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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Brazilian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior at the Credentials Hall of the President Office here at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and departmental officials.

They discussed bilateral cooperation in environmental conservation, technical assistance in biofuel, science and technology, agriculture and irrigation and mutual cooperation for development.—MNA

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Personal Profile of Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh



Dr Manmohan Singh



Shrimati Gursharan Kaur

India's fourteenth Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh is rightly acclaimed as a thinker and a scholar.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was born on 26 September, 1932, in a village in the Punjab province of undivided India. Dr Singh completed his Matriculation examinations from the Punjab University in 1948. His academic career took him from Punjab to the University of Cambridge, UK, where he earned a First Class Honours degree in Economics in 1957. Dr Singh followed this with a D. Phil in Economics from Nuffield College at Oxford University in 1962.

Dr Singh's academic credentials were burnished by the years he spent on the faculty of Punjab University and the prestigious Delhi School of Economics. He had a brief stint at the UNCTAD Secretariat as well, during these years. This presaged a subsequent appointment as Secretary-General of the South Commission in Geneva between 1987 and 1990.

In 1971, Dr Singh joined the Government of India as Economic Advisor in the Commerce Ministry. This was soon followed by his appointment as Chief Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Finance in 1972. Among the many Governmental positions that Dr Singh has occupied are Secretary in the Ministry of Finance; Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission; Governor of the Reserve Bank of India; Advisor to the Prime Minister; and Chairman of the University Grants Commission.

Dr Singh served five years between 1991 and 1996 as India's Finance Minister. His role in ushering in a comprehensive policy of economic reforms is now recognized worldwide.

Among the many awards and honours conferred upon Dr Singh in his public career, the most prominent are India's second highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan (1987); the Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Award of the Indian Science Congress (1995); the Asia Money Award for Finance Minister of the Year (1993 and 1994); the Euro Money Award for Finance Minister of the Year (1993); the Adam Smith Prize of the University of Cambridge (1956); and the Wright's Prize for Distinguished Performance at St. John's College in Cambridge (1995). Dr Singh has also been honoured by a number of other associations including the Japanese Nihon Keizai Shimbun. Dr Singh is a recipient of honorary degrees from many universities including the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford.

In his political career, Dr Singh has been a Member of India's Upper House of Parliament (the Rajya Sabha) since 1991, where he was leader of the Opposition between 1998 and 2004. Dr Manmohan Singh was sworn in as Prime Minister on 22 May after the 2004 general elections and took the oath of office for a second term on 22 May, 2009.

Dr Singh and his wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur have three daughters.

PERSPECTIVES

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Mobile phones

Want to own a mobile phone? Everybody will say yes, because mobile phones are convenient, compact and multi-functional. They help us contact our friends and family members from any place or at any time. We can make contacts with others easily by calling or sending messages even without electricity. So, it is clear why almost all the people today wish to have a mobile phone.

In addition, we can carry a mobile phone easily so we don't miss important calls, and we can call for direction if we get lost. When on a trip in an unfamiliar place needing help, we can rely on them. If we are in an accident, we can call the police or ambulance, and also take pictures of the accident.

And there are many other advantages that make mobile phones essential part of today's human society of the ever advancing world.

Although, mobile phones can offer much help, there are also downsides. Too much use of mobile phones introduces bad effects like dizzy, blood-brain barrier, or ear problems. Especially, teens and children under 16 are more vulnerable to brain damage due to mobile phone use.

Mobile phones sometimes cause more hazards on the roads than drunk and distracted driving when people use them to talk, text or access the internet while behind the wheel. The worst thing is that they emit radiation which many scientists say is dreadful to the eardrum and even the cause of brain cancer.

As they have become the essential part of human life, we find it impossible to live without them. So, the best way is we must educate ourselves to the hazards and benefits of using them. Moreover we must find means to protect ourselves from bad effects harmful to our health. And then buy a mobile phone.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung on 22 May arrived in Zalun to pay homage to Manaungmyay Pyitawpyan Buddha Image.

He inspected progress of repairing of river bank near UpaYe Pagoda in Hinthada and the chosen site for construction of a gymnasium in Laymyethna.

On 23 May, the Region Chief Minister paid an inspection tour of the chosen site for construction of a basic education primary

Dy Livestock and Fisheries Minister receives TICA's Deputy DG

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye received a delegation led by Deputy Director-General Ms. Suchada Thaibunthao of Thai International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA) at his office here on 23 May.

The meeting concentrated on implementations for meat

school (branch) in Kyeinkyon Village in Htoogyi Village-tract in Ingapu Township, where he made cash donation amounted to K 0.3 million for the construction.

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and fisheries in bilateral cooperation.

The TICA is implementing the three programmes on development of meat sector in collaboration with the livestock breeding and veterinary department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, and it has arranged to cooperate in planning for development of fisheries sector.

The deputy minister said that fishermen need to involve in promotion of measures for precaution on natural disasters in the fisheries sector and development of breeding dairy cows in meat sector.—MNA

Union Minister receives Norwegian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Mr Steinar R. Paulsen from International Recycling & Sustainable Project of Norway, paid a call on Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, at his office on 24 May. At the call, the both sides discussed drafting of environmental conservation projects and implementation and donation of funds.

Also present at the call were Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department,



Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest

Department, and Deputy Director-General U Tin Tun of PSD.

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Union EP-2 Minister meets Vice-President of China Southern Power Grid International

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe received a delegation led by Vice-President Mr Zhou Zhizhu and party of China Southern Power Grid International Co Ltd, at his office, here, yesterday.

China Southern Power Grid (CSG) Co is an

organization that operates power system in Southern China. The company has experience in construction of power networks of Laos and Vietnam and wants to construct 500 KV and 230 KV power grids in Myanmar.

They discussed the survey of Shweli (3)-Meiktila 500 KV power grid and Mawlamyine-Ye-



Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe receives Vice-President Mr Zhou Zhizhu of China Southern Power Grid International Co Ltd.—MNA

Hospitality Management Course concludes

YANGON, 26 May—Concluding ceremony of Hospitality Management Course No (5/2012) organized by Myanmar Restaurant Owners Association and under the supervision of Hotels and Tourism Ministry took place at Tourism Training School

at the corner of Maha Bandoola Street and 31st Street in Pabedan Township here yesterday morning, with an address by Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Service U Hla Htay who presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

Next, responsible persons presented certificates and gifts to trainees and course instructors.

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Union Sports Minister meets officials of sports federations

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan met sports federations which would field athletes in XXVII SEA Games at the ministry here yesterday afternoon.

He called for training the athletes extremely as the host have to clinch more medals and for adopting strategies and techniques depending on the opponents. The presidents and secretaries of the federations reported to the minister on preparations of the tentatively selected teams.—MNA

KOICA renovates Yangon (SPEI) clinic

YANGON, 26 May—A ceremony to present certificate of honour to Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), was held at Institute of Sports and Physical Education Institute (SPEI) (Yangon) in Tamway Township, here, yesterday morning. At the ceremony, KOICA resident representative Mr Shin Man Shik explained renovation of clinic in the SPES (Yangon). And Ms Eom Hyun Jung discussed "Improvement of ISPE clinic environment and new education course" and "Korea Oversea Volunteer".

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Afterwards, the resident representative handed over the lists donated by KOICA to principal of the



Director U Tin Win accepts list of donations from KOICA Resident Representative Mr Shin Man Shik.—MNA

Canadian arrested for incident at Miami airport

MIAMI, 26 May — A Canadian man was arrested at Miami International Airport on Friday for rushing to the front of an American Airlines flight from Jamaica after it had landed, authorities said.

The FBI said 24-year-old Ryan Snider caused no injuries or damage to the plane and his behaviour did not appear to be terrorism related.

But a statement from the agency said he was taken into federal custody and "expected to face federal charges which may include interference with a flight crew."

An initial court

appearance for Snider was expected to be scheduled for Tuesday, the statement said. A spokesman for American Airlines' parent AMR Corp said earlier that Snider appeared "disoriented" after he stood up and refused to sit as the plane taxied to its airport gate.

"We had what appeared to be a 'disoriented' male passenger who stood up at his seat in the main cabin after landing in Miami as the flight was taxiing in," AMR spokesman Tim Smith said.

"He did not obey crew member instructions to sit down and then moved toward the front of the aircraft where

he was subdued," Smith said. The Boeing Co 757 with 120 passengers was concluding a flight from Montego Bay, Jamaica, to Miami.

On Tuesday, a US Airways flight was diverted after a passenger said she had a surgically-implanted device in her body and the flight was disrupted. In a separate incident the same day, the crew on a US Airways commuter flight operated by the carrier's Piedmont subsidiary, reported a "possible flare" when the plane was approaching the Philadelphia airport.

Reuters



Photo taken on 25 May, 2012 shows the waterlogged Bulin Village of Lingyun County, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The continuous rainstorms in Guangxi have killed at least two people and damaged over 1200 houses. It has affected about 7,640 hectares of farmland and 309,400 people, with direct economic losses of nearly 111 million RMB yuan (17.5 million US dollars). Authorities have evacuated 4,900 people in lowlying areas. — XINHUA



Cyclades island in Greece. The name "Cyclades" refers to the islands forming a circle (the name in English means: "circular islands") around the sacred island of Delos. According to the Greek mythology, Poseidon, God of the sea, furious at the Cyclopes nymphs turned them into islands.

XINHUA

US criticism of China's human rights "biased"

BEIJING, 26 May—A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman on Friday described a recent US government report on China's human rights practices as "biased." The spokesman urged the United States to stop interfering in the internal affairs of other nations. "It's a solid fact that remarkable, well-recognized progress has been achieved in China's field of human rights over the past 30 years and more," spokesman Hong Lei said in response to the "Country Reports on Human Rights for 2011," which was issued by the US State Department on Thursday.

Hong said the report's criticism of China is biased and baseless. "There is always room for improvement on human rights for any country," the spokesman said, adding that all the countries in the world can deepen mutual understanding for common improvement through equal dialogue. But no single country should use human rights as a tool to interfere with another's internal affairs, he said. "We sincerely advise the US side to do more self-examination and stop its wrong thinking and doings on the issue," he added. — Xinhua

Finn dies in ski accident on Alaska's Mount McKinley

ANCHORAGE, 26 May—A Finnish climber has died after falling some 2,000 feet while attempting to ski down a notoriously steep chute on Mount McKinley in Alaska, the National Park Service said on Thursday.

Ilkka Uusitalo, 36, fell from an elevation of 17,800 feet through snow, ice and rocks on Wednesday, before coming to rest 60 feet down a glacial crevasse, the Park Service said.

One of Uusitalo's expedition partners rappelled into the crevasse but found that he was likely dead, the Park Service said.

The second expedition partner summoned Denali National Park mountaineering rangers for help.

Rangers found Uusitalo's

body, retrieved it from the crevasse and flew it off the mountain, the Park Service said.

Uusitalo's death is the second this year on McKinley, North America's tallest peak. A German climber died in a 1,100-foot (335-metre) fall last Friday.

The long chute that Uusitalo was attempting to ski, as steep as 45 degrees in some spots, is an alternative to the easier West Buttress route that most climbers use on 20,320-foot (6,194-metre) McKinley.

Only a small percentage of McKinley climbers use the chute and most of those who do climb with crampons and traditional mountaineering gear, said Maureen McLaughlin, a spokes-

woman for Denali National Park. Descending the route on skis is less common, but is done by a few climbers each year, McLaughlin said.

"This team in particular had a lot of ski experience," she said. Uusitalo, of Oulu, Finland, was the 16th person since 1972 to perish while descending that route, the Park Service said.

Park records suggest that he is the first person to die while skiing down the chute, McLaughlin said. But there have been other serious skiing and snowboarding accidents there in the past, she said.

Weather conditions at the time of the accident were considered good, but the snow at the high elevations had not yet started the softening that normally occurs later in the climbing season, McLaughlin said.

Reuters

Dam bursts in Hunan but no casualties

CHANGSHA, 26 May—A dam burst on Friday evening in the central province of Hunan but no casualties had been reported as scores of villagers downstream had been relocated, according to the provincial authorities on Saturday.

The Badoucn reservoir dam burst around 6 pm on

Friday and water had flooded Xintang village of Taojiang county, said the Hunan provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters.

Heavy rain since Tuesday had increased water levels, putting pressure on the dam.

The ensuing flood damaged 10 hectares of crops.

