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Our Three Main National Causes

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Director of East Asia and Pacific Regional Office of UNICEF and party

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Director of East Asia and Pacific Regional Office of the UNICEF Mr Daniel Toole at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 4 pm today.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on political developments in Myanmar, progress of peace process, more investment in health and education sectors and its long-term interests, initiating of new projects in Myanmar, more effective utilization of UNICEF funds, access to technological expertises and extended cooperation with Myanmar in UNICEF activities.

Present at the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and heads of department.—MNA



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Plant protein discovery could boost bioeconomy



SCIENCE DAILY, 14 May — Research groups from Iowa State University and the Salk Institute for Biological Studies have uncovered the function of three plant proteins, a discovery that could help plant scientists boost seed oil production in crops, thereby benefitting the production of food, biorenewable chemicals and biofuels.

The analysis of gene activity (by the Iowa group) and determination of protein structures (by the Salk group) independently identified in the model plant thale cress

(*Arabidopsis thaliana*) three related proteins that appear to be involved in fatty-acid metabolism. The Iowa and Salk researchers then joined forces to test this hypothesis, demonstrating a role of these proteins in regulating the amounts and types of fatty acids accumulated in plants. The researchers also showed that the action of the proteins is very sensitive to temperature and that this feature may play an important role in how plants mitigate temperature stress using fatty acids.

Internet

Cash donated for installation of lift at Kyaikthanlan Pagoda

YANGON, 15 May—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for installation of lift at Kyaikthanlan Pagoda of Mawlamyine was held at the office of Pagoda Board of Trustees yesterday.

U Zaw Lin Tun-Daw San San Lwin and family donated K 210,000, U Tun Min Zaw-Daw Than Hla and family K 6.5 million, U Teik Kyi-Daw

Than Than Aye and family K 500,000 and U Chit Maung-Daw Saw Kyi and family K 650,000.

Donors may dial 057-21334 of the office of Pagoda Board of Trustees, Chairman U San Myint, Tel: 057-24193, Treasurer U Khin Maung Win, Tel: 09-5322300 and Secretary U Han Lwin, Tel: 09-49801057.—MNA

Fruit and veggies can help protect against cancer risk



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Trilateral deal could balance agro trade



Workers processing squid for export to Japan in Ganyu county, Jiangsu province. China will work to strike a balance in its agricultural trade with Japan and South Korea.

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Scholes to play on another season



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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (15-5-2012)

Chaungzon	(4.13) inches
Mawlamyine	(1.73) inches
Bilin	(1.26) inches
Kyaikmaraw	(0.86) inch
Hmawby	(0.79) inch
Dawei	(0.75) inch
Taunggyi	(0.70) inch
Kyauktaw	(0.39) inch

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 16 May, 2012

An-nyung-ha-se-yo!

"An-nyung-ha-se-yo!" This word may be well familiar with Myanmar people especially young people who love to watch Korea TV soap operas many of our channels are airing day and night like in most of our neighboring countries. Since the Republic of Korea is a developed and an industrialized country many of these youngsters may even have a dream of working in this fourth largest economy of Asia.

As for Myanmar, she can gain much technological and technical expertise and business experiences from the Northeast Asian country through mutual cooperation based on common interest. Koreans on their part see Myanmar as a country where they can find natural resources, cheap labor and investment opportunities and extend their businesses.

Recently, Korean President Mr. Lee Myung-bak visited our country with the purpose of finding possible areas where the two countries can work together and promote trade and investment sectors and holding a meeting with our President. At the meeting President U Thein Sein elaborated on the nation's reforms for work facilitation of monetary, financial, trade and investment sectors saying Korean government and people should share their rich experiences in democratic reforms, economic development and social improvement with Myanmar and her people.

Mr. Lee suggested that political will, appropriate planning and human resources development are requirements for national development.

And in the first week of last April, Nay Pyi Taw witnessed an economic cooperation forum in which a large number of Myanmar and Korea entrepreneurs discussed ways for extending business cooperation based on mutual terms.

As Myanmar wishes to share knowledge and experience with Korea and the Northeast Asian nation wishes to extend business opportunities in the Southeast Asian nation, there is common ground that serves interest of both countries. Besides, Myanmar and Korea are close friends since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1975. So, let's say "An-nyung-ha-se-yo" to our Korean friends!

UMFCCI receives Vietnamese, Thai guests

YANGON, 15 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aung Lwin, Joint Secretary-General U Aung Khin Myint and CEC members received Honorary Chairman Juno Liao of Thailand-and-Vietnam-based The Council of Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce in Ho Chi Minh City at the UMFCCI office here on 11 May.

At the call, they held discussions on rules and regulations of trade and investment, special economic zone project, import and export, investment in electricity used exothermic energy and cooperation opportunities.

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UNHCR personnel meet Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Bangkok-based United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Office's Southeast Asian Coordinator Mr James Lynch and party paid a call on Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay at his office here this afternoon and frankly discussed promotion of cooperation between Myanmar and UNHCR, increased provision of humanitarian aid and resettlement of displaced persons. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, directors-general and personnel concerned.

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Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay receives Bangkok-based UNHCR Office's Southeast Asian Coordinator Mr James Lynch and party.—MNA

EP-2 Ministry seeking ways to fully supply power during summer days

YANGON, 15 May—Senior Electrical Engineer Mr Gian Yee Tseng of General Electric Company and party paid a call on Union Minister for Electric Power No(2) U Khin Maung Soe at Yangon City Electricity Supply Board (Head Office) here this

morning.

In the meeting, Mr Gain Yee Tseng explained progress in feasibility studies for installation of aeroderivative gas turbines, gas and space requirements for installation of such turbines and available power outcome.

The Union Minister then discussed repairing of gas turbines for full power supply in summer days when hydroelectricity is scarce.

The Union Minister then received General Manager Mr Ringo Chow of Electric Power Asia Pacific of Caterpillar Asia Pte Ltd

and party at the same venue.

The guests explained specifications of mobile generators manufactured by their company and the Union Minister discussed use of dual fuel emergency generators as the short-term solution to low power supply in the summer.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Chairman



Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe receives Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe and party.—MNA

YANGON, 15 May—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe received Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe and party at the Yangon Region Government Office, here, this afternoon. They cordially discussed cooperation for

development of the region.

Also present at the call were Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Forestry and Energy U Kyaw Soe and Secretary of the region Government U Than Aung.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—University of Computer Studies (Yangon) hosts Workshop of Trans Eurasia Information Network at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon on 23 May, with high-profile presence of the Union Minister for Science and Technology.

The event is the very first installment of a series of TEIN3 workshops in

TEIN3 to embark on ASEAN tour from Myanmar

ASEAN, which are due to be held in Cambodia and Laos later this month. The workshop aims at supporting efforts to establish and develop Research and Development Networks (RENs) and reinforce TEIN3's connection with

local National Research and Development Networks (NRENs). Scholars of European Commission and TEIN3 Cooperation Centre will convince local researchers and educational community of ways to develop an NREN in

Myanmar and benefits of wider research network.

TEIN programme managed by Dante is now in its 3rd phase, so-called TEIN3. The Ministry of Science and Technology and European Commission sponsor the workshop.—NLM

Kansai Electric Power Co's Ohi nuclear power plant (R-L) No 1, No 2, No 3 and No 4 reactors are seen in Ohi, Fukui prefecture on 26 January, 2012.—REUTERS



TOKYO, 15 May—The local assembly in a Japanese town that hosts a nuclear plant agreed on Monday it was necessary to restart two off-line reactors, its chairman said, the first such nod since all the

Japan assembly agrees to restart reactors, hurdles remain

country's stations were halted after the Fukushima crisis.

looming in the region when demand peaks this summer, the central government has been trying to win approval from towns and prefectures that host reactors. All 50 reactors are off-line since the last one shut down for maintenance on 5 May.

Businesses and consumers in Kansai Region, served by Kansai Electric Power Co, could be asked to cut electricity use by 20 percent this summer compared to 2010 levels, according to a government draft document released on Monday.

The government will consider whether to issue a mandatory power cut order for corporate users in Kansai, which includes the vast

Osaka metropolitan area, or impose rolling blackouts in several regions, the document also showed.

It will reach a conclusion in about a week.

Mandatory restrictions were imposed in some regions last year after the Fukushima crisis, the worst since the 1986 Chernobyl explosion, with three reactors suffering meltdowns after the plant was hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami.

Kansai Electric's service region, which relied on nuclear power for more than 40 percent of its generation before the Fukushima crisis, may see a 14.9 percent shortage in August, a government panel concluded on Saturday.—Reuters

But further discussion lies ahead before reactors No 3 and No 4 at Kansai Electric Power Co's Ohi plant in western Japan can be reconnected to the grid.

With power shortages

Maybe Europe should abandon euro: Flaherty

OTTAWA, 15 May—If European countries are not prepared to bail out fellow euro zone members, maybe they should just abandon the whole concept of a common currency, Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said on Monday in some of his most direct remarks on the issue.

"This is a time of crisis in the euro zone. The whole future of the euro zone is up for grabs, and this is very important for many of the euro zone member countries, given the history of Europe in the last 100 years or so," Flaherty told CTV television.

"So they have to show courage. They have to do the

right thing, use some of their taxpayers' money to bail out some of the weaker members of the euro zone—or start moving away from the euro zone and just say this was an experiment that has not worked."

Flaherty, who has been a harsh critic of what he calls European incrementalism, also predicted a disorderly restructuring of the euro zone if Greek voters reject their country's recent bailout.

"If the voters of Greece reject the deal that was signed that involves austerity for the Greek government, which doesn't exist right now, then they will be demonstrating a



Canada's Finance Minister Jim Flaherty speaks during Question Period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on 14 May, 2012.—REUTERS

choice," he said in a separate interview with CBC television. "And that choice to me means that there would have to be some restructuring of the euro zone. We don't exactly know

how that can be accomplished. It's certain to be disorderly. And that's not good for markets. It's not good for the banking system around the world."

He said it was not clear to him that the Spanish and Italian governments would "be able to manage what needs to be done given the unwillingness of many voters to go along with that kind of economic reform."

Canada's banks, budget and economy came through the 2007-09 financial crisis in better shape than those of most other major developed countries, and Flaherty has often been blunt in urging swift and comprehensive action by Europe.—Reuters

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Message on the International day of Families

15 May 2012

This year's International Day of Families highlights the need for work-family balance. The aim is to help workers everywhere provide for their families financially and emotionally, while also contributing to the socio-economic development of their societies.

Current trends underscore the growing importance of work-family policies. These include greater participation by women in the labour market, and growing urbanization and mobility in search for jobs. As families become smaller and generations live apart, extended kin are less available to offer care, and employed parents face rising challenges.

Millions of people around the world lack decent working conditions and the social support to care for their families. Affordable quality childcare is rarely available in developing countries, where many parents are forced to leave their preschool children home alone. Many young children are also left in the care of older siblings who, in turn, are pulled from school.

A number of countries offer generous leave provisions for mothers and fathers. Many more, however, extend few comprehensive benefits in line with international standards. Paternity leave provisions are still rare in the majority of developing countries.

Flexible working arrangements, including staggered working hours, compressed work schedules or telecommuting, are becoming more widely available—but there is much room for improvement everywhere. I am committed to this in our own organization, where we are currently looking at our own arrangements, and seeing what we can do better.

We need to respond to the ever-changing complexities of work and family life. I welcome the establishment of family-friendly workplaces through parental leave provisions, flexible working arrangements and better childcare.

Such policies and programmes are critical to enhancing the work-family balance. These actions can also lead to better working conditions, greater employee health and productivity, and a more concerted focus on gender equality.

Work-family balance policies demonstrate both a government's commitment to the well-being of families and the private sector's commitment to social responsibility.

On this International Day of Families, let us renew our pledge to promote work-family balance for the benefit of families and society at large.—UNIC/Yangon

A damaged vehicle is seen at the blast site in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 14 May, 2012. At least three people including one paramilitary soldier were killed and 28 others were injured when a bomb hit a paramilitary convoy in Pakistan's southwest city of Quetta on Monday afternoon, said by police.

