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President U Thein Sein felicitates Azerbaijan counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan which falls on 28 May, 2012.—MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Artur Rasizade, Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan which falls on 28 May, 2012.—MNA

Indian Prime Minister and wife arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—At the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, a goodwill delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur arrived here at 6.45 pm today.

The delegation was welcomed by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and wife, Deputy Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and wife, departmental heads, officials, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife, and embassy staff at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.

National race damsels presented bouquets to the visiting Indian Premier and wife.

Schoolchildren welcomed the delegation on their way from the airport to Aureum Palace where they would stay, waving miniature flags of the two countries.—MNA

Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur being welcomed by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, deputy ministers and officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.

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Shwesangyoung Bridge, 14th of its kind in the time of new government opened



Shwesangyoung Bridge in Seikpyu Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Shwesangyoung Bridge lies on Milepost No. 344/1 of Patheingyi-Monywa road section in Seikpyu Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region. It is of boulder pier foundation with RC lower frame and steel beam on upper structure. The 900 feet long bridge is facilitated with 24 feet wide motorway flanked by 3 feet and 6 inches wide pedestrian lanes on either side. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.

Shwesangyoung Bridge was built with the aim of overcoming transport difficulties in monsoon in the region since vehicles to cross Shwesangyoung Creek had to wait two or three days near the creek when it was raining incessantly.

With the emergence of the bridge plus the construction of Patheingyi-Monywa motor road, local (See page 8)

Donovan hat-trick as US hit five past Scots



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Cheryl Cole's new song aimed at ex-husband



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PERSPECTIVES

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Be happy and satisfied with what you have

Positive thoughts attract good luck and positive feeling function the same. This rule is widely acknowledged in the teachings of nearly all philosophies and religions. It is one of the most important rules of how to be lucky, meaning that ignoring it leads to despair or failure, and even committing suicide.

Be happy and satisfied with what you have in life, no matter what it is worth compared to other people. The more you appreciate what you already have, the more will come to you. This rule is virtually important, but at the same time also one of the least understood and most ignored rules of luck and success. Even the least lucky person can promptly achieve success if only they acknowledge this rule and always implement it.

You can be the luckiest man in the world now if only you are happy and satisfied with what you have and enjoy every moment. Be grateful for what you have now and you will be luckier than most of people worldwide. Happiness in leading one's life might not depend on your ability to create the desired result or outcome. Failure teaches human beings many things while success is also coveted.

There will always be some people who are richer, more successful, better looking, have a bigger house or a nicer car. But that doesn't matter. Be grateful for every tiny thing you have. When you think about it, what criteria do you use to judge how one person is luckier than another?

The answer is not what you can see, hear or feel. It is all about the individual mindset of each person. How thankful are they for their every moment in life?

If only you appreciate your life now, you are the luckiest person in the world.

Shock over arrest in NYC boy's '79 disappearance

NEW YORK, 27 May — When police dug up a Manhattan basement last month in a fruitless search for the remains of Etan Patz, a 6-year-old boy who disappeared in 1979, Lucy Suarez saw the news on TV and wished that the family of the missing child would finally get some peace. "My sister and I prayed about it. We prayed and we said, 'Let justice be done,'" Suarez said. "Never did we think it was going to be done with our family." On Friday, her older brother was charged with Etan's murder.

Police said Pedro Hernandez, a 51-year-old, churchgoing father described by some friends as quiet and timid, had given an emotional confession earlier in the week to luring the little boy away from his school bus stop with a promise of a soft drink, and then strangling him in the basement of a convenience store where he had been working as a stock clerk. The admission surprised investigators, who had been confounded by the disappearance for three decades and never considered Hernandez a suspect until this month. Just weeks ago, they had focused their attention on another man, and even ripped up a basement he had once used as a workshop in the hope of finding clues. Suarez said her family is reeling, too, despite having had concerns for years that her brother had once done something bad to a child. Hernandez, now living in Maple Shade, NJ, was 18 when Etan vanished. When he moved to New Jersey not long after the disappearance, he said something to relatives about having hurt a child back in New York. Suarez said her brother never spoke to her directly about what had happened, and the family's knowledge of the incident was vague. — Internet

Union Defence Minister to attend ASEAN Defence Ministers meeting

YANGON, 27 May — A delegation led by Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min left here this morning to attend the Sixth ASEAN Defence Ministers meeting to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Union minister will also attend the Asia Security Summit in Singapore.