The local government has started the emergency response plan to repair the dam. The Badoucn reservoir was constructed in 1973. It has been listed on the provincial reservoir reinforcement plan, as it was known to have safety risks. Xinhua

Jail for two blamed for New Zealand cargo ship spill

WELLINGTON, 26 May—The captain and the navigating officer of a ship that ran aground on a New Zealand reef have each been sentenced to seven months in jail.

Authorities have described the 5 Oct grounding of the cargo ship *Rena* as New Zealand's worst worst maritime environmental disaster. About 400 tons of fuel oil spilled on Astrolabe Reef near Tauranga and at least 2,000 sea birds died.

Capt Mauro Balomaga and officer Leonil Relon, both of the Philippines, had earlier pleaded guilty to operating the ship dangerously and altering documents after the crash.

The *New Zealand Herald* reported the men appeared solemn when sentenced on Friday at a court in Rotorua.

A preliminary report by transport investigators found the *Rena* took short cuts to try to reach port by a deadline. — Reuters

China adds Georgia as travel destination

BEIJING, 26 May—Georgia has officially become a new travel destination for Chinese citizens, according to an agreement reached between tourism authorities of the two countries. The decision was announced on Friday after officials of the two countries signed an Approved Destination Status (ADS) Memorandum of Understanding on Friday in Beijing.

Zhu Shanzhong, vice director of the National Tourism Administration, said the signing and implementation of the MoU is expected to bring a new wave of Chinese tourists to the country. He also suggested Georgian tourism authorities to focus on promotion in China and develop more tourism products that are particularly tailored for Chinese tourists. Tourists have flocked to Georgia in recent years to bath in hot springs in the capital Tbilisi or relax on the country's Black Sea coast beaches. — Xinhua

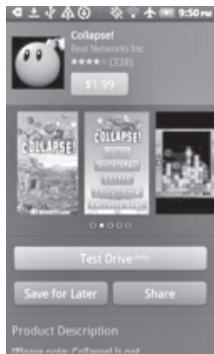
Staff workers rush repair damaged oil pipeline in Zibo, east China's Shandong Province, on 25 May, 2012. Around 8 am on Friday, a construction team damaged a section of the oil pipeline near the Jinan-Qingdao Expressway, according to a statement released by the Zibo municipal government. As of 5 pm on Friday, the source of oil passing through the line had been cut off and workers were cleaning up the site. — XINHUA



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Amazon offers 'test drives' of phone apps

SEATTLE, 26 May—Amazon says Android device owners unsure if they want to buy an application will be able to "test drive" it in its App store before they buy.



App test drive screen.

To test drive an app, users can click the "Test Drive" button on the app's product

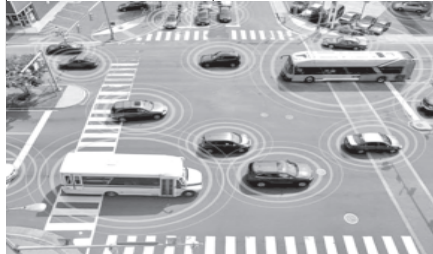
page and the app will run virtually, to let users experience what it would be like to have the app on their device, CNET.com reported on Tuesday.

Test Drive is available on more than 5,000 applications offered through its App store and more programmes will be added over time, Amazon said.

However, the feature is currently available in a beta version and only supports apps that use the touch screen and accelerometer features of smartphones, Amazon said.

Apps that require the keyboard, multitouch or the camera are not currently supported, it said. Amazon had launched its Test Drive service last year but users could only try out apps from their browser, not directly in the App store.—Internet

Connected vehicles can help prevent crashes at busy intersections.
INTERNET



ANN ARBOR, 26 May—A \$22 million safety research project will equip motor vehicles with connected technologies, devices that may someday prevent crashes, US researchers say.

The University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute, in the largest street-level pilot project in the western hemisphere, has partnered with the US Department of Transportation to test

Car safety system gets real-world test

connected vehicle technology in real world use by actual drivers, the university reported.

The technology involves vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure wireless communications that privately and securely transmit and receive vehicle data such as position and speed and can alert drivers to a potential crash situation such as a nearby vehicle unexpectedly breaking, a

sudden lane change or merging traffic.

Nearly 3,000 cars, trucks and buses will be equipped with the technology while similar devices will be located at intersections, curve locations, and freeway sites throughout the test area, researchers said.

"We are equipping vehicles that spend time driving in the 48105 ZIP code — northeast Ann Arbor and the surrounding area," Jim Sayer, an UMTRI researcher, said.

"We are working closely with the university community, but also with the Ann Arbor Public Schools, to identify individuals who want to know more about this technology and might consider having it installed on their personal vehicle."

Internet

Computer malware threats still rising

SANTA CLARA, 26 May—Malware threats against PCs are at the highest levels in four years and are on the increase on Macs and Android devices, computer security firm McAfee says. In the past quarter McAfee collected 83 million pieces of PC malware samples, up from 75 million samples collected by the end of last year, CNET.com reported on Wednesday.

McAfee also reported a significant increase in malicious software targeting the Android platform and Mac computers.

A total of 8,000 mobile malware samples were collected this quarter, of which nearly 7,000 were Android threats, mainly from from third-party app markets, it said. With the United States being the primary source of cyberattacks, malware threats could reach the 100 million mark this year, a release from McAfee said. E-mail continued to be a medium for targeted attacks along with an increase of so-called rootkits, a form of "stealth" malware, it said.—Internet

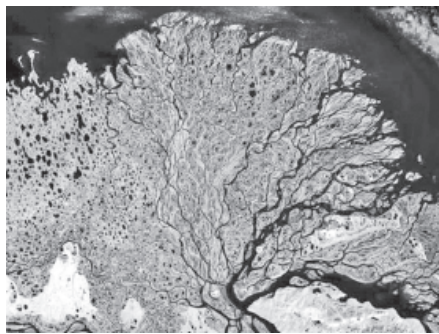
Surprising source of Arctic mercury seen

CAMBRIDGE, 26 May—Toxic mercury in the Arctic, long thought to be coming primarily from atmospheric sources, is also being carried into the region by rivers, US scientists say.

While the atmospheric

both marine life and humans. The question from a scientific standpoint is, where does that mercury come from?"

The most important rivers flowing to the Arctic Ocean are in Siberia: the Lena, the Ob, and the Yenisei.



The Lena River delta. The Lena is one of several major rivers that flows northward into the Arctic Ocean.

INTERNET

source has long been studied, new research suggests twice as much mercury actually comes from the flow of circumpolar rivers that carry the element north into the Arctic Ocean, Harvard University researchers reported on Monday.

"The Arctic is a unique environment because it's so remote from most anthropogenic (human-influenced) sources of mercury, yet we know that the concentrations of mercury in Arctic marine mammals are among the highest in the world," Harvard scientist Jenny A Fisher said.

"This is dangerous to

Mercury emission from gold, silver, and mercury mines in Siberia may be polluting those rivers, researcher said.

The Arctic Ocean is shallow, which increases its sensitivity to input from rivers, they said. "The environmental implications of this finding are huge. It means, for example, that climate change could have a very large impact on arctic mercury, larger than the impact of controlling emissions to the atmosphere," Fisher said.

"More work is needed now to measure the mercury discharged by rivers and to determine its origin."

Internet

New ideas about Saturn's 'oddball' moon

ITHACA, 26 May—A moon of Saturn that looks like a cosmic wet sponge is in fact covered in ices, both of water and carbon dioxide, images from a NASA spacecraft show.

Hyperion, with an irregular potato-like shape and honeycomb surface, is the subject of a new analysis of images taken by NASA's Cassini spacecraft in September 2005, Science-News.org reported on Wednesday.

Hydrocarbons and iron-containing compounds mixed in with the ice give the moon a reddish appearance, researchers said.

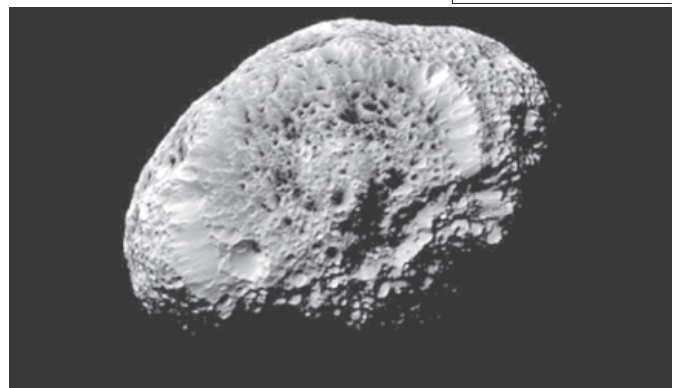
Writing in the planetary science journal *Icarus*, scientists say Hyperion shows similarities to some comets, suggesting the possibility the moon formed

elsewhere before being captured by Saturn.

A separate team of researchers reporting in the same issue of *Icarus* says Hyperion's strange, sponge-like surface is likely the result of a number of processes,

including impacts blasting debris into space, eroding crater walls and melting of ice, all contributing to creating one of the solar system's most strangely-shaped inhabitants.

Internet



Hyperion, an oddly-shaped moon of Saturn.—INTERNET

Coyote-sized raptor dinosaur fossil found



Helmut Doelling and new genus and species *Yurgovuchia doellingi*.—INTERNET

SALT LAKE CITY, 26 May—US paleontologists say they've discovered the fossil of a 130 million-year-old raptor dinosaur no bigger than a modern coyote in a national park in Utah.

The new raptor, called *Yurgovuchia doellingi*, was discovered in Utah's Arches National Park in an area dubbed Doelling's Bowl Bone Bed, named after paleontologist Helmut Doelling of the Utah Geological Survey, who first discovered the bone-rich site.

The new raptor is a member of the family of

dinosaurs known as Dromaeosauridae, who all sported a large curved claw on the second toe that may have served as a weapon for killing prey, a climbing aid, or digging tool.

The sharp-toothed, clawed carnivores roamed the Earth during the Cretaceous period, preying on smaller creatures.

The name of the raptor is derived from the Ute word *yurgovuch*, or coyote, and *doellingi* to honor Helmut Doelling, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

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Health Tip: Log migraine details in a diary

Tracking your migraines can better prepare you to prevent or treat these often-debilitating headaches.

The Womenshealth.gov website suggests what to log in a headache diary:

- * The date, time and duration of your migraine.
- * What you were doing and where you were when the migraine began.
- * Anything you drank or ate within 24 hours of the migraine.
- * If you are a woman, the duration of your menstrual period.

Internet

Breast milk antibodies help neutralize HIV

WASHINGTON, 26 May—Antibodies isolated from infected mothers' breast milk can inhibit the virus that causes AIDS, says a new discovery. HIV-1 can be transmitted from mother to child via breastfeeding, posing a challenge for safe infant feeding practices in areas of high HIV-1 prevalence. But only one in 10 HIV-infected nursing mothers is known to pass the virus to their infants.

"That is remarkable, because nursing children are exposed multiple times each day during their first year of life," said senior author Sallie Permar, assistant professor of paediatrics and infectious diseases at Duke University Medical Centre (DUMC). "We are asking if there is an immune response that protects 90 percent of infants, and could we harness that response to develop immune system prophylaxis (protection) during breastfeeding for mothers infected with HIV-1," Permar, who led the study, was quoted as saying in the journal *Public Library of Science*.

"Our work helped establish that these B-cells in breast milk can produce HIV-neutralizing antibodies, so enhancing the response or getting more mucosal B-cells to produce those helpful antibodies would be useful, and this is a possible route to explore for HIV-1 vaccine development," Permar said, according to a university statement.

"This is important work that seeks to understand what a vaccine must do to protect babies from mucosal transmission during breastfeeding," said Barton Haynes, MD, study co-author and a national leader in AIDS/HIV research who is also director of the Centre for HIV/AIDS Vaccine Immunology (CHAVI), as well as director of the Duke Human Vaccine Institute (DHVI). "The antibodies isolated are the first HIV antibodies isolated from breast milk that react with the HIV-1 envelope, and it is important to understand how they work to attack HIV-1," added Haynes.—Internet

Jet likely to order 100 planes for \$3.75 b



Jet Airways aircraft stand on tarmac at the domestic airport terminal in Mumbai on 9 Sept, 2009. —Reuters

NEW DELHI, 26 May—Jet Airways (JET NS) is expected to order more than 100 narrow-body aircraft for up to \$3.75 billion in 2012/13 as the largest Indian carrier grabs market share from its troubled rivals, a leading consultancy said.

