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Our Three Main National Causes

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Kason water-pouring ceremonies held nationwide

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—As today was Fullmoon Day of Kason, pagodas across the nation were packed with pilgrims doing meritorious deeds. The fourth Kason Water-pouring ceremony of the Uppatasanti Pagoda was held at Maha Bawdi Banyan Tree in the precinct of the pagoda at 5 pm today. The ceremony was attended by patrons of the Pagoda Board of Trustees Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt, the secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Council and officials, members of the pagoda board of trustees, Wut associations

congregation poured scented water on the banyan tree. Since the morning, Wut associations from ministries and local regiments and units recited Buddha Desana, and the local people as well as pilgrims from various towns offered flowers, water and lights to the Pagoda and the Buddha Image.

Similarly, Dhatusaya (Dhatpaungsu) Pagoda and Maha Muni Buddha image in the precinct of the pagoda in Bawgathiekhdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township were also packed with pilgrims and the staff families of Nay Pyi Taw performed meritorious deeds and poured water on the Bawdi



Wut associations recite Buddha Desana in the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA



Patrons of Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt pour water on Maha Bawdi banyan Tree in the precinct of the pagoda.

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from ministries and local people.

At the ceremony, the Union Ministers and the

banyan tree in the precinct.

Likewise, the pagodas in Pyinmana were visited by local people, who performed

meritorious deeds such as offering fruits, meals, flowers, water and lights.

The 34th Kason water-

pouring ceremony of Sutaungpyae Lawka Marazein Pagoda of King Mindon in Pyinmana was

held this late afternoon. The local people received the Five Precepts from Sayadaws and members of the Sangha. The

pilgrims poured water on the Maha Bawdi banyan trees in the precincts of (See page 8)



Regular jogging may increase longevity

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Dinosaur skeleton in New York auction



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Significant Day Temperatures (5-5-2012)

Chauk	(42°C)
Minbu	(42°C)
Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	(41°C)
Monywa	(41°C)
Myingyan	(41°C)
NyaungU	(41°C)

PERSPECTIVES

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From waste to value

Myanmar has come under the spotlight of international media following its drastic reforms. Myanmar will be hosting such regional events as XXVII SEA Games and ASEAN Summits in 2013 and 2014 which are seen as opportunities to be grasped so as to bolster our international image.

Widespread garbage not only tarnishes the nation's image but also is extremely harmful to the environment, posing risks to public health. Enforcement on reckless dumping alone does not work and public education is a must. One of the options is to urge the urbanites to practice

3Rs concept—reduce, reuse and recycle—to address it. Reduce means to buy less and use less. While there has been denunciation over power cuts, some have been wasting power and water as well. Lights and electrical devices should be turned off when you go out.

Reuse means to repair broken items to use again instead of buying new ones and to design products refillable or reusable like rechargeable batteries. Recycle means to sort, clean and process wastes into new products; either into same material or high-value products known as upcycle or low-value raw materials known as downcycle. 3Rs concept should be encouraged and educated well to the public in the government's efforts to save material and energy as part of ecological conservation drive.

In Yangon, development affairs committee has put dustbins in downtown and some public

recreation areas. But the number is simply not enough and the uncivilized behavior of irresponsible dumping must be mended soonest. It is the same in other towns. Another national disgrace is of water closets, most of which across the nation even in airports and public areas are in critical condition.

There has been no formal waste management system and without it is difficult to control harmful environmental impacts of both toxic chemicals from factories and household wastes. Such measures as carbon tax and polluter pay principles are also advisable to introduce here.

All in all, no one likes to be looked down. If so the onus is on the administrations concerned to build such infrastructure and also on the citizens to change their behavior and attitudes, cooperating fully to their works.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham's wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attends MMCWA dinner

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—Honourable Patron of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, directors-general of departments and officials, Chairperson of the Association Dr Mon Mon Aung, guests, patrons, chairpersons and

secretaries of region/state maternal and child welfare supervisory committees and heads of township health departments attended dinner and prize presentation ceremony of 22nd Annual General Meeting of MMCWA yesterday evening.

Chairperson Dr Mon Mon Aung spoke words of thanks for successful completion of 22nd



Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin awards representative of second prize winner Yangon Region in activities contest.—MNA



Honourable Patron of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, cordially greets those present at dinner of MMCWA.—MNA

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CEC Member Daw Khin Than Win presented gifts to Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin and officials.

Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin awarded first and second prizes winners in region level activities contest of Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

Chairperson Dr Mon Mon Aung, CEC Members Daw Thet Thet Swe and Daw Sao Non Khun Sam, and Secretary Daw Thazin Nwe presented awards to third and consolation prize winners in region level contest and winners in state level contest.

Director-General of Health Department and Medical Research Department (Middle Myanmar) Dr Tun Naing Oo and Deputy Director-General (Public Health) Dr Thein Thein Htay presented research paper awards.

Joint Secretary (1) Daw Tin Tin Win, Joint Secretary (2) Daw Jo Jo San, CEC Member Daw Ahmar and Contributing Auditor Daw Than Win presented outstanding region and state awards for activities.

Myanmar Police Force Band of the Ministry of Home Affairs entertained those present during the dinner.—MNA

Summer 3on3 Men/Women Basketball Friendly Tournament-2012 held

YANGON, 5 May—Jointly organized by the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Basketball Federation, Summer 3on3 Men/Women Basketball Friendly Tournament-2012 took place at Aung San Stadium here this morning.

A total of 20 teams of men and 9 teams of women partook in the open event, and 23 teams of men and 5 teams of women in the under-16 event.

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Taninthayi Region Chief Minister inspects regional development tasks, comforts eye patients

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko on 30 April met departmental personnel, townsmen and members of social organizations at General Administration Department and inspected roadworks in Thayetchaung Township.

He met local villagers at Kanet Thiri Pagoda and paid respects to monks.

He inspected site chosen for construction of schools in Kanet Thiri, hospitals in Yange Village and Thayetchaung

Township and paid homage to Shintauntpon pagoda where he viewed construction of road to pagoda.

On 3 May, he attended all-round assessment seminar for living standards of households and coordination meeting for road and bridge construction in Dawei.

The Chief Minister received a group providing home care services to older persons yesterday.

He donated K 1 million for 901 eye patients undergoing surgeon in Sitagu Arawjadhana Hospital.—MNA

Russia hopes its signals over missile defence issues be heard by NATO

MOSCOW, 5 May — Participants of the upcoming NATO summit in Chicago should get and understand the signals sent by Moscow over the missile defence issues, Russian Foreign Ministry said on Friday. "All signals from Moscow, including those made by General Makarov, were sent to the Chicago summit participants, so they should understand the situation is very serious and change their mind by taking into account Russia's arguments," spokesman Alexander Lukashevich told a news briefing here.

During a recent international conference on missile defence issues held in Moscow, Russian Chief of General Staff Nikolai Makarov warned that Russia could carry out pre-

emptive strikes on future NATO missile defence installations in Europe to protect its security. "This is an important warning signal that, in case the system is developing....., Russia will have to undertake adequate military-technical measures to protect our strategic forces," Lukashevich said. The spokesman also quoted the outgoing Russian President Dmitry Medvedev by saying that Moscow did not refuse a dialogue but wanted to be heard.

"We are ready for practical cooperation, but with the assumption that the reliable legal guarantees will be given that the system is not targeting (Russia)," Lukashevich said. Moscow has long opposed the deployment of the US-led NATO missile defence facilities near its borders and wanted legally binding guarantees from the US and NATO that the missile defence shield is not targeting Russia. The NATO Summit will be held from May 20-21 in Chicago, the US state of Illinois. — *Xinhua*

10 killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 May — At least 10 people were killed and one was injured in a US drone strike early Saturday morning in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local Urdu TV channel Express. According to local media reports, two missiles were fired by US drones at a house suspected of being a militants' hideout in the Darai Nashtar area of North Waziristan which borders Afghanistan.

Four US drones were seen flying over the area following the attack. Rescue work was delayed due to fear of further strikes by the US drones, said local media. Identities of the victims in the attack are not known immediately. Saturday's US drone strike is the 12th of its kind in Pakistan since this year. Up to date, at least 93 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes in 2012.

MNA/Xinhua



This file photo shows Pakistani soldiers taking positions in the mountains of Shawal, along the Pakistan and Afghanistan border, in 2006. A US drone attack targeting a militant compound early on Saturday killed at least 10 militants in the troubled district, according to security officials. — INTERNET

Iran urges West to help end nuclear dispute

TEHRAN, 5 May — The West must take concrete confidence-building steps in its nuclear negotiations with Iran, a senior Islamic republic official preparing the next round of talks said on Friday, after returning from discussions with China and Russia. Ali Baqeri, the deputy to Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, called on "the West to take concrete steps to build trust with the Iranian people," Iranian news agencies reported. That

appeared to echo more explicit demands from Teheran in recent days that the West ease its economic sanctions hitting Iran's oil and finance sectors.

Baqeri said he held "serious discussions" in Beijing and Moscow about the talks between Iran and the P5+1 group comprising the five permanent UN Security Council members plus Germany.

The two sides last month renewed dialogue in Istanbul that had been in limbo for the previous 15 months. Another round of talks is scheduled for 23 May in Baghdad. Baqeri stressed the "importance of the P5+1 countries' commitments concerning Iran's nuclear rights in the framework of the NPT (the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty) in line with both sides' agreement in the Istanbul

talks."

He also noted that both sides aim to move forward on "the basis of a step-by-step approach and reciprocity," and said the outline of that process "will be determined before the Baghdad meeting."

The "step-by-step" formulation relies on each side offering matching compromises at around the same time in an effort to build up trust that has been sorely depleted over past years. Baqeri's mention of an "agreement" in Istanbul appeared to refer to a mutual understanding, voiced by EU chief policy official Catherine Ashton, that the NPT formed the basis for "a sustained process of serious dialogue."

That would "ensure all the obligations under the NPT are met by Iran while fully respecting Iran's right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy," Ashton said after the Istanbul talks. — *Internet*



Two Iranians at the Isfahan nuclear facility in 2005. The West must take concrete confidence-building steps in its nuclear negotiations with Iran, a senior Islamic republic official preparing the next round of talks said after returning from discussions with China and Russia.

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Bodies of 23 found dumped near US border in Mexico drug war

MEXICO CITY, 5 May — The bodies of 23 people were found hanging from a bridge or dismembered in ice boxes and garbage bags in northeastern Mexico on Friday, in an escalation of brutal violence involving rival drug gangs on the US border. In a first incident, the bodies of five men and four women were found hanging from a bridge in Nuevo Laredo, in Tamaulipas state just across the border from the Texas city of Laredo. Police could not confirm who was responsible for the murders but a message seen with the bodies indicated it may have been an attack by the Zetas cartel against the rival Gulf cartel.

Hours later, police found the dismembered corpses of 14 people in garbage bags and ice boxes dumped near the police station of Nuevo Laredo, police investigators said. They said the second massacre could have been an act of revenge for the earlier killings, police said. More than 50,000 people have

died in drug-related violence in Mexico since President Felipe Calderon launched a crackdown on traffickers after taking office in late 2006 and deployed tens of thousands of federal police and soldiers across Mexico. The Zeta cartel was founded by deserters from the Mexican special forces who became Gulf cartel enforcers and later split from their employers.

The two gangs are now fighting for control of local drug trafficking routes. Last month the dismembered remains of 14 men were found stuffed inside a minivan left near Nuevo Laredo's town hall. Days later a car exploded outside police headquarters and police said the explosion was caused by a grenade. Discontent over the bloody attacks is helping fuel support for the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, ahead of Mexico's July 1 presidential election. Opinion polls make the PRI the favorite to regain the presidency they held for most of the past century. — *Reuters*

Joint message of Dr Babatunde Osotomehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund, and Agneta S Bridges, Secretary General, ICM, International Confederation of Midwives

International Day of the Midwife, 5 May 2012

Investing in Midwifery Pays

On this International Day of the Midwife, UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund and ICM, the International Confederation of Midwives, commend the important work of midwives in promoting good health and making pregnancies and childbirths safe.

The right to health is a basic human right that every woman should enjoy. Yet, every day, almost 1000 women die in pregnancy and childbirth. Every year, 8 million women suffer serious pregnancy-related illnesses and disabilities, such as obstetric fistula, and 2 million babies don't survive the first 24 hours of their lives. One of the main causes for these tragedies is lack of access to maternity services, including the care of midwives or others with midwifery skills at childbirth.