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Goodwill delegation led by Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut arrives back from PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — A goodwill delegation led by Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office arrived back here by air yesterday afternoon from the People's Republic of China, and they were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, Commodore Maung Oo Lwin of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command, senior military officers and the Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar. — MNA

Officials welcome back delegation led by Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Union Foreign Minister felicitates Azerbaijan counterpart

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VOV delegation concludes visit



Delegation led by Director Mr Nguyen Chu Nhac of Radio the Voice of Vietnam (VOV) at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

YANGON, 27 May — The visiting Vietnamese delegation led by Director Mr Nguyen Chu Nhac of Radio the Voice of Vietnam visited Kandawgyi Natural Park and downtown Yangon this morning and left here by air in the evening. The delegation visited Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon at the invitation of the Myanmar Radio and Television of the Information Ministry.

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Performing arts course conducted by Pynmana Township Music Asiayon concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — The conclusion ceremony of the performing arts course conducted by Pynmana Township Music Asiayon was held at Mingala Kandaw Hall this morning and member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Pynmana Township In charge Col Myint Aung Than, Chairman of Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) U Maung Maung

Latt and the Township Administrator U Kyaw Tint made speeches on the occasion.

The Pynmana Township Music Asiayon conducts the performing arts courses yearly with the aim of turning out new generations for performing arts and preserving the national culture, and the seven-week course opened

this year was attended by 27 trainees. — MNA

Chief of Mawlamyine District Police Force Lt-Col Zaw Min Oo provides stipend to a student.

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Stipends provided for children of Mawlamyine District Police Force members

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — A ceremony to provide stipends, stationery and school uniform for children of Mawlamyine District Police Force for the 2012-2013 academic year was held at its head office on 25 May in Mawlamyine. Chief of Mawlamyine District Police Force Lt-Col Zaw Min Oo and wife Daw Nyein Nyein Phyoo, Police Captain Myo Thant, Police Captain Khin Ohn Myint, members and students attended the ceremony.

The Chief of Mawlamyine District Police Force presented K 12,000 for each university student, K 10,000 for each high school student, K 8,000 for each middle school student, K 6,000 for each primary school student. Stipends for 46 students amounted to K 394,000.

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The 4th China (Anyang) International Aviation Sports Festival kicked off on Saturday, with the participation of more than 400 aviation sports amateurs all over the world.—XINHUA

India testfires Akash missile

NEW DELHI, 27 May—India Saturday successfully testfired its home-made surface-to-air missile Akash from Chandipur in the eastern state of Odisha, sources said. This comes two days after the country successfully testfired a similar Akash missile from the same place.

"The latest testfiring took place at 11:15 am from the integrated firing range at Chandipur. The testfiring has been successful and the missile intercepted an unmanned aircraft over the Bay of Bengal," the sources said. Akash is developed by India's Defence Research and Development Organization as part of the country's air defence system.—Xinhua

UNHCR says over 9,000 Somalis displaced near Mogadishu

NAIROBI, 27 May—The UN refugee agency said at least 9,200 Somalis have been displaced in the past three days by the ongoing military activity between insurgents and allied forces in Afgooye, about 30 kilometres northwest of Mogadishu. Afgooye has for a long time been a stronghold of Al-Shabaab insurgents and is a strategic junction for routes to the north, west and south of Somalia.

"Since 22 May to date the UNHCR Somalia Population Movement Tracking (PMT) system has recorded 9,200 displacements from Afgooye due to military activity in the area," the UN agency said in its update released in Nairobi on Saturday. UNHCR said the majority of these people have fled to Mogadishu with some to Lower Shabelle and Lower Juba regions, adding that there is no indication of any people arriving in Bay region.

