Friday.

"I think we all have to be happy we have two strikers who are both in good form at the moment and I will make a final decision tonight." Chelsea have been playing a 4-2-3-1 formation since Di Matteo took over from the sacked Andre Villas-Boas in March and the Italian said he had not ruled out a change in the system for the game at Wembley. One thing for sure is that John Terry, who led Chelsea to FA Cup glory in 2007, 2009 and 2010, will again skipper the side against Liverpool. If the Londoners triumph, the central defender will become the first captain to win the FA Cup four times with one club. Chelsea are desperate for the pair to recover quickly, with Terry and fellow defender Branislav Ivanovic suspended for the Champions League final against Bayern Munich at the German club's stadium on 19 May.—*Reuters*

Myitkyina District women's team emerges champion

YANGON, 4 May—Kachin State Women's Sports Committee Chairperson's Cup Inter-District Women's Football Open Tournament continued at Kachin State Sports Ground in Myitkyina on 27 April afternoon.

In the final match, Myitkyina District team secured championship award with a 4-0 win over Bhamo District team.

Officials presented best player awards to players in respective places. Patron of the Kachin State Women's Sports Committee Daw Kan Hsi Hsaing Lon gave championship trophy to Myitkyina District team.—*MNA*

Villagers in Lewe Township enjoy electricity supply facility

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—A ceremony to launch of electricity was held in Tharyargyi and Gyozalok Villages of Pyaunggaunggyi Village-tract in Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area with the use of generator on 30 April. Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe, the Village-tract Administrator and the Chairman of Village Power Supply Committee formally opened the ceremony.

A total of 104 households in Tharyargyi Village and 126 households in Gyozalok have got electricity.

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Significant Day Temperatures (4-5-2012)

Minbu	**(43°C)**
Chauk	**(42°C)**
Magway	**(42°C)**
Myingyan	**(41°C)**
Taungdwingyi	**(41°C)**