XINHUA



IAEA, Iran hold fresh round of nuclear talks in Vienna

VIENNA, 15 May—Senior officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Monday called on Iran to allow inspectors access to sites, people and documents the agency seeks to address concerns that the country might have been working on nuclear weapons.

Delegates from Iran and the IAEA met at Iran's permanent representative office in Vienna, where the two-day talks were reported to be less about concrete questions regarding Iran's nuclear facilities, and more

about the terms on which the inspectors should be able to work.

IAEA safeguards head Herman Nackaerts said during the talks that inspectors should be allowed to talk with employees of suspected sites and collect information, according to an *Austrian Press Agency (APA)* report.

"It is important for Iran to give free access to people, documents, information and locations," Nackaerts said.

Western countries have long suspected Iran of seeking

nuclear weapons capabilities, an allegation strongly denied by Iranian officials who insist the country's nuclear programme is purely for energy needs and medical research.

One issue figured prominently in recent IAEA-Iran talks is the agency's demand for access to Iran's Parchin military site southeast of Tehran.

An IAEA report on Iranian nuclear issue cited information that Iran had built a large containment chamber at Parchin to conduct high-explosives tests suspected of relating to nuclear weapons research works.

Xinhua

Hollande to be sworn in as new French president

PARIS, 15 May—Francois Hollande will be sworn in as France's first Socialist president in 17 years in a hurried ceremony on Tuesday before a dash to Berlin to challenge German Chancellor Angela Merkel's focus on austerity policies.

Hollande, whose election comes as the euro zone is teetering back into crisis with fears about Greece's future in the single currency, will give his first presidential news conference in Berlin in the evening, flanked by the centre-right Merkel. His first words as president will be keenly watched by financial markets eager for reassurance that his push to tack pro-growth instruments onto Europe's budget discipline treaty will not sour the start of his relationship with Merkel.

Any indications on initial economic policy moves will also be scrutinized both outside France and inside, where frustration over rampant unemployment and a sickly economy were key factors behind conservative Nicolas Sarkozy's defeat.

Hollande, who said on the night of his election that the weight of events in Europe forced him to keep his celebrations short, said on Monday he knew he would be judged on how he starts his presidency.

Anxious not to lose the

"Mr Normal" image that appealed to voters tired of his showman predecessor, Hollande has asked for his 10 a.m. (0800 GMT) inauguration ceremony to be kept as low-key as possible.

In a break with tradition, he will invite just three dozen or so personal guests to join some 350 officials at the event and neither his nor his partner Valerie Trierweiler's children will attend.—Reuters



Newly-elected French President Francois Hollande.
REUTERS

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Billions of life bearing planets float in the milky way

LONDON, 15 May—A few hundred thousand billion free-floating life-bearing earth-sized planets may exist in the space between stars in the Milky Way, says a study.

The idea is being propounded by an international team of astronomers led by Chandra Wickramasinghe, professor and director of the Buckingham Centre for Astrobiology at the University of Buckingham.

They have proposed that these life-bearing planets originated in the early universe within a few million years of the Big Bang, and that they make up most of the so-called “missing mass” of galaxies, the journal *Astrophysics and Space Science* reported.

The scientists calculate that such a planetary body

would cross the inner solar system every 25 million years on the average and during each transit, zodiacal dust, including a component of the solar system’s living cells, becomes implanted at its surface.

The free-floating planets would then have the added property of mixing the

products of local biological evolution on a galaxy-wide scale, according to a statement of Buckingham University.

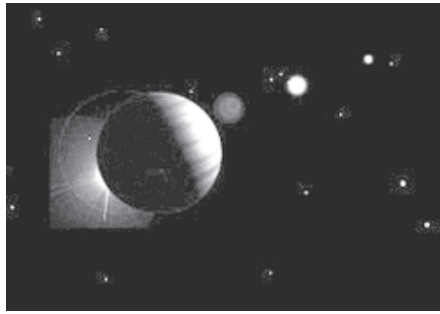
Since 1995, when the first extra solar planet was reported, interest in searching for planets has reached a feverish pitch. The 750 or so detections of exo-planets are all of planets orbiting stars,

and very few, if any, have been deemed potential candidates for life.

The possibility of a much larger number of planets was first suggested in earlier studies where the effects of gravitational lensing of distant quasars (most distant objects) by intervening planet-sized bodies were measured.

Recently several groups of investigators have suggested that a few billion such objects could exist in the galaxy.

Wickramasinghe and team have increased this grand total of planets to a few hundred thousand billion (a few thousand for every Milky Way star) — each one harbouring the legacy of cosmic primordial (beginning) life.—*Internet*



Tech giant Apple's co-founder Steve Wozniak.—INTERNET

‘Macintosh crashes were Microsoft’s fault’, says Apple co-founder Wozniak

SYDNEY, 15 May—Tech giant Apple’s co-founder Steve Wozniak has said that Microsoft was responsible for Macintosh’s constant programme crashes.

Wozniak, who is in

Australia for a seminar on the company’s business philosophy and the legacy of Steve Jobs, said he had discovered a flaw in Internet Explorer in 1996 that caused programmes in the Macintosh to crash. “Everyone who ran Internet Explorer you would have several crashes, every day,” News.com.au quoted Wozniak, as saying.

“Move something into folder, it would crash, and you’d have to restart. Type something, crash restart,” he said. “Everyone thought it was the OS (Apple’s operating system). I guess it kind of was because it was allowing all this to happen. But in reality it was Microsoft Internet Explorer,” he added.

Wozniak said he found that people who ran Netscape or another programme from Germany called ICAP, never experienced crashes. He, however, acknowledged the fact that once a computer got a bad name, it stayed bad forever.—*Internet*

Low cost metallic paper touchpads ‘offer high-tech functionality’

WASHINGTON, 15 May—Present day computer touchscreens, which are nearly ubiquitous on laptops, tablets and smartphones, are often made of glass or plastic that is heavy, inflexible and even breakable. But now, researchers have devised a way to make computer touch-screens out of paper, which is lightweight, flexible and cheap. Use of paper touchscreens could range from electronic devices to nutritional labels and price tags.

The paper, created by a team of researchers led by Aaron Mazzeo, a mechanical

engineer at Harvard, starts with a process already used to make shiny labels for beer bottles: Paper is coated with a very thin layer of aluminum, which is then covered in a thin film of transparent polymer, *Discovery News* reported.

“We are interested in designing systems that use low cost materials to provide high-tech functionality,” said Mazzeo.

Aluminum conducts electrical charges. Putting two sheets of the metallic paper next to each makes a capacitor, a device that stores an electrical charge. With the help of an external circuit, the metallized

material becomes a surface that can detect charges. When a person touches the paper layer, the amount of charge in the paper goes up — just like it does on a glass or plastic touchscreen.

To build a keyboard, the researchers used a laser to etch cuts into the metal-coated paper. The paper is fairly cheap, approximately 25 cents per square metre, which implies that a nine-digit keypad the size of those on a calculator could be made for a few cents.

The work has been published in the journal *Advanced Materials*.

Internet



Colourful birds evolve faster

SYDNEY, 15 May—Researchers have discovered that bird species with multiple plumage evolve into new species faster than those with only one colour form, confirming a 60-year-old evolution theory.

The link between having more than one colour variation

(colour polymorphism) like the iconic red, black or yellow headed Gouldian finches, and the faster evolution of new species was predicted in the 1950s by famous scientist Julian Huxley. The global study used information from birdwatchers and geneticists accumulated over decades and was conducted by University of Melbourne scientists Devi Stuart-Fox and Andrew Huggall (now at Melbourne Museum), the journal *Nature* reported.

By confirming a major theory in evolutionary biology, we are able to understand a lot more about the processes that create biodiversity said Stuart-Fox, zoologist from Melbourne.

“We found that in three families of birds of prey, the hawks and eagles, the owls and the nightjars, the presence of multiple colour forms leads to rapid generation of new



The theory that colourful bird species evolve faster was proposed in the 1950s by famous scientists such as Julian Huxley, but this is the first study to confirm it.—INTERNET

species,” Stuart-Fox said, according to a university statement.

“Well known examples of colour polymorphic species in these families include the Australian grey goshawk which has a grey and pure white form, the North American eastern screech owl and the Antillean nighthawk, each with grey and red forms,” said Stuart-Fox.

“We looked at five bird families with a high proportion of colour

polymorphism and compared their rates of evolution with those with only one colour form,” Stuart-Fox said.

Study co-author Andrew Huggall said: “Using many decades of natural history information and 25 years of genetic sequence information we were able to generate the massive family trees, such as a tree of more than four thousand songbirds, needed to model rates of bird evolution in this study.”

Internet

Bacteria seen as biofuel production key

LIVERMORE, 15 May—Understanding the makeup of a bacterium found in the soil of a tropical rainforest may lead to more efficient production of biofuels, US researchers say.

The production of liquid fuels derived from plant biomass offers a promising technology for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels, but toxic chemicals, especially salty solvents, used in the first steps in the process are often harmful to bacteria then used to break down the biomass, they said. Now scientists led by researchers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California have discovered how certain bacteria can tolerate those man-made toxic chemicals used in making biofuels. “Discovering microbes naturally tolerant to salty liquids and understanding their mechanisms of tolerance should significantly enhance biofuel production,” Lawrence Livermore’s Michael Thelen said.

Microbes in natural environments such as decomposing forest soils produce highly efficient enzymes to degrade biomass and are often able to adapt to stressful changes in their environment, the researchers found. The researchers focused on enterobacter lignolyticus strain SCF1, a bacterium that can degrade biomass, and found SCF1 grows well in the presence of relatively high concentrations of the salty liquids used in a pretreatment step in biofuel production. “Vigorous efforts to discover and analyze micro-organisms with properties similar to those of SCF1 have the potential to greatly benefit industrial processes,” Thelen said.—*Internet*

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Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stock index futures pointed to a higher open on Wall Street on 15 May, 2012, with the futures for the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones up 0.6 percent and Nasdaq 100 futures up 0.8 percent at 03:33 am EDT (0733 GMT).

REUTERS

Fat turns into flab three hours after big meal

LONDON, 15 May—An average person can virtually add two to three teaspoons of fat to his or her waistline in a matter of hours after eating. Fat from meals eaten later in the day is more likely to be stored around the middle.

The finding that it is possible to 'become fat' within three hours contradicts the widely-held belief that weight gain is gradual. It had been thought that fat from food was transported from the gut into the blood, where it could be used by the muscles as needed.

Any excess was thought to be slowly removed and stored in the fatty, or adipose, tissue around the waist, hips and legs. However, the Oxford University research suggests a more complex - and rapid - process, the *Daily*

Mail reports.

In the experiments, volunteers ate fat which could be traced around the body. This was found to take around an hour to be broken down in the gut and then enter the bloodstream as tiny droplets.

The droplets are then whisked around the body — but not for long — before they are 'caught' and stored. "The process is very fast," said Fredrik Karpe, professor of metabolic medicine at Oxford. "The cells in the adipose tissue around the waist catch the fat droplets as the blood carries them and incorporates them into the cells for storage."

Only a small amount of the fat found in breakfast takes this route. But, by dinner, the amount rises to

half.

This is due to hormonal changes that occur later in the day which make it easier for the stores in the waistline to trap passing fat droplets. In a dinner with 0 grams of fat, two to three teaspoons will quickly gather around the waist.

The good news is the storage system is temporary, with the fat deposited quickly drawn on, or mobilised, to feed our muscles. But when we overeat, it is a different story, Karpe warns.

"If you eat too much, you don't get into this phase of starting to mobilise it," he said. "There will just be constant accumulation and you will start to put on weight," concluded Karpe.

Internet

Fruit and veggies can help protect against cancer risk

LONDON, 15 May—Millions of people do not eat enough fruit and vegetables putting themselves at risk of cancer, a new survey has revealed.