UNFPA and ICM are leading efforts to promote midwifery around the world. The two organizations scaled up efforts to strengthen midwifery training programmes and policies in 30 countries. Last year, together with 28 partners, UNFPA and ICM also launched the first ever State of the World's Midwifery report, which showed that no health-care system can be efficient and effective if it ignores the importance of midwifery.

Urgent action is needed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 on child and maternal health before the target year of 2015, and investing in human resources for health, especially midwifery, is one of the soundest investments a country can make to accelerate progress. Midwives are the unsung heroes of women's and children's health, and their work must be supported every step of the way. — *UNFPA*

Snowstorm in Japan's Alps kills eight climbers

TOKYO, 5 May — Eight elderly mountaineers who went missing in Japan's Northern Alps following a snowstorm were confirmed dead on Saturday after some of them were evacuated by helicopter, police said. A group of six climbers in their 60s and 70s were spotted early Saturday after they collapsed near Mount Korenge in central Nagano prefecture, a police spokesman said. The climbers, who went missing Friday on their way to the 2,932-metre (9,676-foot) Shiroomadake Peak, were transported by helicopter to a nearby village but were later confirmed dead, he said.

The spokesman also confirmed the death of a 62-year-old woman who was found unconscious near Jiigatake Peak, south of Mount Korenge. Another 71-year-old man died of hypothermia after he made an emergency call for rescue after being stuck in bad weather near Karasawa Peak, south of Jiigatake Peak. Climbers are rushing to the Northern Alps during the nation's "Golden Week" spring holidays in late April and early May as a climbing season in the region just begins. — *Internet*



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Germany bars Microsoft sales on Motorola suit

BERLIN, 5 May—A German court ruled on Wednesday that US Internet giant Microsoft can no longer sell its products locally because it infringes patents held by US communications firm Motorola Mobility.

Microsoft said the ruling covers sales of its computer operating system Windows 7 and the Xbox games console but insisted it would have no practical impact.

German customers could still order its products from its distribution centre in the Netherlands, it said.

Microsoft decided to

close its German distribution centre in early April, anticipating that the ruling would go against it.

A Microsoft spokesman said the company would also appeal the ruling, given by a tribunal in Mannheim.

High-tech patent disputes have become increasingly common as giants of the industry, especially Apple, Microsoft, Samsung and Motorola, slug it out in the courts to protect their products in a hugely competitive market.

Last month, the US International Trade



Microsoft.

Commission (ITC) issued a preliminary ruling that Microsoft had infringed Motorola Mobility patents in its Xbox 360 videogame console. A final ITC ruling is expected later this year which

could force the Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft to work out a licensing deal with Motorola or risk having its top-selling videogame console banned from US stores.—Internet

New Zealand warned of climate flooding

WELLINGTON, 5 May—New Zealand needs to plan to meet the threats of more severe floods as sea levels rise with climate change, government scientists warned on Tuesday. Storm surge flooding is starting to occur more frequently on the highest tides, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research said. Sixty-five percent of New Zealanders live within 3 miles of the sea and the country must plan to manage the growing risks, said Rob Bell, the institute's principal scientist.

Twelve of the country's 15 largest cities are within that 3-mile band. "Rises of more than a meter by 2100 can't be ruled out, and should at least be considered in assessing the vulnerability of our existing development at the coast," Bell said in a statement.

With rising sea-levels, low-lying coastal areas would face an escalating risk from sea flooding if the sea level rose by 1.6 feet, he said.

Scientists will present their projections for sea-level rise and its impact on the coastal environment at a New Zealand Climate Change Centre conference in Wellington May 10-11, China's Xinhua News Agency reported.—Internet

Google+, Spotify, Facebook get top Web awards

WASHINGTON, 5 May—Social networks Google+ and Pinterest and the music service Spotify each grabbed their first Webby Awards on Tuesday in the 16th edition of the competition for the top Internet sites.

The Icelandic singer Bjork and Mexican-American comic Louis CK also were honoured for their innovations in the digital realm by the International Academy of Digital Arts and

The Webby for best news site went to The Daily Beast while the BBC won the People's Voice award in the category.

FactCheck.org won for best political website while the satirical news site The Onion took the Webby for best humour site.

Pinterest, the fast-growing bulletin board social network, won the Webby for social media and Google+ won the People's Voice Webby in the category.

The winners will be honored at a ceremony at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York on 21 May.

"This year's winners represent an amazing cross-section of the new and continuing trends we've seen across the Internet this year," said David-Michel Davies, executive director of the Webby Awards.

Agency of the Year honors, highlighting the agency that wins the most overall Webby Awards went to BBH (Bartle Bogle Hegarty), the London-based creative firm which won nine awards.

Bjork got the Webby Artist of the Year award for her "Biophilia" album, which was dubbed the world's first "app album."

Louis CK was named Webby Person of the Year for the digital-only release of his comedy special "Louis CK - Live at the Beach Theater."

Juliette Lewis and Graydon Sheppard will be honored as Best Actresses for their original YouTube series "Sh*t Girls Say."

Instagram, the photo-sharing startup that was bought by Facebook for \$1 billion, was honored as the Webby Breakout of the Year, following on the heels of sites like Twitter, which won in 2009, and Flickr in 2005.

The Best Blog award for a business went to Mashable, a social media news site, while cloud storage site Dropbox won a best practices Webby and People's Voice award for top Web services and applications.—Internet



Sciences, the online equivalent of the Oscars.

Facebook was named the winner of the first People's Special Achievement for Social Change, topping Twitter, YouTube, Kiva, and Change.org for the award for using the Internet for social and political development.

Academy judges including Twitter co-founder Biz Stone, Arianna Huffington and mobile phone inventor Martin Cooper selected Webby Award winners while Internet voters around the world chose the People's Voice Awards with nearly 1.5 million votes cast from over 200 countries.

Wildlife losing habitat to US gas fields

NEW YORK, 5 May—Development of the largest natural gas fields in the continental United States is driving wildlife from traditional wintering grounds, conservationists say.

Researchers from the Wildlife Conservation Society using GPS collars to track 125 female pronghorn in Wyoming's Jonah and PAPA gas fields found an 82 percent decline of habitat classified as "highest quality," meaning highest probability of use for wintering animals, the society said in a release on Wednesday.

Natural gas development in these areas has led



Pronghorn wintering grounds have declined by 82 percent in Wyoming's two largest gas fields, a new study has found.—INTERNET

to a sharp increase in well pads, roads and other associated infrastructure, researchers said, which in turn is driving pronghorn to the periphery of

areas historically classified as crucial winter ranges.

"In our study we have detected behavioral shifts for pronghorn in response to

natural gas field development and infrastructure on federal BLM [Bureau of Land Management] lands," Jon Beckmann of the society's North America programme said.

"Maintaining the integrity of crucial wintering areas is particularly important in harsh winters to avoid diminishing pronghorn numbers." Fifty percent of North America's pronghorn live in Wyoming, while numbers are declining in other parts of the United States, the society said, warning pronghorn can only lose so much winter range before they will begin to decline in population.

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Split gene could have created human brains

SEATTLE, 5 May—A single gene mutation may have started the evolution of large human brains 2.5 million years ago as humans diverged from early cousins, US researchers say.

Scientists at the University of Washington say the effect of a single gene that made two copies of itself was, paradoxically, to slow down individual brain development—but this created time for neurons to develop more and better connections with one another, NewScientist.com reported on Thursday.

Gene duplications do not happen often, geneticist Evan Eichler said, and only about 30 genes have copied themselves since humans split from chimpanzees 6 million years ago.

The duplication of the gene in question, SRGAP2, helped drive development of the neocortex, which controls higher-order brain functions such as language and conscious thought, researchers said.

SRGAP2 duplicated itself 3.5 million years ago, well after humans and chimps diverged, they said.

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Tyrannosaurus bataar.

The fossil up for auction, discovered within the past decade, has been in storage in England for the last 2-1/2 years, Heritage said in its release.—Internet

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Ford sheds plant in 'win, win, win' deal

DETROIT, 5 May—Ford Motor Co said it had agreed to sell French auto supplier Faurecia its Saline, Mich., parts business in a deal that will add jobs to the Detroit area. The deal involves three parties, Ford, Faurecia and Rush Group Ltd, the *Detroit Free Press* reported on Thursday.

Faurecia and Rush Group will form a joint venture called Detroit Manufacturing Systems that will do injection molding and assembly work, putting together the interiors for the Ford Mustang, Expedition and Navigator, the newspaper said.

That business is expected to hire 500 workers.

Faurecia, meanwhile, will lease Ford's parts plant in Saline, where 2,100 are employed. That deal is part of an asset disbursement program Ford put together in 2005 after buying parts company Visteon when it was struggling a decade earlier. Ford created the Automotive Components Holdings subsidiary to sell or shutter 23 Visteon plants, the newspaper said. In the deal announced on Thursday, Faurecia will lease the physical plant from ACH. About 1,000 workers in Saline will be displaced, but Ford said it will hire those workers to ramp up production at other plants this summer.

"I am pleased that the sale of the Saline ACH business ensures the retention of jobs for United Auto Worker members



Ford, Faurecia and Rush Group Ltd will form a joint venture expected to bring jobs to Detroit.—INTERNET

and communities surrounding the Saline plant while helping rebuild Detroit," said Jimmy Settles, UAW vice president, who directs the union's Ford division. Andra Rush, who runs the Rush Group, said the DMS plant would be owned 55 percent by Rush and 45 percent by Faurecia. Production at the plant is expected to begin by August, she said.

"It's a win-win-win that generates value for all the constituencies. Ford also is proud to play a role in helping to revitalize Detroit at this critical time for the city," said Tony Brown, Ford's group vice president for global purchasing.

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Jaguar Land Rover plans investments

CASTLE BROMWICH, 5 May—Jaguar Land Rover intends to upgrade a factory in Castle Bromwich, Britain, that three years ago was on the chopping block, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

The company's resurgence is supported by a surge in Land Rover sales, which rose 30 percent in the first quarter compared with the same period of 2011.

Jaguar sales in the first quarter were up 7 percent from a year earlier.

Earlier this year, 35,000 people applied for 1,000 new jobs at JLR, the newspaper reported on Thursday.

To take advantage of its

new momentum, the company is developing a convertible model of the F-Type that will reach showrooms in 2013. It is also spending about \$2.4 billion on development of new models with the goal of launching 40 new models or model options in the next five years.

JLR, which is owned by Indian conglomerate Tata, has also raised \$808 million to invest in a joint venture with Chinese automaker Chery to start building cars in China.

JLR posted pre-tax profits of \$904 million with revenues at 6.06 billion in the final quarter of 2011, the newspaper said.

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Regular jogging may increase longevity



COPENHAGEN, 5 May—Regular jogging can add up more than six years to male life expectancy and 5.6 years to women's longevity, reveals the latest data from the Copenhagen City Heart Study (CCHS). According to chief cardiologist of the CCHS, Peter Schnohr, the study's most recent analysis shows that between one to two-and-a-half hours of jogging per week at a "slow or average" pace delivers optimum benefits for longevity.

"We can say with certainty that regular jogging increases longevity. The good news is that you don't actually need to do that much to reap the benefits," said Schnohr, based at Bispebjerg University Hospital, Copenhagen.

The debate over jogging

first kicked off in the 1970s when middle-aged men took an interest in the past-time. "After a few men died while out on a run, various newspapers suggested that jogging might be too strenuous for ordinary middle-aged people," recalled Schnohr, according to a university statement.

The CCHS, started in 1976, is a cardiovascular population study of 20,000 men and women aged between 20 and 93 years. Since then the study, which has prompted in publication of over 750 papers, has expanded to include other diseases such as heart failure, pulmonary diseases, allergy, epilepsy, dementia, sleep-apnea and genetics.

For the jogging sub study, the mortality of 1,116 male joggers and 762 female

joggers was compared to the non joggers in the main study population. All participants were asked to answer questions about the amount of time they spent jogging each week, and to rate their own perceptions of pace (defined as slow, average, and fast).

The first data was collected between 1976 to 1978, the second from 1981 to 1983, the third from 1991 to 1994, and the fourth from 2001 to 2003.

Results show that in the follow-up period involving a maximum of 35 years, 10,158 deaths were registered among the non-joggers and 122 deaths among the joggers.