The airline is understood to be actively evaluating Airbus's (EAD PA) narrow-body A320 aircraft, and is likely to lease up to 10 A330s to support expansion of its European network, the Centre

for Asia Pacific Aviation (CAPA) said in a report.

"In my estimate, at the current price and without taking into account the list price, the actual price for the order could be \$3.5 billion to \$3.75 billion," Kapil Kaul, regional head of CAPA, told Reuters.

A Jet spokeswoman was not immediately available for comment.

India's aviation sector has been beset by high costs of fuel and airport charges

and heavy debt, with all carriers except unlisted Indigo Airlines posting losses in the fiscal year that ended in March.

With two debt-ridden carriers, Kingfisher Airlines (KING NS) and Air India AINUL, curtailing most of their flights Jet stands to benefit the most, CAPA said.

Kingfisher, owned by flamboyant liquor baron Vijay Mallya, has been struggling to pay off \$1.3 billion loan and has slashed the number of its daily flights.

State-owned Air India, which survives on government bailout, has cancelled most of its international flights because of an ongoing strike by its pilots.

"Kingfisher's dramatic contraction from 66 to 16 operational aircraft, of which half are regional ATR aircraft, has left the domestic business

market open for Jet Airways," CAPA said.

ATR, which makes small haul planes, is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, Alenia Aermacchi, a Finmeccanica (SIFI MI) company, and EADS (EAD PA).

The disruption at Air India's longhaul routes has driven North American and UK traffic to Jet, it said.

Jet and other private carriers such as SpiceJet (SPJT BO) and unlisted Go Air and Indigo are likely to post a combined profit of \$200 million in the fiscal year ending next March, the consultancy said.

However, losses at Kingfisher and Air India will keep the industry in the red to the tune of \$1.3 billion to \$1.4 billion in 2012/13, compared with a total industry loss of \$2 billion in the previous year, CAPA said.—Reuters

Samsung S3 named bestseller pre-ordered phone of the year

LONDON, 26 May—Samsung's new Galaxy S3 phone has become the fastest selling pre-order phone of the year, according to Europe's largest independent mobile phone retailer Carphone Warehouse.

The retailer confirmed that thousands of customers have pre-ordered the new flagship Google Android device, *The Telegraph* reports.

Over 800 Carphone shops will stock the phone during its launch, which will go on sale on 29 May to

those who have pre-ordered it.

Graham Stapleton, Chief Commercial Officer at Carphone Warehouse, claimed, "Pre-order demand for the new Galaxy S3 has surpassed expectations since the handset was first unveiled two weeks ago.

The first 24 hours alone saw thousands placing their pre-order at Carphone Warehouse."

Earlier this week, it was reported that nine million S3s had been pre-ordered by more than 100 carriers.

Korean Samsung is the biggest mobile phone company in the world, ahead of long-time number one Nokia, and also the biggest maker of smartphones ahead of Apple.

The Galaxy S3 that was unveiled at an international launch held at London have innovative new features such as eye tracking so that the screen stays on while a user is looking at it.

The S3 also has a 4.8" display, one of the largest in the market, and the ability to automatically initiate a call



Samsung Galaxy S3

to a contact onscreen when the phone is held up to its user's face.

Samsung has also announced that the device will be the official phone of the London Olympics.

Internet

China urged to act on growth as exports show spark



A general view of a shipping container area at the Yangshan Port of Shanghai on 11 May, 2012. REUTERS

BEIJING, 26 May—China should step up efforts to spur economic growth, including cutting the amount of cash that banks must hold as reserves, a central bank adviser said on Friday, even as the government saw tentative signs of a recovery in exports.

Recent comments by Premier Wen Jiabao and other leaders have fuelled market expectations that the government could roll out more stimulus measures to combat an economic slowdown.

Wen said this week the

government would step up policy fine-tuning to give more attention to supporting growth and existing government spending plans on key projects should be brought forward. "The government intends to stimulate the economy, but the intensity is probably not enough," Song Guoqing, an academic adviser to the People's Bank of China, told Reuters in an interview.

"There are some downward pressures (on the economy). Banks' reserve requirement ratio (RRR) could

be lowered in line with the situation," said Song, an influential economist at the prestigious Peking University.

China has cut 150 basis points from RRR in three moves since November 2011, bringing the rate down from a record high of 21.5 percent.

Analysts polled by Reuters this month expected another 100-bps cuts this year and forecast annual economic growth to dip to 7.9 percent in the second quarter—the sixth successive quarter of slowdown. Song expected the world's second-largest economy to grow by 8.2-8.3 percent in 2012, slowing from 9.2 percent in 2011, and annual inflation to be about 3 percent.

Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-shing was more bearish, expecting 7.5 percent growth this year as China grapples with a slowdown in consumer spending and exports.

Reuters

Now a portable tool to detect dengue mosquitoes!

SYDNEY, 26 May—A new portable tool will now help doctors detect dengue virus-carrying mosquitoes and help reduce the likelihood of human infections around the world.

Every year, almost one million people, a large proportion of whom are children, require hospitalisation for severe dengue. Besides, over a 100 million people being infected globally can result in mild debilitation through to the life-threatening complications of dengue haemorrhagic fever.

The simple diagnostic tool, developed by David Muller and colleagues from the University of Queensland and research groups in Melbourne and South America, can be used in the field to detect dengue infection in large numbers of mosquitoes.



"Unlike other approaches to mosquito surveillance, this new tool provides information on whether mosquitoes are carrying dengue," Muller was quoted as saying in the *Journal of Virological Methods*.

"It is rapid, specific, and does not require specialised equipment or personnel. This means it will be viable for use in developing regions of the world where dengue is a significant health and economic burden," Muller said, according to a university statement.

Almost half of the world's population is at risk of contracting the virus which is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infectious female mosquito.

Paul Young, professor leader of Muller's team at the Australian Infectious Diseases Research Centre, said that rigorous field testing was still being conducted.

"The goal of this work is to provide the tools to not only assess mosquito numbers in the field but also their infection status," Young said.

"This information could then be directly uploaded with GPS information via mobile devices to coordinating centres," Young added.—Internet

Afghan parliament approves US-Afghan security pact

KABUL, 26 May — Afghanistan's parliament approved on Saturday a strategic pact between Kabul and Washington, clearing the way for a US presence in the country for at least a decade after most foreign combat troops leave in 2014. "This was done for the interest of Afghanistan," said Daoud Kalakani, an MP from Kabul. Around 180 MPs were present and only four voted against, Kalakani said.

The deal, signed by US President Barack Obama and Afghanistan's Hamid Karzai in Kabul on 2 May, sets out a long-term US role in Afghanistan, including aid and advisers. Most of the contentious parts of the pact, which could have seen the obstructive parliament reject the deal, had earlier been removed and dealt with separately, including giving Afghans control of controversial night raids on homes and prisons used to detain insurgents. — Reuters



Soldiers from the US Army look at a Taliban position after they attacked the Combat Outpost (COP) Boston in Kherwar District in Logar Province, eastern Afghanistan, on 25 May, 2012. — REUTERS

China's ZTE Corp, which recently sold Iran's largest telecommunications firm a powerful surveillance system, later agreed to ship to Iran millions of dollars worth of embargoed US computer equipment, documents show. — REUTERS



WASHINGTON, 26 May — The Department of Commerce is investigating Chinese telecommunications equipment maker ZTE Corp for allegedly selling embargoed US computer products to Iran. The investigation was launched following reports by Reuters in March and April

US probes China's ZTE over tech sales to Iran

that ZTE had signed contracts to ship millions of dollars worth of hardware and software from some of America's best-known tech firms to Telecommunication Co of Iran (TCI) and a unit of

based in Shenzhen, China, declined to comment. The US product makers — which included Microsoft Corp, IBM, Hewlett-Packard Co, Oracle Corp and Dell Inc, among others — have all said they were not aware of the Iranian contracts. The Commerce Department official said there is no evidence the American companies were complicit in the transactions.

The US companies either declined to comment about the investigation or did not respond to requests for comment. According to people familiar with the matter, some of the US companies have received subpoenas requesting information about their dealings with ZTE and a Chinese trading company, Beijing 8-Star International Co, which also was a party to the Iranian contracts.

According to contract documents, Beijing 8-Star was responsible for providing certain "relevant third-party equipments." — Internet

Suspect in Kosovo organ trafficking arrested

PRISTINA, 26 May — A suspect in a human organ trafficking scandal that came to light in Kosovo in 2008 has been arrested in Israel, the European Union's police and justice mission in the Balkan country said on Friday. Moshe Harel was arrested along with several other people in connection with a parallel investigation in Israel, said the mission, known as EULEX.

Police in Kosovo accuse Israeli Harel of seeking out people in need of kidney transplants and luring donors to Kosovo from Turkey and the poorer countries of the former Soviet Union with the promise of 15,000 euros (20,000 US dollars) in payment. It is not known whether they received the money. The organs were then sold on for between 80,000 and 100,000 euros (100,000 US dollars-125,000 US dollars).

MNA/Reuters

UN inspectors find high-grade uranium traces in Iran

VIENNA, 26 May — United Nations nuclear inspectors have found uranium particles refined to a higher-than-expected level at an underground site where Iran has installed more than 50 percent more enrichment centrifuges, a UN watchdog report said on Friday. It said Tehran had told the UN agency that the presence of traces of highly refined uranium — still well below potential nuclear weapons-grade material — "may happen for technical reasons beyond the operator's control".

The United States — which like its Western allies and Israel accuse Iran of seeking to develop atomic bomb capability — said the Iranian explanation could be correct and a leading US expert said he saw nothing "nefarious" in the discovery. The International Atomic Energy Agency report came a day after six world powers — the United States, Russia, Britain, Germany, China and France — failed to convince Iran to halt its most sensitive nuclear work during 23-24 May talks in Baghdad.

At the heart of the dispute is Iran's insistence on a right to enrich uranium and that economic sanctions should be lifted before it shelves activities that could lead to its achieving the ability to assemble nuclear weapons. Western powers insist Tehran must first shut down higher-grade enrichment before sanctions could be eased. Iran started enriching to a fissile concentration of 20 percent in 2010 and has since sharply expanded the activity, saying the material will serve as fuel for a medical reactor.

But a suspicious West is alarmed since such enhanced enrichment accomplishes much of the technical leap towards 90 percent — or weapons-grade — uranium. The IAEA report said environmental samples taken in February at Iran's Fordow facility — buried deep beneath rock and soil to protect it from air strikes — showed the presence of particles with enrichment levels of up to 27 percent. That is above the 20 percent enrichment level Iran has declared at the site, and takes it across the line from low-enriched to high-enriched uranium. "The Agency is assessing Iran's explanation and has requested further details," the IAEA report said.

Reuters



Iran's chief negotiator Saeed Jalili addresses a news conference after a meeting in Baghdad, on 24 May, 2012. Iran and world powers agreed to meet again in Moscow next month for more talks to try to end the long-running dispute over Tehran's nuclear programme, but there was scant progress to resolve the main sticking points between the two sides. — REUTERS

Qaeda-linked suicide bomber kills 12 in Yemen

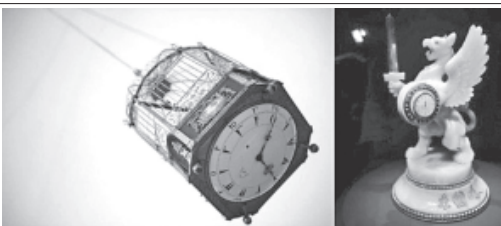
SANAA, 26 May — Two al Qaeda-linked suicide bombers targeting Shi'ite Muslims blew themselves up at a school and a protest march in northern Yemen on Friday killing at least 12 people, the defence ministry said. The attacks came less than a week after a suicide bomber in army uniform detonated an explosive belt at a military parade rehearsal in Sanaa, killing more than 90 soldiers and wounding at least 200 more. The United States and its Gulf Arab allies have watched with mounting alarm as al Qaeda-linked militants, emboldened by political instability in Yemen, have launched a series of audacious attacks in the impoverished state.