Only one in five people in Britain consumes the recommended five portions a day, according to the research carried out for the World cancer research Fund.

"A diet based on plant foods, such as wholegrains and pulses as well as fruit and vegetables, can reduce cancer

risk as research shows they protect against a range of cancers. Recent research has confirmed that foods containing fibre reduce the risk of bowel cancer," the *Daily Express* quoted Kate Mendoza of the fund as saying.

The YouGov survey of 2,128 adults was commissioned by the charity to coincide with cancer Prevention Week.

It found that only 22 percent of the British adult

population consume five or more portions a day while only 17 percent of lower income households get the right amount.

Fruit and vegetable consumption levels were lowest in the north of England, where just 18 percent said that they had five or more portions daily.

Highest levels of consumption were in the south where 26 percent said they ate at least five portions.

Internet



New research suggests that there is no convincing evidence that eating more fruit and vegetables can reduce chances of developing cancer.—INTERNET



This undated handout photo, provided by Save the Children, shows a new mother as she is given help with her six-day-old baby from Prembati Rana, a Female Community Health Volunteer in Kanchanpur district in Nepal. About 15 million premature babies are born every year — more than 1 in 10 of the world's births and a bigger problem than previously believed, according to the first country-by-country estimates of this obstetric epidemic. The startling toll: 1.1 million of these fragile newborns die as a result, and even those who survive can suffer lifelong disabilities.—INTERNET

Dollar trades at upper 79 yen in early Tokyo deals

TOKYO, 15 May—The US dollar traded in the upper 79 yen zone early Tuesday in Tokyo.

At 9 am, the dollar bought 79.86-88 yen against 79.80-90 yen in New York and 80.15-16 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm on Monday.

The euro was quoted at 1.2831-2833 dollars and 102.48-50 yen compared with 1.2817-2827 dollars and 102.31-41 yen in New York and 1.2884-2885 dollars and 103.27-31 yen late Monday afternoon.—Xinhua

Vitamin K2 found promising in Parkinson's treatment

BRUSSELS, 15 May—Vitamin K2 has shown promise in the treatment of Parkinson's, a condition characterised by lack of movement, tremors and muscle stiffness. Using vitamin K2, Patrik Verstreken, from the Flanders Institute for Biotechnology (VIB) and colleagues from Northern Illinois University, succeeded in undoing the effect of one of the genetic defects that leads to Parkinson's.

"It appears from our research that—ministering vitamin K2 could possibly help patients with Parkinson's. However, more work needs to be done to understand this better," adds Verstreken, the journal *Science* reports.

Mitochondria at the heart of each cell is the source of energy for cellular activities and their movements. They generate this fuel by transporting electrons, according to a VIB statement.

In Parkinson's patients, the activity of mitochondria and the transport of electrons suffer a disruption, which slows down the process of producing sufficient energy for the cell. Consequently, certain neurons or brain cells start dying off, disrupting

communication between them, which produce typical Parkinson's symptoms - lack of movement, tremors and muscle stiffness.

One of the genetic mutations found in Parkinson's patients, includes the so-called PINK1. Researchers also found it in fruitflies. Mitochondria in these insects were just as defective as in Parkinson's

patients, rendering them too powerless to fly.

But once they were administered vitamin K2, the energy production in their mitochondria normalised and they were able to fly. The energy production was restored because the vitamin K2 had improved electron transport in the mitochondria. This in turn led to improved energy production.—Internet

Gold drops 1.5 percent

WASHINGTON, 15 May—Gold futures fell on Monday, losing \$24 to settle at \$1,560 per troy ounce, down 1.5 percent, on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Silver lost 65 cents, or 2.2 percent, to end at \$28.24 an ounce. The euro fell to \$1.2834 from Friday's \$1.2917.

Against the yen, the dollar fell to 79.86 yen from 79.94 yen. The British pound was \$1.6096 from \$1.607 Friday.

The dollar was 1.0025 Canadian dollars from 1.0006 Canadian. The dollar was 7.7663 against the Hong Kong dollar, from 7.7658 on Friday. The Australian dollar was \$0.9968 from \$1.002.—Internet



Health Tip: Help prevent gas in babies

Babies often swallow too much air while eating or drinking, leading to uncomfortable gas.

The University of Michigan Health System says common causes of gas in babies also include:

- * Swallowing too much air while crying.
- * Giving your baby too much juice.
- * Giving your baby cow's milk before age 1, or cereal before age 4 months.

Internet

Nine killed in police, armed robbers gun battle in southwestern Nigeria

ASABA, 15 May—At least nine persons were confirmed dead on Monday after unknown gunmen attacked a police vehicle in Nigeria's southwestern Delta State.

State police spokesperson Charles Muka told reporters in Asaba, the state capital, that the divisional police officer for Abraka in Delta, Steve Chigbufue, and

four other policemen were among the victims.

The police, however, shot dead five members of the gang, suspected to be armed robbers in a counter-attack, he added.

Muka told reporters that the policemen were killed on their way to the state police command for a meeting.

According to him, the deceased ran into the

suspects who were on an anti-robbery operation at Igboodo and were killed on the spot by the gang.

The police spokesperson said the gang had earlier attacked a commercial bank and that the police had to send for reinforcement from Asaba before killing five of the suspected armed robbers in a shoot out.

Xinhua



Shoes of missing people form the number forty-nine, in memory of the mutilated victims dumped by hitmen in Cadereyta, at the Macropaza in Monterrey on 13 May, 2012. Suspected drug gang killers dumped 49 headless bodies on a highway near Mexico's northern city of Monterrey in one of the country's worst atrocities in recent years. —REUTERS



Russian President Vladimir Putin chairs a meeting on the preparations for the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi on 11 May, 2012. —REUTERS

MOSCOW, 15 May—A close ally of President Vladimir Putin staked a claim on Monday to stay on as the Russian government's No 2, signaling continuity on economic policy and potentially weakening Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's future role.

Putin ally maneuvering for power in Medvedev government

With just a week to go until expiry of a deadline to form a new government following Putin's swearing in for a third Kremlin term on 7 May, the shape of the next government remains unclear.

First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov stepped into the vacuum by calling in a high-profile newspaper interview for privatization and pro-growth spending policies, while slamming as "open hypocrisy" reports critical of his family's dealings.

"We need to cut state property in the economy by half," Shuvalov told the Vedomosti daily in an

interview that gave him a platform to expound on economic policy and to field softball questions on a series of lucrative investments by his wife.

Shuvalov, 45, came under pressure in March from reports in the Western Press that his wife, Olga, had netted over \$100 million from a series of investment deals involving Russian billionaires.

He has admitted the deals but said they were all legal and did not pose any conflict of interests.

"You can be sure that in all my years of government service I have not allowed a conflict of interests to arise,"

Shuvalov said, adding that reports suggesting otherwise amounted to "open hypocrisy".

Shuvalov was a key player in the outgoing government, coordinating economic policy and leading Russia's talks on joining the World Trade Organization, which were finally wrapped up at the end of last year.

"We would see it (his appointment) as reinforcement of Shuvalov's position, placing him in the role of Putin's representative in the new cabinet," said Alfa Bank chief economist Natalya Orlova.

Reuters

Mexico massacre highlights unknown drug war victims

MONTERREY, 15 May—Even if someone had not chopped the heads, hands and feet off the victims first, the chances of investigators identifying the 49 bodies dumped on a road in northern Mexico this weekend would have been far from certain. Catching the killers may prove an even harder task.

More than 8,000 corpses left across Mexico since 2006 have not been identified, according to the National Human Rights Commission, a government-run body.

At the same time, more than 5,000 people who have disappeared during the drug violence sweeping the country have never been tracked down, according to the commission.

The failure to find and identify victims of massacres and murders has spurred criticism of the war on drug gangs waged by President Felipe Calderon since he took office in late 2006.

The thousands of grieving families searching for lost loved-ones are also likely to haunt Calderon's successor, who will be chosen in presidential elections on 1 July.

"When you can't find your family member it completely destroys you," said Irma Hidalgo, whose 18-year-old son was dragged from her home in Monterrey in 2011. "We just want to know if he is alive - or if not, then lay him to rest."

Hidalgo immediately called the Monterrey morgue following the discovery of the pile of dead outside the city on Sunday, but police told her not to come in because they said the bodies were so badly mutilated they were only identifiable with DNA. She has already given her DNA samples to state and federal police and is assured they will be compared with the victims. —Reuters

Blast kills nine in Afghan north

KABUL, 15 May— Explosives planted on a bicycle killed nine people in the relatively peaceful Faryab Province of northern Afghanistan on Monday, including a provincial council member, police said, amid an increase in violence across the country. The attack came a day after gunmen shot dead a top Afghan peace negotiator in the Capital Kabul, dealing another blow to the country's attempts to negotiate a deal with the Taliban as a means to ending the war. The Taliban denied involvement.

Police said the remote-controlled bomb killed eight civilians and council member Amanullah Shahabzai as they sat in front of a pharmacy in the Ghormach District of Faryab.

Compared with Afghanistan's restive south, where Taliban militants hold large sway and enjoy enormous popular support, the north has seen relatively little violence in the NATO-led war, which just entered its 11th year.

Afghan security officials have said they expect this year's summer fighting season to be particularly bloody as the third phase of a security handover from NATO to Afghan forces gets underway. NATO combat troops plan to leave by end-2014. —Reuters



Firefighters spray water on a burning fuel tanker which caught fire after a bomb planted in it detonated in the city of Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province, on 11 May, 2012. —REUTERS

Northern AZ wildfire grows, prompts evacuations

CROWN KING, 15 May—Firefighters continued to battle a wildfire on Monday in northern Arizona that has forced residents from their homes in the historic mining town of Crown King just weeks ahead of the busy tourist season.

The fire began on private land on Sunday and has burned about 2 square miles as of Monday afternoon, with zero containment. The 1,300-acre, human-caused blaze already has destroyed two buildings and one trailer, Prescott National Forest spokeswoman Debbie Maneely said.

The Crown King area remained under a mandatory evacuation order, though authorities said most of the town's 350 residents had chosen to stay in the community of mostly summer homes.

Maneely said most residents likely were staying with family and friends. An American Red Cross shelter in Mayer, which is about 24 miles north, had several evacuees, but they had left. Meanwhile, a fire south of Payson was 5 percent contained by Monday evening after charring nearly 5 square miles in the Tonto National Forest. Authorities have yet to determine a cause. The fire, and several others burning in



An air tanker drops retardant on a fire on 14 May, 2012 near Crown King, Ariz. Fire crews spent the weekend fighting several wildfires in Arizona including the 4.5-square-mile blaze near Crown King. —INTERNET

Arizona, follow a warning from state land managers that hot temperatures and dry vegetation have created a very high fire risk in some areas.

Crown King is a popular destination for all-terrain vehicles because of its numerous hills and gorges. It is located in the mountains more than 85 miles north of Phoenix. —Internet

Five dead, dozens wounded in Lebanon clashes

TRIPOLI, 15 May—Five people were killed and more than 70 wounded in clashes between Alawite supporters of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Sunni Muslims in the Lebanese city of Tripoli, medical sources said on Monday.

Fierce clashes shook the northern port city overnight and sporadic fighting continued on Monday, as fighters holed up in bullet-scarred buildings fired machineguns and rocket

propelled grenades.

Tension between the Alawite and Sunni communities in Tripoli has been fuelled by the unrest in neighbouring Syria where Assad seeks to crush a 14-month-old revolt that began with largely peaceful protests but has become increasingly militarized.

Assad is from the Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shi'ite Islam whereas the revolt has been led by the majority Sunni Muslims.

A small Alawite minority is concentrated in Tripoli, a conservative Sunni City where many residents have been enraged by the Syrian government's crackdown.

Clashes began late on Saturday and three people were killed at the weekend in the city's Alawite enclave and surrounding Sunni Muslim neighbourhoods.

The fighting in Tripoli, 70 km (43 miles) from Beirut, highlights how sectarian tensions in Syria can spill

into Lebanon. Buildings in the area are still riddled with bullet holes from similar clashes earlier in the year.