In the so-called Operation Free Shabelle, Africa Union peacekeeping mission in Somalia (AMISOM) said that its forces, and those of the Somali National Army, crossed the Shabelle River on Friday and secured all the major roads leading into and out of Afgooye town. Leaders of the al-Qaeda-affiliated terror group are believed to have fled the town, which was their main base in the region and where they were known to have been extorting revenues from farmers, traders and pastoralists.

Xinhua

Iranian envoy criticizes Western media for politicizing technical issue in IAEA report

TEHRAN, 27 May—Iran's Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Ali-Asgar Soltanieh criticized Western media "attempts to politicize a normal technical issue" in the latest IAEA report on Tehran's "nuclear energy programme," Iran's Press TV reported on Saturday. According to a report obtained by media on Friday, the IAEA said in its latest report on Iranian nuclear issue that its inspectors have detected traces of up to 27-percent-purity enriched uranium in the country's Fordow nuclear fuel enrichment plant. According to the report, Iran indicated that the production of such particles "above the target value" may happen for

technical reasons beyond the operator's control.

"The results of analysis of environmental samples taken at FFEP (the Fordow site) on 15 Feb showed the presence of particles with enrichment levels of up to 27 percent U-235," IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano said on Friday in the quarterly restricted report prepared for the agency's boarding meeting scheduled for early next month. The report said the Vienna-based UN nuclear watchdog is assessing Iran's explanation and has

requested further details. The agency has also taken further environmental samples from the same location where the particles in question have been found and is analyzing the samples.

The Fordow nuclear plant has been built for producing up to 20 percent enriched uranium. The start of the nuclear work at the site has increased international concerns as the West suspects that Iran's uranium enrichment might be aimed at moving closer to the ability to make nuclear weapons.—Xinhua



Retired military vessel USS Iowa passes the Golden Gate Bridge en route from Richmond, California to Los Angeles on 26 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Expert says Iran has enough uranium for five bombs

VIENNA, 27 May—Iran has significantly stepped up its output of low-enriched uranium and total production in the last five years would be enough for at least five nuclear weapons if refined much further, a US security institute said. The Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS), a think-tank which tracks Iran's nuclear programme closely, based the analysis on data in the latest report by the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) which was issued on Friday.

Progress in Iran's nuclear activities is closely watched by the West and Israel as it could determine how long it could take Tehran to build atomic bombs, if it decided to do so. Iran denies any plan to and says its aims are entirely peaceful. During talks in

Baghdad this week, six world powers failed to convince Iran to scale back its uranium enrichment programme. They will meet again in Moscow next month to try to defuse a decade-old standoff that has raised fears of a new war in the Middle East that could disrupt oil supplies.

Friday's report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), a Vienna-

based UN body, showed Iran was pressing ahead with its uranium enrichment work in defiance of UN resolutions calling on it to suspend the activity. It said Iran had produced almost 6.2 tons of uranium enriched to a level of 3.5 percent since it began the work in 2007 — some of which has subsequently been further processed into higher-grade material.—Reuters



Iran Could Make Five Nukes, If It Wanted.—REUTERS

Medvedev succeeds Putin as leader of Russia's ruling party

MOSCOW, 27 May—Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on Saturday succeeded President Vladimir Putin as leader of the ruling United Russia party. Medvedev's appointment was overwhelmingly approved at the party's congress here by a show of hands. Accepting the

post, Medvedev vowed to improve the United Russia and lead the party to more victories. On the next parliamentary elections due in 2016, Medvedev stressed that the United Russia "must be at the top again and win a parliamentary majority." If the party wins the parliamentary

elections, State Duma speaker candidates could be selected on a competitive basis, Medvedev said.