A militant Sunni Islamist

group affiliated to al Qaeda said it had carried out both attacks in revenge for the killing of fellow Sunni Muslims in Yemen's north, a Shi'ite rebel stronghold bordering Saudi Arabia. Sunni Muslim militants affiliated to al Qaeda view Shi'ite Muslims as heretics. One attack occurred in the northern al-Jawf province, where a suicide bomber drove into a school in which members of a Shi'ite rebel group, also known as Houthis, had gathered to pray, killing 12 people, al Qaeda official said. An offshoot of Ansar al-Sharia (Partisans of Islamic Law), itself an affiliate of al Qaeda's Yemen-based wing, said more than 20 Houthis "apostates" had been killed, in a statement claiming responsibility for the attack.

Earlier on Friday, another suicide bomber targeted a Houthi protest march in the rugged northern province of Saada, where the rebels have effectively carved out their own state within a state. There were no casualties in the attack, the Houthis said in a statement. "As the march was taking its first steps, the suicide bomber, who was wearing an explosive belt, tried to breach the security barriers and enter the square," read a statement from the Houthis' media office. "But those responsible for protecting the protest stopped and searched him, which made him nervous and he lost control, blowing himself up erroneously..." The al Qaeda-linked group put the death toll at more than 20. — Reuters

The Topkapi Palace Clock Section opens as a permanent gallery with approximately 380 pieces gathered from all around Europe during the Ottoman Empire dynasty. — XINHUA



Ontario forest fire halts gold projects

TORONTO, 26 May — Two more Canadian companies — Brigus Gold Corp and Lake Shore Gold Corp — have joined the list of miners halting operations in northern Ontario as dozens of forest fires caused power outages and forced evacuations in the region.

Brigus suspended gold production at its Black Fox mill near Timmins, about 700 kilometres (450 miles) north of Toronto, because of a power outage. The company expects electricity to be restored early next week, it said on Friday.

Its Black Fox mine, some 30 km away, is still operating, and the company is stockpiling ore to be

processed once power comes back online, the company said in a statement. Smoke from a forest fire about 15 km southwest of Lake Shore Gold's Timmins West project forced it to halt operations there on Thursday. The underground mine remains temporarily closed. "We canceled the day and night shift for tomorrow, and then it's just day to day after that," company spokesman Mark Utting said. Lake Shore sees no impact from the fire on its production forecast right now, as it has large stockpiles of ore available at both its Bell Creek mill and Timmins West mine. Operations at Bell Creek, east of Timmins, have not been affected by the fire.

There are now 45 fires active in the province, 43 of which are in the northeast region, according to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources website. The blaze near Timmins has led the city to declare a state of emergency. About 120 people have been evacuated in the area. Dry conditions and strong winds have set off the fires, which have also threatened areas near Kirkland Lake, east of Timmins. Shares of Brigus closed down 1.2 percent at 84 Canadian cents on Friday on the Toronto Stock Exchange, while Lake Shore's stock slid 2.2 percent to 88 Canadian cents.

Reuters



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DAY: Parents enrolled their child at No.7 Basic Education Primary School in Tamwar Township on 25 May (School Enrolment Day).—KYEMON

Cash assistance provided to War Veterans Organization family's students

HINTHADA, 26 May—A ceremony to hold coordination meeting of Organizing Committee of Hinthada Township War Veterans Organization and provide cash assistance to students, was held at City Hall of Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region on 16 May. At the ceremony, Lt-Col Hla Min of Township War Veterans Organization delivered a speech. After that, treasurer captain Kyaw Thant (Retd) of the organization presented K 2.3 million.

Myanma Alin

Writers Association formed in Kungyangon Township

YANGON, 26 May—A ceremony to hold plenary meeting and form writers association, was held at Township Information and Public Relations Department Office, Kungyangon Township on 8 May. At the ceremony, Township General Administration Department deputy staff officer U Zaw Thein and Township Writers and Journalists Association Chairman U San Shwe (Tin Maung Htet-Kungyangon) explained the election methods designated by the conference. After that, writers association was formed.—Myanma Alin

Bricks laid for construction of free hospital in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 26 May—A brick-laying ceremony for construction of 100-bed hospital in Taunggyi, Shan State, was held at Kantha ward on 23 May.

At the ceremony,

State government ministers, patron and chairman of Myitta Shin association, member laid bricks. Myitta Shin free clinic leads the construction of the free

hospital. Those wishing to make contribution for the clinic construction may contact Myitta Shin association in monastery, Seinpan, Taunggyi.

Taunggyi (Sub-printing)

Alin-eain library opens in Thongwa Township

YANGON, 26 May—An opening ceremony of Alin-eain library was held at Zwehtaw village in Thongwa Township, Yangon South District on 18 May.

At the ceremony, Township administrator U Kyaw Thung, Township Information and Public

Relations Department staff officer Daw Tin Tin Htway and village-tract administrator U Myint Hlaing formally opened it.

After that, the Township administrator delivered a speech, and the staff officer explained perpetuation of library and

purpose of opening. Wellwishers donated books and publication through officials.

It was built at a cost of K 1.5 million—K 0.5 million contributed by Myanmar Libraries Foundation and K 0.1 million by local people.

Myanma Alin

Books, cash donated to Alinyaung library in Tatkon Township

TATKON, 26 May—A ceremony to donate cash, furniture and books and publications to Alinyaung library in Latpan village, Latpan village-tract, Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, was held at the library on 20 May. At the ceremony, wellwishers donated cash, books and publications through member of library committee.—Myanma Alin

Rural socio-economic development tasks undertaken in Ponnagyun Township

PONNAGYUN, 26 May—Staff officer U Hla Baw Thu of Ponnagyun Township Information and Public Relations Department undertook the rural socio-economic development in three village-tracts of Ponnagyun Township, Rakhine State, from 18 to 20 May, in cooperation with officials from Immigration and National Registration Department, Forest Department and Myanma

Perennial Crops Enterprise. They discussed perpetuation of village libraries and raising reading habit for human resource development, compilation of National Scrutiny cards and household lists, dissemination of knowledge on environmental conservation and reducing crimes.—Township IPRD

DISTRICT NEWS



STUDENT-CENTERED APPROACH LEARNING METHOD COURSE CONCLUDED: Ponnagyun Township Education Officer U Khin Maung delivered a speech at concluding ceremony of student-centered approach learning method course, conducted by Township Education Office, at Basic Education High School in Ponnagyun, Rakhine State, on 22 May.—EDUCATION

Myanmar, ROK ink MoU on cooperation

YANGON, 26 May—Under Myanmar-Korea Friendship Programme, a ceremony to sign MoU on cooperation between Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Parliament of the Republic of Korea, was held at Royal Mingaladon Golf Country Club in

Mingaladon Garden City yesterday,

It was attended by Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee Dr Khin Shwe, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Local and International NGOs Committee U Win Naung, Secretary U Swe Aung, Amyotha Hluttaw Farmers and Local and Foreign Workers Affairs Committee and ASEAN Economic Community Committee Dr Myint Kyi, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Nu, member of National Assembly Republic of Korea Mr Lee Hansung and officials from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea.

At the ceremony, Mr Lee Hansung explained cooperation between Myanmar and the ROK and Chairman Dr Khin Shwe delivered a speech. After that, Dr Khin Shwe and Mr Lee Hansung inked and exchanged the MoU. And they had documentary photo taken. Myanmar and the ROK will undertake development works in the sectors of education, health and culture.

Myanma Alin

Meeting on natural disaster preparedness held in Sittway

SITTWAY, 25 May—A ceremony to hold State-level educative talks on national environment activities and meeting on works for achieving MDGs and natural disaster preparedness, was held at the meeting hall of Rakhine State Health Department in Sittway, on 16 May.

At the ceremony, Dr Than Tun Aung of State Health Department explained facts about national environment activities and natural disaster preparedness. Those present gave suggestion, and follow-up works were coordinated.—Myanma Alin

TRADITIONAL "TUG-OF-WAR" CONTEST HELD: Traditional "Tug-of-War" or "Rain Call" competition was held, for three days at the front of Baungdaw pagoda in Palengweyaung ward, Aungmyayathazan Township, Mandalay as of 23 May.

MYANMA ALIN



Union A&I Minister visits sugarcane, cotton plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing meets sugarcane plantation staff from sugar mills and 110 farmers at special high yield sugarcane 10-acre plantation in Zeyathiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Ohn Than, Director-General of Agricultural Department U Kyaw Win, Director-General of Industrial Crops Development Department U Kyaw Shwe and officials, met sugarcane plantation staff from sugar mills and 110 farmers at special high yield sugarcane 10-acre plantation in Zeyathiri Township here this morning.

He said sugarcane is an important crop for the State and a profitable crop as the scientific cultivation of the crop could yield above 50 tons per acre. He urged not only to extend plantation acreage but to apply new cultivation techniques and new species.

The deputy minister asked the staff to help the farmers acquire first-hand knowledge of scientific

cultivation methods.

Managing Director of Sugarcane Enterprise U Zaw Myint Tun reported situations for helping farmers yield above 60 tons per acre and proposed fresh approach for multiplying the plantation acreage by growing the crop in rainy season.

The Union minister, the deputy minister and observers viewed round six months old 10-acre sugarcane plantation.

The Union minister and party also visited 10-acre Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation in Pobbathiri Township where the deputy minister and Director U Aung Maw of Cotton Crops Division conducted 75 farmers from Yamethin, Pyawbwe and Tatkon Townships round the plantation.

The Union minister called for organizing the farmers to establish model

plots in each Region and State. The deputy minister gifted 90 vises of strains to the visiting farmers.—MNA

Think Tank of F & R Ministry meets

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The Think Tank of Finance and Revenue Ministry met at the meeting hall of the ministry here today so as to discuss further actions for integration of foreign exchange rate, joint opening of joint venture banks in the country and invitation of foreign banks investment, with an address by Union Finance and Revenue Minister U Hla Tun.

Governor of the central bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, consultative team members and personnel were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said it had been nearly two months since the introduction of managed floating exchange rate regime, under which system, the central bank of Myanmar daily issued reference foreign exchange rate. The central bank of bank would adjust the value of Myanmar Kyat depending on the financial market with a view to reducing fluctuations in exchange rate.

It had been ordered to allow savers that had opened accounts in State-run banks freely use the remaining amount in their foreign currency accounts without tax cuts under Instruction No. 9/2012 on 24 April, 2012, which was officially enforced since 1 May, 2012. Each State-owned banks offer such services as opening accounts and debit and credit.

The governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar explained that opening of foreign currency accounts had been allowed on 17 May, 2012 under instruction No. 12/2012 so as to deal with foreign currency brought at money changer counters of authorized dealer license holder banks, held with FED form and earned as income.

The feasibility committee for opening of joint venture bank was formed on 21 May, 2012 and the committee would study the rules and regulations and procedures necessary, and the risks. The governor then explained the capacity, competitiveness of private banks and further requirements for working as joint-venture.

The meeting came to an end with the suggestions of the consultative team members.—MNA

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun speaking at the meeting on further actions for integration of foreign exchange rate, joint opening of joint venture banks in the country and invitation of foreign banks investment. —MNA



National Environment Sanitation Activities (2012) marked in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye yesterday morning attended the opening of a ceremony to mark National Environment Sanitation Activities (2012) held at the town hall in Monywa and made a speech on the occasion.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister proceeded to Monywa People's Hospital and asked after the warded children.

Later, the Chief Minister went on to Pyidawtha KanU Pagoda in Aungtha Village and inspected the paving of Pyidawtha KanU-Mohnyin Thanbudda street after paying homage to the pagoda.—MNA

Thai military delegation concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The Thai delegation led by Commandant of National Defence Studies Institute of Royal Thai Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief's Office General Padetgarn Jansaewoke concluded visit yesterday evening.

Commandant of Defence Services Medical Academy Brig-Gen Thit Lin Ohn, Commandant of Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science Brig-Gen Zaw Myint and senior military officials saw off the delegation at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Commandant of National Defence Studies Institute of Royal Thai Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief's Office General Padetgarn Jansaewoke seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure.

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Union Attorney-General meets law officers of Magway, Minbu and Thayet Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin met with law officers of Magway, Minbu and Thayet Districts in Magway Region on 25 May and law officers of Pakokku District and made clarifications.

On the occasion, the Union Attorney-General stressed the need to run functions in accordance with the laws to be in line with the changing times and systems, followed by a general round of discussions where officials from Magway Region presented their reports. Director-General U Win Myint of the Union Attorney-General's Office touched upon the reports.

