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President U Thein Sein receives Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Polish Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Radoslaw Sikorski at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this afternoon.

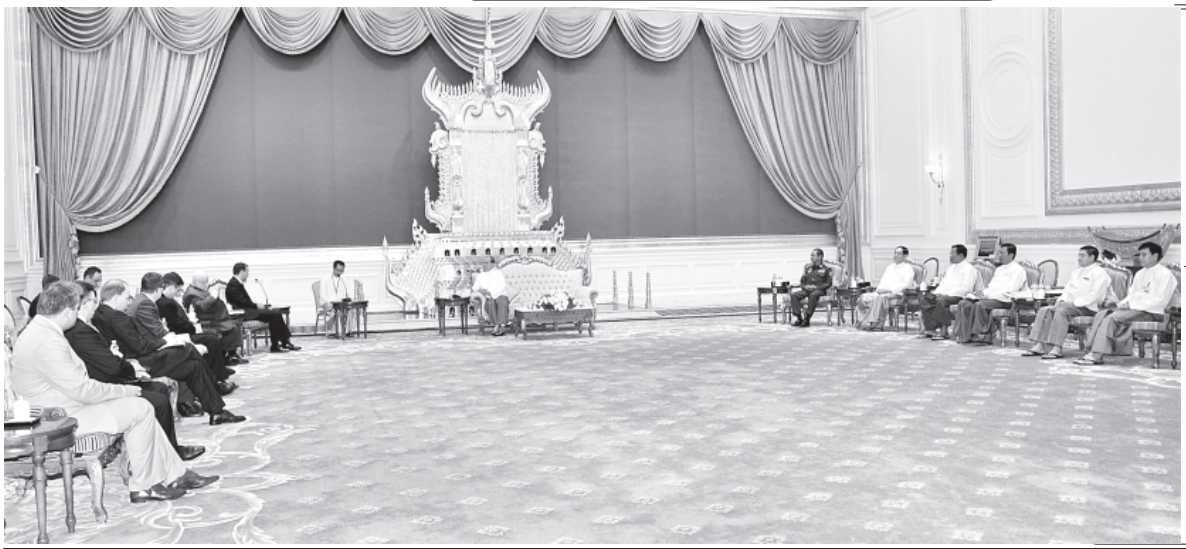
Their meeting focused on fostering friendly ties between the two countries established since 1955; sector-wise cooperation between Myanmar and Poland as the two countries share common historical, political, economic and transitional aspects; political developments in Myanmar; progress in internal peace; and promoting democracy as Myanmar is on the right path.

They also frankly exchanged views on economic development in Myanmar, suspension and lifting of sanctions imposed by European Union for creating more employment opportunities, targeted investments of Poland in factories, dockyards, rail transportation, and energy sector, and assistance for human resources development and technology sector.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, and departmental heads.

The Polish Foreign Affairs Minister was accompanied by Polish Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Jerzy Bayer and senior officials.—*MNA*

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein shaking hands with Polish Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Radoslaw Sikorski at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace. —MNA



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Taylor tells doubters to give Hodgson a fair go

Liverpool's Andy Carroll (L) vies with Chelsea's Oriol Romeu (C) during their English Premier League match at Anfield, Liverpool, on 8 May. Liverpool won 4-1.

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What if we don't respect the Earth?

The quality of human life has improved greatly over the past few centuries, but the Earth is being harmed more and more by human activity.

As we develop our technology, we use more and more natural resources and cause more and more pollution. As our population grows, we destroy more and more natural areas to expand towns and cities.

We often act as if we had inexhaustible natural resources. Today, human activity across the world is indiscriminate such as cutting down too many trees, catching too many fish, disposing of too much garbage, using too much fuel. As a result of such indiscriminate human activity, our world of today has experienced global warming and various natural disasters like severe storms and rising sea levels stemming from ice melting.

If we aren't careful about how we use our natural resources, we will lose many of them. Indeed, we are already losing some.

Moreover, we don't seem to pay attention to the amount of pollution human activity can cause. Now, many countries of the world are suffering air pollution, water pollution as well as soil pollution. Coupled with climate change, declining natural resources may lead to difficult survival for the entire humanity in the long run.

We therefore need to respect the Earth and try to preserve it. If we don't, we will lose all the natural resources that we depend on for life. What if we don't respect the Earth?

Aye Chan Myitta Trading Co Ltd donates Emergency Live Broadcasting Vehicle to Information Ministry

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan addresses donation ceremony of Emergency Live Broadcasting Vehicle by Aye Chan Myitta Trading Co Ltd to Information Ministry.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Aye Chan Myitta Trading Co Ltd, local sales agent of Beijing Xinwei Telecom Technology Inc of China, donated an Emergency Live Broadcasting Vehicle to the Ministry of Information in a ceremony at the ministry here this morning.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt, directors-general, managing directors, officials and staff under the Ministry of Information, Innovator of McWill Technology Chief Scientist Dr Xu Guang Han of Beijing Xinwei Telecom Technology Inc, and Chief Executive Officer U Zaw Win and staff of Aye Chan Myitta Trading Co Ltd attended the ceremony.

CEO U Zaw Win explained the purpose of donation. He expressed his gratitude for accepting donation of the 2010 ITU-enabled and McWill Video Carrier-equipped vehicle and its spare parts which would make possible real-time coverage from the scene. Emergency cases such as earthquake, storm, natural disasters, fire outbreak, traffic accident and so on would be aired live, he said. Rural population, both in hilly regions and plains, would be informed with agricultural technologies, veterinary therapy and critical weather conditions, he added. The vehicle is applicable in telekinesis surgeries, distance education, compilation of commodity price updates and general information, Internet connection, banking and monetary services, he said. He went on to say that it is the priceless new technology to succeed in businesses and to prevent damages and wastages, and also for development of health and education.

Chief Scientist Dr Xu Guang Han went into details about McWill Technology and Emergency Live Broadcasting Vehicle.

The chief scientist and CEO handed over documents related to the vehicle to Director-General U Thein Aung of Myanma Radio and Television.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan in his words of thanks said McWill technology reached so far, according to words of its innovator. The country is facing difficulties in communication sectors in remote areas following inadequate infrastructures. He said the country would combine McWill technology in communication, radio and television broadcasting works. Despite destroyed infrastructures in disaster-hit regions, the information from the regions would be able to be brought to the government and the people far and wide the nation with no difficulty, he said. Furthermore, the vehicle could also collect data within the radius of five to ten miles in emergency areas and transmit them to the department concerned, enabling it to inform the public quickly, he added.

The vehicle could be used effectively in radio and TV broadcasting as well as the communication works, he said. The coverage could be aired in time and on time from disaster-hit areas, he explained. It would also help newspapers much in sending news photos and news stories, he said. He highlighted the need to acquire technologies from the donor company by respective officials. He thanked Beijing Xinwei Telecom Technology Inc (in Corporation) and its local sales agent Aye Chan Myitta Trading Co Ltd for donation of the vehicle for the benefit of the media sector.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt and departmental heads viewed the vehicle. Officials explained installation and application of the vehicle.

The vehicle could broadcast the news in areas with communication difficulties live and sent video and voice data in a short time from the Mobile Vehicle Unit with McWill Mobile Broadband Access System. It is worth US$ 166,000. Its spare parts are two Backpack CPEs and 10 walkie-talkies worth US$ 16,800. McWill System, Beyond 3G Mobile System which could provide Voice and Data Service, is a patent product of Beijing Xinwei Telecom Technology Inc of China.

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Emergency Live Broadcasting Vehicle donated by Aye Chan Myitta Trading Co Ltd to Information Ministry.—MNA

World Red Cross Day commemorated in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Kachin State commemorated the World Red Cross Day for 2012 at the Town Hall in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday.

The chief minister of the Kachin State delivered an opening address and the Secretary of Kachin State Red Cross Supervisory Committee read out the World Red Cross Day message at the ceremony.

During the ceremony, the chief minister handed over 44 bags of rice and 55 viss of edible oil donated by Kachin State government and RCSC 175 sets of school uniforms for school children at orphanage schools and the School for the blind by the secretary of Kachin State Government through officials concerned.

Donars also contribued cash to the funds for buying school uniforms for students at relief camps.

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Pirated DVDs, VCDs destroyed

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Illegal sale, rental, showing and distribution of uncensored DVDs and VCDs of pornography, foreign movies, local videos, and music, undermining the rule of law and encouraging crimes, are being cracked down around the country.

From April 2011 to March 2012, 557 culprits were held, 338,008 disks worthy of K 101,402,400 were seized, and 169,422 disks worthy of K 51,135,700 were destroyed in 614 cases.—*MNA*

Putin and Medvedev complete job swap in Russia

MOSCOW, 9 May—Russia's lower house of parliament confirmed former president Dmitry Medvedev as Prime Minister on Tuesday, completing a job swap with Vladimir Putin that has sparked protests against the two leaders' grip on power.

The approval vote, comfortably won by Medvedev as Putin looked on, ignored growing concern in the country that keeping power in the hands of the same men who have led Russia for the past four years will bring political and economic stagnation.

Police led away more than 20 people, including two opposition leaders, when they broke up a peaceful protest near the Kremlin hours before the vote, after detaining more than 700 on the previous two days to keep a lid on dissent.

"They just started to grab people and put them in police buses," said Alexander Delfinov, 40, who was held for hours and ordered to appear in court on Friday, facing a fine or up to 15 days in jail.

Activists regrouped later and were chased around central Moscow by police who hemmed them in and detained dozens more.

In Twitter posts from police vans, prominent opposition activist Alexei Navalny and Ksenia Sobchak, a television host who has fallen out with Putin, said they were among those detained—Navalny for the second time in a day.

The United States said it was concerned by arrests and by clashes that erupted at a rally on Sunday, a day before Putin's inauguration as president, when police beat demonstrators with batons and some protesters wielded pieces of metal fencing and flagpoles.

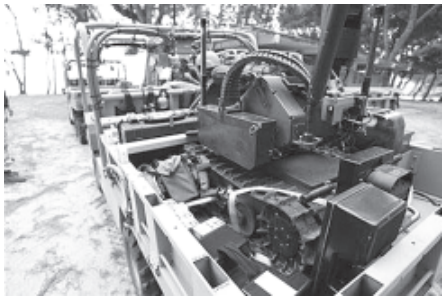
Russia's former President and prime ministerial candidate Dmitry Medvedev (L) speaks, while President Vladimir Putin listens, during a session of the Russian State Duma in Moscow on 8 May, 2012. **REUTERS**

"We are disturbed by images of police mistreatment of peaceful protesters both during the protests and after detentions," State Department spokesman Mark Toner told a daily briefing in Washington.

Medvedev's confirmation vote in the State Duma, the lower house, was held under tight security, with camouflage-clad riot police guarding the building near Red Square and police trucks and buses parked nearby.

Medvedev stood and nodded to Duma deputies to show his gratitude and then shook hands with Putin. The president smiled and applauded the outcome of the vote, one day after he was sworn in as president for a six-year term.—*Reuters*

US military embraces robots with greater autonomy



A robotic "GUSS" (Ground Unmanned Support Surrogate) vehicle sits at Bellows beach during a training exercise using experimental communications conducted by the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab in Waimanalo, Hawaii, on 11 July, 2010.— **REUTERS**

PENN HILLS, 9 May—The unattended steering wheel on the 15-ton military truck jerked sharply back and forth as the vehicle's huge tires bounced down a rain-scarred ravine through mounds of mine rubble on a rugged hillside near Pittsburgh.

Oshkosh Corp engineer Noah Zych, perched in the driver's seat, kept his hands in his lap and away from the gyrating wheel as the vehicle reached the bottom of the slope and slammed into a puddle, coating the windshield in a blinding sheet of mud.

As the truck growled up another rise and started back down again, Zych reached up and flicked a wiper switch to brush away the slurry, then put his hands back in his lap.

"We haven't automated those yet," he explained, referring to the windshield wipers, as the robotic truck reached the bottom of the hill and executed a perfect hairpin turn.

Ten years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq have put a spotlight on the growing use of unmanned systems in the skies over the battlefield, from the high-flying Global Hawk to the lethal Predator aircraft and the hand-launched Raven.—*Reuters*

Qaeda bomber adept at breaching aviation security

LONDON, 9 May—A Saudi bombmaker believed behind several failed but ingenious attempted attacks on the West is the most likely creator of an improved "underwear bomb" discovered in a plot foiled by US and allied authorities, security experts and officials say. Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, who once provided the bomb for a suicide mission by his younger brother, a fellow militant, is described by security officials as one of the most dangerous and innovative explosives experts ever to serve al-Qaeda.