Islamist groups and officials were meeting in Tripoli on Monday to try to solve the crisis.

"So far there is no agreement to deploy the army. They are afraid of creating another conflict between the army and the fighters," said one cleric at the meeting, who asked not to be named. "I'm worried the problems here in Tripoli will only spread until they agree on doing something."

Reuters

Changes never change

Tin Maung Than

In this world nothing is eternal but change. Everything changes at one point or another, except for one thing, and that is change itself. So changes never change. Change actually is to alter or to make different or to cause to pass from one state to another. Here, the truth is we cannot make change without inconvenience. So, it is natural we sometimes hate change although it is the only thing that has been the source of development for mankind.

Impermanence

As we are intelligent beings we can know that things are impermanent, but the problem here is we don't see things that way. Generally, the impermanence (anicca) in the minds of many of us is an unpleasant fact we would like to ignore. We wrongly assume most of the things around us durable and fixed. So, we have a tendency of staying in places we feel comfortable and safe, and we don't want any change to them. But we must know every change paves the way for the commencement of more changes.

In reality, our world itself is a place of constant changes since its formation around 4.54 billion years ago. Thanks to our ever changing planet, organisms continuously evolve, followed by the emergence and extinction of life forms of various species from time to time and age to age. It is the evolution that has been creating living things from prokaryotes, complex creatures and plants to mammals, birds and modern-day humans. Continental drift goes on every second

till now driven by the force of plate tectonics shaping the natural features of landmasses and oceans as well as the life they are harbouring. In addition, the biosphere has had a major impact on the atmosphere and other biotic conditions on the planet, helping form the ozone layer and soil, and proliferate oxygen in every part of the world. Likewise, countries of the world are also changing in one way or another as change is the only means of survival in this highly competitive global trend.

One of the universal truths Lord Buddha taught mankind is that there are continuous changes due to the law of cause and effect. This is the same law of cause and effect science has already discovered. So we can say, science and Buddhism have similarities. From the Buddhism point of view, all are in a state of flux, ever changing, ever moving, and permanence being simply a sheer illusion.

This illusion, according to the Buddha, causes all sorts of problems for us humans. Buddhism has evolved in response to changing circumstances.

Life's like river

According to the teachings of the Buddha, life is like a river, which is a moment preceding step by step, a series of different moments in a row, joining together as one continuous flow.

The river of yesterday is not the same as the river of today. Moment by moment, it is changing. So does life. It changes continuously, becomes something or the other from moment to moment.



In our world, everything flows and nothing remains unchanged; everything moves over to make room for others and nothing is permanent.

The red hot molten lava comes out from beneath the earth and becomes cold and solid on the surface. Ice melts because of the warmth of sunlight, and water evaporates into vapor. Vapor also becomes water again and freezing temperatures can turn water into ice. Truthfully, everything is changeable and everything appears and then disappears.

Naturally, we humans have to pass through different stages in life from childhood to adulthood, middle age and old age which in fact are not the same at any

specified time. The child is not the same when he grows up and becomes a young man, nor when the latter turns into an old man. Although a tree grows from a seed, the two are totally different from one another. Likewise, the fruit is not the tree albeit it is a product of the tree itself.

Essentially, change is nature's way or the inescapable universal constant. It will be easier for us to make changes in our own lives only if we understand and accept that change in fact is a law of nature while embracing it in a correct way. In fact, there is no perfect peace, but only the impermanence (anicca) and the changes that never change until we pass beyond the agony of life and death.

Vehicles without licence to be seized in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 15 May—Mandalay City is bustling with vehicles and becomes populous due to development of economy.

According to the Directorate of Road Transport, 56792 vehicles and 352122 motorcycles have been registered in Mandalay Region.

Mandalay City Development Committee, Mandalay Region Police Force, Directorate of Road

Administration and Bus-line Control Committee are joining hands in supervising vehicles and giving educative talks to vehicle workers with momentum.

Mandalay Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee announced that it will supervise trading of vehicles and motorcycles without licences and use of them under the existing laws.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Talk on Rise of China, Implications for Neighbouring Countries 18 May

YANGON, 15 May—At the Basic International Commercial Course being conducted by the Ministry of Commerce at 228/240 on Strand Road of Pabedan Township, a talk entitled

Rise of China, Implications for Neighbouring Countries will be given at 9 am on 18 May.

Interested persons may dial 01-250871 and 09-47309514.—Kyemon

Energy forum on 23-24 May

YANGON, 15 May—The Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency Business & Finance Forum (REBF-2012) will be held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 23 and 24 May with the

aim of effectively using renewable energy and applying energy efficiency technology.

The paper-reading session on clean & greentech, booths, products,



RESPECTS PAID: Dagon Myothit (South) Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Women's Affairs Federation jointly held the ceremony to pay respects to older persons at the Dhammayon of Ward 19 on 30 April. Chairperson of the Township MCWA Daw Nweni Khaing and party donate cash assistance and snacks to older persons.—MYANMA ALIN

Greater production of tomatoes reduces price in Inlay region

NYAUNGSHWE, 15 May—Nyaungshwe of Shan State (South) is a gateway of Inlay Lake and it is a brokerage of tomatoes produced from Inlay region.

technological sharing seminars and meetings will be held at the forum.

Those wishing to attend the forum may dial 571284.—Myanma Alin

Inlay region produces tomatoes the whole year. As of the last week of April, the local farmers grow best quality of tomatoes suitable for summer. As ten east villages of Inlay and west villages are producing a large number of tomatoes, prices of tomatoes are cold.

Last year, tomatoes could not be cultivated in the land due to bad weather of Inlay

Myanmar, Bangladesh to hold border trade meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Bangladesh gave offer to hold the monthly meeting of Myanmar and Bangladesh border trade officers in Sittway in the third week of May, according to those engaged in border trade.

The coming meeting will be the sixth time. The authorities concerned are holding coordination so as to organize the meeting, said an official of Maungtau Border Trade Camp.

Although the meetings were held between Myanmar and Bangladesh officers regularly, the good results did not come out. Thus, the meeting was suspended. Due to offer of Bangladesh, arrangements are being made for holding the meeting.

At present, companies submit applications for licence to export and import commodities at Maungtau Border Trade Camp.

Kyemon



Lake.

But, the plants could be grown on the floating islands. Thus, price of tomatoes was as high as K 900 per viss. This season, favourable weather and

larger acres of growing tomatoes reduce the price of fruits at K 100 per viss. Whatever it may be, the consumers are convenient in cheaper price of tomatoes.

Myanma Alin

UNICEF to continue to cooperate in children's education and health in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Director Mr Daniel Toole of East Asia Pacific Regional Office of UNICEF based in Bangkok, Thailand yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on using more funds in education and health sectors in reform process of the government, cooperation of the UNICEF in development of children's education and health in Myanmar, and future cooperation between the UNICEF and government.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Win Than and officials.—MNA

US National War College delegation heads home

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Brig-Gen Thit Lin Ohn from Mingaladon Station and senior military officers, US Military Attaché to Myanmar Colonel Brey R Sloan and officials saw off goodwill delegation comprised of Deputy Commandant Mr Richard Norland and trainees of United States National War College, who had paid goodwill visit to Myanmar, at Yangon International Airport at 8 pm yesterday.—MNA



Officials see off Deputy Commandant Mr Richard Norland and trainees of National War College of the US at Yangon International Airport.

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33rd Asia Pacific Junior Golf Championship 2012 kicks off

YANGON, 15 May—The 33rd Asia Pacific Junior Golf Championship 2012, hosted by Myanmar Golf Federation, kicked off at Pun Hlaing Golf Club in Hlinethaya Township, here, yesterday afternoon.

Patron of Myanmar Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Rtd), officials and youth golf teams and guests attended the opening ceremony.

On behalf of the

President of MFG, Vice-President U Min Thein made an opening speech and opened the championship.

On the first round, Abhishek Kuhar (India) led the men's (aged 15-17) event of Group A with four-under-par 68, followed by S Sharma (India) with three-under-par 69 and Dantjai Boonma (Thailand) two under-par 70.

In the men's aged 13-14 event of Group B, Viraj Madappa (India) stood first

with two-under-par 70; Phachara Khongwatmai (Thailand) and Prakhar Asawa (India) tied at the second positions with 72 each; and Piyush Sangwan (India) shot 73 in the third position.

In the inter-club event, India took a leading role with 210 strokes, followed by Thailand with 216 and Malaysia 225.

Co-sponsors of the championship are Pun Hlaing Golf Club, Higer Bus (Myanmar), Elite Express, Srixon, Alpine (Purified Drinking Water) under the management of Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd.

The second round of the championship will continue tomorrow morning. The fourth and final round will be held at the same venue in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony.—MNA

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Korean President and party conclude visit

YANGON, 15 May—A goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak arrived at Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw by air this morning. They were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and the responsible personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Yangon International Airport.

Next ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak met Chairperson Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of National League for Democracy at Sedona Hotel at 10.30 am today.

Afterwards, the ROK President and party laid a wreath for fallen former ministers from the Republic of Korea at Azarni Mausoleum at 11.40 pm today.

Moreover, the delegation led by ROK



President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak lays a wreath to pay tribute to fallen ministers of ROK at Azarni Mausoleum.—MNA

President held discussions with persons of the Organizations of the

Republic of Korea and Myanmar entrepreneurs. The ROK President and

party left Yangon at 2.40 pm by special flight.

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ABSDF's Myanaung, Hinthada bomber seized

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—ABSDF's Than Ko Oo (a) Min Zaw, 26, bomber of Myanaung and Hinthada blasts in Ayeyawady Region was seized on 11 May in Mae Sot of Thailand.

He blew up Myanaung Union Solidarity and Development Party Office on 20 November, 2011, and Hinthada General Administration Department Office on 6 March, 2012. Combined team of Myanmar Police Force, Myawaddy District Police, Immigration Department of Mae Sot of Thailand and Mae Sot Police arrested him.

According to investigations, Than Ko Oo, a native of Petpye Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township, dropped out of Affiliated Basic Education High School of the village while in eight standard. After the demise of his father and mother in 2008, he lived on odd jobs in Yangon a year later.

He was a teacher at the school of Save The Children

in Hlaingbon Village in 2010. He then went to Mae Sot of Thailand during August of the same year and worked on a fishing boat for a month. Then, he fled to Bangkok and arrived at Maetaw Clinic. After establishing connection with ABSDF, he completed small weapon and explosion courses. He arrived at Daungmin camp, a base of ABSDF, in October, 2011, and traveled on Theinzayat-Hpa-an-Yangon-Myanaung route from 28 to 30 October to observe the route for explosion under instructions of Lieutenant Khin Kyaw of ABSDF who instructed him to blow up government buildings in Ayeyawady on 6 November, providing him with nine grenades, six walkie-talkies, six grey packages for installation of grenades and communication equipments and K 0.1 million.

On 18 November, he arrived at Myanaung via Yangon as he traveled along

Theinzayat-Hpa-an-Myanaung from Daungmin station. On 19 November, he approached USDP Office and left the activated mine with the walkie-talkie and the timer near its fence. He then exploded the mine on 20 November with remote system. He then hid four remaining mine packages in dump at the back of Ngarmyethnar Monastery in Hinthada where he rushed by train and left for Mae Sot.

While he was in Mae Sot ABSDF Office, a man called Sonny visited him and sent him back to Hinthada with Baht 4000 to blast other government offices as he was not satisfied with no-casualty explosion in Myanaung. He left Mae Sot on 3 March for Yangon and then proceeded to Hinthada. He took mines hidden in the monastery and planted three activated mines near Hinthada GAD Office. He blasted a mine in front of the office at 10 am on 6 March and did nothing with two others. He then returned to Mae Sot and lived there at ABSDF Office.

Acting on Than Ko Oo's admissions on 12 May that a mine hidden between the water closet and septic tank in the backyard of Dhamma Beikman Dhammayon of Phayagyi Monastery of Phayagyi ward in Hinthada, a grenade, a sheet of low-grade gunpowder, a walkie-talkie, a detonator and related materials were seized.