The Union Attorney-General along his trip also inspected law offices in Myaung and Yesagyo in Pakokku District.

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Magway Region Chief Minister on inspection tour of Thayet District

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe inspected progress in construction of Kyauktaing Village Station Hospital in Mindon Township, Thayet District, and construction of Mindon Creek Bridge on 23 May. After viewing the free distribution of exercise books for 2012-2013 academic year to basic education schools at the township education officer's office, the region chief minister met service personnel, townsenders and social organization members at the township hall. He then inspected construction of diversion weir near Maday Dam in Kanma Township, flume near Alealat Village and canal and met departmental staff at Kanma Township General Administration Department.

On 24 May the region chief minister met departmental staff, locals and social organization members at Thayet District and Aunglan Township General Administration Departments and inspected free distribution of exercise books at the township education officer's office, production of timber in Kyaukpadaung Village and Kobin-Thagara Inter-district Road. He also met personnel, townsenders and social organization members at Hsinpaungwe Township and Minhla Township GADs and inspected Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) in Magway Township.

On 25 May, the region chief minister attended celebrations of School Enrollment Day at schools in Magway and donated exercise books and school uniforms.—MNA

Mitsui to renew investment in Myanmar



NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Japanese Mitsui & Co Ltd will open its branch office here in coming June.

Executive Chief Representative for Myanmar of Mitsui & Co Ltd Mr Masanari Nagai revealed the conglomerate's interest to invest more in Myanmar in

meeting with Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung at the ministry here yesterday morning.

New investments of the company which had the previous experience of investment in Myanmar during late 90s will include transportation and maritime

businesses.

The minister invited investment in harbour and port development and Dawei, Kyaukpadaung and Thilawa Special Economic Zones and proposed joint venture for operating national flag carrier in international water.—MNA

Deputy F & R Minister meets service personnel of Magway Region Revenue Department

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than met with service personnel of Magway Region Revenue Department at the office of the department on 23 May.

At the meeting, the deputy minister underscored the importance for service personnel of the revenue department to meet the set target realizing the objectives of the State and the department, and to abide

by rules and regulations in engaging revenue functions and to effectively apply the information and communications technology to keep pace with changes and development. MNA

Two Myanmar sports contingents meets

YANGON, 26 May—Sports and Physical Education Department Director-General U Thauung Htaik met 26 members of Myanmar Shooting Federation led by President of the federation U Htet Nyi who are going to take part in the invitational shooting contest of 36th SEA Games to be held in Malaysia from 1 to

10 June and four athletes from Myanmar Track & Field Federation led by Vice President of the federation U San Tun who are going to take part in the 15th Asian Youth Track & Field to be held in Sri Lanka from 9 to 12 June was held at the office of the Sports and Physical Education Department here this afternoon.

At the meeting, the President of MSF, General Secretary of MSF Director of SPED U Kyaw Moe Win and Vice President of MTFF U San Tun reported on preparations for taking part in those sports events, and Director-General of SPED U Thauung Htaik spoke words of encouragement to the athletes.—MNA

Visiting Vietnamese delegation tours Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The visiting delegation led by Director Mr Nguyen Chu Nhac of Radio the Voice of Vietnam (VOV) of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam this morning visited Uppatasanti Pagoda here and

observed the Yadana white elephant at the white elephant shed near the pagoda.

Afterwards, the delegation led by Director Mr Nguyen Chu Nhac of Radio the Voice of Vietnam proceeded to the Gems

Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) where they were welcomed by personnel from the museum. The visiting guests were then conducted around the museum where they observed the gems and jewelry put on display there.—MNA



Union Energy Minister meets Vice President of Korea Gas Corporation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received a delegation led by Vice President Kim Byung-Joo of Korea Gas Corporation at his office here yesterday morning.

The guests enquired potentials for making investments in producing new petroleum products such as Dimethyl Ether (DME) from chemical petroleum-based industries, and bilateral cooperation tasks.

The Union Minister and officials concerned responded that now is the time when the government is striving for development of private sectors in accord with the economic policy, joint ventures could be carried out not only with the Ministry of Energy but with domestic entrepreneurs. Besides, they informed the possible supply of oil and gas by the ministry for industries.—MNA



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay receives a delegation led by Vice President Kim Byung-Joo of Korea Gas Corporation.—MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects regional development work in Ayadaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye in meeting with the local people of Thabyaytha and Gethahmway villages of Ayadaw Township on 24 May explained education and health matters, upgrading of village-to-village road, adequate supply of drinking water and growing of trees. He next inspected construction of a new building of Gethahmway Village Middle School (Branch) and donated publications and

sports gear for villages. Then, the region chief minister met the people of nearby villages and inspected construction of 23000-foot Mukhamgyi-Taikywa-Oakshitkyi Road and Mu river-crossing bridge (Yangyi Aung).

The 840 feet long bridge links Mukhamgyi Village in Debayin Township and Yekyiwa Village in Shwebo Township.

Then, the region chief minister met with the people of Shwedwington Village of Ayadaw Township and inspected construction of a

new two-storey school building. Then, he also met the people of Chaungsone and Naunggyiaing villages and inspected the four-inch diameter artesian well being dug by Region Water Resources Department. The department in cooperation with the local people will dig 10 more artesian wells. Later, he met the people of three villages and construction of Ayadaw-Wadaw Road which is 7 miles and 2 furlongs long and 100 feet wide. MNA

Seikpyu Township marks school enrollment day

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The school enrollment for 2012-2013 academic year of Seikpyu Township (across the Township), Magway Region took place at Seikpyu BEHS this morning with an address by the Township

Administrator U Win Myint.

Next, the Township Education Officer U Htay Win clarified about the school enrollment, and the Township General Administration Department, those from No. 2 Basic Education Department, the

Township Maternal And Child Welfare Association and the Township Women Affairs Association presented over K 16 million for provision of students with free textbooks and exercise books. MNA

Underwater photo contest concludes in tourism-oriented Cuba

HAVANA, 26 May —Cuban, Italian and Chilean photographers have won top prizes at an international underwater photo contest Cuba hosted with an aim to boost its tourism industry. Beginning last Sunday, the Fotosub 2012 contest attracted 50 photographers from Cuba, Italy, Chile, Argentina, Russia, Mexico and Canada, according to the Cuban Ministry of Tourism.

While announcing the winners on Friday, the

ministry also said Cayo Largo del Sur, the island where the contest took place, will hold the 14th Championship of the World

Underwater Federation in 2013 for its excellent diving conditions and high-level infrastructure. The first Fotosub contest was held in 1982 at the Isle of Youth in southern Cuba, but the location was moved to Cayo Largo del Sur this year for the latter's better natural conditions.

The island nation

frequently sponsors photo contests to promote its tourism industry, its second largest source of foreign exchange reserves.

The government also expects tourism to serve as an engine of growth to help develop other social and economic projects. The Caribbean island country received 2.7 million foreign visitors in 2011 and the number is expected to reach 3 million soon. Xinhua

Stake driven for construction of two-storey Sangha medical ward in Traditional Hospital



YANGON, 26 May—A stake-driving ceremony for construction of two-storey Sangha medical ward in the compound of Traditional Hospital in Bahan Township, here, yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein drove the stakes and those present laid the bricks at designated places.

MNA

Good Pharmacy Practice course opens

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—An opening of Good Pharmacy Practice course, organized by Health Department of the Ministry of Health, was held at Amara Hotel here on 23 May, with an address by Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of Health Department.

Course instructors from University of Medicines, University of Pharmacy and Food and Drug Administration conducted three-day course. A total of 52 trainees from health staff officers, doctors and assistant staff officers of Health Department attended it.

On 26 May, course on inspection of good production practices of foodstuff industries will be opened.

MNA



CASH ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION PROVIDED: Police Lt-Col Myint Thein of Launglon Township Police Force presented cash assistance to an offspring of Township Police Force for education, in Launglon Township, on 9 May—DAWEI DISTRICT.

Donate Blood

Old star plays against Actor star on 28 May

YANGON, 26 May—MFF AYA Futsal Cup, organized by Myanmar Football Federation and acted by Ayeyawady Bank as Title sponsor and by Best Auto as main sponsor, holds at Thuwunna Gymnasium on 28 May.

The opening ceremony will be held on a grand scale. Before the ceremony, Old star team comprising old selected footballers and plays futsal demonstration match against Actor star team including movie/video actors.

Zaw Min Aung



A 100-YEAR-OLD BIG BOAT FOUND: A 100-year-old big boat was excavated near Sittoung Bridge in Sittoung River in Tounggo, Bago Region on 25 May. It was found on 11 April while the rescuers were searching the two dead people in the river.—MYANMA ALIN

DISTRICT NEWS

Cold storage factories in Yangon faces power shortage

YANGON, 26 May—Factories in Yangon Region are facing power cut soon. There are more than 70 fish cold storage factories in Yangon, 23 of which are in now operation. It is impossible to operate generators round the clock and daily although these factories have their own generators. These generators are reserved only for temporary power shortage. The generators consume one barrel of diesel per two hours. Some factories have stopped their operations, and about 10,000 workers there would be likely to become jobless. It can affect other related businesses. It is known that factory owners will make request to Yangon Region Government and Yangon City Electricity Supply Board (YESB) for supply of power at night.

Hlaing Maung

YCDC's litter disposal system has much success than expected

YANGON, 26 May—A litter disposal system implemented by Yangon City Development Committee has much success than expected, according to YCDC's Environment Conservation and Sanitation Department at press conference on 24 May. The new system is a disposal of dry and wet rubbishes with colour bags. For public participation, educative periods from January through March are designated. Then, the new system has started on 1 April.

Till 24 May, the public participation in the new system is 28.52 percent. It is expected to reach 50 percent at the end of September. Necessary actions will be taken against those who fail to follow it.

Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)

Meeting on reconstruction of Fire-hit Shanlan market held

YANGON, 26 May—Yangon City Development Committee held a meeting with shop owners of Shanlan market on reconstruction of fire-affected Shanlan market (a) Gwa market, Shan Lan Dhammayon in Sangyoung Township, on 24 May.

At the meeting, the majority of shop owners and the market committee called for construction of one-stored steel market. It was built in 1959-1960. The 233 of 318 shops in the market were destroyed by the fire on 18 May, and the fire caused a loss of K 34.95 million.

Myanma Alin

Electric wires installation competition on 28 July

YANGON, 26 May—Second electric wires installation competition, organized by Thukha Su San training school and supervised by Ministry of Labour and Myanmar Engineering Society, will be held, at Thukhasusan training school in Hlinethaya Township on 28 July. The awards are first prize (K 300,000), second prize (K 150,000) and third prize (K 80,000). "The school gives trainings for welder, pipe fitter, steel fitter, electrical, mechanical and painter courses free of charge.

Entrepreneurs from abroad choose those who conclude the courses," said Training School Chairman U Chan Tha.—MNA



CASH ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION PROVIDED: Police Col Win Naing of Yangon Region Police Force presented cash assistance for education of Police Force's offspring, on 25 May.—MNA

MEDICINES DONATED: Kyulia Muslim Religious Fund of Bo Son Pat Road in Pabedan Township, Yangon donated medicines and medial equipment worth K 1748250 to the Central Women's Hospital (Yangon) through Medical superintendent Dr Tin Nyo Nyo Lat and officials, on 19 May.—MYANMA ALIN



14-year-old Texan wins National Geographic Bee

WASHINGTON, 26 May — In the end, it came down to an educated guess as to which Bavarian city located on the Danube River was a legislative seat of the Holy Roman Empire from 1663 to 1806. Answer: The German City of Regensburg.

And with that, 14-year-old Rahul Nagvekar took the top prize on Thursday at the National Geographic Bee. It was a close victory. He and runner-up Vansh Jain had finished the championship round tied after five questions. Next, they were asked a series of tiebreakers in a sudden death round. For the first three, both wrote down the correct answer. On the fourth, only Nagvekar was correct. "It was a guess,

a 50-50 chance," said the eighth-grader from Sugar Land, Texas. "It just happened to be a good guess."

The first-time contender in the national competition will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship along with a trip to the Galapagos Islands. It was the third time a student from Texas has won the bee in the past four years. Nagvekar's mother, Urmila Sabnis, said that helping her son train required her to do a lot of research with her husband. "I have been

reading and reading and reading...just to be able to make it tough," said the software engineer who's originally from India. "He wouldn't take a question if it was easy."