"In the future parliamentary election, the United Russia will again try to win the support of the majority of citizens. And if we fulfill this task, and I don't doubt we will, it would be right to consider the issue of our candidates to the leadership in the State Duma, in particular the post of Duma chairman, in a democratic, open way, and on an alternative basis," the new party leader said. Besides, Medvedev said that it is necessary to reform the ways of electing party leaders at all levels, set a single five-year term of office for party leaders at all levels, and introduce the principles of annual performance reporting and annual rotation.

Xinhua



Russia's Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev speaks during the United Russia Party's congress in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 26 May, 2012. Russia's ruling United Russia party elected Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev as its new leader Saturday.—XINHUA

World War Two battleship USS Iowa sets off on final voyage

RICHMOND, 27 May—The battleship USS Iowa, which served the United States through victory and tragedy during six decades at sea, set off on its final voyage on Saturday, a trip to Los Angeles to become a museum. With a cheer, volunteers in hard hats cast off the last of a dozen thick lines that had moored the 175-foot-tall gray dreadnought in the Port of Richmond. Then it slipped slowly into the San Francisco Bay, towering over the three tugboats that pulled it.

Throngs of onlookers gathered as the ship sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge. It was a sentimental send-off for the Iowa, which saw service in the US Navy conflicts around the world before being

decommissioned in 1990 and sold to the nonprofit Pacific Battleship Centre in May 2010. The Los Angeles Harbour Commission voted unanimously on 17 May to create a permanent home for the ship at the city's port, where it will drop its gangplank to the public on 7 July.

As the Iowa headed into San Francisco Bay, spectators swapped tales of the Iowa's storied past. It carried the late President Franklin Roosevelt across the Atlantic to his historic meeting with Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin in World War Two. The battleship was equipped with a special bathtub for Roosevelt — who was partially paralyzed following a bout with polio — and it remains on board.—Reuters

Science & Technology Science & Technology Science & Technology

X-ray spacecraft to search for black holes

PASADENA, 27 May—NASA says final preparations are under way for the launch of a space telescope that will use X-ray vision to search for hidden black holes in the universe.

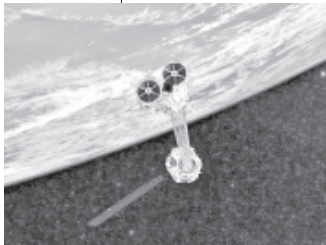
The Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array, or NuSTAR, will launch from Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., reported on Tuesday.

The observatory will air launch from the belly of Orbital Sciences Corp's L-1011 "Stargazer" aircraft aboard the company's Pegasus XL rocket, JPL said.

A successful launch simulation of the Pegasus rocket was conducted last week, officials said.

Technicians at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California are installing the rocket's fairing, or nose cone, around the observatory in preparation for the launch, targeted for

Artist's concept showing NASA's NuSTAR mission orbiting Earth.—INTERNET



11:30 am EDT on 13 June.

NuSTAR and its rocket are set to be attached to the Stargazer plane on 2 June and the aircraft will depart California on 5 June, arriving at the Kwajalein launch site on 6 June.

The NuSTAR mission is being led by the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena and managed by JPL.—Internet

Cellphones battle malaria in Africa

GABORONE, 27 May—Mobile phones have cut the time needed to report malaria outbreaks in Africa from weeks to minutes, allowing more timely government responses, researchers say.

The results of the first year of a mobile disease response pilot programme were reported last week by Hewlett-Packard, along with partners Positive Innovation for the Next Generation, the Clinton Health Access Initiative and mobile network provider MASCOM, Mashable reported.

"We see technology having a profound impact on disease surveillance, which has a highly antiquated process," Paul Ellingstad, HP's director of global health, said.

While it can take three to four weeks to get a report of cases of malaria to a district health clinic, and then to the Ministry of Health of a respective country, cellphone reports can speed up the process to a matter of minutes, he said — meaning the respective government can immediately send bed nets and alert citizens to take precautions.