Believed to be in his early 30s, Yemen-based Asiri became an urgent priority for Western counter-terrorism officials following his alleged role in planning strikes on the United States in 2009 and 2010, plots that included the failed bombing of an airliner over Detroit on Christmas Day in 2009.—*Reuters*

Transportation Security Agency (TSA) workers carry out security checks at Denver International Airport, the day before the Thanksgiving holiday in Denver on 24 Nov, 2010.— **REUTERS**

Death toll from S Philippine fire rises to 18

DAVAO CITY, 9 May—Six more bodies were recovered from beneath the rubble, bringing to 18 the number of fatalities in Wednesday's fire that razed a commercial complex in southern Philippines, police said.

At least four people are still missing and are believed to be trapped under the collapsed building in downtown Butuan City, in Mindanao's Agusan del Norte province, according to Superintendent Martin Gamba, Caraga police regional spokesperson.

"So far, 18 bodies have already been retrieved. Police and rescuers are still searching for at least four more reportedly trapped," Gamba told *Xinhua* by mobile phone.

An investigation is now underway following allegations that most of the victims, all stay-in salesladies of the commercial center owned by Chinese-Filipino trader Boy Tan, were not able to escape as the door leading out of the establishment was padlocked twice.

Most of the dead were employees of local apparel retailer Novo Jeans and Shirts.

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Police helicopter crash kills eight in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 May—A helicopter from Brazil's Military Police crashed on Tuesday in the central-western state of Goias, killing eight people aboard.

The crash site is about 30 km from Piranhas City. Among the victims is Aparecido Souza Alvez, the murder who killed seven people two weeks ago in the Goias state, police sources said.

The other victims include the pilot and copilot, two policemen and three experts.

The helicopter exploded in the air Tuesday afternoon as it was flying back from Doverlandia, where the mass murder occurred, to Goaiania, the capital city of Goias.

The cause of the incident is still under investigation.

Alvez, 23, had been charged with killing a farm owner and six others along with three accomplices in late April.

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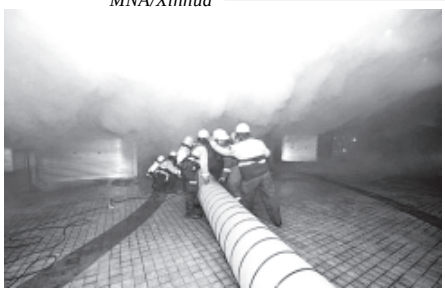

This file photo shows firemen trying to get inside a department store in Manila after a fire broke out in a 2010 accident. At least 11 shop clerks sleeping in a Philippines' department store were killed when a fire swept through the building before dawn on Wednesday, according to local authorities. **INTERNET**

Fire breaks out in Bangkok community

BANGKOK, 9 May—Fire broke out at a residential community in urban Bangkok, Thailand's capital, on Wednesday morning, local media reported.

The blaze started at a commercial building in the Wat Yuan community of Dusit district and spread to nearby houses. Firefighters were trying to keep the fire under control. Casualties remained unknown, *Bangkok Post* reported on website.

Xinhua

Cameron says Euro needs single government

LONDON, 9 May—A successful euro zone requires a single government if it is to work properly, Prime Minister David Cameron said in a newspaper interview on Wednesday.

"There's nowhere in the world that has a single currency without having more of a single government," Cameron told *Daily Mail*.

"Making sense of the euro for me would mean that those euro zone countries would have to have much more co-ordinated economic policy, much more co-ordinated debt policy," he said.

Cameron, who opted out of a new European economic pact late last year, advocated Britain's position outside the euro and its ability "to do things to ourselves, for ourselves, by ourselves.

"I have always believed different countries at times will need different economic policies, interest rates tailored to their own needs." Cameron said, however, that it is in Britain's interest to see a return to growth in the euro zone, which accounts for 40 percent of UK exports.—*Reuters*

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Visitors attend the 26th International Electric Vehicle Symposium (EVS26) in Los Angeles, the United States, on 7 May, 2012. Hundreds of exhibits from EV automakers, technology developers, manufactureers, infrastructure companies took part in this year's EVS26 from 6 to 9 May. XINHUA

Skip work e-mail, reduce heart stress

AUSTIN, (Texas), 9 May— Workers who read company e-mail changed screens twice as often as others and were in a "high alert" state, US researchers say.

Gloria Mark and Stephen Voida of the University of California, Irvine, and US Army senior research scientist Armand Cardello said the research involved civilian employees who must use computers at the Army's Natick Soldier Systems Centre outside Boston, who wore heart monitors for the study.

Those with no e-mail reported feeling better able to do their jobs and stay on task, with fewer stressful and time-wasting interruptions, Mark said.

People with e-mail switched windows an average of 37 times per hour, while those without e-mail changed screens half as often — about 18 times in an hour, the researchers said.

"Other research has shown that people with steady 'high alert' heart rates have more cortisol, a hormone linked to stress. Stress on the job, in turn, has been linked to a variety of health problems," Mark said in a statement. In addition, "participants loved being without e-mail, especially if their manager said it was OK. In general, they were much happier to interact in person."

The team presented the findings at the Association for Computing Machinery's Computer-Human Interaction Conference in Austin, Texas.

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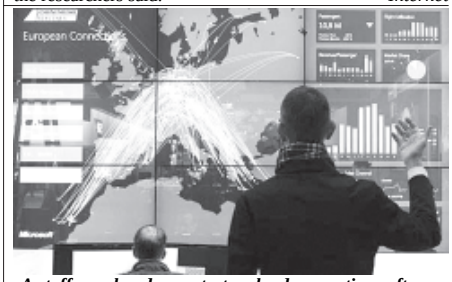

A staff member demonstrates cloud computing software to operate airlines, at the booth of Microsoft during preparations at the CeBit computer fair in Hanover, Germany on 5 March, 2012.—INTERNET

World's most expensive armoured SUV goes on sale for USD 500k

LONDON, 9 May—The world's most expensive and fastest armoured SUV, that featured in Sacha Baron Cohen's new movie 'The Dictator', has been listed for a whopping 500,000 dollars.

Ten of the Dartz Prombron Aladeen Edition, a nod to Cohen's character Admiral General Aladeen, has been made available to the public.

According to a Dartz press release announcing the new offering: "His Excellency Admiral General Aladeen has graciously granted his express permission for Dartz Motorz, manufacturer of ultra-luxury armoured vehicles and exclusive provider to the Wadiyan government motor pool, to offer limited edition commemorative vehicles honouring the Ruthless Protector of the Precious and Expendable People of Wadiya. Like civil rights in Wadiya, this offer will not be around for long," the *Daily Mail* reported. The Latvian auto manufacturer at the Top Marques Show 2012 in Monaco unveiled the original gold-plated sports vehicle last month.

Having produced armoured vehicles in the past for Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky and Tsar Nicolas, carmakers at Dartz have equipped the limited edition SUV with the safest and most luxurious options.

The new Prombron features bulletproof windows with three-inch thick anodised glass, protecting occupants with resistance to rocket-propelled grenades and .50 caliber high velocity armour piercing rounds.

Reclining massage seats, champagne bottle chillers and wine racks are also installed for those who enjoy lounging on the road.

Outside, the SUV is armed with eight cameras.

A standard Prombron comes with a choice of ten interior treatments, including snake, crocodile, whale, skat, chameleon, or elephant skins.

But just to send the bling factor right through the roof, this SUV also comes complete with a gold-plated exterior.

The Aladeen Edition vehicles range in price from 500,000 dollars to 750,000 dollars, depending on equipment and package options.

However, it's not the first Dartz vehicle to win headlines for its outrageous luxury.

The company in 2009 had offered a 1.5million dollars Monaco Red Diamond Edition, with gold-plated windows, pure tungsten exhausts, speed gauges encrusted in diamonds, and, most famously, leather seats made from a whale's penis.

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Antarctic stay to mimic Mars mission

LONDON, 9 May— European scientists said they'll undergo four months of freezing darkness and isolation in Antarctica in preparation for a possible manned trip to Mars.

The experiment is part of a European Space Agency mission conducting scientific investigations into the affects and requirements of such a trip.

The team of British, French and Italian scientists will test the limit of human endurance by remaining on the Concordia Research Station, high on a plateau of Antarctica, for eight months, Britain's *The Independent* reported. "We're away from friends, family, McDonald's Happy Meals and life as you know it," team member Alexander Kumar, a British emergency room physician, said in an interview via satellite phone. "It really is like living life on Planet Concordia. We suffer from low oxygen levels as well as isolation."

The extreme conditions are said to be the closest human beings have come to living on another planet. "We're about to enter into the harshest winter the world has to offer," Kumar said. "It's an Antarctic winter and temperatures will drop below minus 80C (minus 112 degrees Fahrenheit) — not that it makes that much difference below minus 20C for me. "On top of that, we have four months of complete darkness."

Kumar said he's certain the hardships will be more than worth it if the research paves the way to sending people to Mars.—*Internet*

A woman and her son sit inside the capsule of an electric tricycle as they drive along a main road in central Beijing on 15 March, 2012.—INTERNET

It's a gas: dinosaur flatulence may have warmed Earth

Visitors look at dinosaur replicas at ''The World's Largest Dinosaurs'' exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History in New York on 13 April, 2011. INTERNET

LIVERPOOL, 9 May—In a major new climate finding, researchers have calculated that dinosaur flatulence could have put enough methane into the atmosphere to warm the planet during the hot, wet Mesozoic era. Like gigantic, long-necked, prehistoric cows, sauropod dinosaurs roamed widely around the Earth 150 million years ago, scientists reported in the journal *Current Biology* on Monday.

And just like big cows, their plant digestion was aided by methane-producing microbes. "A simple mathematical model suggests that the microbes living in sauropod dinosaurs may have produced enough methane to have an important effect on the Mesozoic climate," researcher Dave Wilkinson of Liverpool John Moores University said in a statement.

"Indeed, our calculations suggest that these dinosaurs could have produced more methane than all modern sources - both natural and man-made - put together," Wilkinson said.

Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, with as much as 25 times the climate-warming potential as carbon dioxide.

This gas is enough of a factor in modern global warming that scientists have worked to figure out how much methane is emitted by cows, sheep and other plant-eating animals.

The inquiry raised questions about whether the same thing could have happened in the distant past. Wilkinson and co-author Graeme Ruxton of the University of St Andrews worked with methane expert Euan Nisbet at the University of London to make an educated guess about the degree to which gaseous emissions from sauropods could have warmed the atmosphere. Calculating methane emissions from modern animals depends only on the total mass of the animals in question. A mid-sized sauropod probably weighed about 44,000 pounds, and there were a few dozen of them per square mile (kilometre), the researchers found. They reckoned that global methane emissions from sauropods were about 520 million tons per year, comparable to all modern methane emissions.

Unlike emissions of carbon dioxide, which come from natural sources but also from the burning of fossil fuels, methane emissions have decreased substantially since the start of the Industrial Revolution some 150 years ago.

Before the fossil-fuel intensive Industrial Revolution took off, methane emissions were roughly 200 million tons annually; modern ruminants, including cows, goats, giraffes and other animals, emit between 50 million and 100 million tons of methane a year.—*Reuters*

India sets cellphone radiation limits

NEW DELHI, 9 May — The government of India says mobile phone manufacturers must reveal the radiation levels of their handsets starting in September.

The new regulation follows an earlier requirement that all phone manufacturers limit the Specific Absorption Rate to 1.6 watt/kg. SAR is the rate at which a human body absorbs energy from an electromagnetic field.

The US Federal Communications Commission has set the same levels for cellphone manufacturers in the United States, ZDNet.com reported Tuesday.

The required SAR levels will be in effect starting September and phone manufacturers must include radiation figures with their handsets starting then, officials said.

The new requirements will apply to all handsets sold in India no matter where they are manufactured, the government said.

Internet

Diabetes drug could treat leading cause of blindness

WASHINGTON, 9 May—US researchers have discovered that a drug already prescribed to millions of people with diabetes could also have another important use: treating one of the world's leading causes of blindness.

In laboratory rat and cell-culture experiments, the scientists found that metformin, which is commonly used to control blood sugar levels in type 2 diabetes, also substantially reduced the effects of uveitis, an inflammation of the tissues just below the outer surface of the eyeball.

Uveitis causes 10 to 15 percent of all cases of blindness in the United States, and is responsible for an even higher proportion of blindness globally. The only treatment now available for the disorder is steroid therapy, which has serious side effects and cannot be used long-term.

"Uveitis has various causes — the most common are infectious diseases and autoimmune disorders — but they all produce inflammation within the eye," said Prof. Kota Ramana with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB), also senior author of a paper on the study published online on Monday in the journal *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*. " Metformin inhibits the process that causes that inflammation," he added.

The scientists discovered metformin's efficacy when they tested it in rats given an endotoxin that mimicked the

inflammatory effects of bacterial infection. The results showed clearly that metformin was a very effective anti-uveitis agent.