The bomber is still under investigation and measures are being taken to arrest related culprits.—MNA



Photo shows saboteur Than Ko Oo (a) Min Zaw, 26, of ABSDF.—MNA

Promotion of cooperation with UNICEF discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific Mr Daniel Toole of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) called on Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein at the latter's office this morning and explained current tasks of UNICEF and

promotion of cooperation. The Union Minister discussed international aids to regions and states to contribute to development plans of the State and effectively using these aids in rural development and poverty alleviation and human resources development and application of Monitoring

and Evaluation System among ministries, region and state governments and international organizations.

Also present at the call were the Director-General of Planning Department, the Deputy Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department and responsible personnel.

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Dy Education Minister receives Director from UNICEF

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu received newly-appointed Director Mr Daniel Toole and party of Bangkok-based East Asia and Pacific Regional UNICEF Office of Thailand at his office at 11 am today.

At the call, the

deputy minister explained giving English language to students of basic education level for uplift of English proficiency, implementation of compulsory primary education, and arrangements for providing scholarship and stipend to the students.

They discussed all-round development of

children, availability of greater learning opportunities, training of vocational education, early childhood development, enrolment of all school-going age children, tasks of non-formal primary education and cooperation with UNICEF.

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Armed groups realizing benevolence of State and Tatmadaw return to legal fold

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—The government is steadfastly and effectively combating narcotic drugs that pose a threat to the mankind as a national duty.

As the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and local people joined hands in exposing information on narcotic drugs and keeping Tachilek region away from danger of narcotic drugs, the combined team engaged with drug fugitive Sai Naw Kham Group three times from January to April 2012. Small splinter groups fled Sai Naw Kham Group. From 23 to 30 April, a 30-member group led by Aik Tun, Law Hsan and Tun Shwe from drug fugitive Sai Naw Kham returned to the legal fold bringing along with 15 assorted arms.

At 5.45 pm yesterday, a 15-member

group led by Ya Ei bringing along with seven arms, 378 rounds of ammunition, 12 magazines, four mines and 13 grenades returned to the legal fold at the local military column in Nawtawng Village. A four-member group led by Ah Htu bringing along with five arms, 118 rounds of ammunition, four magazines, four mines and 17 grenades returned to the legal fold at the local military column in Lawsanshi Village at 6 pm and a six-member group led by Yaw Han with six arms, 80 rounds of ammunition, eight magazines and two mines at the military camp in Tachilek region at 6.30 pm, totalling 25 members, 18 assorted arms, 576 rounds of ammunition, 24 magazines, 10 mines and 30 grenades.

Tatmadaw and departmental officials presented rehabilitation aids to the groups who have already returned to legal fold at the hall of local station this morning. The local military columns are systematically safeguarding the region to be able to prevent infiltration of terrorist insurgents and process of narcotic drug trafficking.

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An armed group led by Aik Tun, Law Hsan and Tun Shwe from drug fugitive Sai Naw Kham Group return to legal fold realizing benevolence of State and Tatmadaw with 15 arms.—MNA



Union I&C Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Daw Po Po Kyi, Director (Retd) from Attorney-General's Office on behalf of members of Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Award Scrutiny Board, Motion Picture Censor Board and Video Censor Board. (News on page 16).—MNA

Chinese delegation donates computers to basic education schools

YANGON, 15 May—The visiting Chinese delegation led by Member of Central Politburo of the Communist Party of China and Vice-chairman of National Committee of People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Wang Gang presented 100 units of

primary education schools in Thingangyun Township through responsible persons at No.4 Basic Education High School Thingangyun here this morning as a manner of China-Myanmar friendship with a view to enabling students to learn advanced subjects.

The Chinese

Junction in Mayangon Township where they viewed patients suffering cataract receiving treatment. Then, Patron of Alinyang Foundation of Myanmar U Aung Thein Lin and Secretary General Mr Xu Zhensui of China Foundation for Peace and Development signed



Patron of Alinyang Foundation of Myanmar U Aung Thein Lin and Secretary General Mr Xu Zhensui of China Foundation for Peace and Development sign Agreement of Establishment of First Myanmar-China Eye Treatment Centre.—MNA

computer and 10 sets of printer to five basic education high schools, four basic education middle schools and two post-

delegation, Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Party U Htay Oo, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, personnel of Chinese Embassy and school heads and students were present at the donation ceremony. Mr Wang Gang and personnel opened the computer room and viewed students learning computer lessons. Mr Wang Gang and the USDP Secretary-General planted a tree in front of the school in commemoration of Myanmar-China cooperation. The Chinese delegation then proceeded to Myodaw Clinic at Thamine

agreement on joint construction of first Myanmar-China eye treatment centre, followed by speeches of U Htay Oo and Mr Wang Gang. The Chinese delegation called on Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe at Yangon Region Government Office this morning and discussed matters of mutual cooperation.

The region chief minister then hosted a luncheon to the Chinese delegation at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel. The Chinese delegation paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening and donated cash to the pagoda.—MNA

Educative talks on collection of income tax given



KALAY, 15 May—A clarification on income tax for salary was made by Internal Revenue Department in Kalay Township of Kalay District in Sagaing Region on 27 April.

At the ceremony, Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Myint Wai explained collection of income tax from salary. He then replied to questions raised by those present.—District IPRD

Rare bird species of Mottama to be protected

KYAUKTAN, 15 May—Officials concerned gave talks on protection of endangered Mongolian plovers to the local people in Mottama Gulf and its related coastal regions.

The numbers of birds are now about 500 through out the world.

They gave birth to offspring in Russia in the rainy season and then arrive in coastal regions of Myanmar to keep

themselves away from cold season as migratory birds. They focus on the Mottama Gulf for taking shelter in the cold season. About 50 per cent of the Mongolian plovers across the world are taking shelter in the winter. Law has been promulgated not to catch and sell water birds.

Local people are to take pride of their regions by conserving the environment.—Aung Swe



Hsipaw plans to grow saplings for environmental conservation

Hsipaw, 15 May—According to the rural development and poverty alleviation programme, Hsipaw Township Forest Department nurtures 29700 saplings of teak, 3000 teak, Eucalyptus and 5400 other saplings for cultivation of local people and 2400 teak plants, 500 Eucalyptus, 400 cherry and 300 Mezali plants for Namhsam Township so as to contribute to conservation of forest resources and environmental protection.

Moreover, about 7600 saplings of mango, jack fruit and other plants are being nurtured under the



Photo shows various saplings at nursery of Hsipaw Township Forest Department.

instruction of the Shan State Chief Minister.

This year, Hsipaw Township will grow 43,300

Basic fire fighting course concludes in Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—The basic fire fighting course 1/2012 concluded at the hall of General Administration Department in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 7 May morning.

Director U Than Kyaw Kyaw of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department made a concluding remark.

The ceremony was attended by Zabuthiri Township Administrator U



Win Maw, Head of Township Fire Services Department U Moe Thiha Zaw, departmental personnel, ward and village

administrators, members of social organizations and 50 trainees.

The course lasted two weeks.—Kyemon

Per acre yield of summer paddy declines due to pest in Yedashe



YEDASHE, 15 May—Over 20000 acres of farmlands located in irrigated area of Swa Dam were harvested in Yedashe Township of Bago Region in the last week of

April and the first week of May.

Farmers who grew summer paddy could produce 70-80 baskets of Shwethweyin and

Manawthukha paddy per acre on average.

At present, pests destroyed the paddy in Ingyingon, Gyopinhtaik, Pyisok, Swaminlan, Hmansi and Kyain villages of Kongyi Village-tract.

The farmers spent surplus expenses for prevention against pest by harvesting the pest-affected paddy plantation immediately and spraying the paddy fields.

Although price of paddy declines at present, charge of labour raises. Therefore, paddy cultivation is not be cost effectiveness.

Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS

Entrance fees for Yadanabon Zoological Gardens rose

MANDALAY, 15 May—Entrance fee for Yadanabon

Zoological Gardens in Mandalay rose to K 1000 per man from K 500, K 500 per child from K 250 and K 200 per monk from K 100 as of 1 April.

Htoo Co got the long-term contract for management of the Zoo from Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry starting from April 2011.

Except Saturday and Sunday and government holidays, people from various regions of the country and visitors to Nanmyo and Mandalay Hill visit the zoo.

Due to raising the entrance fee, the number of visitors will decline, said the local people of Mandalay.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Donate Blood

MCDC sets rules for vendors

MANDALAY, 15 May—Mandalay City Development Committee announced that vendors are not allowed to sell shops on roads, streets, pavements and junctions in the city, and sell fuels, diesel and petroleum without permission.

Moreover, betel shops are to be moved with carts, according to the Revenue Department of Mandalay City Development Committee. If anyone does not follow the rules, action will be taken against them under existing laws.

Ko Ko Gyi (Mandalay)

SANITATION CARRIED OUT: In commemoration of the World Red Cross Day, the sanitation was carried out along both sides of Mandalay-Lashio Union Highway and around Hsipaw Township People's Hospital of Shan State (North) on 8 May. Photo shows participation of members of Red Cross Brigade in sanitation tasks in front of Hsipaw People's Hospital.

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Price of Bangladesh products rises at Maungtaw border market

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—As price of Kata currency rises at Maungtaw border market as of the last week of April, price of commodities imported from Bangladesh increases slightly, according to the shops that sell products of Bangladesh.

In the exchange rate of currency between Myanmar-Bangladesh border, price of Kata 100 declined to below K 1000 of Myanmar currency beginning last two years.

“Due to rising exchange

rate of Kata currency of Bangladesh, price of products imported from Bangladesh go up slightly. But it is not high. The price exceeds K 300 than that of old price,” said a fuel shop owner.

At present, 100 Kata of Bangladesh rises to K 980 to K 990 in the market. If the value of Kata currency increases, export entrepreneurs will have cost effectiveness in their works, according to the border trader.—Kyemon

Indonesian airlines Sky Aviation delays its Sukhoi plane order

JAKARTA, 15 May—Following the Sukhoi Superjet 100 airliner's crash, an official from the Indonesian carrier PT Sky Aviation affirmed on Tuesday that the company will re-evaluate its contract with Sukhoi Civil Aircraft over the purchase of 12 airplanes, local media reported.

Sky Aviation's safety manager, Sukanto, said on Tuesday that the accident had triggered the company to delay the delivery of the ordered aircraft.

"We will wait for the results of the ongoing investigation into the cause of the accident before we take the next step," he said as quoted by the Kompas.com.

According to Sukanto, officials from the National Transportation Safety Committee (KNKT) have confirmed that the air crash investigation would take one year to complete.

Earlier, an official statement from the Russian Embassy in Jakarta confirmed that the contract was signed

during the International Aviation and Space Salon MAKS-2011 in Zhukovskiy, Russia, on 16 Aug. 2011. The contract was valued 380.4 million US dollars.

Last week, an executive at Indonesian domestic carrier PT Kartika Airlines said that the delivery of 30 Russian Sukhoi Superjet 100 aircraft that his company had ordered would also likely be delayed following the plane crash.

Another Indonesian carrier, Queen Air, which has ordered six Sukhoi Superjet

100 aircraft, has yet to confirm whether they will cancel their order.

A Sukhoi Superjet 100 jetliner crashed during a promotion flight in the slope of Mt Salak, West Java, on 9 May, to demonstrate its airworthiness to potential Indonesian customers, killing all the 45 people on board. It is the first deadly accident since the introduction of the Russian iconic passenger plane into the southeast Asian country.

Xinhua



Women of the Miao ethnic group pick tea at a tea plantation in Huishui County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 15 May, 2012. Huishui County has entered the tea picking season.—XINHUA

Trilateral deal could balance agro trade

BEIJING, 15 May—China will work to strike a balance in its agricultural trade with Japan and South Korea by providing reasonably priced agricultural products as a long-discussed free trade agreement among the three countries is poised to come into existence, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

"China won't comprehensively charge high prices for its agricultural products when they enter Japanese and South Korean markets following the establishment

of a trilateral free trade agreement," said Sun Yuanjiang, deputy director-general of the international department of the ministry.