Analysis showed that risk of death was reduced by 44 percent for male joggers and 44 percent for female joggers. Besides, the data showed jogging produced an age adjusted survival benefit of 6.2 years in men and 5.6 years in women. These findings were presented at the The EuroPrevent2012 meeting, in Dublin, Ireland, organised by the European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation (EACPR).

Internet

Australia aims to be Asia's food superpower

SYDNEY, 5 May—Australia has the potential to become a food superpower for Asia, Prime Minister Julia Gillard said in a speech in which she urged greater commercial engagement with China.

Australia's economy is riding a mining and resources boom, but Gillard said the vast nation should also exploit its ability to produce high-quality food.

"Just as we have become a minerals and energy giant, Australia can be a great provider of reliable, high-quality food to meet Asia's growing needs," Gillard said in the speech to The Global Foundation in Melbourne late Thursday.

She said Australia should take advantage of growing international markets and become "a provider of higher-value products and services for the global food industry".

Despite living on the world's driest inhabited continent, Australians have enjoyed safe and high-quality food for many decades, with the nation producing enough to feed 60 million people, almost three times its

population. Australia accounts for less than three per cent of global food trade, although it is among the net food exporting nations of the world, a government report published in late 2010 said.

With Asia's middle-class rapidly expanding, Gillard said Australian businesses must find opportunities in

"In others, the business opportunities will be secured by establishing enterprises, including business partnerships, in Asian countries."

Gillard said Trade Minister Craig Emerson was already working to develop new agricultural partnerships between Australia and China.



Shoppers at a grocery store.—INTERNET

conditions where the dollar and terms of trade would remain high for the foreseeable future.

"In some cases, Australian businesses will be able to access large Asian markets through export, including through regional supply chains," she said.

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"It's not just about more exports," she said.

"It is about developing the systems and services that add extra value to them and participating in the development of a market-based solution to food security across the region."

Liver's role vital in regulating body clock

SYDNEY, 5 May—Jet setters, shift workers and even obese people stand to gain from a key discovery about the liver playing a vital role in managing the body's internal or circadian clock.

Chris Liddle, professor from the Westmead Millennium Institute for Medical Research, University of Sydney, identified the crucial role such circadian receptors play in regulating fat metabolism, with bearing on diet, nutrition, digestion and energy expenditure.

"When you fly overseas,

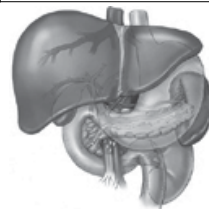
not only do you wake up in the middle of the night, you probably notice you want to eat in the middle of the night, and that during the day you have reduced energy. The liver is a key player in the regulation of energy and we now understand quite a bit more how liver genes 'clock in' to the circadian cycle," said Liddle, the journal *Nature* reports.

The circadian clock controls alertness, appetite, sleep timing and hormone secretions. If it is disturbed then people tend to suffer

more from obesity, diabetes and related metabolic disorders.

Liddle, who has worked on liver genes for more than a decade with the Salk Institute, said: "This is a very exciting discovery. We have now shown that these receptors in the body's tissues (liver) do not have a peripheral role but are core components for setting our body clock that we can potentially use drugs on."

"The promise...for the future is that we can specifically target drug treatments at these receptors.



The hope is that not only problems like jet lag and disturbed sleep can be more easily managed but other associated health concerns can be addressed more effectively," Liddle said, according to a Westmead statement.—Internet

US DOT fines Air India \$80,000

WASHINGTON, 5 May—The US Department of Transportation said it has fined Air India \$80,000 for failure to comply with rules concerning extended delays on airport runways. The department imposed the so-called tarmac rules in August 2011 in an attempt to prevent incidents of passengers stuck for hours in planes in which takeoffs were delayed.

Air India was fined "for failing to post customer service and tarmac delay contingency plans on its Web site," the department said.

The airline failed to "adequately inform passengers about its optional fees," the DOT said in a statement.

"Our new airline consumer rules help ensure that passengers are fully informed about airlines services and fees and what to expect if their flight is delayed on the tarmac. We will continue to monitor carriers to make sure they comply with our rules and take enforcement action when they do not," said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.—Internet

Singapore's student group to visit Middle East for business opportunities

SINGAPORE, 5 May—In an encouraging sign of growing interest in the Middle East markets, the Singapore Management University (SMU) will be sending its largest ever group of undergraduates to the Middle East on the bi-annual Business Study Mission (BSM) to the Middle East, which is in its fifth year. The delegation of 68 students will travel from 7 May to 20 May, shuttling between United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman. At the close of the study mission, 28 students will embark on their 11-week internships in Middle Eastern companies as well as Singapore companies with business interests in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, according to SMU's Press release on Saturday. The large size of the student delegation indicates a growing interest to explore emerging markets, such as the Middle East, for business opportunities.

The fervent passion towards the GCC region was underscored by the fact that the entire BSM was a student-run initiative. Interestingly, the logistical demands that come with a ground-breaking delegation size of 68 did not deter the undergraduates every single one of them took ownership of the planning and execution of the programme.

Sofia Moiz Tyebally, a second year business student said: "With the Middle East becoming increasingly significant on the global stage, it is no surprise that my classmates and I relish this opportunity to understand the intricacies of Arabian culture and more significantly, the importance of

building relationships through our networking sessions with executives based in the Middle East." During this overseas field trip, the 68 SMU student participants from various degree programmes will be studying the rapidly changing business structures in the member-nations of the GCC.

As the concluding component of the 14-week "Business Study Mission", the trip to the Middle East comes after an intensive curriculum of company case studies, student projects and guest lectures. Additionally, the 14-day itinerary, initiated by the SMU undergraduates themselves with facilitation from industry players and government agencies, includes meetings and networking dinners with government officials, diplomats, and the movers and shakers of the Middle Eastern business world.

Feeling glad for the exposure BSM has given him, second year business student Pierre Peh finds the forthcoming BSM an excellent conclusion to a semester of fruitful learning. "BSM Middle East has been an enriching experience overall due to the multiple facets of learning opportunities provided. It is definitely a stepping stone in my pursuit to work in an oil company in the GCC region," he said.

Official site visits include trips to established institutions such as the Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abu Dhabi Council for Economic Development and Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry and commercial sites such as Lusail City and Capitala.—Xinhua



Chinese actress Zhao Tao poses with director Andrea Segre after winning the David di Donatello award for Best Actress in Rome, Italy, on 4 May, 2012. Zhao Tao received the award Friday for her part in "Io Sono Li" at the 2012 David di Donatello Awards Ceremony.
XINHUA

China, US agree to hold more consultations

BEIJING, 5 May—China and the United States here on Friday agreed to hold a series of talks, covering security, Asia-Pacific affairs, human rights and regional policies, according to a list of achievements issued from the fourth round of China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue.

China and the United States expect a fresh round of China-US Strategic Security Dialogue will be held in 2013. The second China-US Strategic Security Dialogue was held on Wednesday in Beijing.

The two sides expressed willingness to make joint efforts and further develop the dialogue mechanism, and enhance mutual trust between the two countries.

To safeguard the common interests and face common challenges in the Asia-Pacific region, China and the United States will hold another consultation regarding China-US Asia-Pacific affairs in the second half of 2012.

Meanwhile, on the basis

of equality and mutual respect, China and the United States agreed to hold a human rights dialogue this summer in Washington.

In addition, the two countries decided to hold a series of consultations on regional issues, including the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Central Asia.

But the date and places of those engagements are to be confirmed.

During the two-day dialogues, both China and the United States reiterated they are willing to strengthen communication and cooperation on major international security and other non-proliferation issues.

Both sides give strong backing to the maritime security dialogue mechanism which is due to be built by the Maritime Safety Administration of China and the United States Coast Guard, the first dialogue of which will be held this autumn.

Xinhua

Thirteen dead, Russians missing in Nepal flood

KATHMANDU, 5 May—A river near one of Nepal's most popular Himalayan resorts killed 13 people and left 17 missing—including three Russian tourists—when it burst its banks and swept away a village on Saturday.

Most of the dead appeared to be locals, said conservationist Bishnu Paudel, who described how terrified people had fled to the hills to escape the sudden deluge.

Fast-flowing floodwaters from the swollen Seti River smashed into two buildings and a number of shacks in Kharapani village, in the shadow of Mount Annapurna, one of Nepal's most popular tourist destinations.

"There are 13 dead and 17 missing, including three Russian tourists. The missing include two young students who were in a group of 16 on an outing," said Ramindra Chhetri, a spokesman for the Nepalese Army.

"Two army helicopters and a private airliner have been deployed to the area. We have army rescue teams scouring five villages for survivors."

Paudel, of Annapurna Conservation Area Project, who reached the devastated site a few hours after the flood hit, said: "Most of the victims were shopkeepers in Kharapani, on the banks of the Seti River."



"Another village, Machhapuchre, was also affected. "Two buildings were swept away. Tourists flock to this area because there is a hot-water spring. There hasn't been any rain recently, so we were surprised when the flood occurred at 9:30 am. "The water has risen so high that it was up to a bridge. I found two truck drivers who had survived by fleeing to a hill nearby."

Internet



Photo taken on 3 May, 2012 shows staff members in the Sichuan branch of Bank of China try to splice the shreds of 50,000 yuan bank notes torn by a woman who suddenly falls ill. It took 6 hours for 12 bank clerks to successfully splice only one complete 100-yuan bank note. The money was originally meant for the woman's mental disorder treatment.—XINHUA

Jade burial clothing on show in UK

BEIJING, 5 May — Robbers looted the tomb of a Chinese prince about 2,000 years ago, but left a fascinating jigsaw puzzle for modern archaeologists and now culture vultures at a British museum where the burial site's artifacts will soon be exhibited.

Prince Liu Yingke of the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD) was buried wearing a suit made of more than 4,000 pieces of jade and sewn with gold threads. Britons will get a rare chance to see it and a second Chinese jade burial suit, as well as another 180 relics dating back to the Han Dynasty, when they go on show at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge from 5 May to 11 November.

Together, the touring exhibits will provide great insight into ancient Chinese burial custom. Han Chinese

believed jade could prevent the body from decaying. The tomb was robbed shortly after the body was interred. The thieves drew out the gold wire, but left the jade tablets, so precious that only royalty could own it. The robbers would have feared the suspicion of being captured with jade — and the death penalty that would have come with it.

The jade tablets scattered in the tomb had to be pieced back together by the archaeologists who unearthed the prince's mausoleum on Mount Shizishan in Xuzhou city of east China's Jiangsu Province in 1995. The intricate jigsaw puzzle was not solved until 2003. It took six experts 20 months to restore the jade clothes, with 4,248 jade tablets and gold wires weighing 1,576 grams.—Xinhua

Wall Street suffers worst week this year

NEW YORK, 5 May—Wall Street ended its worst week this year with severe sell-off on Friday after the government's highly-anticipated monthly jobs report came in weaker than expected. When the market closed, the Dow Jones industrial average gave up 168.32 points, or 1.27 percent, at 13,038.27. The Standard & Poor's 500 sank 22.47 points, or 1.61 percent, to 1,369.10. The Nasdaq Composite Index tumbled 67.96 points, or 2.25 percent, to 2,956.34. All 30 Dow components were mired in negative territory, with Bank of America and Cisco Systems among the worst performers.

Energy stocks dropped the most among ten S&P 500 big-cap sectors after oil prices plummeting nearly 4 percent on demand concerns. The sell-off came after the Labor Department said the economy only added 115,000 new jobs in April, much less than the market expectation of 170,000.

The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent, lower than the median estimates of 8.2 percent. However, the improvement was because

342,000 people dropped out of the labour force and was no longer counted in the number. After Friday's decline, the blue-chip Dow lost 1.44 percent in last five days. The broader S&P 500 dropped 2.44 percent, the biggest loss since 17 Dec, and the tech-heavy Nasdaq slumped 3.68 percent for the week.