"We found that the drug is therapeutic as well as preventive — if we gave our rats the drug beforehand, they didn't develop uveitis, and if we gave it after uveitis had developed, it was therapeutic," said UTMB professor Satish Srivastava, also an author of the paper. "Metformin's strong anti-inflammatory properties make this possible," he noted.

According to the researchers, metformin works by activating an enzyme called AMPK, which in turn damps down the activity of the protein NF-kappa B. The inhibition of NF-kappa B suppresses the production of inflammatory signaling molecules — cytokines and chemokines — needed to initiate and sustain uveitis. Since metformin is already used so widely as a therapy for diabetes, the scientists believe that it has a good chance of being rapidly adopted as an anti-uveitis drug.—*Xinhua*

New vaccine prevents meningitis B in more than 80 pc of teenagers

LONDON, 9 May—Australian scientists have developed a jab to protect against deadly meningitis B, and early trials have shown it could prevent the illness in more than 80 percent of youngsters. Meningitis B is particularly dangerous for children, leading to 120 deaths in the UK every year. At present, though there is a jab for meningitis C, there is no vaccine for this strain. Scientists at the University of Western Australia believe the jab could be widely available within five years, the *Daily Mail* reported.

In trials involving 539 teenagers, they found that just over 80 percent were completely protected against the illness. They were given three doses of the vaccine over six months.

Researchers then measured whether their immune system was able to fight the meningitis bacteria. "It's really important that we protect against this disease. It's so hard to recognise early on and then it progresses so rapidly, it's a matter of hours," said lead author Peter Richmond. There are around 1,200 new cases of meningitis B every year.

Around 1 in 10 victims die and another 15 percent are left with permanent disabilities - often limbs have to be amputated due to blood poisoning. The infection causes inflammation of the membranes surrounding the spinal cord and brain. Symptoms include a severe headache, vomiting, a rash, sensitivity to light and a stiff neck.—*Internet*

Midlife crisis could be linked with dementia

WASHINGTON, 9 May—If you are overcome by a sense of hopelessness, especially during your mid or later life, it could be a sign that your are heading for dementia, the mental decline caused by Alzheimer's.

"Prevalence and costs of AD (Alzheimer disease) and other dementia are projected to rise dramatically during the next 40 years unless a prevention or a cure can be found," write researchers from University of California, San Francisco.

"Therefore, it is critical to gain a greater understanding of the key risk factors and etiologic underpinnings of dementia from a population-based perspective," the *Archives of General Psychiatry* journal quoted them as saying.

Some symptoms of early dementia are forgetting names, appointments, losing things, difficulty in driving, cooking, doing household chores, personality changes (becoming withdrawn), uncharacteristic behaviour, mood swings, and behaviour disorder.

Deborah E Barnes from the university and the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Centre and colleagues evaluated data from 13,535 long-term Kaiser Permanent members. Barnes also examined depressive symptoms assessed in midlife (1964-73) and in late life (1994-2000) and risks of developing dementia.

Depressive symptoms were present in 14.1 percent of study participants in midlife, 9.2 percent in late life and 4.2 percent in both. During six years of follow-up, 22.5 percent of patients were diagnosed with dementia and 5.5 percent with Alzheimer disease.

Internet

New jab offers cancer cure hope

LONDON, 9 May—A new injection, targeting the areas affected by cancer, shows promise to reduce treatment side effects and improve cure rates, researchers say.

Injecting drugs into the arteries of cancer patients, instead of veins, could be more effective in reaching head and neck cancer tumours, a study found. Engineers and scientists at the University of Glasgow and NHS Lothian said the approach, if successful in potential human trials next year, could also be applied to other cancers, the Scotsman reported.

Generally, chemotherapy and radiotherapy are administered through a "drip" in the arm, spreading the chemotherapy drugs throughout the patient's body, including the cancer cells. But chemotherapy is rarely suggested as a sole treatment for head and neck cancer because of its toxicity and very low probability of cure. The researchers of the computational fluid dynamics (cfd) group in Glasgow University's School of Engineering, have been working to come up with a new method of using intra-arterial delivery.

This would focus chemotherapy drugs in the area around the tumour, with lower doses for the organs vulnerable to toxicity.

It is expected that this method would result in higher cure rates and fewer side-effects. Dr Manosh Paul, who led the flow-modelling research team, applied fluid dynamics techniques to model the distribution and concentration of chemotherapy drugs around a head and neck tumour.

"Something injected into the vein goes to the heart, then to the cancer. But when injected into the artery, it goes to the cancer first. Our goal is to prove this is better," he said. "There are some sub-arteries you could block during treatment to help focus the chemotherapy. The computer model is working."

This work runs in parallel with lab studies looking at cancer cells to determine the dose required for each patient. The computer model then prescribes the ideal delivery method to achieve each patient's dose.—*Internet*

IMF chief urges balanced policies for higher, better growth

WASHINGTON, 9 May — Global policymakers should strike a balance between austerity and growth in designing economic policies to deliver faster and better growth, as fiscal adjustment and other headwinds weighed down growth, International Monetary Fund (IMF) chief Christine Lagarde said on Monday. The global economy needs "higher and better" growth. Getting there depends on choosing the right combination of policies, Lagarde said during a speech in Zurich, Switzerland.

"With the wrong choices, we risk losing a decade of growth, a generation of young people, and an opportunity to put the global economy on a secure footing. We dare not fail," according to her written speech. Among the advanced economies, the output gap — the difference between what an economy is producing and what it can produce — remains close to 4 percent this year on average, noted the managing director of the Washington-based global lender, adding that "austerity versus growth is very much the debate of the hour".

Lagarde called the fight a "false debate", as policymakers could design a strategy that is "good for today and good for tomorrow". In the short run, demand matters most for growth and jobs. But loose monetary policies in some advanced countries have not ignited strong recovery, as the growth is being held back by three "brakes" in the system — fiscal adjustment, weak banks and poor housing markets, she said.

Advanced economies need to tackle their mountain of debt, as the ratio of debt to gross domestic product (GDP) among the advanced economies is expected to hit 109 percent next year, the largest ratio since World War II, Lagarde added.—*Xinhua*

US biodiesel production record high in 2011

HOUSTON, 9 May —US production of biodiesel reached a record high of 967 million gallons in the year of 2011, the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) said Monday.

The country's biodiesel production was 109 million gallons in December 2011, which was also a record level, according to new data released by the agency.

US annual biodiesel production was 516 million gallons in 2009. Production fell to 343 million gallons in 2010 but rebounded to 967 million gallons in 2011, said EIA.

Soybean oil was the country's largest biodiesel feedstock in 2011, with a total of 4,136 million pounds consumed. The next three largest biodiesel feedstocks during 2011 were canola oil, at 847 million pounds, yellow grease and other recycled feedstocks, at 665 million pounds, and white grease, 533 million pounds, EIA added.

Xinhua

A fisheries biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources holds a Bighead carp caught in Lake Calumet in this photograph released to Reuters on 23 June, 2010.—REUTERS

US steps up planning to keep Asian carp out of Great Lakes

CHICAGO, 9 May—US agencies, under pressure from congressional critics to find a permanent solution to the onrushing tide of invasive Asian carp headed toward the Great Lakes, promised on Tuesday to give Congress options to combat the carp next year. The administration's Asian Carp Director, John Goss, said the Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies involved in the fight against the prolific Bighead and Silver Carp would propose options in 2013, two years ahead of schedule. One of the options would permanently separate the Great Lakes and Mississippi River watersheds.

The carp, which escaped into the Mississippi from fish lagoons during flooding, have infested many of the river's tributaries and swum within 55 miles of a network of man-made waterways in Chicago that connect to Lake Michigan.

If the carp, which can grow to more than 100 pounds (45 kg), make their way into the lakes, scientists fear they would devour the bottom of the food chain and crowd out other fish species. They could ruin the lakes' $7 billion fishery and potentially hurt water quality by promoting the growth of toxic algae. "This new step will result in a more focused path forward that could mean faster implementation of a permanent solution for protecting our Great Lakes from Asian carp," Goss said in a statement. The agencies have already spent $150 million to create electrified barriers, for monitoring, and to study methods of deterring or killing the carp.

A long-term study with a detailed comparative analysis of various methods to stop the carp was due to be completed in 2015. By proposing options earlier, the study can avoid wasted effort, US officials said.

"This is a good step forward in the fight to stop Asian carp," said US Senator Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, who has introduced legislation demanding a solution within 18 months.—*Reuters*

Four killed, 10 missing in Indonesian floods

JAKARTA, 9 May—Floods carrying volcanic debris swept through a town in eastern Indonesia Wednesday killing four people, including a nine-year-old child, and leaving 10 others missing, a government official said.

A further 15 people were injured after floodwaters rampaged through 11 villages in Ternate City in North Maluku Province, national disaster mitigation agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said. "Following heavy rains during the night, volcanic floods hit early morning at 2:00 am (1700 GMT)," Nugroho said, adding that more than 280 people were evacuated to government offices and schools.

"Four people have died, 10 are missing and 15 have been injured. Fifty-eight families, or 284 people, have been evacuated," he said.

Two bridges and 15 homes were completely destroyed by the floods, while 173 other homes were damaged, Nugroho said. The floods carried volcanic mud from Mount Gamalama, which forms the entire island of Ternate in the Maluku chain, which erupted and spewed a column of ash 2,000 metres (6,500 feet) into the air in December.

Two rivers on the eastern side of the volcano overflowed after Wednesday's heavy rains carried volcanic debris down to the affected residential areas, Nugroho said.

The Indonesian archipelago has dozens of active volcanoes. The country's most active volcano, Mount Merapi in central Java, killed more than 350 people in a series of violent eruptions in 2010.—*Internet*

Gamalama volcano (background) seen from Ternate City in North Maluku Province, in this 2006 file photo, covered by clouds. Four people were killed and ten missing on Wednesday after floods carrying volcanic debris swept through Ternate, according to a government official.—INTERNET

Fisker: Karma battery did not cause Houston fire

A Fisker Karma luxury plug-in hybrid car is seen at the sixth annual Alternative Transportation Expo and Conference (AltCar) in Santa Monica, California on 29 September, 2011. REUTERS

HOUSTON, 9 May—A house fire that destroyed a $100,000-plus Fisker Karma near Houston last week does not appear to have been caused by the plug-in hybrid's lithiumion battery pack, Fisker Automotive said in a statement on Tuesday.

Local officials and insurance companies are investigating the cause of the 3 May fire, which originated in the garage of a newly built home in Sugar Land, Texas. Two other cars in the garage were also destroyed.

"There are conflicting reports and uncertainty surrounding this particular incident," Fisker said. "The cause of the fire is not yet known and is being investigated."

After the fire, the Karma's battery was intact, suggesting it was not a "contributing factor," Fisker said. The Karma was not plugged in at the time.

Fisker said it has not ruled out possible fraud or malicious intent. Fire officials and investigators are examining an electrical panel in the garage, Fisker said, adding that it was "aware" of fireworks in the garage.

In recent months, Fisker has fielded tough questions about the reliability of the Karma after a spate of high-profile battery problems. No fires or injuries have been tied to the Karma battery, which is built by A123 Systems.

In March, a Karma battery failed during a test conducted by Consumer Reports magazine. Fisker recalled 239 Karma cars in December to fix a battery defect that raised the risk of a fire.

Robert Baker, the chief fire investigator for Fort Bend County, Texas, could not be reached. He told AutoWeek magazine that the Karma was in flames less than three minutes after the driver pulled into the garage.

The safety of electric car batteries has been in the spotlight since last year when US safety regulators opened an investigation into General Motors Co's Chevrolet Volt after some battery packs caught fire during testing.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration closed the probe in January, saying that electric cars do not pose a greater risk of fire than gasoline-powered cars.

NHTSA is in contact with local authorities about the Karma fire, the agency said in a statement.

Reuters

The sign outside a Ford dealership in Broomfield, Colorado on 23 July, 2008.—REUTERS

Ford to shorten "summer shutdown" in North America

DETROIT, 9 May—Ford Motor Co will shorten its "summer shutdown" at 13 plants in North America to allow it to make nearly 40,000 more vehicles as the No 2 US automaker strives to meet demand.

The factories will be idled for one week instead of the usual two weeks. Automakers typically use this time to make engineering and design changes at factories for upcoming models.

Ford said last month that it would lose US market share this year as consumer demand for cars and trucks is outstripping the automaker's capacity to build them.

Most of Ford's North American plants are at maximum capacity. Ford is adding production shifts this month at three assembly plants that are not at maximum capacity.

"Requiring more capacity from our plants is a good problem to have and having the flexibility to add a week of production in our plants goes a long way toward solving it," Jim Tetreault, vice president of North America Manufacturing, said in a statement.

Last week, Chrysler Group LLC, the No 3 US automaker, said four of its North American assembly plants would forego the normal two-week summer shutdown this year due to improved demand.