China, Japan and South Korea, East Asia's three leading economies, agreed on Sunday at a Beijing summit to start talking about forming a free trade agreement this year.

Sun, who is also the chief Chinese negotiator for the agreement, said Japan and South Korea overprotect their own agricultural

industries and that trade disputes over agriculture goods have put up a barrier to the establishment of an agreement.

According to a survey by the Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development—an organization that promotes world trade and helps to coordinate its members' economic policies—63 percent of South Korean farmers' revenues come from government subsidies. For Japanese farmers, the number is 53 percent.

These are the two highest percentages for any countries in the world.

"Overprotection has resulted in the price of agricultural goods in Japan and South Korea being unreasonably high," said Bian Zhenhu, director at the ministry's China Chamber of Commerce of Foodstuffs & Native Produce. "In contrast, Chinese agricultural goods are less expensive."

Xinhua



Workers processing squid for export to Japan in Ganyu county, Jiangsu province. China will work to strike a balance in its agricultural trade with Japan and South Korea.—INTERNET

Employment to rise for first time in a year — poll



People enter a job centre in London on 12 Aug, 2009.

Reuters

LONDON, 15 May—Employers plan to increase staffing for the first time in a year, a survey showed on Monday, raising hopes that higher employment may boost morale and consumer spending.

However, the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), which commissions the quarterly poll, warned that a

"zigzagging economic backdrop" could make it hard to sustain any short-term recovery in the labour market.

"News of a double-dip recession may cause some employers to reassess current staffing levels, especially while labour costs are rising and productivity is falling," said Gerwyn Davies, public policy adviser at the CIPD.

"The current economic

situation facing recruiters looks unusually difficult to read, which may lead to swings in confidence for the rest of the year... compared to the slow, gradual rise in unemployment recorded during the past year."

The survey of more than 1,000 employers in private, public and voluntary organisations was carried out by YouGov between 28 February and 26 March, before official data in April showed that Britain's economy had unexpectedly slipped into its second recession since the financial crisis began.

The CIPD net employment balance, measuring the difference between the share of employers that intend to increase their workforce and those that plan to reduce it in the second quarter, jumped to +6 from -8 for the previous three months.—Reuters

EU to lodge suit against Argentina with WTO

MADRID, 15 May—The European Union has agreed to file a trade suit against Argentina's import restrictions with the World Trade Organization (WTO), a senior Spanish government source said on Monday.

The suit is not directly linked to Argentine President Cristina Fernandez's decision to seize control of its biggest oil company, YPF, a subsidiary of Spain's Repsol.

But the move last month played a role in the EU's decision, the source told Reuters.

"The European Union has decided to file a complaint (with the WTO) which will mean, if the EU wins, very serious trade sanctions for Argentina," the source said.

"The EU's decisions follow from all the non-fulfillments which Argentina has built

up before the WTO. The Repsol problem has really just been the straw that broke the camel's back."

The complaint will be lodged with the WTO within the next few days, the source said. A spokesman for EU trade commissioner Karel de Gucht could not immediately be reached for comment.

The issue prompted a war of words between the South American country and at least 14 of its trading partners in recent weeks.

US Ambassador to the WTO Michael Punke led the criticism at a 30 March meeting of the WTO's Goods Council, where he said Argentina had put a blanket restriction on trade by requiring import licenses on all imported goods from 1 Feb this year.

Reuters



Photo taken on 15 May, 2012 shows the newly-built deepwater pipelay crane vessel "Hai Yang Shi You 201" in Qingdao, a coastal city of east China's Shandong Province. The vessel, with a length of 204.65 metres and width of 39.2 metres, will sail for the South China Sea to conduct pipelay operation in the Liwan 3-1 gasfield.—XINHUA

Watson book calls Murdoch empire a "shadow state"

NEW YORK, 15 May—"Dial M For Murdoch: News Corporation and the Corruption of Britain" is among the more provocatively titled books about Rupert Murdoch, the controversial head of global news conglomerate News Corp, owner of FOX News, the Wall Street Journal and other media brands.

True to its nod to the Alfred Hitchcock thriller, the book is a suspenseful tale of the ongoing phone hacking scandal in Britain from one of its key players: Tom Watson, a Labour Party member of Parliament and one of the fiercest critics of Murdoch's media empire, who co-authored the book with The Independent's Martin Hickman.

As its subtitle suggests, it also offers passionate and aggrieved claims about the power that Murdoch and News International, the publisher of News Corp's British titles, gained in recent years and about how they

sought to protect that power with an all-embracing apparatus of intimidation.

"Incompetence alone cannot explain all of these failures," the authors write, citing the failure of Scotland Yard, most UK media and many top politicians for failing to prevent or even adequately probe the phone hacking scandal that surfaced in 2009.

"Fear allowed the phone hacking scandal to happen -

fear of public humiliation for an indiscretion, fear of not winning that glowing endorsement," the book states.

The book comes as the scandal continues to rivet the UK, where on 1 May a parliamentary committee—including Watson—concluded the 81-year old Murdoch was "not a fit person" to lead a global media firm.

Reuters

Bus accident in eastern Cuba kills five

HAVANA, 15 May—A passenger bus fell off a cliff in eastern Cuba on Monday, killing five people, including a little girl, and wounding several others, the national police force (PNR) said. The accident occurred when the vehicle overturned on a slope in the town of Rafael Freyre, Holguin Province, 735 km east of Havana, PNR officer Juan Carlos Fonseca told Cuban news media.

A team of experts was trying to determine the cause of the accident, he said, adding that the victims died on the spot.

Road accidents are the fifth leading cause of deaths in Cuba, which reported 10,553 accidents in 2011, or 1,126 more than in 2010. Drunken Driving and general recklessness among both drivers and pedestrians are the main causes of accidents in Cuba, where legislators are proposing more severe sanctions against these violations.—Xinhua

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In a photo taken on 12 May, an Indonesian soldier searches through the wreckage at the crash site of the Russian Sukhoi Superjet 100 in Mount Salak. Search teams have found an emergency transmitter from the Russian jet that slammed into the dormant volcano in Indonesia.—INTERNET

Fire that killed six children 'deliberate'

LONDON, 15 May—A fire that killed six children in a house in central England appears to have been deliberately set, police said on Monday.

The fire broke out in the early hours of Friday in a family house in Derby. Five siblings aged five to 10 died rapidly from smoke inhalation, police said, while their brother Duwayne Philpott, 13, died from his injuries overnight on Sunday.

The assistant chief constable of Derbyshire Police, Steve Cotterill, said: "After further forensic examination we believe the fire was not accidental. "Initial indications are that it was deliberately set and as a result six children have been unlawfully killed." A local man and woman who were arrested following the blaze were released without charge, police said on Saturday.

"The forensic examination is still continuing. A number of specialists, including fingerprints officers, have been examining the scene and this is likely to continue for some

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Emergency transmitter found at Indonesia crash site

JAKARTA, 15 May—Search teams on Monday found an emergency transmitter from the Russian jet that slammed into a dormant volcano in Indonesia but said they are yet to locate the flight recorders that could explain the deadly crash. Russian experts and Indonesian searchers combing the remote area where the Sukhoi Superjet 100 crashed on Wednesday, killing all 45 on board, found the emergency locator transmitter (ELT) and other instruments in a deep ravine on Mount Salak.

The old-model transmitter, which sends out a distress signal in the event of a crash, would not have been able to communicate via satellite but was designed to be picked up by rescuers on the ground, or by airport control towers, rescue chief Daryatmo said.

Officials have said they did not receive a signal after the accident. Dozens of Russian experts have flown to Indonesia in recent days to join the investigation.

Some are assisting Indonesian teams at the crash site, south of the capital Jakarta, where the tail of the plane was on Sunday located in a 500-metre deep ravine.—Internet

Toxic gas kills four at China paper mill

WUHAN, 15 May— Four workers were suffocated to death on Monday while cleaning a waste pulp sink at a paper mill in central China's Hubei Province, local authorities said.

A preliminary investigation indicated they were poisoned by toxic gas, the city government of Xiantao said in a Press release on Tuesday.

It said the accident happened at 9 am at Shengda Paper Industrial Co Ltd in Zhanggou Township.

Qiao Bencai, a temporary employee, was sent down the 2.8-metre deep sink at 8:30 am, but passed out while cleaning the waste pulp, the document said.

Three colleagues, including a workshop manager, went down to his rescue, but fainted in the sink, too.

All four had died when they were pulled out.

It said the exact cause of their deaths was still under investigation.

Many paper mills use chlorine gas to bleach pulp for white paper and dangerous pollution is often created as a byproduct.

Xinhua



A 13-year-old boy has died in hospital after a house fire that claimed the lives of five of his brothers and sisters, Derbyshire Police said. INTERNET

time," Cotterill said on Monday. He added that police had not yet spoken "in detail" with the children's parents. "That will happen sometime this week as understandably the couple are distraught at the loss of their six children," he said.—Internet

Man returns stolen plants after 54 years

A Kentucky man has returned two potted hydrangeas he stole from a Nashville park to give to his mom for Mother's Day in 1958.

Bill Teitleff, 72, who now lives in western Kentucky, said he was 18 and unable to afford a Mother's Day gift when he took the plants from Centennial Park and sent them to his mom in Kentucky, WSMV-TV, Nashville, reported. He said the the plans were the most beautiful, perfectly formed hydrangeas he had ever seen. "They were just perfect in rows and pots," Teitleff said of the plants he scooped up from the park.

"I knew it was wrong. I thought all along

that I was borrowing them. But this stayed with me all this time," Teitleff said. "Now it's been 54 years, and I've got the root and same flowers that they have accepted back now. This doesn't clear what I did. That's between me and him (points to the sky). But this is between me and the people here at the park, and they've accepted wholeheartedly."

Teitleff said he was glad when park officials accepted the plants and his apology.

"Sometimes it hurts when we go back and ask somebody for forgiveness, but when we do, we feel better inside and that person thinks a lot more of us," Teitleff said.

Student graduates with quadruple major

A student at the College of St Scholastica in Minnesota has graduated with a quadruple major and a 4.0 grade point average in just four years.

Brock Erdahl, who graduated from the school in Duluth, said careful planning allowed him to finish bachelor's degrees in history, political science, global culture/language studies and Catholic studies with a French minor in only four years with perfect grades, the *Duluth News Tribune* reported.

"I tried to carefully manage my time from the get-go," Erdahl said. "I plotted

out what I wanted to accomplish, what courses I needed, and how they would lead to a certain degree, instead of taking classes willy nilly."

Erdahl said his original plan was to graduate in just two years with a double major in history and political science, but his experiences at the school convinced him to stay for the quadruple major.

"I enjoyed school so thoroughly, I didn't want to rush and leave prematurely," he said.

Randall Poole, an associate professor of history at St Scholastica, said Erdahl was one of the

college's most remarkable graduates.

"I've not had a better student in my career than Brock Erdahl," he said.

Obscene chocolates given to schoolkids

The Australian school official who handed out chocolates shaped like breasts, penises, posteriors and copulating couples to children resigned.

The parents of students at Woodberry Public School in Woodberry, north of Sydney, said they were shocked when they spotted the provocatively shaped candies at a Mother's Day event at the school, *The (Sydney) Daily Telegraph* reported.

"I had to do a double-take," said Cassandra Lacey, whose two sons attend the school. "Every single chocolate was to do with sex. This was in the school hall, on the school grounds and in school time." A Department of Education and Communities spokesman said the chocolates were not provided by school officials.

"The school says that the gifts were prepared by parents, for parents, and the school had no knowledge of them until some of the mothers complained," he said.

School council President Jenny Gray said the official responsible for the chocolates has resigned and the Federation of P&C Associations has been called in.