During the coming weekend, investors will keep a close watch on elections in both France and Greece. In France, a Socialist candidate who was against the austerity plan seems to have a fat chance to beat current president Nicolas Sarkozy in the country's presidential election, underlying the political pressure in European countries on the debt issues. Greek society, on the other hand, seems heavily divided on growth-versus-austerity issues, which has the potential to prompt far more volatility once markets reopen on Monday. In other markets, the US dollar rose against most of its major counterparts as disappointing jobs report forced investors to flee into safe-haven assets.—Xinhua

Merkel supports joint Afghan withdrawal by 2014



German Chancellor Angela Merkel (l) and NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen attend a joint press conference in Berlin on 4 May, 2012.—XINHUA

BERLIN, 5 May — Germany and NATO alliance would withdraw forces from Afghanistan by 2014 as previously plan, and offer follow-up aid afterwards, German Chancellor Angela Merkel confirmed Friday after meeting with NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen. The chancellors said

Germany feels obligated to the principle of joint operation and joint withdrawal for NATO allies in Afghan mission, and Afghanistan could expect further international aid after an agreed transfer of the responsibility in 2014.

Rasmussen said the Alliance would "make clear our commitment to complete transition by the end of 2014 and how to support Afghanistan beyond 2014" in the upcoming Chicago summit. Afghanistan, capabilities and partnerships would be the main focus of the summit, which would be "a vital moment (for the Alliance), as we set out how to keep the NATO of the future as strong and successful as the NATO of the past," Rasmussen added.

German leaders and NATO reiterated the latter's planned missile shield in Poland was not aimed at Russia. Moscow has repeatedly voiced its concern over the project. NATO's missile defence system was not technically designed to threaten Russia "in any way", and "we have no political intention of attacking Russia," Rasmussen told reporters. "The best way for Russia to see by itself that the missile shield is not targeting Russia would be an active participation, as we proposed," Rasmussen said.

Merkel said the alliance would use all opportunities to convince Russia that the missile system is not an act specifically directed against Russia.—Xinhua

Coca-Cola apologizes for chlorine-tainted drinks

TAIYUAN, 5 May — Coca-Cola Shanxi Beverages Co Ltd on Friday announced the resignation of its general manager and the suspension of several employees after admitting traces of chlorine were found in some of its drinks. The company also made a public apology and said it has taken active corrective measures as the chlorine was mistakenly added during a routine pipe maintenance procedure.

"We regret that our core values were not met by some individuals at our Shanxi plant. And we sincerely apologize for causing unnecessary concerns among our consumers," said David G Brooks, president of Coca-Cola Greater China and Korea at a media briefing in Taiyuan, capital city of north China's Shanxi Province. Despite the chlorine traces found, Brooks said the nine batches of beverages made between 4 Feb and 8 Feb are up to national standards and pose

no harm to human health.

The beverage giant's bottling plant in Shanxi was asked to suspend production and take corrective actions last Saturday after being found guilty of "other production management non-conformities to relevant regulations,"

consumers who have bought the suspect drinks could exchange them for new ones or ask for a refund. The plant's suspension doesn't and won't affect the company's business in China, according to Brooks. "We have completed all actions required after the



Coca-Cola apologizes for chlorine-tainted drinks.—XINHUA

according to a statement issued by Shanxi Provincial Bureau of Quality and Technology Supervision. "We have taken a number of corrective actions to address these matters," said Brooks, adding that these issues were isolated to this one plant in China.

The company also said

watchdog's detailed investigation last week, and production in the Shanxi branch is expected to resume in the near future," he said. China, the third-biggest and a critical growth market for Coca-Cola, accounts for 8 percent of the company's global sales by volume.—Xinhua

Malaysia seizes hundreds of cobras and turtles

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 May — Malaysian wildlife authorities have seized hundreds of cobras and turtles being smuggled out of the country in a shipment of papayas, headed for cooking pots in the region, according to an official. Jamalun Nasir Ibrahim, head of the wildlife and national parks department on Penang island told AFP authorities raided a container being driven into the state's air cargo complex on early Thursday after hearing "hissing noises".

"The 4am raid at the cargo complex netted some 555 cobras and 171 turtles and according to the manifest, these animals, which were hidden among papayas from northern Kedah state, were

being shipped to Hong Kong," he said. "If they had succeeded, the snakes and turtles would likely have gone to dining tables across the region," Jamalun added.

He said that the driver of the container had been arrested and that investigations were ongoing. Jamalun said the monocled cobras could each fetch 200 to 800 ringgit (\$65 to \$260) while the giant Asian pond turtles would likely sell for 200 ringgit. All the animals were alive when seized and would be sent to a nearby zoo. He said a license and a certificate of origin was needed to export or trade in both species as they were listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild



A Penang wildlife and national parks department officer displays a seized cobra in Georgetown, the capital of the state of Penang.—INTERNET

Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Despite efforts by Southeast Asian authorities to crack down on animal smuggling, the practice still persists in the region, posing a threat to endangered species, activists say. Last October, authorities seized nearly 450 protected snakes

and turtles — many already dead — following a raid on a house in Kedah state. Malaysia has pledged to fight wildlife smuggling, which activists say is rampant due to regional demand for exotic dishes, pets, or traditional medicines derived from animals.—Internet

Mongolia to work with world animal health body to combat foot-and-mouth disease

ULAN BATOR, 5 May — Mongolia and the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) will work together to develop animal health standards and amend veterinary laws to pave the way for declaring the country's western region free of foot-and-mouth disease, local media said on Friday. Visiting OIE General Director Bernard Vallat, who met Mongolian President Tsakhiya Elbegdorj on Thursday, said Mongolia is one of the 10 countries to which the Paris-based agency pays much attention, because of its nomadic livestock herding and high level of livestock per capita.

Therefore, Mongolia has much potential for animal product exports, Vallat said. He said the OIE has launched initiatives aimed at declaring certain regions of Mongolia, especially its region as "health region." In order to gain "health region" status, there should be amendments to Mongolia's relevant veterinary laws, Vallat said. After that, the OIE will send analysts to Mongolia and prepare necessary documentation for declaring its western region a "health region." Mongolia aims to make its western region free of foot-and-mouth disease within the framework of cooperation with the OIE.—Xinhua

UN chief slams deadly attacks in Dagestan, Russia

UNITED NATIONS, 5 May — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday strongly condemned the deadly terrorist attacks in Russia's restive North Caucasus republic of Dagestan, which have reportedly killed at least 13 people and injured more than 100 others.

Ban, in a statement issued here late Friday by his spokesman, "condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks that occurred in Dagestan, Russian Federation, on 3 May 2012."

"He expresses his deep sympathy and condolences to the victims of these

heinous acts and their families, and to the people and government of the Russian Federation," the statement said. Preliminary information showed that the first explosion took place at about 10:10 pm local time - near a police post in Makhachkala, the capital of Dagestan.

The second blast happened about half an hour later, when rescuers, police officers and fire fighters were carrying out relief works at the scene.

No one has claimed responsibility for the deadly blasts so far.—Xinhua

Five wild animals back on Ohio farm; safety debated

COLUMBUS, 5 May — Five exotic animals are back on the eastern Ohio farm where they lived months ago before their owner abandoned them and released dozens of other wild animals into the rural community, then killed himself. The widow of Terry Thompson picked up two leopards, two primates and a bear from the Columbus zoo on Friday and returned them to their former home in Zanesville where 50 animals — including black bears, mountain lions and Bengal tigers — were released Oct. 18. Authorities killed 48 of the animals, fearing for the public's safety. Two others were presumed eaten by other animals.

The surviving animals were found in cages and placed under quarantine at the zoo. Ohio's agriculture director lifted the quarantine order Monday, after test results showed all five animals were free of dangerously contagious or infectious diseases. Thompson's

suicide, the animals' release, and their killings led lawmakers to re-examine Ohio's restrictions on exotic pets, which are considered some of the nation's weakest. Now that Marian Thompson has retrieved the animals, nothing in Ohio law allows state officials to check on their welfare or require improvements to conditions in which they are kept.

The state's agriculture department says it will be up to local authorities to be alert to their caretaking. "Ohio has done everything in its power to keep local officials informed throughout this process to ensure they had as much information as possible in advance of this threat returning to their backyard," said David Daniels, the state's agriculture director. Ohio lawmakers are considering legislation that would ban new ownership of dangerous animals — but grandfather in owners such as Thompson. The bill is on track to pass the Legislature this month.—Internet



A bear explores its cage on the farm of Marian Thompson near Zanesville, Ohio after it and four other exotics were released to Thompson by the Columbus Zoo on 4 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Kason water-pouring ceremonies...

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Lawka Marazein Pagoda, Phayakoezu Pagoda and Koekhamgyi Pagoda.

Today which is Full Moon Day of Kason, famous pagodas and stupas were crowded with pilgrims and consecration ceremonies and Kason water-pouring ceremonies were held since this morning.

The 29th Kason water-pouring ceremony of the Shwedagon Pagoda was held at Yaungdawpint Stairway near Maha Bawdi banyan tree of Paribawga Pagoda on the platform of the Shwedagon Pagoda at 7 am today. Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and members, religious association members, staff and pilgrims poured water

on the banyan trees.

Religious associations helped visitors pour water at Maha Bodhi Banyan Trees at four corners of Shwedagon Pagoda.

Pro-Rector of State Pariatti Sasana University (Yangon) Sayadaw of Maha Theindawgyi Monastery in Pabedan Township Agga Maha Ganthavasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kumara and members of Sangha recited Parittas at Kason Water Pouring Ceremony of Sule Pagoda this morning. Staff of the pagoda led by members of board of pagoda trustees recited religious verses and visitors poured water at the Banyan tree.

Chairman of Seikkan Township Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Saddhamma Jotika



The 4th Kason water-pouring ceremony is held at Maha Bodhi Banyan Tree of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Bhaddanta Meda Nanda gave Five Percepts to congregation at Kason Water Pouring Ceremony at Botahtaung Kyaikdeat Pagoda where members of Sangha recited religious verses and visitors poured water at the Banyan tree.

The similar ceremony was held in Maha Vijaya Pagoda this morning. Sayadaw of Shwebontha Monastery

The 11th Kason Water Pouring Ceremony of Lawka Chantha Abaya Labamuni Buddha Image in progress. —MNA

Bhaddanta Vayama and members of Sangha consecrated Shwephonepint Pagoda in Pazuntaung at Kason Water Pouring Ceremony of the pagoda where members of pagoda board of trustees, members of religious associations and visitors poured water at the Banyan tree. Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda also held the Kason Water Pouring Ceremony.

Members of Sangha consecrated Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) at the Kason Water Pouring Ceremony this morning.

The Kason Water Pouring Ceremony of Lawka

Chantha Abaya Labamuni Buddha Image was held in precinct of the Buddha Image.

Members of Sangha, members of pagoda board of trustees and pilgrims participated in the Kason Water Pouring Ceremony of Kyaikwaing Pagoda.

Members of Sangha, pagoda board of trustees and religious associations poured water at the Banyan tree and Buddha Images.

The Kason Water Pouring Ceremonies were held in Pagodas and Buddha Images far and wide the nation.—MNA

Union A&I Minister inspects dredging of creek, construction of canal

YANGON, 5 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspected progress in dredging of

Bawdigon creek between Pinyinataw and Bawdi sluice gate in Pantanaw Township in Ayeyawady and construction of Ngawun river-

crossing canal between Thaunggyi and Dauntgyibat villages north of Ngathaingchaung in Yekyi Township yesterday morning.—MNA



SELF-RELIANT LIBRARY OPENED: A ceremony to open Thuta Kywe Library in Taluttaw Village in Twantay Township, Yangon South District was held in front of the library on 1 May morning. Head of the Township Information and Public Relations Department U Thet Oo, Administrator of the Village U Maung Thauung, Chairman of the Village Library Committee U Aye Thauung formally opened the library.—MYANMA ALIN

Seminar on assessment of central level community-based healthcare services held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—A seminar on assessment of central level community-based healthcare services for 2011 was opened at the Ministry of Health here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said the ministry is drawing and implementing projects systematically to provide public healthcare services

that cover the whole nation, including rural and border areas, in accord with national health policy. In doing so, emphasis is placed upon promotion of national healthcare standard. As the services however are project-oriented, the activities to be carried out on a nationwide scale are found to have been weak. So, health staff members are urged to provide regular essential healthcare

services, noted the Union Minister.

Then, he urged the participants to frankly discuss strong and weak points of their work plans implemented in Regions and States in 2011 and to come up with new ideas and solutions.

Next, departmental heads took part in the round of discussion. The seminar continues tomorrow.—MNA

Pencak Silat Championship-2012 kicks off

YANGON, 5 May—Myanmar Martial Arts Federation opened the 1st Regions and States inter-clubs Pencak Silat Championship-2012 at Theinbyu Sports Hall in Mingalar Taungnyunt here

today.