The No 1 US automaker, General Motors Co, declined to comment on its production schedule.

Six Ford assembly plants will be closed for one week this summer, including Chicago Assembly Plant, Dearborn Truck Plant and Michigan Assembly Plant. The other plants include Dearborn Engine and Chicago Stamping.

Ford shares were down 1.2 percent at $10.53 on Tuesday afternoon on the New York Stock Exchange.

Reuters

Boston hit by power outage, less serious than March

BOSTON, 9 May—Boston's landmark Prudential Centre and some 13,500 businesses and residences in the area temporarily lost electricity on Tuesday, less than two months after a more serious outage. Northeast Utilities said Tuesday's outage started at the same site on Scotia Street where a transformer caught fire in March, leaving more than 20,000 customers without power, some for days.

Northeast Utilities is investigating Tuesday's outage, which lasted less than an hour because electrical components were not damaged, said spokeswoman Caroline Pretyman.

She said crews have been working around the clock since the outage in March to replace the transformer, make other repairs and provide additional backup to the downtown Boston power network.—*Reuters*

An NStar worker attempts to restore power in Boston, Massachusetts on 8 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Heart attack one of the leading causes of death globally

Dr Tha Sein

A healthy heart needs oxygen to function for a human to survive. Heart attacks occur when the coronary artery that supplies the muscles of the heart with oxygenated blood is suddenly blocked off by a clot. This usually happens when the coronary artery develops cholesterol plague which suddenly ruptures causing a blood clot to form around it. This blood clot can blot the artery and shut the blood flow to the heart muscle. When the heart muscle is starved for oxygen and nutrients, it is called ischaemia. Within minutes of ischaemia, the muscles of the heart will die, thus resulting in a heart attack.

According to the World Health Organization, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death globally and is projected to remain so. It has no geographic, gender or social-economic boundaries, although genetically, men have shown a higher incident of heart attacks than women.

To understand whether you are at risk of a heart attack, you need to know what a heart attack is, how to identify the warning signs and how to prevent and minimize the problem from happening.

Symptoms of a heart attack

You may be having cardiovascular problems if you notice that physical activity causes you to experience such symptoms as difficult or laboured breathing during normal physical activity or exertion, chest discomfort or pain from increased physical activity, and undue fatigue. Some people have a heart attack without having any symptoms. Such kind of the heart attack is called a silent myocardial infarction. A silent myocardial infarction can occur in any person, though it is common among diabetics.

Warning signs of a heart attack

Heart attacks are sudden and intense. However, the chest pain may not be severe enough initially for the affected person to realize an impending heart attack and therefore results in delay in getting medical attention. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening.

Chest pain: Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the centre of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes, or pain that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable compression, heaviness of the chest, or gripping chest pain.

Discomfort in other areas of the upper body: Symptoms may include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, law or stomach.

Shortness of breath: It may happen with or without chest discomfort.

Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Risk factors & prevention

Smoking: Smokers are two or four times more likely than non-smokers to develop coronary heart disease. Thos who smoke a pack of cigarettes a day have more than twice the risk of heart attack than people who do not smoke. Exposure to other people's smoke also increases the risk of heart disease even for non-smokers.

High blood cholesterol: As blood cholesterol rises so does the risk of coronary heart disease. When other factors such as high blood pressure and tobacco smoke are present, this risk increases even more.

High blood pressure: High blood pressure increases the heart's workload, causing the heart muscles to thicken and the arteries that supply the heart and brain to become stiff. The thickening of the heart muscle is not normal, and can cause the heart to malfunction. When high blood pressure exists together with other factors like smoking, high blood cholesterol levels or diabetes, the risk of having a heart attack increases exponentially.

Physical inactivity: An inactive lifestyle is a risk factor for a heart attack. Regular, moderate-to-vigorous physical activity helps prevent heart and blood vessel diseases. Even regular, light-to-moderate exercise can help control blood cholesterol, diabetes and obesity, as well as help control blood pressure in some people.

Obesity: People who have excess body fat are more likely to develop heart disease even if they have no other risk factors. Excess weight increases the heart's work. It also rises blood pressure and blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels. It can also make diabetes more likely to develop.

Diabetes: Diabetes seriously increases the risk of developing cardiovascular disease. Even when glucose levels are under control, diabetes increases the risk of heart disease. If you have diabetes, it is imperative that you consult with your family physician to manage and control any other risk factors that you may have.

Stress: Individual response to stress may be a contributing factor. It is important to learn how to relax and ensure proper stress management, as well as strive for work-life balance in toaday's fast-paced world.

Alcohol: Excessive alcohol intake can raise blood pressure, contribute to high triglyceride, and produce irregular heartbeats. If you drink, limit your alcohol consumption to no more than two drinks per day for men and no more than one drink for women.

Diet & Nutrition: A healthy diet is one of the best weapons to fight against cardiovascular disease. The food you eat can affect other controllable risk factors like cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes and overweight. Nutrient-rich foods like vegetables, fruits, whole-grain and high-fibre foods, fish, lean protein and fat-free or low-fat diary products, which have vitamins, minerals, fibre and other nutrients are highly recommended, but they are lower in calories.

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Plan to clear piles of garbage along railroads before rainy season

YANGON, 9 May—Piles of garbage along Yangon circular railroad and other dirty places will be cleaned before rainy season as a plan, said an official of Myanma Railways.

"Travellers face difficulty due to bad smell in the rainy season. Along the circular railroad of Yangon, there are about 135 piles of garbage. These garbage piles hazard to the people. So, Myanma Railways adopted an emergency plan of clearing the garbage piles," said an official.

Garbage piles have located along the railroads for many decades. Although sanitation tasks were carried out yearly, the piles of garbage appeared there due to undisciplined garbage throwers.

"As most of the garbage piles are located adjacent to the railroad, the passengers know what they need to cover their noses at the railway stations. The garbage piles are located near the markets, extended and wards of squatters. Last three days, these piles of garbage have been cleared," said a traveler from North Okkalapa Township.

"Myanma Railways and Sanitation Department of Yangon City Development Committee are joining hands in clearing debris. Before the rainy season, over 100 piles of garbage will be cleared systematically," said officials of Sanitation Department of YCDC.

While clearing garbage bins along the rail trucks, Myanma Railways will keep garbage bins in the local trains for prioritizing sanitation.

As fare of train is cheaper than that of bus, the local people inside and outside the city rely on rail transportation. At present, the number of train passengers is equal to that of bus.—*Thunn Watthan*

Fire Brigade Day observed in Aunglan

AUNGLAN, 9 May—A ceremony to mark the 66th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day was held at the township sports ground in Aunglan on 5 May morning.

The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Khin Maung Win, Magway Region Hluttaw representative U San Lwin, departmental officials, members of fire brigade and auxiliary fire brigade and ward administrators.

At the ceremony, members of fire brigade demonstrated their fire drill with the use of light fire engine and fire extinguisher and performed demonstration on rescue works.—*Myanma Alin*

Stakes driven for construction of library

DISTRICT NEWS

PUTAO, 9 May—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Phonkan Library was held at Lower Shadgaung Village of Mansay Village in Putao Township on 7 April.

Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department U Aung Kyaw Tun, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Phon Zee Dee, Village-tract Administrator U Man Khu Aung Ram, Village Administrator Sarr Wam Yawshu and members, library construction committee members and library committee members drove stakes on the auspicious time.

The library will be built as 24 feet long, 14 feet wide and 12 feet high building.

District IPRD

Yatanarpon FC back from tune-up matches in Thailand

YANGON, 9 May—Yatanarpon FC that focuses on securing champion in the MNL 2012 by taking good results in the first leg of the tournament arrived back here by air on 5 May after competing with football clubs in Thailand in tune-up matches.

The tune-up matches were aimed at making preparations for the second leg of the MNL and testing skills of its new foreign players. Moreover, the trip was aimed at enabling the players to have good experiences in playing with Thai football clubs.

In the last match with Karabi FC, Yatanarpon lost to his opponent 2-3. Although Yatanarpon led the match with goals secored by Ye Ko Oo at the 52nd minute and 33rd minute by Yan Paing, it gave three goals to the rival in the second half.

After the match, club manager U Aung Tun OO and officials of Karabi FC exchanged gifts.—*Soe Nyunt*

Tornado hits Laymyethna Township

LAYMYETHNA, 9 May—A tornado hit Katat Village of Laymyethna Township of Ayeyawady Region on 2 May evening.

Roofs of Basic Education Primary School and rural clinic were blown in the tornado. Two houses were destroyed in fall of trees. Likewise, Basic Education Primary School and two houses collapsed in the strong winds.

Myanma Alin

Myanmar delegation led by Union Construction Minister visits Singapore, Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint visited Singapore and Malaysia from 1 to 8 May at invitations of Singaporean National Development Minister Mr Khaw Boon Wan and Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamet.

The Myanmar delegation met the Singaporean minister at Shangrila Hotel on 2 May and discussed matters related to property management in Singapore, government's housing projects and procedures for planning urban development.

The delegation met Singaporean Legal Minister Ms Sim Ann and discussed matters related to property laws.

On 7 May, the delegation called on the Malaysian Public Housing Minister at his office and discussed matters related to cooperation between the two ministries and development of public housings.

Malaysian Labour Minister Datuk Seri Shaziman Abu Mansor received the Myanmar delegation at his office in the afternoon and exchanged views on cooperation between the two ministries.

The Myanmar delegation led by the Union Minister met Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamet in the evening and discussed matters of mutual interest.

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***Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Singaporean National Development Minister Mr Khaw Boon Wan hold talks at Shangrila Hotel in Singapore.*—MNA**

Union Transport Minister receives officials of Qatar Airways

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received East Asia & South West Pacific, Senior Vice President Mr Robert Yang of Qatar Airways and Myanmar-Cambodia and-Thailand-based Manager Mr Joegendra Charles Rajadurai and party at his office this afternoon.

They had a discussion on Yangon-Doha regular flight schedule.

Qatar Airways signed a bilateral airways contract with Myanmar in 2004 and started to run Doha-Yangon-Doha flight four times a week from 8 January 2005 to 20 January 2008. It has arranged to run regular flight schedule in recognition of Myanmar political and economic development now after it had stopped to run flight schedule in 2008.

A-319 and A-320 airplanes are flying to Doha-Yangon-Doha as a regular flight schedule three times a week as of 3 October 2012 and it has arranged to run daily flight schedule starting from 28 October. According to bilateral airways contract, the airways that allowed running between the two countries will get a chance to fly fourteen times a week.

If Qatar Airway runs regular flight schedule, people can travel easily from Myanmar to Europe, Africa and Middle East. When the market increases, B-777 will be added to the route.—*MNA*

Union EP-2 Minister receives Chairman of Busan Korea Biotechnology Co

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe received Chairman of Busan Korea Biotechnology Co Ltd Mr Chung Si Woo and party at his office this morning.

At the call, they discussed progress in feasible study of construction of a 500-megawatt combined cycle power plant according to the MoU between the ministry and the company to distribute extended power supply to Yangon and Thilawa Industrial Zone, continued collection of detailed data for the project and completion of the project before 2015.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Khin Maung Zaw of the Department of Electric Power, Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electric Power Supply Enterprise, Chairman of Yangon City Electric Supply Board U Aung Khaing and officials.—*MNA*

Union Commerce Minister receives Polish FM, Bangladesh Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received a delegation led by Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Radoslaw Sikorski at the ministry, here, at 10 am today.

They discussed promotion of trade, investment, cooperation in technology and bilateral cooperation in private sectors of the two countries.

At 11 am, the Union Minister also received the Bangladeshi Ambassador and a delegation led by Chairman of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) of Dhaka of Bangladesh and discussed extension of trade between the two countries and cooperation in private sectors of the two nations. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, the director-general of Border Trade Department, the managing director of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading and officials.—*MNA*

World Red Cross Day observed in Taunggyi

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—The World Red Cross Day 2012 was observed at the office of Shan State Medical Association in Taunggyi on 8 May.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat delivered an address and State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myo Tun read the message for the World Red Cross Day.

The State Chief Minister and the State Minister presented prizes to outstanding members of Red Cross Society.—*MNA*

Central Bank of Myanmar Governor meets officials from UOB Bank, Korea Exchange

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Managing Director and Head of United Overseas Bank Mr Bill Chua called on Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein at the latter's office this afternoon. They discussed matters related to more cooperation between UOB Bank and Myanmar banks.

Similarly, Governor U Than Nyein received Director of Korea Exchange (KRX) Mr Hong Hee Shin and party at his office in the afternoon. At the call, they had a discussion on cooperation in promoting development of capital market in Myanmar.