Nagvekar said maps have fascinated him for years, but he's not sure what he'll study when he gets to college in a few years. He started preparing for the geography bee in fourth grade and has gone to the state bee every year, placing higher each time. This year's bee began with local competitions among 4

million students in schools across the country. "I think it's very important for people to know more about the world," Nagvekar said. "That helps with world conflict. It helps people understand others better. It helps people understand why problems happen and how to solve those problems." The bee tested the 10 finalists' knowledge of history, world cultures, landmarks and climates.

In one round, students were shown a graph with rainfall and temperature averages and asked to pick which City it depicted. Another round used Google Earth to zoom in on a museum, memorial or church, and the students guessed where it was located. President Barack Obama asked a question this year by video, quizzing the young contenders on their knowledge of recent events. Obama asked what Asian capital city on the Han River hosted a gathering of world leaders in March for a Nuclear Security Summit. — Internet



National Geographic Bee host Alex Trebek stands with National Geographic Bee champion Rahul Nagvekar, 14, from Quail Valley Middle School in Missouri City, Texas, on 24 May, 2012, in Washington. — INTERNET

US drone 'kills four militants' in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 26 May — A US drone attack has killed at least four militants in a northwestern Pakistani tribal district bordering Afghanistan, according to security officials. The attack took place early Saturday, at a house near Miranshah, the main town of North Waziristan tribal district, a known hideout of Taleban and al-Qaeda linked militants, the Pakistani officials said. "A US drone fired two missiles at a house

and at least four militants were killed," a senior security official told AFP. "The identities of the militants killed in the drone strike were not immediately known," he said.

Two other officials confirmed the attack. Residents said they were woken up by the sound of low flying aircraft and the noise of the missile strike. "The house caught fire after missiles hit it and militants immediately cordoned off the area and

were searching in the rubble," a local tribesman told AFP, asking not to be named. Washington considers Pakistan's semi-autonomous northwestern tribal belt the main hub of Taleban and al-Qaeda militants plotting attacks on the West and in Afghanistan.

North Waziristan is a stronghold of the Haqqani network—Afghan insurgents blamed for a series of spectacular attacks on Western targets in Kabul—and Pakistani Taleban chief Hakimullah Mehsud. Islamabad has been resisting US pressure to launch a sweeping offensive against militants in the area. Pakistan says the missile attacks are counter-productive, violate its sovereignty, kill civilians and fuel anti-US sentiment. It was the fifth US drone strike reported in Pakistan since parliament in March demanded an end to such attacks. — Internet



This file photo shows an aerial view of Miranshah, the main town in North Waziristan, pictured in 2006. A US drone attack early Saturday has killed at least four militants near Miranshah, according to security officials. — INTERNET

C-sections may raise childhood obesity risk

WASHINGTON, 26 May — Babies born by Caesarean section are twice as likely to be obese by age three as infants delivered vaginally, according to a new study published on Thursday in the Archives of Disease in Childhood journal. The study included more than 1,250 mother-child pairs admitted to Massachusetts hospitals between 1999 and 2002. All of the mothers joined the study before 22 weeks into their

pregnancy, and 25 percent of babies were delivered by C-section. The rest were delivered vaginally. Babies were measured and weighed at birth, at 6 months and again at age three.

Average birth weight was not statistically higher for babies born by C-section. But nearly 16 percent of children delivered via C-section were obese by the age of three, compared with 7.5 percent of those born vaginally. Also,

about 19 percent of the C-section kids were overweight compared to just less than 17 percent of the others. Those children delivered by C-section also had higher skinfold thickness (a measure of body fat) at age 3, the study showed. The researchers said their findings held even after they compensated for factors known to increase the risk of childhood obesity, including overweight mothers and high birth weight. — Xinhua

Tornado doesn't stop Kansas couple's wedding day

KANSAS CITY, 26 May — In the plains of central Kansas, tornadoes are so unremarkable that guests barely flinched as a barrel-racing bride wed her bull-riding groom with a twister dropping from the sky just miles away. But for people living outside Tornado Alley, Caleb and Candra Pence's wedding last Saturday is generating the kind of buzz usually reserved for celebrity nuptials. The video of the service has gone viral, garnering more than 20,000 views on YouTube and a flurry of media coverage.

"It is amazing how fast it has taken off," said the groom's uncle, Lee Pence,

who shot the video. After Saturday's outdoor service on the groom's family farm near the small south-central Kansas town of Harper, the couple posed for photos with the twister visible behind them. The pictures capture them smiling serenely — the 21-year-old bride in a white gown and the 22-year-old groom in a cowboy hat and jeans. About eight to 10 miles away, the twister was damaging a farm and wind turbines. The National Weather Service has classified it as an EF-3 storm, packing winds of 138 to 167 miles per hour.

Internet



In this 19 May, 2012, photo provided by Cate Eighmey, Caleb & Candra Pence pose for a wedding photo as a tornado swirls in the background after they were married in Harper County, Kan. INTERNET

Portugal to hold world's largest music festival

LISBON, 26 May — For the fifth time, Rock in Rio, the world's largest music festival, will kick off here on Friday, with 250,000 people expected during the five-day event. Smashing Pumpkins, Metallica, Stevie Wonder, Lenny Kravitz, Bruce Springsteen and Bryan Adams are among the singers and bands who will take part in the performances of the 2012 edition of Rock in Rio Lisbon.

Other than music, the festival offers entertainment. "We want (the festival) to be a Disneyland of music," festival director and founder Roberto Medina said.

Though Portugal is still struggling with the effects of the eurozone debt crisis, the

organizers want people to pay more to visit the festival. In 2010, the price of a one-day ticket was 58 euros (72.5 US dollars), and now it is 63 euros (78.7 US dollars).

"We believe that people will be more choosy regarding how they are going to spend their money, and we make an effort to offer quality, so we will be one choice of the Portuguese," Medina said. Rock in Rio originated in Brazil in 1985.

After its third edition in Rio de Janeiro, the festival expanded in 2004 to Lisbon, where it has an edition every two years. Since 2008, two editions have also been held in Madrid.

Xinhua



Pastry cook Liu Hui stretches noodles in Tianjin, north China, on 24 May, 2012. Liu created two Shanghai Great World Guinness Records by stretching a 1918-metre-long noodle and blowing a pastry balloon with diameter of 1.5 metres. — XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV MERKUR BRIDGE VOY NO (006)**

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

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

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

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**Spain to inject 19bil euros into Bankia**

TOKYO, 26 May—The Spanish government is preparing to inject 19 billion euros worth of public funds, or about 24 billion dollars, into the country's third largest bank.

The troubled Bankia group requested the additional bailout from the state's bank rescue fund on Friday.

Bankia's financial conditions have deteriorated due to an increase in real-estate related bad loans. It was partially nationalized earlier this month after the government converted 4.5 billion-euros worth of capital it had injected into common shares. Attention is focused on whether the move will help to dispel market concerns about Spain's fiscal conditions as well as its banks.

NHK

Strong rains force evacuation of thousands in Cuba

HAVANA, 26 May—Thousands of inhabitants in Cuba's central province Sancti Spiritus have been evacuated by Cuba's Civil Defence (CD) after strong rains causing landslides and flooding, local authorities said on Friday.

CD's chief of staff general Ramon Pardo Guerra said about 6,500 people living near the Zaza dam had been evacuated. Zaza is the largest dam in Cuba and has almost reached its maximum capacity of about one billion cubic metres.

CD also said that two people including a French citizen, were reported missing when trying to cross a river in Sancti Spiritus Province, about 400 kilometres east of Havana.

MNA/Xinhua

Tsunami-carried motorbike to be shown in US

TOKYO, 26 May—A motorcycle that was carried away by last year's tsunami and washed ashore on the western coast of Canada will be shown to the public at a museum in the United States. The Harley-Davidson motorcycle was found by Canadian Peter Mark last month on a beach on Queen Charlotte Island, about 6,500 kilometers from Japan.

The vehicle's license plate helped to identify the owner, 29-year-old Ikuo

Yokoyama. He lives in a coastal area of Miyagi Prefecture that was devastated by the 11th March earthquake and tsunami.

The US manufacturer of the bike had said it will restore the vehicle free of charge and send it back to its Japanese owner. But the company decided to preserve the bike as it is after the owner expressed the wish that his vehicle will be used to help remind people of the disaster.

The bike will be transferred from the Canadian city of Vancouver to the Harley-Davidson Museum in the US city of Milwaukee. The company says it will invite the finder of the bike and its owner when it displays the vehicle in the museum.

The Canadian finder told NHK that he understands what the owner wants to do and that showing the bike to many people is a good idea.

NHK

Bodies of two missing British boaters found

BANGALORE, 26 May—The bodies of two missing British expatriates have been found in a river in India, police said Friday. Ian Turton, 45, and Michael Easton, 57, who both lived in Bangalore, were reported missing when they failed to return from a weekend trip to the Cauvery River, *The Times of India* reported. Police told *The Hindu* the two might have drowned after hitting their heads on the rocks when their boat capsized.

The British newspaper, *The Independent*, said one Indian report suggested a canoe found on the river showed signs of a crocodile attack. Superintendent Kaushlendra Kumar, the police officer leading the search for the bodies, said investigators were able to pinpoint the time when the two men got into trouble because a cellphone stopped sending signals at 4:15 pm on 19 May. Turton, who was originally from York, worked for a US company, Tenneco Automotive, in Bangalore. Easton was from London.—*Internet*

Busan International Motor Show opens

TOKYO, 26 May—An international motor show that is held once every 2 years opened on Friday in the southern South Korean city of Busan. This year's Busan International Motor Show is host to 22 carmakers from around the world exhibiting over 170 models, making it the

Rooftop gunman kills two in Finland

HELSINKI, 26 May—A gunman opened fire from a rooftop in a Finnish town centre in the early hours of Saturday, killing two people and wounding several others, police said.

An 18-year-old man wearing camouflage clothing was arrested after the shooting in Hyvinkaa, a small town 56 km (34 miles) north of the capital Helsinki.

The motive for the shooting was unclear. It followed a series of shooting sprees in Finland in recent years and came less than a year after anti-immigrant gunman Anders Behring Breivik killed 77 people in a rampage in neighbouring Norway.

The suspect had no criminal background and police said he likely acted alone.

Police could not comment on whether he knew his victims. Both of the dead were 18-years old. One was male and one female. Seven others were wounded. One, a policewoman, was in critical condition.

Media reports said some of the victims, including one of the dead, were members of a Finnish baseball team, Hyvinkaan Tahko, which had won a game on Friday.

The police's regional chief inspector, Timo Leppala, said the shootings were first reported before 2 am (2300 GMT). The fled but was detained a few hours later, and police said they found two rifles afterwards.

Finland has one of the highest gun ownership rates in the world and a series of mass shootings prompted the government to tighten its gun laws last June. The suspect in Saturday's case did not have a license, police said.

In November 2007, an 18-year-old student killed eight people at a high school near Helsinki before turning the weapon on himself. The following September, a 22-year-old killed 10 people in a small western town of Kauhajokki before shooting himself.

In December 2009, a man shot four people dead in a shopping mall in Espoo after knifing his ex-girlfriend to death. The man later killed himself.—*Reuters*



A police officer finds the rifle used by a gunman from a rooftop in a Finnish town centre in Hyvinkaa May 26, 2012. —REUTERS

largest show ever.

South Korean makers are especially aggressive as they eye the EU and US markets after free trade agreements with South Korea went into effect. They are showcasing passenger cars with innovative designs.

Hyundai Motor released

a new design for a model that is highly popular in the United States. President Kim Chung-ho said while doing its utmost in research and development, Hyundai will make aggressive investments to build a firmer foundation that would not be shaken under any risky situation.—*Internet*

\$25K offered for first 1-ton pumpkin

Organizers of a California pumpkin weigh-off championship said a \$25,000 prize will go to the person who grows the world's first 1-ton pumpkin. The winning pumpkin at the Half Moon Bay, Calif., competition must break the 2,000-pound threshold and be the heaviest pumpkin weighed in at the 8 Oct event, a release from championship organizers said.