Patron of the federation Police Brig-Gen Thura Bo Ni, officials concerned from Sports and Physical Education Department, Vice-Chairman of the federation U Ye Myint,

Secretary U Myo Naung and CEC members, head of Myanmar Martial Arts Training School and athletes were present at the opening.

After Myanmar Selected Coach Mr. Radhinnyuh (Mr. Shar) and athletes staged their performance to depict Pencak Silat, the first day's event was held.—MNA

Bo Trees in Mandalay watered to mark Fullmoon Day of Kason

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — On the Fullmoon of Day of Kason (ME), Buddha Images and pagodas in Mandalay were thronged with devotees.

A Sayadaw cleaned the face of Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image and devotees pasted gold leaves on the Buddha Image, reciting Parittas and pouring scented water on the Bo Tree in the compound of the Buddha Image.

Hsutaungya, Hsutaungpyai, Mandalay Hill, Yankin Hill pagodas, Shwekyimyin Buddha Image, Swedawmyat Pagoda in Mandalay and pagodas in Buddha Images in other townships were also packed with devotees today.

They poured water on the Bo Trees in the compounds of pagodas, did meditation and donated charity food to visitors.

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Devotees and merit-doers are full in the compounds of pagodas in Mandalay, pouring water on the Bo Trees on the Fullmoon Day of Kason (ME). —MNA



Devotees and merit-doers pour water on the Bo Tree in the compound of Shwedagon pagoda on the Fullmoon Day of Kason (ME).

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Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister tours Ngayokkaung Sub-township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung met with departmental officials, local people and members of social organizations in Ngayokkaung Sub-township in Patheingyi District on 3 May.

At the meeting, the chief minister donated K2 million for construction of a X-ray room for the

station hospital.

Donors also contributed cash to the funds for the construction of the building at the meeting.

After the meeting, the chief minister inspected the site chosen to build extended building for the basic education high school and the station hospital.

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Housing projects inspected

YANGON, 5 May — Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint yesterday inspected Town Centre Housing project and Inwa Housing project in Dagon Myothit (South) Township; Mingyi Housing project and

Aung Zeya Housing project in Insein Township; and Mayangon Villa Housing project in Mayangon Township in Yangon and left instructions on ensuring good quality of construction materials. —MNA

66th Anniversary of Fire Brigade Day marked in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — The 66th Anniversary of Fire Brigade Day was celebrated in Myoma Sports Ground of Myeik this morning. Myeik District Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo gave an honorary speech and presented awards.

Next, Head of Myeik District Fire Service Department U Zaw Win presented an award to a firefighter who was injured in

his courageous services in a fire that broke out at Shwe Myeiktha Guesthouse in Myeik. Then, firefighting skill demonstrations were carried out. —MNA

Union Minister U Aung Kyi views displays inside booths to hail 66th Fire Brigade Day. (News on page 16)

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KIA armed group continues destructive acts

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — A mine planted by KIA (Kachin) armed group at the nearside place of a RC-type bridge on Shwe Road in Eden region (4) in Taiton Ward in Myitkyina in Kachin State blasted at 6:00 am today, the police cleared the scene.

Two of them got injured from another blast, about 50 feet far from the first explosion, while they were doing clearance.

Similarly, the KIA's mine exploded the Hilux motorcar carrying bags of rice on Moemaik-Lwiyje Road at 8:00 am of 4 May, and it claimed the bus-conductor's life and left the driver injured.

Besides, another mine blast hit the

bridge No.677/0 on Mandalay-Myitkyina Railroad near Khamti at 7:25 pm on 4 May.

With an aim of making the public shocked and peace and stability of the State deteriorated, the KIA armed group has been committing destructive acts such as destroying roads and bridges, opening fire on villages with heavy weapons and killing innocent civilians and service personnel. As now is the time when the government, the Tatmadaw and national races armed groups make peace each other, the public willingly has a wish for all armed groups including KIA armed group to live together in peace.

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MMCWA concludes its 22nd annual meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — The third day of the 22nd annual meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association continued at the hall of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Dehkinathiri Township here this morning.

At today's event, CEC members, patrons of Township supervising committee for Maternal and Child Welfare, chairmen, representatives, heads of health departments in Regions and States put forward ideas to think about, on which were given

suggestions by those present.

Based on the three resolutions, 17 future processes were approved.

Provided by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Centre), the cash assistances amounted 35.5 million went to the needs for maternal and child health-care tasks.

Soon after Chairperson of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association gave a concluding remark, the meeting came to an end.

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Health knowledge talks given, fund set up



YANGON, 5 May—Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee of

Yangon Region held the educative talks and set up the fund at People's Hospital (Pale) on 30 April.

It was attended by Patron of the Yangon Region MCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay, wives of Yangon Region ministers, members of Yangon Region MCWSC, Township Administrator U Nyein Htwe and wellwishers. Patron of the Yangon Region MCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay presented K 1.27 million to Medical Superintendent Dr Soe Win.

Later, OG specialist Dr Thazin Nyunt of Women's and Children's Hospital of South Okkalapa Township gave talks on reproductive health.—*Health*

World Veterinary Day 2012 observed in Insein Township

YANGON, 5 May—Myanmar Veterinarians Association organized the World Veterinary Day 2012 at the library of Insein Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Yangon Region on 28 April afternoon, attended by Chairman of MVA Dr Aung Gyi and executives, Chairman of Myanmar Veterinary Council Dr Saw Pale Saw, veterinarians and guests.

The Chairman of the

Association made a speech. Next, Dr Sai San Aik, Dr Than Naing Tun and Dr Hla Hla Thein submitted papers in accord with the motto: Antimicrobial Resistance and replied to queries raised by those present.

The ceremonies in commemoration of the World Veterinary Day were observed by Myanmar Veterinarians Association as

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of 2010. Myanmar secured the World Veterinary Day 2011 Award presented in 2011 by World Veterinarians Organization and World Health Department.

This year, subject-wise talks were held in Nay Pyi Taw and State and Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in addition of Yangon.

Myanma Alin

Palethwe hybrid paddy harvested in Hlegu Township



YANGON, 5 May—The harvesting of Palethwe hybrid paddy on model plot was held at Satalin Village of Hlegu Township in Yangon Region on 26 April.

It was attended by Head of Yangon North District Agriculture Department U Myint Lwin, Township Administrator U Aung Ko, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Zaw Lin, Deputy Head of

Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Khin Maung Nyunt and staff, responsible persons of Myanmar Awba Group, village administrators and local farmers. The harvesting team produced 183.33 baskets of paddy per acre.

Officials explained work process from land preparations to harvesting. Later, they visited the paddy field.—*Myanma Alin*

Sagagyi Association (Yangon) pays respects to older persons



YANGON, 5 May—Sagagyi Association (Yangon) held a respect paying ceremony and prize presentation for outstanding students at the hall of Sagagyi Administrative Office on 25 April morning.

At the ceremony, Sagagyi Administrator U Nyi Nyi Tun extended greetings. Chairman of the association U Aung Myint explained the constitutional rules of the association.

Secretary of the association U Aye Kyu (Sagagyi Aye Kyu), Vice-Chairman U Aung Moe Zaw (Shwe Phone Pwint) and U Mya Thuang explained progress of the association.

Members of the

association donated cash and medicines to 32 older persons of above 80 years old.

Next, officials presented cash awards to 10 outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam with flying colours in 2011.

Myanma Alin

Myanmar women's volleyball team back from Thailand

YANGON, 5 May—The Myanmar selected women's volleyball team led by U Thein Win (GM of Asia World Co Ltd) arrived back here by air on 30 April evening after taking part in the Asian Women's Volleyball Clubs Championship 2012 held in Nakhonratchasima of Thailand from 21 to 29 April with the aim of achieving success in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013 and having experiences of volleyball event.

In the group matches of the A Group, Myanmar lost to Vietnam 0-3 on 22 April, Iran 0-3 on 22 April, Japan 0-3 on

24 April and host Thailand 0-3 on 25 April.

After the ground matches, more matches were held for grading the clubs. The 5th position Myanmar of A Group played against the 4th position Sri Lanka of B Group on 26 April. In the match, Myanmar secured the 8th position with a 3-2 win over Sri Lanka. On 27 April, Myanmar lost to Japan 0-3 in the competition between positions 1 to 8. On 28 April, Myanmar lost to Iran 0-3 between 5th and 8th positions.

On 29 April, Myanmar stood 7th by winning over Malaysia 3-2.

Myanma Alin

Fare of water transport increased by Inland Water Transport

YANGON, 5 May—Fares of ship have been raised by departments concerned for passenger vessels on their runs from Yangon Region to towns of Ayeyawady Region.

"Fares of ships were raised as of 17 April. The ship fares were rose to K 1400 from



K 1000 on Yangon-Mawlamyinegyun route, K 1000 from K 640 on Yangon-Pyapon route, K 2800 from K 1700 on Yangon-Labutta route," said an official.

In addition to ordinary tickets of ships, first class fares were fixed at K 5000 from K 3000 and K 8000 from about K 5000.

"Fares of ship were rose in mid-2011. Due to increasing the price of diesel, the fare of ship rose. The passenger people face

difficulties due to once more increase of ship fare. The affordable persons may take private watercrafts but their fares are higher. However, the passengers are worried about increase of ship fares for private watercraft due to higher fares of Inland Water Transport," a local of Mawlamyinegyun expressed his opinion.

Inland Water Transport also raises the fare of ship for foreign tourists as of 1 April.

Khin Lay Myint Aung

Kyaikpi Village of Kyaikto Tsp gets new library

KYAİKTO, 5 May—A ceremony to open Thita Theingi Library was held in Kyaikpi Village of Kyaikto Township on 11 April afternoon.

At the ceremony, wellwisher Kyaikpi Tawya Sayadaw Ashin Sasana-rekkhita gave a speech on construction of the library.

Next, the Sayadaw and disciples donated books worth K 270,000, Township Information and Public Relations Department 50 books and townselder U Shwe

Aung 53 books to the chairman of Library Committee.

After that, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Aye Myo Myo San, Village administrator U Thet Naing and townselder U Shwe Aung formally opened the library.

The building of library is 24 feet long in length, 16 feet in width and 12 feet in height, and the Sayadaw spent K 3.3 million on construction of the building.—*Township IPRD*



Assistance provided to storm victims

HOPIN, 5 May—The strong winds hit wards and villages of Hopin Sub-Township of Mohnyin District in Kachin State on 4 April afternoon.

Thus, Deputy

Commanding Officer Zaw Aye and party of Hopin Sub-Township Red Cross Battalion provided 16 bags of rice and K 300,000 to 71 storm victim families.

Myanma Alin





Citizens participate in the performance of Taijiquan (Tai Chi Boxing) during the 11th National Fitness Festival in Yangzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 2 May, 2012. — XINHUA

Cambodia holds largest IT, Telecoms Exhibition

PHNOM PENH, 5 May — Cambodia's largest Information Technologies and Telecommunications Exhibition kicked off here on Thursday to reflect the progress in the sector in recent years.

Some 150 exhibitors including mobile and fixed phone operators, phone companies, Internet service providers and IT companies have had their products and services displayed at the 4-day event being held at the capital's Diamond Island Centre. "The exhibition offers a valuable opportunity for importers, distributors and manufacturers to showcase leading technologies with world-standard quality and enhance business cooperation among manufacturers, marketers and specialists in all fields of IT," said a press release from the organizer National ICT Development Authority.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, La Narath, secretary of state at the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication, said that the event reflected the rapid progress in the sector in recent years. He said that to date, the country has eight mobile phone operators and two fixed phone operators. In addition, there are 27 Internet service providers and hundreds of IT product companies. — Xinhua

Foreign direct investment in LatAm hits record high in 2011

SANTIAGO, 5 May — Foreign direct investment (FDI) in Latin America reached a record of 153.45 billion US dollars in 2011, representing 10 percent of the total global flows, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said on Thursday. The figure was well above the previous record of 137.001 billion dollars registered in 2008, the commission said. In 2010, the region received 120.88 billion dollars, while in 2009 the international economic crisis caused a drop in investment to 81.589 billion dollars,

according to the ECLAC.