Also present were the vice-governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and heads of department. —*MNA*

20th ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock Meeting held

***Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye addresses 20th ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock Meeting.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May— As the inter ASEAN Countries holds ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock Meeting annually in alphabetical order, the 20th ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock Meeting was held at Kaungkin Nandaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw this morning, attended by Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye and Mr Benigno Solomon JR Novilla of ASEAN Secretariat Office and they then made speeches.

At the meeting, they held discussion on development of local socio-economic based on breeding, safe meat product trade, coordination of regulation and producing vaccines with the standard of ASEAN.

The meeting continues till 11 May.—*MNA*

National Technical Officer of International Technical Officer course opens

YANGON, 9 May—The National Technical Officer of International Technical Officer course, jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Rowing Federation and conducted by FISA, was opened at the office of Myanmar Rowing Federation at Inya Lake, here, at 9 am today.

Altogether 11 trainees from Ministry of Sports, four from Yangon Command rowing team, nine from Defence Services (Navy) rowing team, 19 from Yangon University team, four from Ayeyawady Region and 13 from Myanmar Rowing Federation, totaling 60 are attending the course that lasts up to 13 May.

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Entire national people…

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The census will help entrepreneurs to be able to seek market, estimate the number of consumers, manufacture commodities and provide services. It can also be useful in other fields such as environmental conservation and rescue works.

Related ministries in Myanmar, UN agencies, social organizations and the people will work together to collect the national census. In carrying out the task, it is necessary to meet international norms and standards and set quality. UEFAP will also closely cooperate in the successful implementation of the task.

On 30 April 2012, MoU on assistance for collecting population and household census for 3014 was singed. Chairman of Central Census Commission Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Under Secretary General and Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General Mr Vijay Nambia singed the MoU and exchanged the notes. And the signing ceremony is a milestone of the country in taking its national census in 2014 and it also means that Myanmar has pledged to implement the task in accord with international standards in collaboration with international organizations.

Myanmar has been unable to collect national census for about 30 years due to various reasons. It will seek advice and suggestions from experts at home and abroad so that the collection of national census can meet international standards. This is why as prescribed in the MoU, census advisory committees and technical advisory committees will be promptly formed.

Steps are also being taken to deal with the formation of a law that is in conformity with the present time which is included in the MoU on rendering assistance. As collecting census covers everyone, each and every one of different strata is to give a helpful hand to it after realizing the nature of work. Therefore, the Information Sector is to widely impart the knowledge on taking census to the people making better use of media.

In conclusion, the Vice-President stressed the need for the entire national people to make energetic efforts based on the skills of departmental personnel under the supervision of the committees at different levels as the 2014 nation-wide collecting census which is imperative for the nation to have a population list and relevant data is a national concern.

Next, Chairman of Central Census Commission Union Minister U Khin Yi reported on facts about the 2014 nation-wide census, work progress on four tasks of taking census such as preparations, data collection, data compilation and surveying, and report issuing and future tasks.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

Afterwards, Patron of Central Census Commission Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham gave concluding remarks.

After the meeting, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham together with members of Central Census Commission looked into documentaries on the 1983 census taking the and documentaries to be used in taking the 2014 census displayed at the meeting hall.

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Plough conclusion of Palethwe paddy plantation observed, payment made for Palethwe hybrid paddy in advance

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—A plough conclusion ceremony was held at model, mechanized 262-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation in Yan Aung Myin village in Dekkhinathiri Township here this morning, in conjunction with advanced payment for Palethwe paddy, K 200,000 per acre.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint addressed the ceremony.

General Secretary of Myanmar Rice Entrepreneurs Association Ayeya Hintha Company Director U Ye Min Aung made advanced payments to each farmers.

The Union Ministers inspected hybrid rice, paddy strains, and fertilizers and viewed the plough conclusion ceremony.—*MNA*

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry donates cash for regional development in Haka Tsp

***Union Ministers U Aung Min, U Zaw Min, Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai and wellwishers formally open Pyidaungsu Yeiktha.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun inspected forests, forest reserves and log yards along the road from Monywa to Gangaw on 5 May.

The Union Minister on 6 May donated K 7 million to Lonkywe village in Haka Township in Chin State for providing electricity to the village and K 2.5 million to Lamthot village for construction of a primary school.

He also met local people in Thinam village and donated K 5 million for construction of two Boardering Schools and K 4 million for electric supply in Malhsaung village and K 5 million to Ywaban village for hydropower generation.

Together with Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, he attended opening of Pyidaungsu Yeiktha.

Union Minister U Win Tun yesterday donated K 5 million to Lay Oum village in Haka Township for providing potable water.—*MNA*

Union level peace making group, CNF peace making group hold talks

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Chin National Front (CNF) that gave an offer to the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for its peace invitation and the Union level peace making group of the Union government held a peace talk at the meeting hall of Pyidaungsu Yeiktha in Hapa on 7 May.

It was attended by Union Ministers U Aung Min, U Win Tun and U Zaw Min, Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Col Kyaw Soe Win of the Comander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office, Chin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo, Col Kyaw Thant Naing of North-West Command and officials of the Union level peace making group, leader Dr Shwe Kha and party of Chin National Front (CNF) peace making group and peace negotiators of both sides.

At the meeting, they discussed 15 points submission of CNF to be discussed at the Union level peace talk. After that, they signed the agreements and exchanged notes.

A dinner and bonfire was held at the office of Chin State government. Then, they exchanged gifts. On behalf of the President, Union Minister U Aung Min presented 20 sets of Sky Net receivers as peace gifts to CNF.—*MNA*

***Union level peace making group and Chin National Front (CNF) shaking hands.*—MNA**

Mon State observes World Red Cross Day

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—The World Red Cross Day 2012 was held at the hall of Mon State Red Cross Supervisory Committee in Mawlamyine yesterday.

State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint delivered an opening address. Chairman of Mon State Red Cross Society Dr Aye Nyein read the message.

The State Chief Minister presented prizes to Ye Township that secured the shield in parade championship and over-all championship award to Mawlamyine Township Red Cross Brigade.

In the afternoon, the Chief Minister delivered an address at the coordination meeting on effective endeavours of reforms for development of the State and the nation.—*MNA*

Slight earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May— A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.5 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar, about 12 miles west of Minbu, about 152 miles south west of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 5 hrs 43 min 50 sec MST today.

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Palethwe hybrid paddy harvested on model plot in Hlegu Township

YANGON, 9 May—The harvesting of Palethwe hybrid high-yield paddy was held in conjunction with the talks about cultivation technology at 10-acre farmland of farmer U Soe Min in Sitpin Village of Hlegu Township in Yangon Region on 2 May morning.

Head of Yangon Region Agriculture Department U Tin Aung Win explained use of quality paddy strains for doubling incomes of farmers, cultivation of Palethwe paddy strain through 14-point good agricultural pattern so as to produce over 200 baskets of paddy per acre. He said that paddy and rice companies purchase 100 baskets of paddy per K 50,000 more than the current prices and some companies grant purchase of paddy at 100 baskets per K 400,000. He continued that the farmers can enjoy guarantees of per-acre yield and market guarantee. He further explained that the harvesting of mode plot was demonstrated for enabling the farmers to have knowledge about technology of cultivation.

After harvesting the model plot, paddy was produced 185 baskets per acre in wet status. The harvesting of paddy was supervised by Director-General U Kyaw Win of Agriculture Department.

The ceremony was also attended by staff members of Agriculture Departments from Yangon North District and Hlegu Township, village administrators of seven village-tracts and farmers.—*Agriculture*

Bo trees watered in Kyauktan Township

KYAUKTAN, 9 May—To mark the Fullmoon Day of Kason, ceremonies to pour water at Bo trees in the precincts of pagodas and religious edifices were held in Kyauktan Township on 5 May morning (Fullmoon Day of Kason).

Local people took precepts from members of the Sangha and kept Sabbath.

Especially, ancient Kyaikhmawwun Yayle Pagoda was packed with foreign tourists and Buddhist devotees.—*Myanma Alin*

Pilgrims and devotees eager to pour water at Bo tree of Kyaikhmawwun Yayle Pagoda.

Anti-snake venom donated to local farmers

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 9 May—A ceremony to donate anti-snake venom to local farmers by White Heart Group that operates Free Clinic in Mawlamyinegyun was held in conjunction with the free medical treatment at Basic Education Primary School in Tonhlechaung Village in Ward 8 of Mawlamyinegyun on 1 May morning.

Chairman of White Heart Group U Khin Maung Zin and executives donated four boxes of anti-stake venom for farmers. Myoma Ward 8 Administrator U Tin Aye and Tonhlechaung Village Organizer of the group U Maw Si accepted the donations.

Wellwishers and White Heart Group donated various kinds of medicines to 171 patients of villages.

Next, Dr Aung Zaw Myo and medical team gave health care services to the local farmers.

Myanma Alin

Thuta Padetha Library put into service in Kungyangon Township

YANGON, 9 May—A ceremony to put Thuta Padetha Library into service was held in Tawkhayanlay Village of Kungyangon Township in Yangon South District on 29 April.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Zeya Lin, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Nant Swe Nwe Oo, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Zargyi Lin and Village Administrator U Tauk Tun formally opened the library.

At first, the administrator of Kungyangon Township made a speech.

After that , the head of Township Information and Public Relations Department gave a talk on durability of the library and conservation measures of environment.

Later, members of the library committee accepted 200 books and furniture worth K 250,000 donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation, 100 books by the township administrator, one radio by the chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization and K 30,000 by U Aung Nyein and U Kyi Than.

Township IPRD

DISTRICT NEWS

Bo tree watered in Thakayta Township

THAKAYTA, 9 May—The 48th water pouring ceremony at Bo tree in commemoration of the Fullmoon Day of Kason was held at the precinct of 108-elbow Maha Bawdi Swedawshin Pagoda in Thakayta Township of Yangon Region on 5 May morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Hsan Min and members, Chairman of Pagoda Board of Trustees U Aung Myint, members and local people went round the pagoda clockwise and then poured water at the Bo tree.

Myanma Alin

Water poured at Bo trees in Mawlamyinegyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 9 May—A ceremony to pour water at Bo tree was held in the precinct of Lawka Thakya Marazein Bronze Buddha Image in Mawlamyinegyun Township of Ayeyawady Region on 5 May afternoon.

Water pouring teams from religious associations and 13 Myoma wards participated in water pouring at Bo trees.

Similar ceremonies took place at Bo trees of Pyilonchantha Pagoda, Pyilonkatkyaw Pagoda, Pyidawaye MyoU Pagoda and Monyo Monastery in Mawlamyinegyun.

Likewise, the local people participated in water pouring at Bo trees in 27 villages of the township.

Myanma Alin

Fire breaks out in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 9 May—A fire broke out in Ward 19 of Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region at 7.25 am on 5 May.

It started from a house in Alaungphaya Road in Ward 19. The fire destroyed three houses and one long low building. One nine-year old child died in the fire.

Members of fire brigade put out the fire with the use of 13 fire engines, two water tankers and two management vehicles and controlled it at 7.55 am.

At present, fire victims are being accommodated at Basic Education Primary School No. 32.

Myanma Alin

Local people participate in putting out fire in Hlinethaya.

CASH DONATED: ***A ceremony to donate cash to purchase ECG for Township People's Hospital was held at the hospital in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region on 4 May. Wellwisher Ko Moe and Ma Khin Mar Win of the gold shop present K 1 million for ECG machine in memory of Ko Moe Hnin to Township Health Officer Dr Khin Yupa Soe.***

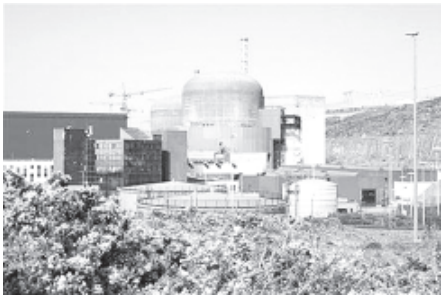
MYANMA ALIN

Myanmar Libraries Foundation invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

UK nuclear build requires taxpayer rescue



***General view of the operating power plant in Flamanville on 8 April, 2011.—*REUTERS**

LONDON, 9 May—Britain's aim to expand its fleet of nuclear plants by 2025 will take place only if the taxpayer absorbs the burden of spiralling construction costs, allowing private companies to invest in the sector, a senior analyst said.

Nuclear energy policy in Britain faces major setbacks following reports that the cost of replacing ageing reactors increased dramatically in the past year, making power produced from new plants not affordable without government help.

A report from the *Times* newspaper on Monday said French nuclear developer EDF had raised the cost of building a nuclear power plant to 7 billion pounds from 4.5 billion pounds last year.

"If the latest cost figures are true, new nuclear power plants in the UK are not commercially viable," Citi analyst Peter Atherton told *Reuters*.

Based on the new figures, nuclear would be the most expensive form of electricity generation, exceeding even offshore wind, he said.