The world record for heaviest-recorded pumpkin is

Hot dogs fall from the sky in Detroit

To celebrate a Detroit restaurant's 95th anniversary, 955 raw hot dogs were dropped from a hovering helicopter onto a soccer field. The stunt, arranged by WKQI-FM, Detroit, honoured the American Coney Island restaurant, whose third-generation owner, Grace Keros, noted the famed eatery has "been at the same location for the past 95 years."

The hot dogs, referred to at the restaurant as "coney dogs," were dumped from a helicopter several hundred feet off the ground, and fell from the sky before 25 contestants, chosen by the radio station, swarmed the field to see who could collect the most, *The Detroit News* reported.

Sylvia Lopez, 37, of Imlay City, Mich., was declared the winner, with 76 hot dogs stuffed into her shirt, and later admitted, "I love hot dogs, but I have to admit that right now my hands smell kind of rank." She will receive, for her efforts, \$1,000 in "gas money" from the radio station, and a year's supply of coney dogs from American Coney Island, the newspaper said.



Don Young (C) of Des Moines, Iowa leans on his 1658 pound pumpkin after winning the World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay. Young's colossal cucurbita set a new record for the contest and took the top prize. The winners will be displayed at Half Moon Bay's Art & Pumpkin Festival.

1,818.5 pounds, grown by Jim and Kelsey Bryson, of Wellington, Ontario, the release said. "It's only a matter of time before someone grows the first one-ton pumpkin, and it would be incredibly exciting to have that monumental landmark established right here," said Cameron Palmer, chairman of

Half Moon Bay's Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off. "With Half Moon Bay's proud tradition and legacy, it would not only be fitting but also a tremendous honour for our weigh-off."

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Teen solves centuries-old math problem

A 16-year-old in Germany who solved a centuries-old math problem credited his accomplishment to "schoolboy naivety." Shouryya Ray, whose family moved from India to Dresden when he was 12, solved a pair of fundamental particle dynamics problems posed by Isaac Newton more than 350 years ago to make it possible to calculate the flight path of a ball and predict how it will hit and bounce off a wall, *The Local.de* reported.

Ray said he learned about the problems when his school, which specializes in science, sent his 11th grade class to the Technical University in Dresden. The teenager said his "schoolboy naivety" would not allow him to accept that the problems couldn't be solved. "I asked myself: why can't it work?" he told the *Die Welt* newspaper. Ray said he is currently deciding whether to study math or physics when he moves on to college.

Beijing: Only two flies per toilet

City officials in Beijing said they are suggesting new standards for public toilets to allow only two flies per facility.

The Beijing Municipal Commission of City Administration and Environment released new policies asking workers in parks, tourist areas, transport stations, hospitals, shopping centres and supermarkets to ensure toilets have no more than two flies buzzing around and no more than two pieces of discarded trash to be picked up each half hour, *China Daily* reported. Xie Guomin, head of the sanitation management division, told the *Beijing Evening News* the new rules, which also ask workers to ensure facilities are equipped to cater to the elderly and disabled, are optional and aim to improve the cleanliness of the city's public bathrooms.



Actor Alec Baldwin and Hilaria Thomas arrive for amfAR's Cinema Against AIDS 2012 event in Antibes during the 65th Cannes Film Festival on 24 May, 2012.
INTERNET

Alec Baldwin to marry fiancée in Europe?

NEW YORK, 26 May—Actor Alec Baldwin is reportedly planning to tie the knot with fiancée Hilaria Thomas after finishing shooting his documentary on Cannes Film Festival.

The "30 Rock" star had proposed to Thomas earlier this year and subsequently hinted that they were planning to get married in September. Baldwin is likely to exchange vows with Thomas at a secret location in Europe.

"They've been telling people they'll be spending time in Europe, and there's speculation they're going to get married," *nypost.com* quoted an insider as saying.

Internet

Cameron Diaz flirts with David Attenborough

LONDON, 26 May—Actress Cameron Diaz, 39, openly flirted with veteran broadcaster, 86-year-old David Attenborough during a talk show.

The actress was in conversation with talk show host Graham Norton when she suddenly started chatting to her fellow guest, famed



Actress Cameron Diaz poses for photographers as she arrives for the European premiere of 'What to Expect When You Are Expecting' in London on 22 May, 2012.
INTERNET

natureshow narrator Attenborough.

They established a natural rapport, reports *dailystar.co.uk*.

Diaz asked to join Attenborough for a "private viewing" of outtakes from his show.

She told him: "I am so excited to meet you because I wanted to be a zoologist. I thought I would be one for my entire life and I did end up studying animals, but human animals. As an actor that's what I do, but I find so many surprises when I watch your shows."

Attenborough responded: "I could teach you all sorts of things. You should see the outtakes," prompting Diaz to say: "Perhaps we could have a private viewing!"—*Internet*

Elton John hospitalized, axes Vegas shows



Elton John performs in concert at the BankAtlantic Centre in Sunrise, Florida on 9 Mar, 2012.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 26 May—Elton John's publicist says the 65-year-old British pop icon is hospitalized in Los Angeles with a serious respiratory infection.

UsMagazine.com said John fell ill during his performance on Sunday at The Colosseum in Las Vegas and his condition worsened despite medication and rest.

He was hospitalized at

Cedars-Sinai on Wednesday morning and underwent a battery of tests.

"Those tests resulted in the attending physician recommending that Elton not perform any concerts for approximately seven days with complete rest and antibiotic treatment to cure his respiratory infection and prevent any damage," his representative told *UsMagazine.com* on Thursday.

Internet



Jane Fonda

Found joy in acting again, says Jane Fonda

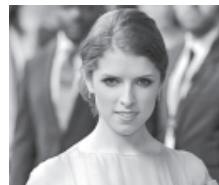
LONDON, 26 May—Jane Fonda, who turns 75 this year, said that she was happy having found joy in acting again and wouldn't let anything slow her down.

The actress said that this happened while she was writing her memoirs, "My Life So Far", that triggered her reawakening and to become a spokesperson for L'Oréal.

"I'm back to the feisty girl I was but now I embody her in a whole different way. I think I help women understand to get to know who they are—and own it." *The Daily Express* quoted her as saying.

"If someone had told me when I was 25 that I would be 74 and happier than I've ever been I would have said, 'You're out of your mind, I'm never going to be happy then,' but I find I am," she said. —*Internet*

Kendrick obsessed with chapsticks



Actress Anna Kendrick

LOS ANGELES, 26 May—Actress Anna Kendrick has revealed that she has an

uncontrollable urge to hoard chapsticks. "I have a priceless collection of chapsticks," *showbizspy.com* quoted "The Twilight" star as saying.

"If I see a chapstick that I've never tried, I have to buy it. And then once that door's been opened, I have to check the whole store to see if there are more chapsticks that I don't have," she said.

Internet

'Daddy dearest' Brad Pitt won't become director

WASHINGTON, 26 May—Brad Pitt has ruled out stepping behind the camera to direct his first film, as he can't bear the idea of leaving behind his six kids for any length of time.

And Pitt admits he has no interest in following in footsteps of his fiancée Angelina Jolie, as he watched her struggle to fulfil her duties in the production of her directorial debut film 'In the Land of Blood and Honey', from start to finish, without growing homesick.



Brad Pitt

"No, not a chance. It makes sense on some level,

but I really enjoy being a creative producer and I enjoy my day job (as an actor). It's enough for me," *Contactmusic* quoted him as saying when asked if he'd ever consider taking on the position.

"I want to also be a dad, first and foremost. After two days it gets itchy, I miss them. I just know how I'd be, I see how much time it takes to mount the thing and put it together. It wouldn't be a good match," he added.

Internet



Thierry Henry (R) of the New York Red Bulls carries the ball during a match on 23 May in Harrison, New Jersey. Henry has eclipsed David Beckham as the highest-paid player in Major League Soccer after Beckham took a pay cut to stay with the Los Angeles Galaxy this season, according to figures released by the player's union on Friday.

INTERNET

Henry eclipses Beckham as MLS top earner

NEW YORK, 26 May — Thierry Henry has eclipsed David Beckham as the highest-paid player in Major League Soccer after Beckham took a pay cut to stay with the Los Angeles Galaxy this season, according to figures released by the player's union on Friday. The 34-year-old Henry, France's all-time leading scorer, now tops the salary table earning \$5.6 million (4.5 euro) in 2012 playing for the New York Red Bulls.

The figure for total compensation includes salary and some bonus payments guaranteed over the life of a contract. Henry's Red Bulls teammate Rafa Marquez of Mexico — who like Henry joined the team in 2010 — is second at \$4.6 million. Beckham, who ushered in the era of high-paid foreign imports in MLS when he first signed a five-year contract with the Galaxy in 2007, will make \$4 million in total compensation this season, compared to the \$6.5 million per year he made under his prior contract.—*Internet*

Games giving "Brand Britain" an Asian boost

LONDON, 26 May — The London Olympics are giving "brand Britain" a fillip in China and India, a survey indicated on Saturday, boosting the UK government's ambition of attracting an extra one billion pounds of inward investment and trade. Publicity surrounding the Games had resulted in nearly 80 percent of those Chinese and Indians questioned saying they were more likely to want to visit Britain. They were also keen to flash the cash, lured by the UK's luxury brands and fashion stores, with 63 percent of Chinese and 60 percent of Indians saying they would like to buy more British goods, professional services provider Deloitte said.

Reuters



A spectator shelters under an umbrella with a London 2012 Olympics logo in the Olympic Park at Stratford, east London on 3 May, 2012.

REUTERS

Barca routs Bilbao 3-0 for cup in Guardiola finale

MADRID, 26 May — Barcelona provided Pep Guardiola with the perfect sendoff by routing Athletic Bilbao 3-0 in the Copa del Rey final on Friday night, the club's 14th trophy in four seasons under its most successful coach. Pedro Rodriguez scored in the third and 25th minutes, and Lionel



FC Barcelona's Lionel Messi from Argentina, left, celebrates his victory with coach Josep Guardiola during the final Copa del Rey soccer match against Athletic Bilbao at the Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid, Spain, on 25 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Messi ended his record-setting season with his 73rd goal in the 20th minute. The Catalan club demonstrated the virtues the marked Guardiola's four seasons in charge — quick-touching passing, intricate combinations and clinical finishing.

Barcelona's record 26th domestic cup gave the bittersweet season some shine as its fourth title of the season made up some for its failure to repeat as Champions League and Spanish league winners. "We had a very good year, we won four titles and winning this cup gives them better value," Guardiola said. "I'm happy to close out the season this way." Barcelona won the FIFA Club World Cup, European Super Cup and Spanish Super Cup this season to make it 14 of a possible 19 titles for the 41-year-old Guardiola, who decided to leave and will be replaced by assistant Tito Vilanova.

Internet

McIlroy misses cut with 79; Morrison leads with 64

VIRGINIA WATER, 26 May — Rory McIlroy missed the cut at the BMW PGA Championship on Friday after his game disintegrated in spectacular fashion in a second straight errant round at Wentworth, leaving his grip on the No 1 ranking under serious threat from Luke Donald. The US Open champion made seven bogeys and two double bogeys in a 7-over 79 to finish 9 over — a massive 21 strokes behind James Morrison, whose superb 64 gave him a four-shot lead on Donald (68) and first-round co-leader David Drysdale (70).

McIlroy's hopes had evaporated by the midway

point in his second round, when he endured a disastrous spell of seven dropped shots in six holes from No 8 to No 13. He looked sullen and his shoulders dropped as he walked along the fairways contemplating a second straight missed cut, having



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy watches his shot on the 3rd hole during day one of the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth Golf Club, Wentworth, England on 24 May, 2012.—INTERNET

succumbed to the same fate at The Players Championship in Florida two weeks ago...It revived memories of his infamous meltdowns at last year's Masters and at the 2010 British Open, when he shot 80 both times. It was the first time in more than two years that McIlroy has failed to make the weekend at two consecutive tournaments, giving the second-ranked Donald a great opportunity to replace him as No 1. "I might have taken my eye of the ball a little bit," McIlroy said. "Maybe just haven't practiced as hard as I might have been."

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Jo-Wilfried Tsonga returns a ball to Novak Djokovic during their quarter-final match at the ATP Rome tournament, on 18 May. Tsonga said on Friday he stood by his comments, made in Rome, that there was little or no hope this year of a Frenchman winning at Roland Garros for the first time since Yannick Noah in 1983.