Brazil was on the lead, receiving 66.66 billion dollars, amounting to a whopping 43.8 percent of the total, the commission said in its 2011 report. It was followed by Mexico with 19.44 billion dollars, Chile 17.299 billion and Colombia 13.234 billion. In Central America, FDI rose 36 percent compared with 2010, while in the Caribbean, it increased 20 percent compared on a yearly basis. "Although there is still uncertainty in the global financial markets, the Latin American and Caribbean

economies attracted important amounts of foreign direct investment in 2011, which will remain high during 2012," ECLAC Executive Secretary Alicia Barcena said while releasing the report.

The report said 46 percent of FDI net inflows in the region corresponded to re-investment of profit, reflecting that transnational companies have confidence in the region. Nevertheless, the ECLAC warned of the growing trend of repatriation of profits by transnational corporations.

Xinhua

United puts final touches on major Boeing 737 order

WASHINGTON, 5 May — United Airlines is putting the finishing touches on an order for at least 100 Boeing Co 737 narrowbody jets potentially worth \$10 billion at list prices, industry sources said on Thursday. The order could increase to as many as 200 jets if United exercises about 100 options to buy other narrowbodies.

The deal will feature mainly Boeing's upcoming 737 MAX, an upgraded, fuel-efficient version of the company's best-selling 737, said the sources who are close to the negotiations. The sources declined to be identified because the negotiations are private and the deal is not yet final. The



An undated artist's rendering of a 737 MAX 9 with new Advanced Technology winglets is seen in this handout Boeing image released to Reuters on 2 May, 2012. REUTERS

order will also include some of the current model of the 737, the Next-Generation, they said.

The sources said the two sides were still deciding the number of Next Generation 737s that will be part of the order. The deal could be

completed in the next few weeks, and the number of firm orders is still subject to change, the sources said. A spokeswoman for United's parent, United Continental Holdings, declined to comment as did a Boeing spokesman. — Reuters

Samsung unveils new Galaxy smartphone in London

SEOUL, 5 May — Samsung Electronics, the world's largest mobile phone maker, said Friday that it unveiled its third generation smartphone in the Galaxy series featuring the options of recognizing voice, face and motion. The Galaxy S3, running Google's latest Android operating system Ice Cream Sandwich, was launched at an event in London, according to an e-mailed statement by Samsung.

The new smartphone features 'S Voice', a voice command option to listen and respond to users' words. The option can be used to go off users' phone alarm, turn volume up, send text messages, organize schedules, and automatically launch the camera and capture a photo. The 'Smart stay' is an eye sensor system that prevents the phone from dimming. It recognizes how users are using their phone by having the front camera identify your eyes. In addition, the Galaxy S3 can understand users' motions. If users are messaging someone but decide to call

them instead, users can simply lift their phone to their ear and 'Direct call' option will dial their number.

The Galaxy S3 is a successor to the Galaxy S2, whose global sales topped 20 million units in February 10 months after its debut. According to market researcher Strategy Analytics, Samsung overtook Nokia as the world's largest handset maker for the first time in the first quarter this year. Shipment of Samsung mobile phones was estimated to reach 93.5 million units in the three months ending 30 March, larger than Nokia's 82.7 million units. — Xinhua



Samsung unveils new Galaxy smartphone in London. XINHUA

S Korea's imported car sales hit record high in April

SEOUL, 5 May — Imported car sales in South Korea hit a new record monthly high last month due to brisk sales of diesel and hybrid models amid high oil prices, a local trade association said on Friday. Sales of imported cars in April reached a new high of 10,668 vehicles in April, up 30 percent from a year earlier, according to the Korea Automobile Importers and Distributors Association (KAIDA). For the first four months of this year, imported auto sales amounted to 33,923 units, up 17.8 percent from the same period of last year.

The April figure breached the previous record high of 10,648 vehicles tallied in March. The brisk sales were mainly attributed to growing demand for diesel and hybrid models amid higher oil prices. "Imported car sales grew in April due to strong demand

for diesel and hybrid models caused by high oil prices as well as rollout of new models by some automakers," said Yoon Dae-sung, executive director of KAIDA. German automaker BMW ranked first in terms of best-selling brand last month with 2,727 vehicles sold here. It was followed by Mercedes-Benz with 1,673 units, and Volkswagen with 1,330 units. Audi ranked fourth with 1,228 units, and Toyota came next with 998 units sold here.

The most popular model was BMW 520d with 899 units sold last month to beat 320d made by the same company with 565 units sold. It was followed by Toyota's Camry with 518 units sold. By size, vehicles with an engine capacity of 2-liter or less were most popular, posting 50.3 percent market share in April. Internet



A robot designed by ABB demonstrates its drawing function at the Barcelona International Comic Fair in Barcelona, Spain, on 3 May, 2012. The 30th Barcelona International Comic Fair kicked off here on Thursday with China being the partner country. XINHUA

Chinese tourists rank as top spenders in Japan

TOKYO, 5 May — Chinese tourists have spent an estimated 196.4 billion yen (about 2.43 billion US dollars) in Japan in 2011, accounting for almost a quarter of the total spending by foreign travellers, and rank as the largest spenders by country, according to data from the Japan Tourism Agency. Chinese travellers bought relatively expensive products, such as cameras, watches and consumer electronics products, as souvenirs, according to Japanese media.

The data are based on surveys among about 7,000 foreigners at major airports and seaports in Japan once every three months. Foreign travellers spent a total of 813.5 billion yen (about 10.09 billion US dollars) in 2011, down nearly 30 percent from 2010, when they spent an estimated 1.15 trillion yen (about 14.26 billion US dollars). Chinese consumers were followed by South Koreans and people from the United States. Travellers from South Korea numbered the largest at 1.66 million and was followed by 1.04 million Chinese. — Xinhua

DECLARATION

No.144, Upper Pansodan Street, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon Region was bought and on this plot a building was built for Xie family Company Limited office. From beginning of 2006, it has been employing company works up to now. It was not the consent of company director to transfer above address to No.15, Shwe Hintha Tower (B), Room No.907, Corner of Pyi Road and Shwe Hintha Street, Hline Township, Yangon.

Departmental organization, personal has been contacting at this No.144, Upper Pansodan Street, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon up to now. That's why Xie family Co., Limited. Office will be opened at No.144, Upper Pansodan Street, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon Region. It was declare that it had been carried out company's business at this place.

**Models display
Pantech's new LTE
smart phone VEGA
RACER 2 at the launch
event in the Pantech
head office in Seoul,
South Korea,
on 3 May, 2012.**
XINHUA



Woman accuses son of taking \$51 million lottery ticket

LOS ANGELES, 5 May — A California woman has sued her son and accused him of making off with her \$51 million Mega Millions lottery ticket, and then racking up expenses on houses, cars and

cash gifts. The legal dispute between Etta May Urquhart, 76, and her son Ronnie Orender, who had been a truck driver, centers on who owns the ticket. She admits he signed it, but she is the one who lottery officials acknowledge bought the slip of paper.

In May 2011, Urquhart went to her local Mobil gas station in Bakersfield, about 100 miles north of Los Angeles, to buy a few lottery tickets with her retirement income, as was her habit, according to the lawsuit filed last week in California state court. She later checked her Mega Millions ticket against the numbers in a newspaper, and saw she had won, the lawsuit said.

Urquhart and her husband, Orender's stepfather, later went with Orender to the Mobil station where they met with lottery officials.

"Lottery officials requested the winning ticket be signed," the lawsuit said. "Etta May was overcome with emotions, she could barely talk and her body was

shaking badly.

Given her condition, Etta May asked Orender to sign the ticket on her behalf." But as it turns out Orender "signed the winning ticket in his own name and not on behalf of Etta May," the lawsuit said. Later, he suggested that due to the "magnitude of the situation, and the likely attention and pressures" from family, friends and strangers, Etta May should "tell others that she bought the ticket for Orender," the lawsuit said.

She agreed to the plan, according to the lawsuit, filed on 23 April in Kern County. Orender ultimately opted to take a lump sum cash payment of \$32.3 million, and planned to "take care of his parents and other family as well," a statement last year from Mega Millions said.

The statement also quoted Orender's stepfather, Bob Urquhart, joking that "we're going to spend it," in response to a question about plans for the money. Bob Urquhart is a plaintiff in the lawsuit filed by his wife. — Reuters



A column of steam, gas and ashes is spewed by the Popocatepetl volcano in Puebla, Mexico, on 4 May, 2012. Popocatepetl has kept an intense activity for the last 24 hours, the National Disaster Prevention Centre reported. — XINHUA

Kite disrupts landing at Dalian airport

DALLAN, 5 May — Twenty-three flights destined for northeast China's Dalian city on Friday had to be diverted to alternative airports or return to their departure points as a kite was noticed hovering at Dalian airport.

The kite was spotted at about 4:20 pm on the air route near Dalian Airport when the CZ3678 flight carried by China Southern Airlines was due to land at the airport, said a spokesman with the Dalian branch of the airline. The

plane, from Changchun, capital of Jilin province, circled above the airport for an hour and then diverted to Qingdao airport in Shandong province, said the spokesman.

Another 22 flights, including 10 from China Southern, were scheduled to land at Dalian but diverted or returned later. Aircraft landing resumed at about 9:30 pm as the kite, with the string already cut off, flew out of the air route on the wind, said the spokesman. — Xinhua

Two army officers killed in bomb explosion in Algeria

ALGIERS, 5 May — Two Algerian army officers, including a commander, were killed on Friday in a roadside bomb, local media reported.

The explosive device was detonated remotely, killing two military officers wearing civvies, local media quoted a security source as saying, adding that the explosion took place in the

province of Boumerdes, some 75 km southeast of the capital Algiers.

Despite a remarkable improvement of security situation in the North African nation, some provinces including Boumerdes and Tizi Ouzou still witness kidnapping and terror attacks targeting civilians and security personnel. — Xinhua

Spirit Airlines to refund cancer-stricken flyer's fare

MIRAMA, 5 May — Spirit Airlines (SAVE) said on Friday afternoon that it will make an exception to its refund policy and reimburse the fare of a terminally ill man who had bought a ticket on the carrier, but was then told by his doctor not to fly.

The story of Jerry Meekins sparked considerable debate about Spirit and whether its policy should be more flexible — or whether the company should in fact stand its ground in the

matter.

In addition to the refund, Spirit plans to make a donation to Wounded Warriors in the amount of \$5,000. Meekins served in Vietnam as a member of the Marine Corps.

The Press release from Spirit quoting Chief Executive Ben Baldanza and announcing the decision is below. After that, you can read the original article to see what prompted the controversy. — Internet

Salmonella in dog food sickens 14 people in US

COLUMBIA, 5 May — Fourteen people in at least nine states have been sickened by salmonella after handling tainted dog food from a South Carolina plant that a few years ago produced food contaminated by toxic mold that killed dozens of dogs, federal officials said on Friday.

At least five people were hospitalized because of the dog food, which was made by Diamond Pet Foods at its plant in Gaston, SC, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. No pets were sickened, according to the Meta, Mo.-based company.

"People who became ill, the thing that was common among them was that they had fed their pets Diamond

Pet Foods," said CDC spokeswoman Lola Russell. Three people each were infected in Missouri and North Carolina; two people in Ohio; and one person each in Alabama, Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia, the CDC said.

"Our folks are really wanting people to be aware of it. They want to be aware that this is causing people to get sick because they may have product in their homes. For every one that is reported, there may be 29 others," Russell said.

People can get salmonella by handling infected dog food, then not washing their hands before eating or handling their own food, health officials said.

The South Carolina plant temporarily was shut down 8 April. Diamond Pet Foods has issued four rounds of recalls for food made at the plant, located outside of Columbia, SC, between 9 Dec and 7 April.

The latest recalls were announced on Friday. "We took corrective actions at the plant, and today the plant is up and running.

Our mission is to produce safe pet foods for our customers and their pets in all Diamond facilities," the company said in a written statement on Friday.

In 2005, a toxic mold called aflatoxin ended up in food made at the same Diamond Pet Foods plant in South Carolina and dozens of dogs died. The company

offered a \$3.1 million settlement.

The Food and Drug Administration determined the deadly fungus likely got into the plant when it failed to test 12 shipments of corn. FDA officials were not immediately available for comment Friday on the most recent problems with the plant.

Internet



Blast hits restaurant in NE China, casualties unknown

HARBIN, 5 May — An explosion ripped through a two-story restaurant in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, Saturday morning. Casualties are not immediately known.