"The only way they could be built is if the construction risk was transferred to the taxpayer," Atherton said, equating to a multi-billion pound government insurance policy.

EDF's Flamanville reactor, which is under construction in France, is running four years late and at least double its original budget.

Britain's biggest nuclear power plant operator, EDF, which plans to build two atomic plants in the country, declined requests for comment.

Reuters

"Time for better ties" with South America

BEIJING, 9 May—China's economic ties with Latin America and the Caribbean need further development as the global economy weakens, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences said in a "yellow book" on Tuesday.

Bilateral relations have moved beyond initial contacts based on trade to more complex interactions such as investment and financial cooperation, the government think tank said.

In just eight years, China's importance as a trade partner for Latin America has increased significantly, said Osvaldo Rosales, director of the international trade and integration division of the United Nations' Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

"China is displacing the European Union as the second-largest trade partner of countries (in the region) and it's more important for South America's growth than the United States," he said.

In 2011, China's trade with Latin American and Caribbean countries exceeded $245 billion.

China has become the region's second-largest trade partner and third-largest investor, said Li Baorong, deputy director-general of the Latin America and Caribbean Department at the Foreign Ministry.

China will soon become South America's biggest trade partner, said Alicia Herrero, chief economist for emerging markets at Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA.

***Two visitors walk past the Gree Electric Appliance Inc booth at an air-conditioning equipment show in Sao Paulo, Brazil.—*XINHUA**

But trade between China and the region is concentrated on few countries and few products.

Xinhua

NY's Penn Station to expand, finally, with $270 million plan

NEW YORK, 9 May—Plans to expand New York City's famous Pennsylvania Station, the busiest passenger rail facility in the United States, will begin later this year with a $270 million project to improve access to underground passenger platforms, officials said on Tuesday.

The project will be the first phase of the long-delayed Moynihan Station, an ambitious effort to regain some of the grandeur lost when the original Pennsylvania Station was torn down in the early 1960s and replaced by the Madison Square Garden arena.

When the entire project is completed, the adjacent James Farley Post Office, which resembles the original Penn Station and is just across Eighth Avenue, will become a new passenger facility.

The long tracks and platforms under Penn Station already extend under the Farley building.

A sources familiar with the bidding process said that Skanska on Wednesday will be awarded a $148 million contract to add two street-level entrances, one each at the 33rd Street and the 31st Street sides of the post office, to the platforms below.

The company will also widen and extend an underground concourse to help passengers reach the three railroads that use Penn Station: New Jersey Transit, Amtrak and the Long Island Rail Road.—*Reuters*

***A woman wheels luggage along the subway platform at the 34th Street Penn Station stop in New York on 23 November, 2011. —*REUTERS**

Chinese solar energy firm enters Japan

SHIJIAZHUANG, 9 May—China's leading solar energy company, Yingli Green Energy Holding Co Ltd said on Wednesday that it has established a regional headquarters in Japan.

The new establishment, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary named Yingli Green Energy Japan Corporation, Ltd, is aimed at exploring Yingli's Southeast Asian market and at further promoting the brand's influence.

Yingli announced it had opened a regional headquarters in Singapore in April 2011. The company has adopted a set of measures, including building a Hong Kong trading platform, to promote its products in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia.

Yingli, a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, is one of the world's largest vertically integrated photovoltaic manufacturers. Its products have been sold in countries including Germany, Spain, Italy, Greece, France, the Republic of Korea and the United States.—*Xinhua*

Two arrested in case of kidnapped Tennessee mother, daughters

TUPELO, 9 May— The wife of a man suspected of kidnapping a Tennessee mother and her three daughters has admitted she drove them to a house in Mississippi where the bodies of the mother and oldest daughter were later found, authorities said on Tuesday.

Teresa Mayes, wife of Adam Mayes, was arrested Sunday along with his mother, Mary Mayes. Both are in Hardeman County Jail in Tennessee.

Meanwhile, police in two states and the FBI continued a manhunt for Adam Mayes, 35, who is suspected of taking the two surviving daughters with him on the run.

Jo Ann Bain, 31, and her oldest daughter, Adrienne, 14, were dead, and the two younger Bain girls, Alexandria, 12, and Kyliyah, 8, were believed held by Mayes. Investigators have described him as a family friend or an uncle figure to the girls.

In an interview with *Reuters*, Teresa Mayes' sister Bobbi Booth said Teresa told her on Saturday that Adam Mayes had killed Jo Ann and Adrienne Bain.

Booth said she immediately contacted the Hardeman County sheriff's department. Investigators told her they knew everything and Teresa Mayes was not a suspect. Booth said she believes her sister, who is mentally challenged, is not at fault.

"My sister does not have sense enough to do what they're accusing her of," Booth said, describing Teresa as a caring woman who loves children but is "mentally slow."

Authorities believe Adam Mayes is still in north Mississippi and they are focusing their search there, said FBI spokesman Joel Siskovic.—*Reuters*

***Teresa Mayes (R), 31, and Mary Mayes, 65, of Guntown, Mississippi, are seen in this undated combination photo from the Hardeman County Sheriff's Department which was released to Reuters on 8 May, 2012.—*INTERNET**

Indonesia encourages oil firms to go into deep sea

JAKARTA, 9 May — The Indonesian government is pushing oil and gas companies to carry out exploration toward deep-sea where the potential to find large reserves of hydrocarbon is big, paper quoting a senior government researcher as saying on Wednesday.

"More than 60 percent of oil and gas potential in Indonesia are located in deep-sea locations," Ridwan Djamaluddin of the Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT) was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

"They remain largely untapped," the BPPT natural resources technology development deputy chief said, adding that deep-sea oil exploration entailed more risks and required a huge capital outlay and high technology.

With world oil prices hovering above 100 US dollar a barrel since the beginning of 2012, prospects for oil in deep sea locations in Indonesia may become commercially viable. Most of Indonesia's oil production currently comes from onshore and shallow waters. But there haven't been major significant findings in the last decades, resulting in Indonesia's overall hydrocarbon reserves depleting fast.

Indonesia's oil reserves fell to 4.04 billion barrels in 2011 from 4.3 billion barrels in 2004, according to figures from the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry, while crude production declined to 289 million barrels from 354 million.

The government is laying on more incentives to encourage deep-sea oil prospecting. The Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry has asked the Finance Ministry to waive land and building taxes for companies exploring oil and gas in deep seas and import duties on their capital goods.

Xinhua

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MV OS SINGAPORE VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OS SINGAPORE VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10-5-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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AGENT FOR: SONG WON ENTERPRISE PTE LTD

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

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AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

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Fat Forecast: 42% of Americans Obese by 2030

NEW YORK, 9 May — About 32 million more Americans will become obese by 2030, upping obesity rates to 42 percent of the US population, according to a new report from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

The report also predicts that the proportion of Americans who are severely obese, meaning more than 100 pounds overweight, will reach 11 percent, about double the current rate.

The report's authors give a sobering price tag for these predictions: such an increase would create $550 billion of obesity-related health care costs. Eric Finkelstein, one of the authors of the report, said the prospect of such increasing rates, particularly those of severely obese Americans, is alarming since efforts aimed at helping people lose weight have so far proven relatively ineffective.

About 32 million more Americans will become obese by 2030.— INTERNET

"Their weight continues to increase. Over the last 10 years, it has gone up tremendously," he said in a Press conference. "This is a group at great risk of health complications, and yet they are increasing at an even greater rate than the rate of obesity."—*Internet*

Brazilian retailer uses Facebook-connected hangers so you can like their clothes, literally

Wear the hottest outfits with some help from social networking. INTERNET

BRASILIA, 9 May — "Liking" things on Facebook is increasingly becoming a pop culture measuring stick to see just how buzzy a topic, idea, or product has become. Brazilian clothes retailer C&A has taken this concept of seemingly spur-of-the-moment popularity and applied it to their various outfits in a very literal sense: If, while browsing the shop's racks, you find something you like, you can simply touch the Facebook-connected hanger and declare your feelings on the social network.

On C&A's Facebook page, each piece of clothing has its own post, and the likes just keep piling up. The idea is that when a social network user happens upon the company's page, they'll be able to see the hottest items of the moment in an instant. Of course, because each press of a hanger's button is essentially anonymous, it's difficult to tell which items are genuinely popular, and which have become victim to some push-happy customers with quick fingers.

It's certainly an interesting idea, and may help some undecided shoppers pick between a few would-be purchases based on each items' popularity.

The store hasn't detailed how it plans to deal with items as they age — as in, month-old outfits with thousands of likes versus brand new garb without established popularity — but we have a feeling this is more about making a big splash on the social network than it is about a reliable outfit rating system.

Internet

ABC News, Univision to launch new network in US

NEW YORK, 9 May — The news and lifestyle network targeting Hispanics, the fastest-growing group in the United States, the companies said on Monday. The unnamed channel will begin broadcasting in 2013, and ABC and Univision will share news gathering and production costs, the companies said.

Each company will own about 50 percent, a person with knowledge of the venture said. Other financial terms were not disclosed. Cable news is a competitive and crowded landscape. CNN, MSNBC and Fox News are in battle for viewers' attention and time. At the same time, broadcast network news is facing a shrinking and aging audience. ABC and Univision—which started exploring a relationship more than a year ago - are banking on the growing number of Hispanics in the United States to flock to the new network. Hispanics currently represent 16 percent of the US population, and the number is expected to grow to 30 percent by 2050.

Univision has the largest audience of Spanish language television viewers in the United States, according to Nielsen ratings. Univision is owned by Saban Capital Group, Madison Dearborn Partners, Providence Equity Partners, Texas Pacific Group and Thomas H Lee Partners. Univision reported a $14.1 million loss in the quarter ending 31 March, compared with $74.1 million a year earlier. The company has $8.9 billion in debt, much of it taken on when it went private following its 2007 acquisition.

Retuers

Treasury further lowers government stake in AIG

WASHINGTON, 9 May — The Treasury on Monday said it is trimming its ownership stake in American International Group Inc to 61 percent from 70 percent by selling more shares of the insurer's common stock.

The US government said it expects to receive another $750 million by offering additional shares, known as exercising an over-allotment option.

On Sunday Treasury had said it expected to reduce its stake in AIG to 63 percent. But demand was high for the insurer's shares and Treasury said it now plans to sell 188.5 million shares for approximately $5.8 billion.

The government acquired its AIG shares as part of a $182 billion bailout of the insurer in 2008, the largest-ever rescue of a single corporation, and has reduced the investment over time.— *Reuters*

The logo of American International Group Inc (AIG) on the outside of their corporate headquarters in New York, on 10 Nov, 2008. REUTERS

In this image released by ABC, ABC News president Ben Sherwood , left, Univision Networks president Cesar Conde, centre, and Univision News president Isaac Lee pose as they announce the joint venture between ABC News and Univision News, on 7 May, 2012 in New York.— INTERNET

Lightning strikes sleeping man in Texas

A Texas man said he plans to install rods on his home after he was struck by lightning while sleeping in his favourite chair.

Cheval Silva of Edwards County said he fell asleep while watching TV with his 5-year-old granddaughter Monday evening and he awoke thinking his house had been shot by a hunter, KSAT-TV, San Antonio, reported. "Searing pain in my right foot, and when I woke up, I could see the room kind of exploded," he said.

Silva said he scooped up his granddaughter to get her out of harm's way and she quickly pointed out he was on fire. Silva said emergency responders had a hard time finding his remote ranch, so he and his granddaughter drove out to the highway extension to wait for an ambulance.

The grandfather said he was told a bolt of lightning had entered his body through his shoulder and exited through his foot.

"I'm awful glad my granddaughter is safe and I'm glad I still have my legs, but I'm sure going to miss that chair," said Silva, who suffered some nerve damage. He said he plans to install lightning rods on his home.

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Rare flowers to bloom in Ontario

Officials at the Niagara Parks Floral Showhouse in Ontario said two of the six rare Titan Arum flowers it received are about to bloom.

Joan Cornelius, manager of the Floral Showhouse, said one of the flowers, which are known as the world's tallest flowers, is expected to bloom any day and the other is expected to bloom in about 10 days, WIVB-TV, Buffalo, NY, reported.

The ready-to-bloom flowers each weigh about 150 pounds and are about 6 years old. They were given to the facility by a donor in New Hampshire.

"The corm can actually get up to 250 pounds, so if we grow them well and they are happy after the bloom, the bloom only lasts for three to four days, then it will collapse. Then it will send out a leaf and that can last up to nine months to a year. That leaf is going to make these corms get bigger," Cornelius said.

The plants give off the smell of rotting meat when the flowers bloom to attract the same insects that feed on dead animals, officials said.

The Titan Arum flowers each weigh about 150 pounds and are about 6 years old.

Lost parakeet gives address to police

Authorities in Japan said a parakeet captured at a hotel was returned to its owners after it was able to give its address to police.