Garrett McNamara of Haleiwa, Hawaii, won the Biggest Wave title at the 2012 Billabong XXL Big Wave Awards with this world record 78-foot wave ridden at Praia do Norte, Nazaré, Portugal on 1 November, 2011 shown in this image released to Reuters on 11 May, 2012. Big-wave surfer Garrett McNamara has been recognized by Guinness World Records for surfing the largest wave ever ridden, a towering 78-foot (24-metre) wall of water he says he caught at Nazaré, Portugal, in November while "totally in the moment."

Grenade found in radio; police evacuate

Police in Philadelphia said a building housing two district headquarters was evacuated after a man brought in a grenade he discovered inside a radio.

Investigators said a man in his 60s arrived at the Harbison Avenue and Leveck Street building, which houses the 2nd and 15th police districts, and handed over a plastic-wrapped grenade he said he discovered inside a radio he purchased earlier in the day at a flea market, the *Philadelphia Daily News* reported.

"Once they discovered it was a grenade, safety became paramount and we wanted everyone out of the building," Sgt Leo Costello said. Costello said the bomb squad was called to dispose of the grenade, which was found to be live, and the scene was cleared in the evening.

News Album



Singer Demi Lovato is set to be a judge on the US version of "The X Factor."—INTERNET

Demi Lovato to be 'X Factor' judge

LOS ANGELES, 15 May—Singer and actress Demi Lovato is to serve as the fourth member of the judges' panel on the US version of "The X Factor," MTV.com said.

The 19-year-old former star of Disney Channel's "Sonny with a Chance" is to join pop star Britney Spears, Simon Cowell and LA Reid as judges on Season 2 of the singing competition show next fall, the report said.

Others considered for the job were Avril Lavigne, Janet Jackson and Mariah Carey, MTV.com said.

Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger were fired as judges after the first season of "X Factor" aired and wasn't a ratings winner. Their replacements—Lovato and Spears—are expected to be officially announced this week.—*Internet*



Kim Spradlin, winner of "Survivor: One World." Photo courtesy of CBS. INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 15 May—Kim Spradlin, a 29-year-old

Kim Spradlin wins 'Survivor'

Texan, has been declared the winner of "Survivor: One World" in Upolu, Samoa.

She took home the \$1 million top prize on Sunday night's 24th "Survivor" season finale.

Sabrina Thompson, 33, from New York was the survival competition show's runner-up, and Chelsea Meissner, 26, from Charleston, SC, was the second runner-up.—*Internet*

'Swamp People' star Mitchell Guist dead at 47

NEW ORLEANS, 15 May—"Swamp People" star Mitchell Guist died on Monday morning along Louisiana's Belle River, authorities said. He was 47. People.com said no cause of death has been reported, but CPR was attempted and unsuccessful.

TMZ said Guist may have fallen from his boat and witnesses said he appeared to suffer from a seizure. "We are extremely saddened to report that our friend and beloved member of the 'Swamp People'



Brothers Glenn and Mitchell Guist, stars of "Swamp People." Photo courtesy of The History Channel.—INTERNET

family, Mitchell Guist, has passed away earlier today," The History Channel said in a statement Monday. "Mitchell passed on the swamp, doing what he loved. We appreciate your respect for the Guist family's privacy and hope you join us in sending our thoughts and prayers to his brother, Glenn, and the rest of the Guist family."

The network said Mitchell Guist's birth date was on 18 May, 1964.

He and his brother, Glenn, "were born and raised on the bayou and live entirely off the land," The History Channel said on its Web site in a biography for the brothers.

"These brothers are always up to something, whether it's hunting for their dinner or making use of everything nature has to offer. This season, the boys are hoping to repair their homes with cypress wood from the swamp and maybe even catch a gator. One thing is for sure: Their adventures always lead to interesting places," the biography said.—*Internet*

Sarah Hyland says dad gave her a kidney

LOS ANGELES, 15 May—US actress Sarah Hyland told Seventeen magazine she suffers from kidney dysplasia and last month underwent a transplant with a kidney her father donated.

Hyland, 21, stars on the

sitcom "Modern Family."

"You know that family is going to be there for you no matter what," the actress told the magazine.

"My dad gave me a freakin' kidney! But it's also the families that you create outside of your family."

And you really find out what kind of people you're friends with. It was just amazing, and it really opened my eyes to see who's there for me and who's not. ... I have a second chance at life—not a lot of people get that."



Actress Sarah Hyland of "Modern Family" suffers from kidney dysplasia. INTERNET

Internet

'Avengers' storms the box office again

LOS ANGELES, 15 May—"Avengers" racked up another \$103.2 million at the North American box office in its second weekend of release, Exhibitor Relations reported on Sunday.

The superhero ensemble picture passed the \$1 billion mark worldwide in 19 days, *The Hollywood Reporter* said.

Coming in at No 2 at the domestic box office is "Dark Shadows" with \$28.8 million, followed by "Think Like a Man" at No 3 with \$6.3 million, "The Hunger Games" at No 4 with \$4.4 million and "The Lucky One" at No 5 with \$4.1 million, Exhibitor Relations said.



'Avengers' add \$103.2M domestically in sprint to \$1 billion mark worldwide. INTERNET

Pacquiao's success foiling Filipino hopes



Lorenzo Villanueva (L) of the Philippines throws a punch at Daud Yordan of Indonesia during their International Boxing Organization (IBO) World Featherweight title bout at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre at Marina Bay Sands in Singapore on 5 May, 2012. Despite boasting a population of over 100 million and a love of boxing, the Philippines will send just one fighter to the London Olympics later this year - the same amount as the tiny Seychelles - leaving little hope of adding to the three bronze and two silvers won by their boxers in previous Games. Picture taken 5 May, 2012. —REUTERS

SINGAPORE, 15 May—The success of Manny Pacquiao is delivering a knockout blow to Filipino dreams of a first Olympic gold medal, with young boxers fast-tracking to the professional ranks in a desperate bid to

escape poverty and emulate the success of their hero.

Manny Pinol, a former governor of North Cotabato and current manager of boxers through his Braveheart Boxing stable, says the success of the eight-weight world

champion is hindering the amateur Olympic programme at home. Despite boasting a population of over 100 million and a love of boxing, the Philippines will send just one fighter to the London Olympics later this year—the same number as the tiny Seychelles—leaving little hope of adding to the three bronze and two silvers won by their boxers in previous Games.

All this while Pacquiao (welterweight), Nonito Donaire (super-bantamweight), Sonny Boy Jaro (flyweight), and Donnie Nietes (light flyweight) hold world titles in the pro ranks.

“Manny Pacquiao’s success is hurting our amateur boxing programme because every young boy now would like to become Manny Pacquiao,” Pinol told Reuters in a recent interview in Singapore.

“They don’t want to be amateur because there is simply no money in it, it is just a dream of a (Olympic) gold and it is actually more difficult to win than a world boxing title.” In the Philippines, the rags to riches story of Pacquiao, who came from a poverty stricken broken home to become the first man to win world titles in eight divisions, and then be elected a congressman, inspires a nation.—Reuters

Nadal unconcerned by rankings slip

ROME, 15 May—Rafa Nadal’s chances of winning an open era record seventh French Open title next month will not be affected by his fall to number three in the world rankings, the Spaniard said on Monday.

His third-round defeat last week in Madrid meant he was overtaken by tournament winner Roger Federer, with Novak Djokovic still top of the pile. “Being number two or number three isn’t going to change my goal,” Nadal told a news conference at the Foro Italico, the long-time home of the Rome Masters, which began on Sunday.

“My goal will be the same, number two, three or

number 10. To win you have to beat the best players in the world. The only change is in the semi-finals but it doesn’t make any difference.”

Nadal could regain second spot from Federer this week but said he was more concerned with the way he is playing. “I will try my best to play my best and if I am able to do that I will have my chances to have a good result,” he said.

—Reuters



Rafael Nadal of Spain looks at the ball before returning a shot during his Davis Cup World Group semi-final against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France at the Cordoba bullring on 18 September, 2011.

REUTERS

Barton charged with violent conduct

LONDON, 15 May—Queens Park Rangers midfielder Joey Barton was charged by the English FA on Monday with two acts of alleged violent conduct during Sunday’s Premier League match against Manchester City. The controversial player was sent off for elbowing Carlos Tevez and then kicked Sergio Aguero and tried to head-butt Vincent Kompany before being escorted off the pitch.

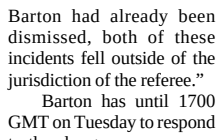
An FA statement said: “Following the player’s dismissal in the 54th minute of the fixture, there followed two incidents involving Manchester City’s Sergio Aguero and Vincent Kompany. “As

Barton had already been dismissed, both of these incidents fell outside of the jurisdiction of the referee.”

Barton has until 1700 GMT on Tuesday to respond to the charges.

Playing with 10 men, Rangers took a 2-1 lead only for City to clinch the title with two late goals in the most dramatic of finales to the Premier League.

Barton has apologised via his Twitter account, saying: “Can do nothing but apologise to the players and the fans.—Reuters



Manchester United's Paul Scholes shoots at goal during their English Premier League match against Queens Park Rangers at Old Trafford, on 8 April, 2012.—REUTERS

Australia coach slams FIFA over Oman qualifier kick-off

SYDNEY, 15 May—Australia coach Holger Osieck has slammed global soccer governing body FIFA for scheduling the Socceroos’ away World Cup qualifier against Oman in the late afternoon, fearing the effects of extreme heat on his players. FIFA has listed the kickoff for the 8 June qualifier at 5pm local time (1300 GMT) in Muscat, where day-time temperatures regularly soar above 40 degrees Celsius at that time.

“We are working on it and I think it’s unacceptable to play that time of the year,” German Osieck said in a conference call on Tuesday.

“When some bureaucrats make a decision behind their desk in a climatized room and not considering the actual situation outside, I think that is a very questionable decision.”

The country’s soccer administration Football Federation Australia had previously expressed their concerns about playing a match in the heat before the time was posted, an official told Reuters, and would write to FIFA again in a bid to have the match moved back into a cooler evening slot.

When asked about the

chances of having the match moved back, Osieck struck an ironic tone. “I’ve been (dealing) with FIFA for quite a while and we know how flexible they are,” he said.

The Socceroos’ original 9:30 pm kick-off time in their last qualifier against Saudi Arabia in Melbourne irked the FIFA, who lobbied successfully to have the match played earlier out of deference to broadcasters and fans hoping to attend the midweek match.

Osieck also named a 26-man squad for a friendly against Denmark on 2 June and the World Cup qualifiers against Oman and Japan in Brisbane on 12 June, recalling Everton midfielder Tim Cahill and striker Josh Kennedy.

Aston Villa midfielder Chris Herd, named in the squad for the first time, will have his chance to impress selectors at a training camp in Denmark in the leadup to the friendly.

—Reuters



Australia's coach Holger Osieck during their 2011 Asian Cup semi-final match against Uzbekistan, on 25 January, 2011.—REUTERS

Scholes to play on another season

LONDON, 15 May—Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes will play on for another season, the Premier League club’s manager Alex Ferguson said on Monday.

The 37-year-old former England international quit at the end of the 2010-11 campaign but came out of retirement in January and played a key role in helping United finish second in the Premier League behind Manchester City.

“I am delighted, he knew

he had made a mistake,” Ferguson told MUTV at United’s player of the year dinner. “He now realises if he plays 25 or 30 games next season, they will be of real quality.”

“I think this will be Paul’s last season. We know him very well. We have had him since he was a kid. We know how to use him.”

With several United midfielders injured, Scholes made a shock return to the side as a substitute in the FA Cup third-round win at Manchester

City in January and played 21 matches before the end of the season, scoring four goals. Despite playing only half the campaign, Scholes finished third in the vote for England’s Footballer of the Year, behind Arsenal striker Robin van Persie and United team mate Wayne Rooney.