The explosion happened at 7:40 am in the restaurant named Huishunzhai on Taigu Street. A witness said she saw waiters running out of the building with broken glass scraps on their heads. — Xinhua

Police: Woman stole pills from care home

Police in Pennsylvania said a nursing home caretaker is accused of leaving patients alone while she sold stolen morphine pills door to door.

Wind Gap police said Mechelle Looney, 42, a caretaker at Lynn's Personal Care Home, stole morphine pills from the facility and left

residents, some of whom suffer from dementia, alone while she attempted to sell the pills door to door, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Thursday.

Police said they received a call Tuesday from a resident who said a woman had come to her house and attempted to

sell her morphine. Officers went to Lynn's Personal Care Home and Looney, who matched the description given by the resident, answered the door.

Looney admitted to stealing the pills and attempting to sell them while leaving the patients on their

own. Patricia Friend, owner of the care home, said she performed an inventory and discovered 10 morphine pills were missing.

Looney was arraigned Wednesday on charges of drug possession, possession with intent to deliver, theft by unlawful taking and reckless endangerment.

Rare black sheep priced at \$714,000



A 40-year-old herdsman poses with his prized sheep in front of his expensive car in Maigaiti county, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, on 22 March, 2012. The sheep is called Daolang sheep, a special breed of sheep in Maigaiti county, and the highest price offered by a buyer is 4.5 million yuan (\$714,000) according to the herdsman. He feeds 25 Daolang sheep, and bought an Audi Q5 by selling the special breed that has been dubbed the "treasure of Xinjiang" due to their popularity as a pet with their physical features of high noses, big eyes, large floppy ears and plump rears.

Jail visitor locked up for exposing himself

Authorities in Florida said a jail visitor found himself behind bars after exposing himself to a monitor-image of his wife.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, which installed closed-circuit TV screens for jail visitors to talk to inmates in the 1990s, said Mitchell Thomas, 46, of St Petersburg, was visiting his wife, Monique, 30, at the jail Tuesday when he exposed his genitals to the cameras around 5:45 pm, the Tampa Bay Times reported on Thursday.

Thomas was jailed at the facility and ordered held in lieu of \$150 bail.

Monique Thomas has been jailed since October on charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, disorderly intoxication, retail theft and domestic battery.

Woman charged with lottery fraud

An Illinois woman is facing felony attempted theft and forgery charges for trying to cash in a lottery ticket purchased after the drawing.

Authorities said Leandria Williams, 28, of Elgin, purchased a lottery ticket using the winning numbers from the \$656 million Mega Millions drawing only moments after the numbers were announced on 30 March and attempted to pass it off as a winning ticket 4 April, the Chicago Sun-Times reported on Wednesday.

Investigators said Williams falsified documents to make it appear that she had purchased the ticket prior to the drawing.

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's office announced Williams was indicted Monday on felony charges of attempted theft and forgery. She was previously charged with a felony count of wire fraud. Williams was released on \$10,000 bail and is due back in court 9 May.

News Album



Howard Stern

Howard Stern to be guest on 'The View'

NEW YORK, 5 May—Radio star Howard Stern is to make his first appearance on "The View" in New York next week, ABC said on Thursday.

Stern, who is the host of his own Sirius Satellite radio show, will soon be starting as a judge on the TV competition series, "America's Got Talent."

He will be the sole featured guest on the 10 May edition of "The View" for the entire hour and will be seated alongside all five co-hosts — Joy Behar, Whoopi Goldberg, Elisabeth Hasselbeck, Sherri Shepherd and Barbara Walters.

Internet

Nayer grateful to Pitbull for career boost

MIAMI, 5 May—Singer-songwriter Nayer says she's grateful to rapper Pitbull for putting her in a position to be recording an album with famed producer RedOne.

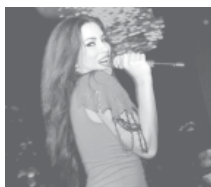
Nayer Regalado, a Cuban-American who grew up in Miami, told EFE that Pitbull gave her career a boost by including her on his hit single "Give Me Everything".

"That was really a platform because it put me on the map. It was a No 1 song worldwide," she said of the Pitbull production, which also

featured Ne-Yo and Afrojack.

The collaboration with "Mr 305" was followed by Nayer's part in Enrique Iglesias' single "Dirty Dancer (Remix)", along with Usher and Li'l Wayne.

Nayer joined Pitbull and Iglesias for the "Euphoria Tour", picked up four Latin Billboard Nominations and a contract with the rapper's Mr 305 Inc label. In between recording sessions, Nayer is promoting her first single, "Suave (Kiss me)", featuring Pitbull and Mohombi. And



Singer-songwriter Nayer

her first complete album is taking shape under the guidance of Nadir Khayat, aka Red One, a "legend" she feels "very fortunate" to be working with. The Grammy winner has produced discs by Lady Gaga, Enrique Iglesias, Akon, Jennifer Lopez and Cher, among others.—Internet

BBC says Cohen, not character, welcome on its shows



Actor Sacha Baron Cohen.

LONDON, 5 May—The BBC says British writer-actor Sacha Baron Cohen would be a welcome guest on its shows

so long as he comes as himself and not in character.

Cohen is known for promoting his big-screen comedies such as "Borat" and "Bruno" by appearing in public as those characters. He also walked the red carpet at the Oscars in February dressed as his character from "The Dictator," a comedy about fictional Middle Eastern despot Adm. Gen Aladeen, due out in theaters this month.

The BBC dismissed as untrue Friday rumors claiming it won't allow Cohen to appear on its programmes to talk about the movie. "There is no ban," a BBC spokesman said. "But our chat shows thrive on the spontaneous banter between guests and the presenter, something you just don't get when people come on as characters."

We'd love to have Sacha on as himself. "While I am a



Actress Angelina Jolie

Angelina Jolie hates her engagement ring

LOS ANGELES, 5 May—Actress Angelina Jolie, who is set to wed longtime partner Brad Pitt this summer, reportedly hates her engagement ring.

The Hollywood couple, who raise six children together, recently announced they were getting married, and according to reports, Jolie is not keen on her \$500,000 ring.

"She isn't fond of it. Nothing against Brad's design. She's just never been enamoured of white diamonds," showbizspy.com quoted a source as saying.

"Emeralds are her favourite. The diamond shows how little he knows her. She's so demanding. She's acting like a bridezilla," the source added.

Internet

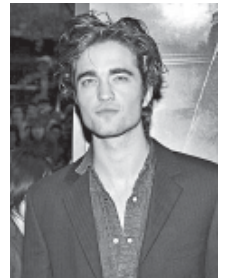
huge admirer of state-sponsored censorship, the BBC banning me from their meager channels is an outrage," Cohen as Aldeen said in a statement. "Why are they victimizing little old me?"—Internet

Robert Pattinson in Saddam Hussein movie

LONDON, 5 May—Actor Robert Pattinson has been roped in to star in "Mission: Blacklist", a thriller about Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein.

The British actor will take a prominent role in the military thriller about the search for Hussein, reports contactmusic.com.

The film, directed by Jean



Actor Robert Pattinson

Stephane Sauvage, is based on the novel "Mission: Black List #1" by Eric Maddox and David Seay.—Internet

Beckham's best birthday present ever



David Beckham & Victoria Picture.

LOS ANGELES, 5 May—Soccer player David Beckham received his best birthday

present ever when wife Victoria gave him a basketball jersey signed by former US professional basketball player Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

Beckham, who celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, posted on Facebook a picture of himself grinning broadly.

"Best birthday present ever," he posted.

He also posted a picture of a food platter containing scrambled eggs, bacon and sausages, surrounded by party hats, reports contactmusic.com. "Thank you to my amazing family for making my birthday so special," he posted.—Internet

Mick Jagger to host 'SNL' for first time

NEW YORK, 5 May—British rock icon Mick Jagger is to serve as host of "Saturday Night Live" this month for the first time, NBC announced on Thursday.

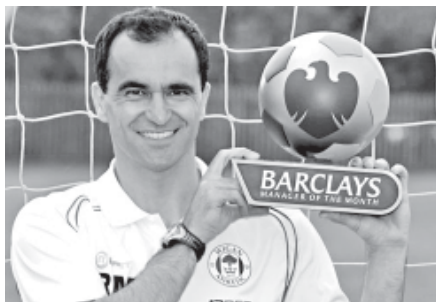
The Rolling Stones front man also will be the musical guest for the 19 May season finale of the show.

This will be Jagger's first time as host and third appearance as musical guest on "SNL."

Internet

Martinez and Jelavic earn Barclays awards

Wigan manager and Everton striker win prizes for performances during April



Wigan boss Roberto Martinez has led them out of the Barclays Premier League bottom three. — INTERNET

LONDON, 5 May — Wigan Athletic manager Roberto Martinez has been named Barclays Manager of the Month for April, with Everton striker Nikica Jelavic winning the Player of the Month award. Martinez led the Latics to three victories from their five Barclays Premier League matches during the month, leading them out of the relegation zone in the process.

Wigan started the month with an unfortunate 2-

1 defeat at Chelsea, but they bounced back by beating Manchester United 1-0 and winning 2-1 at Arsenal, before a 2-1 loss at Fulham was followed up by a 4-0 thumping of high-flying Newcastle. Martinez, in his third season as a Premier League manager, has won his first monthly award since joining the Latics in 2009. Croatian striker Jelavic, 26, has also won his first Barclays prize since joining the Toffees from Rangers in the January

transfer window.

He has made a fine start to his career at Goodison Park and scored six goals in the three Barclays Premier League matches he played during April. "I am really pleased to have won the Barclays Player of the Month award," said Jelavic. "Everyone at Everton has been very good to me since I arrived at the club and I am glad that I have been able to reward the fans for their fantastic support."

"Awards are always nice and this one shows how well the team is doing just now. We are playing some great football and we are creating chances, which for a centre-forward is obviously very important. "We are finishing the season really well and we hope to end with two more wins from our last two games." Jelavic bagged a brace in a 2-2 draw at Norwich, struck two more as Everton drew 4-4 at Manchester United, and then scored another two goals as they thrashed Fulham 4-0 at Goodison Park. — Internet



Martin O'Neill's Sunderland have drawn five of their past six League matches. — INTERNET

Black Cats boss says players will be motivated for final two matches this season

LONDON, 5 May — Sunderland boss Martin O'Neill wants his players to finish the Barclays Premier League season on a high. The Black Cats enjoyed a sensational run of form following O'Neill's appointment in December — but have struggled of late and are without a Barclays Premier League win since beating Queens Park Rangers 3-1 on March 24th. Five of their six League matches since then have been drawn, but a top-10 finish is still possible.

And O'Neill said it remained an important match despite the fact that neither Fulham nor Sunderland can qualify for Europe. "Maybe 25 years ago this game would be considered an end-of-season event, but having so much money at stake for each position attaches a great deal of importance to the games," O'Neill told Sunderland's website. "We should talk about pride, too, and we want to finish on a high note."

"Momentum at the end of the season doesn't necessarily account for the next year, but it's better to head off having won the last couple of games than having lost them."

O'Neill said Fulham's Craven Cottage was a "fantastic" ground to visit. "I really enjoyed travelling there as a player and I've enjoyed it as a manager. I don't think Sunday will make me feel any different. "Who wouldn't look forward to playing Manchester United [in Sunderland's final match of the season], too? "We have two excellent games to finish the season, and that in itself should be enough motivation for the players." — Internet

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland hits his tee shot on the 13th hole during the second round of the Wells Fargo Championship at the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. McIlroy fired five birdies in a four-under par 68

INTERNET



Alvarez to face Mosley in WBC title defence

LAS VEGAS, 5 May — Rising Mexican star Saul "Canelo" Alvarez reckons his World Boxing Council super welterweight title defence against US veteran Shane Mosley on Saturday is the start of bigger things. "This is another test, another gate that I have to walk through," Alvarez said. "With Mosley being who he is, I feel that I have entered the big leagues. "There will be way bigger fights and better things for me." Mosley, a 40-year-old warrior, says Alvarez won't find it so easy to walk through him, even if his last six fights included three defeats and a draw — and unimpressive efforts against Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather.