Sagamihara police said the male budgerigar was captured on 29 April at a hotel when it perched on a guest's shoulder and was returned to its owner, a 64-year-old woman, after officers heard it repeating an address Tuesday night, *Kyodo News* reported.

"We never thought that we could find the owner in this manner," a police officer said.

Bagel shop fined for dropped seeds

The owner of a New York bagel shop said he was shocked when a health inspector fined him $1,650 for dropping sesame and poppy seeds on the floor. Alex Gormakh, 59, owner of B&B Empire Bagel Cafe in Brooklyn, said he appealed the fines, stemming from an 23 Oct inspection and lost at two hearings, the *New York Post* reported.

Gormakh said he does not understand how the city Health Department expects him to make bagels without some of the seeds dropping to the floor.

"It is impossible to clean up after each and every bagel," he said. "It is impossible. It is a process."

Workers at other bagel businesses in the city agreed with Gormakh.

"No matter how much you sweep during the daytime there's always going to be seeds on the floor," said AJ Tawfik of Brooklyn Bagel.

Gormakh, who opened the store last June after moving from Russia in 1995, said he and his son, Max, 34, have now spent nearly $900,000 on larger stainless steel preparation tables to cut back on seed dropping and a water-filter vacuum to collect the seeds that do fall on the floor. "If you want to work you have to pay," he said. "In Russia, they call it corruption. Here they call it something else. Either way, you have to pay."

News Album

Emma Watson 'passionate' about make-up

WASHINGTON, 9 May— Emma Watson has revealed that she loves doing people's make-up.

The 'Harry Potter' actress loves applying cosmetics to her friends and family and is ever ready to pass her beauty tips on to them.

Emma Watson

'I love doing make-up. I did my mum's make-up for all her job interviews and whenever I go out, I do their make-up too,' Contactmusic quoted her as telling Britain's Glamour magazine.

'My speciality' I like quite a natural look, but I do everything really.

'People underestimate the power of an eyebrow. I recently got my friend into penciling hers in, which she thought was such a strange concept at first,' she said.

However, the 22-year-old is aware that much beauty advice contradicts other snippets of wisdom so advises people not to listen to everything they are told.

'Don't listen to everyone. It's kind of overwhelming, especially with your diet and skincare. You get so many different pieces of advice, you don't know what to listen to,' she said.

'I think people need to judge what works for them and trust their intuition,' she added.

Internet

Singer Justin Bieber (L) holds up a belt for Floyd Mayweather Jr before Mayweather Jr takes on Miguel Cotto during their WBA super welterweight title fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on 5 May, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada. INTERNET

'7th Heaven' actor Collins and wife divorcing

LOS ANGELES, 9 May — US actor Stephen Collins announced on Monday he and his actress wife Faye Grant are divorcing after 27 years of marriage.

The former "7th Heaven" star and Grant married in 1985 and have one daughter.

But Collins said in a statement issued to E! News he and his longtime spouse "are moving forward separately in our lives."

"She has been my dearest friend and a loving mother," said Collins. "I know that we'll go through this process in a way that honours our family."

Grant, who starred on "V" and "State of Grace," told E! News her husband's divorce filing is a "surprise."

"I am devastated," she said. "I wish him the very best in whatever path he chooses to take. Twenty-seven years of marriage in Hollywood is the equivalent of 189 dog years. I was exhausted."

Internet

US actor Stephen Collins

Justin Bieber escorts Mayweather to boxing ring

LAS VEGAS, 9 May— Singer Justin Bieber became boxer Floyd Mayweather's lucky charm as he escorted the boxer to the ring before his much-anticipated match with Miguel Cotto.

The singer showed his support for Mayweather by carrying two of the sports star's title belts. Both he and rapper 50 Cent accompanied the boxing champ into Las Vegas' MGM grand garden arena Saturday, reports dailystar.co.uk

Bieber remained ringside throughout the match to cheer on Mayweather, who preserved his unbeaten record after defeating Cotto.

After the fight, the teen sensation jumped into the ring with 50 Cent and Lil Wayne to congratulate Mayweather on his victory and pose for pictures.—*Internet*

Miley Cyrus' Disney return

LOS ANGELES, 9 May— Actress Miley Cyrus returned to her Disney roots and enjoyed a trip to Disneyland in California.

The singer-actress was signed to the company as a child and found fame with her lead role in the Disney Channel's show "Hannah Montana", reports dailystar.co.uk.

She was spotted enjoying white-knuckle rides with pals at the theme park Saturday.—*Internet*

Actress Miley Cyrus

Matthew Fox arrested for alleged DUI

BEND, 9 May — Former television star Matthew Fox has been arrested for allegedly driving under the influence in Oregon where he lives, TMZ reported on Monday.

The "Party of Five" and "Lost" actor was arrested at 3:23 am PT Friday on suspicion of DUI, then taken into police custody and released later in the day.

Law-enforcement sources told TMZ Fox, 45, and an unidentified passenger were on their way to a fast-food restaurant when the actor was pulled over by police.

No other details regarding the arrest were immediately available.

Fox was accused last year of drunkenly assaulting the female driver of a charter bus who wouldn't let him on the vehicle. While no criminal charges were brought, a civil lawsuit against him is pending.—*Internet*

Actor Matthew Fox attends "The Olivier Awards" at Theatre Royal in London on 13 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Daniel Radcliffe turns into poet

NEW YORK, 9 May — Actor Daniel Radcliffe turned to poetry and has written sonnets for girlfriend Rosie Coker.

The 23-year-old actor spent time alone on the set of his latest film "Kill Your Darlings" here, writing sonnets to girlfriend Rosie Coker, reports thesun.co.uk.

He plays poet Allen Ginsberg in the film.

Internet

Actor Daniel Radcliffe

Pato sets sights on Olympic comeback

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 May—Brazilian forward Pato says he is aiming to make a comeback at the Olympic Games in London in August.

The 22-year-old has not played since aggravating a hamstring injury in a brief cameo during AC Milan's Champions League quarter-final exit at the hands of Barcelona last month.

He has been injury-plagued for the best part of the last three seasons, in particular the current campaign.

But he believes he will be fit for the Olympic showcase.

"I'm training intensely and thinking about the Olympics," he said in an interview with Rede Globo, which was transcribed on Milan's official website.

"I live for football, it's my work, my life. "When I can run and kick a ball, I'm happy and smiling and that's what I want to do. "I want to get back to playing well, scoring many goals and helping Milan and the Selecao." Pato has made only 11 league appearances this season, scoring one goal. *Internet*

***Brazilian forward Pato, pictured in April 2012, says he is aiming to make a comeback at the Olympic Games in London in August.—*INTERNET**

Djokovic tested, testy in tight Madrid opener

MADRID, 9 May—Top seed Novak Djokovic failed to get to grips with the controversial blue clay of the Madrid Masters but still survived a struggle to reach the third round 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 over Daniel Gimeno-Traver.

World number one Djokovic, originally cautious in his comments about the experimental surface which has drawn fire but little praise so far from players, was unable to stay in check after playing his match on Tuesday.

"It's impossible to move. I hit maybe five balls, the rest went just trying to put the ball into the court. I was relying on serve and getting free points from his unforced errors.

"That was not tennis, either I need football shoes or some advice on how to play on this court.

"I cannot find the words to describe this court. It's really tough to play like this on a centre court. We cannot change anything this year, but my first impressions are not good. I don't want to be the one complaining, but I say honestly what I feel.

"We need serious discussion about the future of this blue clay." The Serb is playing for the first time since losing the Monte Carlo final to Rafael Nadal, the second seed here who has so far led the criticism against the blue look.—*Internet*

***Serbia's Novak Djokovic clebrates winning a point against Spanish Daniel Jimeno-Traver during their match at the Madrid Masters on 8 May, at the Magic Box (Caja Magica) sports complex in Madrid. Djokovic won 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.* INTERNET**

Del Bosque 'worried' about Villa's Euro chances

***Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque, pictured on 4 May, has admitted he is worried about David Villa's chances of competing at Euro 2012, only days after pledging to wait until the last moment before ruling out his injured striker.—*INTERNET**

MADRID, 9 May—Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque has admitted he is worried about David Villa's chances of competing at Euro 2012, only days after pledging to wait until the last moment before ruling out his injured striker. Spain's bid to successfully defend their European title suffered a blow Tuesday when it was announced Barcelona defender Carles Puyol would likely be unavailable due to imminent knee surgery.

Now Villa — dubbed 'King David' thanks to his 51 goals in 82 internationals — could become the second high-profile name on Del Bosque's absentee list in Poland and Ukraine this summer.

He fractured his left tibia in Barcelona's Club World Cup semi-final win over Al Sadd in Japan on 15 December. And despite showing signs of recovering, his lack of match fitness once the Euro rolls around would give Del Bosque a selection dilemma.

"He is giving his all and recovering quickly, but he still has not played," Del Bosque said in comments broadcast on Cadena Ser radio Tuesday.

"We are on tenterhooks. We are worried because, of course, it is difficult for us to take someone who has not played one game."

Del Bosque had said Friday he would keep a spot open for Villa until the last moment: "We're obliged to wait until the last moment in David's case because he has been our most reputable goal scorer."

Barcelona defender Puyol, meanwhile, faces six weeks on the sidelines depending on the outcome of the exploratory knee surgery he is scheduled to undergo on Saturday. The club said Puyol would need about six weeks to recover.—*Internet*

Taylor tells doubters to give Hodgson a fair go

LONDON, 9 May—Former England manager Graham Taylor has urged all those who have been questioning Roy Hodgson's suitability for the post to lay off the new man in charge.

Hodgson was only confirmed in the post last week, but the way some sections of the British media have reacted to his appointment has stirred some uncomfortable memories for Taylor.

The *Sun* tabloid, Britain's biggest-selling newspaper, responded to Hodgson's elevation to the England job by mocking the West Bromwich Albion manager's manner of speech with a headline of 'Bwing on the Euwos!' (We'll see you in Ukwaine against Fwance)'.

Taylor was not alone in being dismayed but he had more reason than most to sympathise with Hodgson.

In 1992, Taylor was depicted as a turnip in the Sun after England's defeat by Sweden ended their involvement in thay year's European Championships.

Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp had long been championed throughout the British media as the man to succeed Fabio Capello.

The Italian resigned from the England post in protest at the Football Association's decision to strip John Terry of the captaincy of the national side.

But the FA opted to ignore the claims of the 'fans favourite' and instead chose Hodgson.

He is vastly more experienced than the Spurs boss in international football, having managed Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates and Finland. His globetrotting career has also included spells in charge of several European clubs including Italian giants Inter Milan.

Taylor said on Tuesday he hoped the 64-year-old Hodgson would be spared criticism for not being Redknapp.

"There is a small section of people who have already made their minds up about Roy," he said. "Harry was their lad — and he hasn't got the job.—*Internet*

***West Bromwich Albion manager Roy Hodgson speaks to the media after he is named as England's next football manager at a Press conference in Wembley Stadium, west London on 1 May.* INTERNET**

Simeone wary of fearless Athletic in Europa final

MADRID, 9 May—Diego Simeone has warned his Atletico Madrid players to be wary of an intense and fearless Athletic Bilbao when the Spanish sides line up in Bucharest aiming for Europa League final glory on Wednesday.

In an impressive five-month spell in charge, Simeone has taken Atletico to their second Europa League final in three years, the Spaniards having claimed their maiden European trophy with a 2-1 victory over Fulham in 2010. But the man who took over in December following the sacking of Gregorio Manzano expects his credentials will be tested to the full by an Athletic side who, although yet to win big on the European stage, will prove tough opponents.

"They're a team with a lot of intensity; a direct style of football; quick and brave — a team that isn't afraid to play their way, even in away matches," Simeone told the UEFA website.

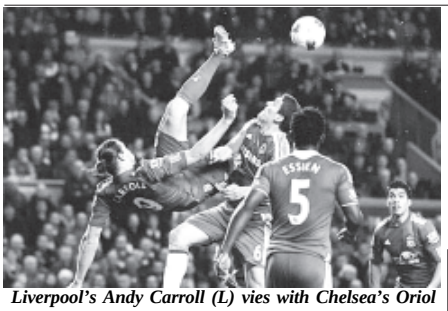
"They've played like that throughout the whole season. And knowing the team and their coach, I know they will be the same in any game, whether it's a friendly or a final."

As well as pitting two Spanish sides against each other, the final will also see Simeone pit his tactical nous against former coach Marcelo Bielsa. Bielsa was Argentina's coach when Simeone collected the last of his then record 106 caps with the national team at the 2002 World Cup.

***Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone trains with his team on 8 May, ahead of the UEFA Europa League football final against Athletic Bilbao. Simeone has warned his Atletico players to be wary of an intense and fearless Athletic on Wednesday.* INTERNET**

And while Simeone has expressed his "great admiration" for his fellow Argentine, he believes the coaches' input will be limited, saying: "The players play it; we just stand outside."