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Japan's swimmer Terakawa lays down Olympic marker

TOKYO, 26 May — Japan's Aya Terakawa clocked the world's second fastest time of the season to win the women's 100 metres backstroke at the Japan Open swimming championships, laying down a marker ahead of the Olympics.

The world 50m silver medalist, who set a new Japanese record at the national championships in April to qualify for the Olympics, improved on it with a time of 59.08 seconds on Friday, beating Shiho Sakai into second place.

"I'm happy, because I hadn't expected to swim a

Tsonga downbeat on French hopes at Roland Garros

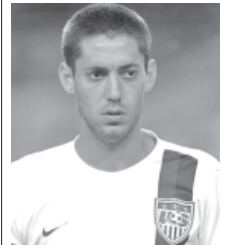
PARIS, 26 May — French number one Jo-Wilfried Tsonga said he stood by his comments that there was little or no hope this year of a Frenchman winning at Roland Garros for the first time since Yannick Noah in 1983. The comments, made in Rome last week by the world number five, shocked many in France and drew fire from Noah himself who said that at the very least home players should "dream" of winning the only claycourt Grand Slam tournament. Asked if he had any regrets over what he had said, Tsonga on Friday replied: "No, not at all. We all need to dream, and I think I wouldn't be No 5 in the world if I had not dreamt and if I didn't continue to dream."

"But it's also true that for each tournament, each time I sign for a tournament, the objective — let's be clear — the objective is to go all the way. "So sometimes some people said I was a bit presumptuous, but I think that so far we (French players) have never won. "We have never won any Masters tournament on clay. We never won any Grand Slam, whatever the surface. "At the moment, no one would place a bet on one of us winning a Grand Slam tournament tomorrow." —*Internet*

Klinsmann encouraging Dempsey to leave Fulham

CHICAGO, 26 May — US coach Jurgen Klinsmann is encouraging Clint Dempsey to leave Fulham and sign with a bigger club.

The 29-year-old Texan scored 17 Premier League goals and 23 overall this season, the best season by an American attacking player in England. Dempsey's contract with Fulham has one year remaining. "His goal is the right goal," Klinsmann said during a conference call Friday, a day before the Americans play an exhibition against Scotland. "If he has the



Clint Dempsey

opportunity to go a Champions League team, that's the creme de la creme in the world of club soccer, then you've got to do that. With all respect obviously to Fulham, as he often mentions, but you want to play in the biggest club competition in the world and that's the European Champions League.—*Internet*



Japan's Aya Terakawa (pictured in 2011) on Friday clocked the world's second fastest time of the season to win the women's 100 metres backstroke at the Japan Open swimming championships, laying down a marker ahead of the Olympics.—INTERNET

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Santos, Universidad into semifinals on penalties

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 May — Defending champion Santos advanced to the semifinals of the Copa Libertadores on Thursday after defeating 10-man Velez Sarsfield on penalties. An Alan Kardec strike in the 78th minute cancelled out Velez's 1-0 victory in the first leg and forced a penalty shootout at Santos' Vila Belmiro stadium. Kardec, Elano, Leo and

Paulo Henrique Ganso each converted from the spot for the Brazilian club. Velez's Hector Canteros missed the target and Emiliano Papa's shot was saved by Rafael. Velez played most of the match a man short after keeper Marcelo Barovero was shown a straight red card for a reckless tackle on Neymar in the 40th minute. Santos will now face Sao Paulo rivals and

reigning Brazilian champions Corinthians in the semifinals.

In Santiago, Universidad de Chile also won their quarterfinal against Paraguay's Libertad on penalties.

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- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Delicious Dishes by Khin Phone & Mg Ther"
- * National Expo & Car Show
- * News
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- 6. Round Up Of The Week's International News
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- 7. How It's Works
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- 8. Myanmar Video Feature
- 4:20 pm
- 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:25 pm
- 10. Song of National Races
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- 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Years (Business Management)
- 5:15 pm
- 12. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:20 pm
- 13. Cartoon Series
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 16. New Melody

Thailand's 15 provinces warned of flash floods

BANGKOK, 26 May—The Meteorological Department of Thailand on Saturday issued warning for people in 15 provinces to prepare for possible heavy falls and the danger of floods, the *Bangkok Post* online reported.

The department warned people in 15 provinces across the country to prepare for widespread scattered rain with heavy falls in some areas and the danger of floods from Saturday to 29 May.

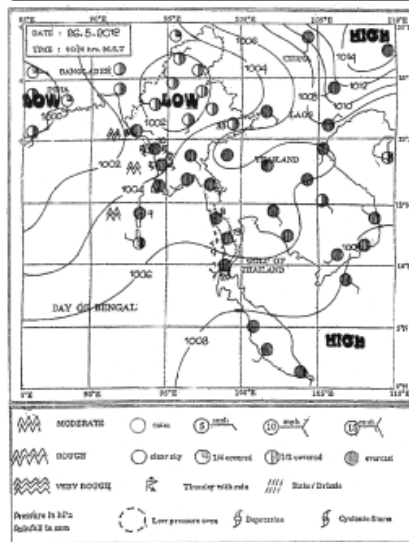
The 15 provinces are the northern provinces of Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Phayao, Nan, Lamphun, Lampang, Phrae, Uttaradit, Pitsanulok, the central provinces of Petchaburi, Chanthaburi, Trat, and the southern province of Ranong, Phang Nga and Satun.

There will also be strong wind-generated 2- to 3-metre-high waves in the Andaman Sea. All shipping operations should proceed with caution and small boats should keep ashore during the period, the department said.—Xinhua



A visitor poses for a photo with a vintage car, which is the same type as the car used by legendary Kung Fu movie star Bruce Lee in his movie "The Green Hornet", during the 2012 China Tianjin International Auto Industry Exhibition in Tianjin, north China, on 25 May, 2012. More than 200 enterprises displayed some 600 cars at the exhibition that kicked off in the Tianjin Meijiang Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday.—XINHUA

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 27th May, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/102	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	32/90	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayah	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	26/79	12/54	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sgaw	30/102	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sgaw	42/108	23/84	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Familday	29/84	23/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	41/106	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	28/84	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mun	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	32/90	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	28/82	18/66	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	34/93	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	36/97	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyarwady	37/89	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	39/102	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	28/84	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sgaw and Mandalay Regions, Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Yangon and Tanintharyi Regions, fairly widespread in Bago Region, scattered in Ayeyarwady Region, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Bago Region. Day temperatures were (7°C) to (37°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sgaw Region, Kachin, Eastern Shan and Chin States, (7°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Lower Sgaw and Magway Regions and Kayah State and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chaik (45°C), Mawmya, Myingon, and Nyaung-U (45°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were 16.57 inches, Pong (1.77) inches, Myittha (1.36) inches, Rangong (1.34) inches and Thabeik (1.22) inches.

Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay, weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltic, Gulf of Minima, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30) to (35) mph. Sea will be moderate in elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea.

Answers for Yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



About 30 tourists trapped in cable cars in Guangxi

NANNING, 26 May—About 30 tourists were trapped on Saturday afternoon in cable cars suspended mid air at a mountain scenic resort in Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region.

Around 11 am Saturday, the local fire brigade received a report that about 60 tourists, including some foreigners, were trapped in the Yaoshan mountain scenic spot in the city of Guilin, said local rescuers.

Rescuers had rescued 30 of the trapped as of 2 pm. Rescue work is still under way but is hampered by the steep mountainous terrain.

The accident was probably caused by power failure, said rescuers.

Xinhua

US reporter detained in Ethiopia 'to be released'

ADDIS ABABA, 26 May—A Voice of America (VOA) reporter detained while covering a protest in the Ethiopian capital will be released from jail Saturday, a government spokesperson said.

"We decided to secure his release," Shimeles Kemal told AFP, adding that he is expected to be released "soon."

VOA said reporter Peter Heinlein was arrested Friday while trying to interview members of Ethiopia's Muslim minority, who have been protesting alleged government interference in their affairs.

Shimeles said Heinlein was detained because he failed to produce his identity card when approached by police.

"He refused to explain his identity or to explain that he was a journalist, then they



View of a densely populated area of Addis Ababa in 2007.—INTERNET

took him to the police station," said Shimeles.

Shimeles had initially said Heinlein could face deportation for failing to "abide by the rules of the land," but later told AFP the reporter will be permitted to stay in the country.

"I thought he might be deported, but this is not the case," he said.

Several journalists have

been detained and charged in Ethiopia in recent months, including two Swedish journalists sentenced to 11 years in prison in December under the country's anti-terrorism law.

The press watchdog Committee to Protect Journalists says Ethiopia's media is one of the most restricted in the world.

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Myanmar, Japan to cooperate in water quality management



Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun receives Associate Professor Mr Takeshi Fujino of Department of Environmental Science of Saitama University of Japan.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received Associate Professor Mr Takeshi Fujino of Department of Environmental Science of Saitama University of Japan at his office here yesterday afternoon, and discussed conducting research into marine diversity and cooperation in water quality management.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department, Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department, Director-General U Htay Aung of Arid Zone Greening Department, Managing Director U Khin Maung Yi of Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Deputy Director-General U Tin Tun of PSD.—MNA

Meeting for organizing contests in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—A work coordination meeting on organizing the 15th anniversary painting, cartoon, poster, computer painting and computer poster contests in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking took place at the city hall of Taunggyi, Shan State, on 14 May. State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu and Chief of State Police Force Police Col Win Tun made speeches and Deputy Chief Police Lt-Col Moe Maung Than explained preparations for the contests.—MNA

Kayan Tsp GAD presents cash assistance to offspring of its staff

YANGON, 26 May—Kayan Township General Administration Department of Yangon District (South) presented cash assistance to offspring students of its staff this morning, with an address by township administrator U Tin Myint.

The township administrator presented K 619,100 for 58 students pursuing basic and higher education.—MNA

Union Sports Minister receives President of ASEAN Para Sports Federation and party

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan received President of ASEAN Para Sports Federation Mr Dato' Zainal Abidin bin Zarin, Secretary Ms R. Milani Rajasagaran and members of sports organizing committees of the federation at his office here this afternoon.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on hosting the 7th ASEAN Para Games after the holding of the XXVII SEA Games.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and officials, President of Myanmar Para Sports Federation Maj-Gen Nay Lin and officials.

MNA



Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan receives President of ASEAN Para Sports Federation Mr Dato' Zainal Abidin bin Zarin and party.

MNA

Gymnasts' road to London begins at US Classic

CHICAGO, 26 May—All eyes will be on Olympic champion Nastia Liukin at the US Classic. Martha Karolyi, however, will be keeping close watch on everybody. Make no mistake.

The national championships may be two weeks away and there's still a month until the Olympic trials, but Saturday's meet is the first step in the selection process for this summer's London Games.

"It is in the back of your mind," said Gabby Douglas, a member of the team that won the world title last year. "This is the Olympic year, and Martha's watching us and every little thing we do."

Because the format of team finals at the Olympics is so unforgiving, teams can't be picked solely by the standings at nationals and trials.

Three gymnasts compete on each event in team finals and all three scores count, meaning one mistake or one low-scoring routine could be the difference between a gold medal and a consolation T-shirt. So



Nastia Liukin looks over the arena as she returns to competition for the first time since 2009, during a practice session for the US Classic gymnastics meet on 25 May, 2012, in Chicago.

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Karolyi is already looking at everyone to see what combination of gymnasts will give her monster scores on each of the four events, and who she can count on to be consistent no matter the circumstance or the stage.

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French Open champion Li Na wants to "remain the same"

PARIS, 26 May — French Open winner Li Na on Friday said she was focusing on the preparation for the first round's games, reiterating her willingness to keep a normal life after winning the French title last season.

As the first Chinese to win a tennis grand slam title, Li Na said she witnessed a tough experience after her victory in the French Open and she could not "do the same as before." "I really want to remain the same. But, it's tough for me because after I won last year my life changed."

So I had to change some things," Li Na said on Roland Garros website. "I think because I was the first Chinese player win a Grand Slam, so many people thought she's not normal," she added.

Li became the favourite sport figure in China and she has been officially honoured by the Chinese government for her unprecedented win of Grand Slam singles title. The 30-year-old tennis player will meet Romanian Sorana Cirstea in the first game.—Xinhua



French Open winner Li Na.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (26-5-2012)

Shwegyin	6.57 inches
Paung	1.77 inches
MyaukU	1.50 inches
Kengtung	1.34 inches
Thaton	1.22 inches