There has been speculation that he could be included in England’s European Championship squad which will be named by new coach Roy Hodgson on Wednesday.—Reuters

Neymar, Ganso to miss Brazil friendly against Denmark

RIODE JANEIRO, 15 May—Forward Neymar and midfielder Paulo Henrique Ganso will miss Brazil’s friendly against Denmark after the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) agreed to release the Santos pair for a club match.

The CBF said in a statement it had accepted a request by Santos to allow them and team mate Rafael to play in the Libertadores Cup quarter-final second leg against Argentine side Velez Sarsfield on 24 May.

Brazil face Denmark in Hamburg two days later.

Ganso is seen as a potential playmaker in Brazil’s 2014 World Cup team while 20-year-old Neymar is by far the most exciting forward Brazil has produced in the last few years.

—Reuters



Neymar of Santos celebrates his goal against Sao Paulo, on 29 April, 2012.—REUTERS

International Sports

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- * News
- * What have you done for the Natural Environment?
- * News
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- * Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes
- * "Sweet & Sour Prawn"
- * News
- * Myanmar
- * Traditional Identity
- * "Tumbling Doll, Pyit Tine Htaung"
- * News
- * Mars Education Consultancy
- * News
- * Youth & Music (Part-4)
- * News
- * Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring
- * News
- * The Art of Making Glaze Ware
- * Myanmar Movie
- * "Beyond Love"

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- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 4. Cultural Dances
- 8:30 am
- 5. Documentary
- 8:40 am
- 6. International News
- 4:00 pm
- 7. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
- 8. Dance of National Races
- 4:15 pm
- 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:50 pm
- 10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:35 pm
- 11. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Traditional Boxing
- 7:35 pm
- 13. Alinka Wat Yi Music Troupe
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. Korea NG Award
- 16. TV Drama Series
- 17. Myanmar Video Feature

Preparation for natural disasters, fire inspected

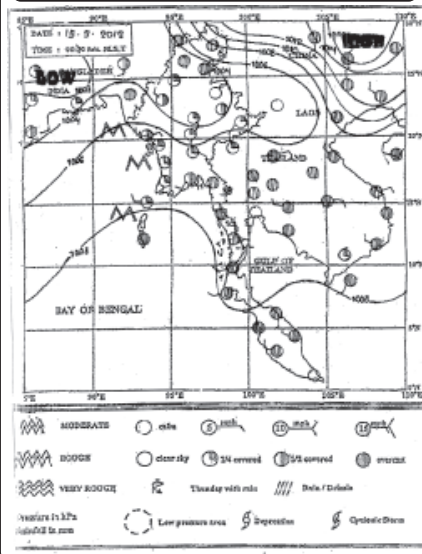
PYAPON, 15 May—With regard to undertaking preparations for rescue and relief works when natural disasters and danger of fire hit unexpectedly, Director U Thin Htay Shwe of the control section of Fire Services Department met members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade at Pyapon Township Fire Station on 9 May.

They inspected water taps, light fire engines and safety installation of power

lines at Myoma Market of Township Development Affairs Committee.

Staff Officer U Than Naing of District Fire Services Department, Executive Officer U Myint Maung of Township Development Affairs Committee, Deputy Head of Department (Market) U Aung Soe and officials reported on preventive measures against natural disasters and danger of fire.

Myanma Alin

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas****Weather forecast for 16th May, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/40	25/27	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
2	Kayah	32/31	22/22	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
3	Kayah	32/35	24/25	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
4	Chin	27/31	17/33	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
5	Upper Sgaw	30/32	26/29	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
6	Lower Sgaw	45/30	27/31	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
7	Tanintharyi	30/36	24/25	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
8	Saga	30/30	26/32	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
9	Mawmyi	44/11	28/32	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
10	Manay	42/30	31/38	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
11	Man	33/31	24/25	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
12	Yangon	38/30	26/29	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
13	Bahmaw	34/33	26/29	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	30/36	18/34	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	37/39	20/38	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	37/39	23/33	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	38/30	27/31	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	42/30	26/29	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	38/30	26/29	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	42/30	31/38	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thunderstorms have been widespread in Tanintharyi Region, fairly widespread in Yangon Region and Mon State, scattered in Kachin and Bhamo States and isolated in Magway Region, Shan and Rakhine States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy rain in Mon State. Day temperatures were (27°C) to (32°C) above May average temperatures in Lower Sgaw, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Northern and Eastern Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States (32°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sgaw Region, Southern Shan and Chin States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chittha (45°C), Nyaung-U and Mawla (44°C) each, Myingyan and Mawmyi (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Chittha (41.3) inches, Mawmyi (17.3) inches, Bhamo (13.8) inches, Kyaukse (6.8) inch, Hsaw (6.7) inch, Daw (6.7) inch, Yangon (6.7) inch and Mandalay (6.5) inch.

Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Bay Reference: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely across Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon.

State of the Sea: Tanintharyi Coasts, Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30) to (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery conditions in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Man sets himself on fire outside Breivik courthouse

OSLO, 15 May—A man has set himself on fire on Tuesday outside an Oslo courthouse where Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik is on trial for murdering 77 people last July, police said.

The man doused himself with liquid and set himself on fire before attempting to breach the security fence around the courthouse, a police spokesman Kjell Kverme said. The national daily VG posted



a video on its website, vg.no, showing the man with flames on his hat and sweatshirt running toward a security checkpoint and being tackled by police. Officers ripped his sweatshirt off and stamped out the flames. The spokesman said the man, who appeared to be a Norwegian, had shouted at police before setting himself on fire but officers could not make out what he said. The man, who witnesses said appeared to be Caucasian and in his 50s, was taken to hospital with serious injuries on his torso.

Mr Breivik, 33, has been on trial since last month for

An unidentified man is stretchered to an ambulance after setting fire to himself on 15 May, 2012 outside the Oslo, Norway courthouse where right-wing extremist Anders Behring Breivik is being tried on terror charges for a bombing and shooting massacre on 22 July, 2011.—INTERNET



Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik takes his seat in the courtroom in Oslo on 15 May, 2012.—REUTERS

bombing government offices in an attack that killed eight people, then shooting dead 69 more, most of them teenagers, at a Labour Party island summer camp.—MNA/Reuters

Bret Michaels settles case over 2009 Tonys mishap

NEW YORK, 15 May—Bret Michaels and organizers of the Tony Awards have settled a lawsuit filed by the rocker after a 2009 incident in which he was hit in the head with a set piece and suffered injuries that he claimed contributed to a brain hemorrhage that nearly killed him.

The confidential settlement also covers Michaels' claims against CBS Broadcasting, which aired the show and the mishap. The Poison frontman blamed the network for airing the moment, which became which a viral video watched by tens of millions of people online, and claimed Tony Awards producers never warned him there would be a set change after he and his band performed "Nothin' But a Good Time."

The whack initially left Michaels with a busted lip and broken nose but also caused brain bleeding, the lawsuit claimed. He was hospitalized in April 2010, and doctors found he had a brain hemorrhage and he later suffered a warning stroke, which the musician says nearly killed him.

Michaels' attorney Alex Weingarten said details of the settlement would not be released. "Mr. Michaels would like to thank

his fans for their continued support," he wrote in a statement.

Michaels sued in March 2011 in Los Angeles, but a judge later moved the case to New York City. The agreement came after a mediation session was held on Friday. Representatives for CBS and the Tonys released a joint statement saying that "an amicable resolution" had been reached but no further details would be released. The musician and reality television star did not state how much compensation he was seeking when he sued but said the injury hurt his ability to perform at later shows.—Internet



Rock and Roll artist Brett Michaels



Russia's Maria Sharapova.

Sharapova, Kvitova advance in windy Rome

ROME, 15 May—Past and present Wimbledon winners Maria Sharapova and Czech Petra Kvitova made straight-set moves into the third round of the Rome Masters on Tuesday, with the Russian second seed made to work hard.

Defending Rome champion Sharapova, who won her Wimbledon title aged 17 in 2004, needed nearly two and a quarter hours to get past 36th-ranked American Christina McHale 7-5, 7-5. Kvitova, the fourth seed who claimed the grass honours last summer, accounted for Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 7-5, 6-4 in sunny, breezy conditions with spring pollen swirling through the air at the Foro Italico.—Internet

ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak and party leave for Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—A goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak left here by special flight at 8 am today for Yangon to continue the goodwill visit.

They were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, departmental heads of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials.

National race girls bid farewell with courtesy and the Guard of Honour saluted the President of the ROK and party. Along the road to the airport, students waved miniature flags of the two countries at the guests.

MNA

President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak and members of ROK goodwill delegation being seen off by officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA



Information Ministry, in shouldering its literary duties, has enlisted strength of literati and artistes in successive eras



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attends ceremony to honour literati, artistes, technicians, experts and departmental personnel who have contributed to functions of Ministry of Information for 2010-2011 fiscal year and dinner reception.—MNA

YANGON, 15 May—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attended a ceremony to honour literati, artistes, technicians, experts and departmental personnel who have contributed to the functions of the Ministry of Information for 2010-2011 fiscal year, and a dinner reception held at Karaweik Palace here yesterday evening.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, departmental heads and officials of the ministry, chairmen and executive committee members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, Myanmar Music Asiayon and Myanmar Libraries Foundation, members of literature scrutiny boards, Myanmar Motion Picture Award Scrutiny Board, Motion Picture Censor Board and Video Censor Board and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said today's ceremony was held to honour those who have lent a helping hand to the functions of the Ministry of Information. Such kind of ceremony has been held since 2006 and this year is the fifth. But, last year the ministry failed to hold the ceremony due to its tremendous duties. Therefore, this year's ceremony would be held for the quota of two years.

The Union minister added that the ministry staff alone will not be able to perform duties and realize the objectives of the ministry. Moreover, they will not be able to reach a level of perfection at all. This is why the ministry, in

shouldering its literary duties, has enlisted the strength of literati and artistes in successive eras. The ministry owes a great debt of gratitude to them for their continued cooperation with relentless efforts. So, a separate ceremony has to be held to honour them.

Today, 152 persons from literary, film and music fields would be honoured. The Ministry would honour them for their three noble characteristics – their noble, benevolent attitude towards the nation and people; their decision-

making with truthfulness totally free from irregularities; and concerted efforts for realizing the ministry's objectives, in other words, national duties despite their age. Although today's ceremony was held to present honorary gifts to the doyen literati and artistes, any of those could not be so valuable as their gratitude. Likewise, they are requested to accept the gifts gladly recognizing the goodwill and respect of all the staff members of the ministry.

At the ceremony, members of National Literary Award Scrutiny Board, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Scrutiny Board, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutiny Board, Myanmar Reference Scrutiny Board, Myanmar Motion Picture Standard Promotion Scrutiny Board, Film and Video Censor Board and Songs and Biographies Scrutiny Board would all be honoured. He thanked the said literati for their physical and intellectual contributions in assessing, scrutinizing, selecting and compiling literary works with sacrifice of their priceless times in face of aging.

Today's ceremony was held with mindset remembering and valuing the gratitude of the doyen literati. He requested them to preserve the fine tradition of working closely with the ministry in order to help it achieve goals. With cooperation of the doyen literati, the ministry vowed to do its best to achieve more successes and serve the country and the people.

The Union Minister then presented awards to Pinyinman Myint Hlaing on behalf of members of songs and biographies scrutiny board, U Soe Thein (Maung Wun Tha), on behalf of members of literature scrutiny boards, and Daw Po Po Kyi, on behalf of members of motion picture scrutiny boards.

On behalf of the scholars, Member of National Literary Award Scrutiny Committee Sithu U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) spoke words of thanks. Then the dinner was served.

The Union Minister then cordially greeted those present.

The cash awards to 52 departmental staff and 100 outside scholars who helped the Ministry of Information in 2010-2011 fiscal year amounted to K 21,050,000.—MNA

Korean President and party conclude visit

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Barton charged with violent conduct



Manchester City's Carlos Tevez is challenged by Queens Park Rangers' Joey Barton (L) and Djibril Cisse (R) during their EPL soccer match at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, northern England, on 13 May, 2012.

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