"When it comes to matches like this, those who've already played in one know what to expect, but that guarantees you nothing," he added. While Atletico have the bigger pedigree in Europe and currently sit in fourth, five places above Athletic, in La Liga, Bielsa's fiery Basques have been one of the most entertaining teams of this season's tournament. *Internet*



***Liverpool's Andy Carroll (L) vies with Chelsea's Oriol Romeu (C) during their English Premier League match at Anfield, Liverpool, on 8 May. Liverpool won 4-1.—*INTERNET**

Liverpool avenge FA Cup loss to Chelsea

LIVERPOOL, 9 May—Roberto di Matteo has admitted he is still unsure whether defenders Gary Cahill and David Luiz will be available for Chelsea's Champions League final with Bayern Munich on 19 May.

Cahill has missed the last four matches with a damaged hamstring while Luiz has not featured since 15 April because of a similar injury.

Both players were missing as an under-strength Chelsea side lost 4-1 at Liverpool in the Premier League on Tuesday in a re-run of last Saturday's FA Cup final at Wembley, which Chelsea won 2-1.

Di Matteo, speaking after the comprehensive defeat at Anfield, said he was unsure whether the duo would be available to feature at Bayern's Allianz Arena later this month.

"I don't know, we'll see," said di Matteo, when asked about the progress of Cahill and Luiz. "I would like everyone to be available.

"We're tracking their progress and working towards their fitness," the former Chelsea and Italy midfielder added.

With this defeat meaning Chelsea are now unable to finish higher than sixth in the Premier League this season, di Matteo's side need to beat Bayern to guarantee a place in next term's Champions League.

Di Matteo defended his decision to make eight changes to the team that took the field at Wembley by saying: "You know how demanding it has been for us.

"I thought by putting a team that was energetic and fresh mentally and physically it would give us a better chance. "We have played every three days. Only by utilising the strength we have in the squad have we been able to reach two finals.

"We tried, we tried very hard," added di Matteo.

But goals from Jordan Henderson, Daniel Agger, Jonjo Shelvey and an own goal by Michael Essien earned Liverpool, their biggest league win of a disappointing season.—*Internet*

International Sports

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(10-5-12 09:30 am ~ 11-5-12 09:30 am) MST

* News
* True Image Art Exhibition (Vol-2)
* Beach Resort of Chaung Tha
* News
* Alphabet of Myanmar Language
* Almost A Way of Life
* News
* Music Gallery
* News
* Gateway to the Mainstream
* News
* A worth studying site for ancient Myanmar Heritages
* News
* Culture Stage
* News
* National Races from Shan State "Gon Shan and Li Shan"
* News
* Myanmar Movie "The Moon born from the Sun"

MYANMAR TV

(10-5-2012) (Thursday)

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

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:50 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song

8:20 am
4. Documentary

8:40 am
5. International News

8:45 am
6. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
7. Martial Song

4:20 pm
8. Cute Little Dancer

4:30 pm
9. Teleplay (Health)

5:00 pm
10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

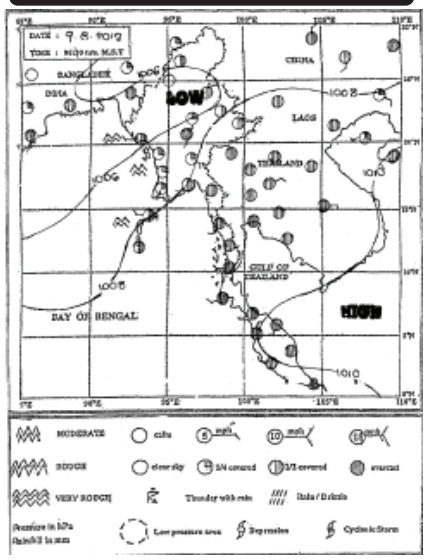
5:10 pm
11. Science and Environment

6:20 pm
12. Documentary

7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
14. News
15. TV Drama Series
16. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 10th May, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	38/100	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	30/86	21/70	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayin	36/97	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	27/81	12/54	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	40/104	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	42/108	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tanintharyi	34/93	24/75	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	37/99	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	40/104	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	35/95	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	34/93	26/79	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	25/77	18/64	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	33/91	10/50	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	20/68	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	37/99	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Tanintharyi Region, scattered in Bago Region, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, isolated in Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and Chin State, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above May average temperatures in Ayeyawady Region and Northern Shan State, (6°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) below May average temperatures in Eastern Shan State, about May average tempestures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Kalaywa and Chauk (42°C) each, Kalay, Monywa and NyaungOo (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Belin (2.52) inches, Longlon (1.18) inches, Thipaw (0.98) inch andTaungup(0.55) inches.
Bay Inference	Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Seas will be moderate in Myanmar water.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Continuation of likelihood of rain or thundershowers in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

FIRE BRIGADE DAY OBSERVED: ***The 66th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day was observed at the fire station in Hsipaw of Shan State (North) on 5 May morning. On behalf of the Township Administrator, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Kyaw Nyunt Hlanig speaking on the occasion.—*** **KYEMON**

Books, publications donated to Bawa Lanhnyun Library

YANGON, 9 May—Township Administrator U Myint Lwin donated books and publications to Bawa Lanhnyun self-reliant library in Ward 25 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon East District on 30 April morning.

The township administrator explained the purpose of donations and gave instructions on development of libraries meeting five-point standard. He then presented books and publications to Ward 25 administrator U Htay Win and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Yin Yin Thwe.

The value of donated books and publications amounted to K 103,350.

Myanma Alin

Greece prepares to light Olympic flame

An actress in the role of an ancient Greek high priestess holds a pot with the flame of the Beijing 2008 Olympics. The Olympic flame for this summer's London Games will be lit Thursday in Ancient Olympia, the Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC) announced on Tuesday.— **INTERNET**

ATHENS, 9 MAY—The Olympic flame for this summer's London Games will be lit Thursday in Ancient Olympia, the Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC) announced on Tuesday.

The Flame will be lit "with every solemnity, according to the traditional way," the HOC said in a statement.

Ceremonies at the site where the first Olympics were held some 2,800 years ago will be attended by International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Jacques Rogge, London 2012 Olympics Organising Committee President Lord Sebastian Coe as well as other IOC members, British and Greek officials.

"The High Priestess Ino Menegaki will light the Olympic flame directly from the sunrays and then, after the ritual prepared by choreographer Artemis Ignatiou, the sacred light will be handed over to the first torchbearer, Greek world champion swimmer Spyros Gianniotis," the HOC said.

Gianniotis will then pass the torch to Alexander Loukos, a 19-year-old British boxer whose father moved to the United Kingdom from Greece and was picked after helping London win the bid to stage the Games.

An eight-day torch relay covering 2,900km around Greece will follow, taking in five archaeological sites and ending on May 17 with the arrival of the flame at the old Athens Olympic Stadium where the first modern Games were held in 1896.—*Internet*

Favorite daughter Streisand plans Brooklyn concert

NEW YORK, 9 May—Superstar Barbra Streisand is coming home to Brooklyn. The Oscar- and Grammy-winning diva was born and raised in Brooklyn but has never performed publicly there — until now.

Actress Barbara Streisand arrives at the 10th Annual Celebration of Dreams, in Santa Barbara, Calif. **INTERNET**

Brooklyn's new Barclays Center arena announced Wednesday that Streisand will give a concert there on 11 Oct. Barclays Center is still under construction and will be home to the NBA's Nets. CEO Brett Yormark says Streisand's concert will be a defining moment for the arena.

Streisand spokesman Ken Sunshine said that performing near her old neighborhood will be very emotional and poignant for Streisand.

Internet

Hayley Atwell of 'Captain America' wins new role

LOS ANGELES, 9 May—Hayley Atwell of "Captain America: The First Avenger" will be starring in a new film with a somewhat familiar title.

Intandem Films said Wednesday that Atwell has been cast in "10 Things I Hate About Life," a romantic comedy to be written and directed by Gil Junger. Junger directed the hit 1999 movie "10 Things I Hate About You," which starred Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. —*Internet*

Three Serie A clubs to answer for match-fixing

ROME, 9 May—Serie A clubs Atalanta, Novara and Siena were among the 22 Italian teams notified Wednesday that they are being investigated by sports authorities in a massive match-fixing scandal.

The other clubs named by the Italian soccer federation (FIGC) were: AlbinoLeffe, Ancona, Ascoli, Avesa, Cremonese, Empoli, Frosinone, Grosseto, Livorno, Modena, Monza, Padova, Pescara, Piacenza, Ravenna, Reggina, Rimini, Sampdoria and Spezia.

The FIGC also said 61 people and 33 matches were under investigation, including 29 in Serie B, although none in Serie A — with the allegations for Atalanta, Novara and Siena stemming from when they played in Serie B in past seasons.

Former Atalanta captain Cristiano Doni and former Lazio captain Giuseppe Signori are among the more than 30 people who have been arrested in Italy in the past year in the probe started by judicial authorities in Cremona.—*Internet*

Atalanta's German Denis, of Argentina, gestures during a Serie A soccer match against Lazio in Bergamo, Italy, on 6 May, 2012.— **INTERNET**

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Entire national people urged to make energetic efforts based on skills of departmental personnel under supervision of committees at different levels as 2014 nation-wide taking census is national concern

Patron of Central Census Commission Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an address at Meeting No. 2/ 2012 of Central Census Commission at Zabuthiri Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 May— Patron of the Central Census Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an address at the meeting No.2/2012 of the Central Census Commission held at Zabuthiri Hotel here today.

It was attended by the chairman, the vice-chairmen, the secretary and members of the commission, the chairman, the secretary and members of the Central Census Committee, departmental heads and officials concerned.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham called on departments concerned, organizations and the people to work together for timely completion and success of the every step of taking census in the country as it is the Herculean task.

He contined to say the national census would be taken in Myanmar as it is very important to get the number of human resource in implementing projects for the political, economic and social development of a country, for assessing the results of the projects and drawing policies on population, education and health sectors.

Most countries take the census every 10 years as the task is huge and complicated, costing a large amount of cash.

After independence, the census was taken in Myanmar collecting population data in 252 townships and in Chin State in 1953, in 2143 village-tracts in main land and 1016 village-tracts in Kachin State in 1954 and the national census was taken in 1973 and 1983.

The main aim of taking the 1973-census is to help implementing the socialist economic projects, to get the number of population when the State Constitution was enacted and to collect the number of eligible voters for elections of the first Pyithu Hluttaw and Pyithu councils.

The aim of the 1983-census is to get the correct statistics for the political, social, economic and management activities, to make assessment to population, birth, mortality and population rate and to do research on the population of the country.

The aims of collecting national census in 2014 are to collect firm data for the nation's social, economic and management affairs, to estimate and collect population data for drawing projects in the coming years, to estimate birth rate, mortality rate and changes in population and to conduct population research, to get basic data for social, economic and other censuses, to correctly compile the names of national races and to correctly locate their regions and to adopt population policies of the nation.

Moreover, by collecting nation-wide census, the nation can get local and foreign migrations, region-wise birth and mortality rates on an annual basis, regional population and employment rates as well people's education status, economic and social conditions of households, thereby contributing to Myanmar efforts for poverty alleviation. In addition, it can also facilitate such other issues as assessment of national economic growth, cash assistance for low-income people, housing, rehabilitation, welfare, social security, care for the elderly people, assistance for the disabled people and war veterans, social activities for women and children and fund allocations.

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Union Minister meets Chinese experts in news broadcasting, recording applying advanced equipment and technology at sports events

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan holds a meeting with a team led by Mr Wenji Gong from Beijing BVE Low Attitude Special Technology Co Ltd and Mr Hao Li Ming from China Digital Video Limited.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May— Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan met a Chinese rxpert team which has experience in telecasting and broadcasting of news and recording applying advanced equipment at sports events at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information, here, at 8 am today.

The team was led by Mr Wenji Gong of Beijing BVE Low Attitude Special Technology Co Ltd and Mr Hao Li Ming of China Digital Video Limited of the People's Republic of China.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, departmental heads of Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture and officials.

At the call, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan touched upon cooperation in organizing the opening and closing ceremonies of the XXVII SEA Games on a grander scale, and TV broadcasting for successfully holding of the opening and closing ceremonies based on experiences.

Mr Wenji Gong of Beijing BVE Low Attitude Special Technology Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China reported on broadcasting of TV for sports competitions and assistance for opening and closing ceremonies. He introduced officials from respective companies to the Union Minister.

Mr Hao Li Ming of China Digital Video Limited reported on necessary machinery to be provided for machinery and technological assistance, experiences on opening and closing experiences of sports competitions. After that, those present participated in TV broadcasting in respective sectors for XXVII SEA Games.—*MNA*