"They're saying they're going to walk through the doors, but there's going to be a big toll to pay," said Mosley, who brings a record of 46-7-1 with 39 knockouts to the bout, which is on the undercard of the World Boxing Association super



WBC super welterweight champion Saul Alvarez (L) and Shane Mosley pose during the official weigh-in for their bout at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, on 4 May, in Las Vegas, Nevada. — INTERNET

welterweight title bout between Puerto Rican champion Miguel Cotto and unbeaten American Floyd Mayweather. "Talking about a stepping-stone and a guy they're going to walk over, they're going to pay a hefty price. And that hefty price is going to be in the ring," Alvarez will be making the fourth defence of the title he captured in March of 2011 with a unanimous 12-round decision over Britain's Matthew Hatton. He followed up that

victory for the vacant belt with wins over Ryan Rhodes, Alfonso Gomez and Kermit Cintron.

The 21-year-old is unbeaten with 39 victories and one draw and 29 wins inside the distance. He says far from taking Mosley for granted, "I'm prepared for the best Mosley ever." "He is a complete fighter. He's fast, he's strong," Alvarez said. "I have never faced anybody like him. "The key in this fight for me is not to get desperate." — Internet

International Sports

Arsenal-bound Podolski out to help Cologne stay up

COLOGNE, 5 May — Arsenal-bound Lukas Podolski is hoping to be fit to help Cologne in their battle to stay in the German league against his former club Bayern Munich on Saturday on the last weekend of the Bundesliga. The 26-year-old German striker confirmed on Monday he has signed for the Gunners for next season, but with Cologne 16th in the league they need at least a point to give themselves a chance of staying up. Podolski missed training on Thursday with an upset stomach, but coach Frank Schaefer is confident he will have his Germany star fit to face Bayern, who will finish second in the table.

"Bayern won't give us anything for free, they will be playing their top team and will give everything," said Podolski before being taken ill. "We have to hold our possession and fight hard, we have to remember how we beat them 3-



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2 last season at home." Munich are buoyed by Thursday's news that Dutch star Arjen Robben extended his contract until 2015 with his team set to take on Chelsea in the Champions League final at Munich's Allianz Arena on 19 May. In contrast, Cologne can not finish higher than 16th, but with Hertha Berlin, who host Hoffenheim, just two points behind, they can not

afford to lose. The side which finishes 16th in the German league faces a two-leg play-off against the team third from top in the second division in the next two weeks with a place in the top flight at stake. Podolski says he hopes Cologne can safeguard their future and will do all he can to keep them in the German league before he leaves.

Internet

Birthday boy McIlroy shoots 68

CHARLOTTE, 5 May — US Open champion Rory McIlroy, celebrating his 23rd birthday on Friday, fired five birdies in a four-under par 68 at the US PGA Tour Wells Fargo Championship. He was six off

the pace going into the weekend at Quail Hollow, where he won his first US tour title in 2010. That year he put his birthday celebration off until the Monday after his triumph.

This year, McIlroy said, he doesn't have a lot planned. "I don't have much going on," McIlroy said. "Probably just go out for a nice dinner and take it easy and get ready for

tomorrow." When McIlroy won here two years ago, it was with a weekend surge after he made the cut right on the number. "So being only six back should be easy," he joked. "But no, the guys at the top of the leaderboard are obviously playing well. I'll go out and get off to a good start tomorrow and post a good one to give myself a chance going into Sunday." — Internet



German veteran Tommy Haas

The fourth-seeded German defeated another Australian, qualifier Markink Matosevic, 6-0, 7-6 (5). Both Australians were in their first career quarterfinals on clay, Matosevic in his first tournament on the surface.

Internet

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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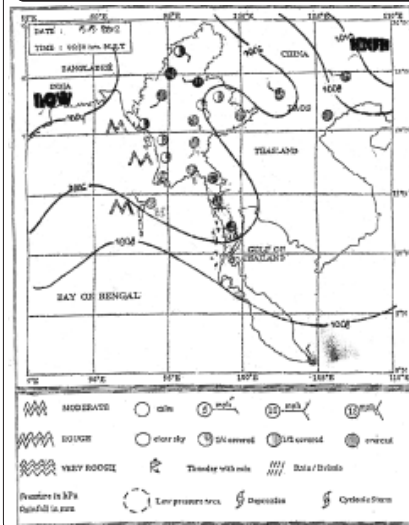
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MYANMAR TV

(6-5-2012) (Sunday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw - Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:50 am
- 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 3. Health Programme
- 8:40 am
- 4. International News
- 11:00 am
- 5. Martial Song
- 11:30 am
- 6. TV Drama Series
- 12:30 pm
- 7. How It's Series
- 12:50 pm
- 8. Teleplay (Hailing Fire Brigade Day)
- 4:05 pm
- 9. Song of National Races
- 4:30 pm
- 10. Musical Programme
- 7:00 pm
- 11. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 12. News
- 13. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 6th May, 2012

S. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	37/98	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	31/88	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayin	32/95	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	25/77	16/50	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	40/104	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	33/91	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	38/98	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	39/102	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	39/102	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(80%)
12	Yangon	37/99	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(80%)
13	Bhamo	33/91	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	32/90	18/64	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	33/91	16/61	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	36/97	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyarwady	36/97	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	39/102	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	37/99	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	39/102	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Arsenal Euro dream in balance after Norwich draw

LONDON, 5 May—Arsenal's bid for a top-four finish suffered a major setback as Steve Morison's late goal earned Norwich a deserved point in a six-goal thriller at the Emirates.

Yossi Benayoun's opener in the second minute had seemed to put Arsene Wenger's side on course for an easy afternoon. But with Norwich having gone ahead through Wes Hoolahan and Grant Holt, a double from Robin van Persie seemed to have won it for the hosts before substitute Morison stunned the home crowd with a smart finish five minutes from time. Without a victory in their last three matches, Arsenal came flying out of the blocks and took the lead inside the opening 70 seconds.

Nothing seemed on when birthday boy Benayoun received the ball from Tomas Rosicky but he cut inside Kyle Naughton and curled a beauty beyond the reach of John Ruddy for his third Premier League goal of the season. It was a dream start but Norwich have proved

they are no pushovers this season and they immediately went in search of an equaliser.

Holt was unlucky to see his goalbound effort blocked by Kieran Gibbs in the sixth



minute, with the visiting skipper then heading over from Simon Lappin's high cross. Less than a minute later, however, Lambert's side did draw level as Naughton's slow

Arsenal's van Persie celebrates after scoring during the Premier League match against Norwich at The Emirates Stadium.
INTERNET



Norwich striker Grant Holt heads the ball during the Premier League match against Arsenal at The Emirates Stadium.
INTERNET

cross picked out Hoolahan and his firm side-footed shot somehow squirmed past an embarrassed Szczesny.

Van Persie had a golden opportunity to restore

Arsenal's lead at the other end but fired over, while Holt was unlucky to be flagged offside from Simeon Jackson's clever through ball. Norwich looked content to try and hit their opponents on the break and that tactic paid dividends in the 27th minute. A quick break saw Hoolahan play in Holt and his shot took a lucky deflection to loop over Szczesny and into the net for his 16th goal of a wonderful season.

Internet

Sagna out of Euros after broken leg

LONDON, 5 May—France international Bacary Sagna was ruled out of next month's European Championship on Saturday after breaking his leg in Arsenal's 3-3 Premier League draw with Norwich, manager Arsene Wenger confirmed.

Sagna, 29, had only

recently returned to action after suffering a fractured fibula in a game against Tottenham last October.

The defender's latest leg break occurred in the same area as his previous injury.

"It is a broken fibula, the same leg," Wenger said. "He was kicked on it, it has not

happened alone. When he was kicked, he has broken the leg.

"The guy closed him down and walked on him. I don't know if it was deliberate or not."

Sagna was stretched off during Arsenal's draw with Norwich at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday.

Internet

Taxation clarification made in Kyaukme

KYAUKME, 5 May—Kyaukme Township Internal Revenue Department of Kyaukme District in Shan State (North) held the clarification on taxation at the hall of Kyaukme on 30 April morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Lay of District General Administration Department made a speech.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Aung Tun Oo explained rules, regulations and notifications on taxes. Later, he replied to queries raised by those present.

Township IPRD

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WORKERS' DAY OBSERVED:
The Workers' Day 2012 was observed at Maw Shwehah Hall in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 1 May. Township Administrator U Htay Maung reads the message for Workers' Day sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.

MYANMA ALIN

3,518 injured in Iran's 5.5-magnitude earthquake

TEHRAN, 5 May—The 5.5-magnitude earthquake in Iran-Iraq border on Thursday has injured 3,518 people, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported Friday.

The chief of Rescue and Relief Organization Mahmoud Mozaffar said that in the earthquake in Iran's Ilam province bordering Iraq, 3,518 people were injured and 50 villages were damaged between 30 to 80 percent, said the report.

Also, the governor of Abadan city in Ilam told Mehr that there has been no fatal casualties in the earthquake but two villages in Murmuri region were totally ruined.

At 02:09 pm local time on Thursday, an earthquake with the epicenter at the depth of 10.00 km, 32.74 degrees north latitude and 47.61 degrees east longitude, jolted the Murmuri region in Iran's Ilam.

MNA/Xinhua

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker leaves for Japan on goodwill visit

YANGON, 5 May—A delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint left here by air at 7.10 pm today to pay a goodwill visit to Japan and to exchange relations between the parliaments between Japan and Myanmar. The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen and secretaries of Amyotha Hluttaw committees, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito and officials.

The delegation comprises Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Chairman Dr Khin Shwe of Amyotha Hluttaw

Education, Health and Culture Committee, Chairman U Win Maung of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Social and Cultural Community Committee U Win Maung, Chairman U Nay Win Tun of Amyotha Hluttaw Mineral and Resources Committee, Deputy Director-General of Amyotha Hluttaw Daw Thida Tun, Assistant Director of Amyotha Hluttaw U Wunna Aung Myint and officials.—MNA

A delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, going to pay a good-will visit to Japan, seen off by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and officials concerned at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Union Minister congratulates fire brigade members for their valour and sacrifice in fight against fire



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi addresses the 66th Fire Brigade Day Parade and demonstration of Fire Services Department.—MNA



YANGON, 5 May—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi addressed 66th Fire Brigade Day

Parade and demonstration of Fire Services Department under the ministry at parade ground of the department (headquarters) here this morning.

It was also attended by Commander of Yangon Region Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, Yangon Region ministers, the director-general and officials of Fire Services Department, members of social organizations and guests.

The Union Minister in his addressed congratulated the fire brigade members, both main and auxiliary, for their valour and sacrifice in the fight against fire.

He called for more cooperation between the auxiliary and main fire brigades in serving the interests of the people. Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction (MAPDDR) has been drafted to make the country immune against any disaster.

The Union Minister and Region ministers viewed demonstration of firefighters and firefighting tools booth.

MNA

Champion Challenge Cup-2012 to be similar to XXVII-SEA Games

NAV PYI TAW, 5 May — The 2nd Champion Challenge Cup for 2012 of the Ministry of Sports will be held as a resemblance to XXVII South-East Asian Games which will be hosted by Myanmar in 2013, said Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu yesterday.

Speaking at the 2nd session of the work coordination for holding the Champion Challenge Cup for 2012 at the ministry here, the deputy minister said the games management system of the Champion Challenge Cup for 2012 would be similar to that of the XXVII SEA Games as part of efforts for preparing for the games.

He urged officials concerned to make preparations for games management system comprising the opening and closing ceremonies, transportation, reception, presentation, information, documentary shootings and advertisements.

MNA

Chelsea wins FA Cup against Liverpool in thriller

WEMBLY, 6 May—It was a match up of epic proportions as Roberto Di Matteo's Chelsea went head-to-head with Kenny Dalglish's Liverpool in the FA Cup Final for 2012 and it was Di Matteo's Chelsea that came out on top 2-1 but there was a moment late in the match full of controversy..

However, in front of a packed Wembley Stadium, it was Chelsea and Ramires who got scoring underway.

Juan Mata found Ramires and he ran with the ball then let rip with a cracker and Pepe Reina couldn't react fast enough in the Liverpool goal, only managing a hand as it hit the back of the net.

Then after 51 minutes it was Didier Droga who took a great ball from Frank Lampard and shot between Martin Skrtel's legs into the corner of the net for 2-0.

Droga became the first player to



score in four different FA Cup finals.

Then with the game two thirds done, substitute Andy Carroll got Liverpool back in the match when it fell to his feet, he twisted and turned and smashed it into the roof of the net.

Then in the 81st minute controversy erupted when Carroll looked to have headed the equaliser home but replay are inconclusive with the shout again goes out for goal line technology.—Internet