Since the pilot programme began in June 2011 in Botswana's Chobe region, 1,068 notifications were reported to Ministry of Health officials by healthcare workers trained to use mobile devices to collect malaria data and report outbreaks to authorities.

"This is an example of the role technology can play in fundamentally transforming and improving existing programmes within the public health sector," Ellingstad said. "What's critical in doing so is partnering with governments and other leading NGOs to appropriately implement technology, rather than providing technology and letting the process sort itself out."

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Malaria reporting with cellphones.

Ancient tomb uncovered in Peru

LIMA, 27 May—Archaeologists report finding a 1,000-year-old tomb in Peru containing more than 80 individuals of



Excavating the tomb.

varying ages including infants.

The discovery was made at Pachacamac, one of the largest Prehispanic sites in South America, located on the Pacific Coast about 18 miles from Lima, Belgium's Universite libre de Bruxelles reported on Tuesday.

In front of the Temple of Pachacamac, a scattering of later period burials was found to conceal an enormous burial chamber 65-feet long, dated to 1,000 years ago, that had survived the pillaging of the colonial period — particularly intensive on the

site — and was intact, researchers said.

The oval tomb was covered with a roof of reeds supported by carved and shaped tree trunks.

A dozen newborns and infants were distributed around the perimeter, while the main chamber was separated into two sections by a wall of mud bricks that served as a base for yet more burials, archaeologists said.

Seventy skeletons and mummies were found inside those sections, representing both sexes and often

accompanied by offerings including copper and gold artifacts, masks and ceramic vessels.

Pachacamac is a candidate for inclusion on the United Nations list of UNESCO World Heritage sites.

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Seven-inch Google tablet said imminent

NEW YORK, 27 May—A 7-inch tablet computer is coming from Google and could hit the market in July, DigiTimes, a tech Web site based in Taipei reports. An

initial shipment of about 600,000 units, manufactured for Google by Asus, based in Taipei, is set to begin in June, the site said.

Details of the tablet's specifications are not known yet but there has been speculation about a quad-core processor running version 4.0 of Android, CNET.com reported on Wednesday.

If the tablet does appear, and a rumoured 7-inch "iPad Mini" from Apple also surfaces, competition in the 7-inch tablet arena will increase, as Amazon is already a major force in the 7-inch market segment and Samsung has recently begun selling its 7-inch Galaxy Tab 2, CNET.com said.

DigiTimes said plans call for production of 2 million units of the Google tablet for 2012.

Internet



Trucks travel along a test track in Germany, where Siemens is working on its eHighway concept. This system has been proposed to cut pollution on Interstate 710 in LA.—INTERNET

LA could adopt electric freight vehicles

LOS ANGELES, 26 May—Los Angeles may be one of the first cities to adopt a new electric freight trucking system dubbed eHighway, its German developer says.

Engineering giant Siemens Corp recently unveiled the system that uses overhead electrical wires to transmit energy to freight trucks in select vehicle lanes, similar to modern-day streetcars.

"Most people think about cars when they think of vehicle emissions, but the reality is it's freight trucks," Daryl Dulaney, chief executive of North American infrastructure and cities sector for Siemens, told the Los Angeles Times.

Siemens is working on a pilot project along Interstate 710, in which electric trucks would move freight from the ports of Long

Beach and Los Angeles to inland destinations.

More than 40 percent of freight that arrives in the United States in shipping containers comes through the two ports and then has to be trucked to rail stations and other points of distribution, officials said.

"The ports have made tremendous improvements, but goods-movement-related air pollution remains our largest source of air pollution in Southern California," Barry Wallerstein of the South Coast Air Quality Management District said.

"We're hopeful that we will get [the eHighway] off the ground in the next 12 months," said Wallerstein, who hopes to secure grants from the US Department of Energy to build it.

Internet

Study: Seagrass can combat climate change

WASHINGTON, 27 May—Beds of ocean seagrasses can store twice as much carbon as the world's forests and are a vital part of the solution to climate change, US scientists say.

An article in the journal *Nature Geoscience* has reported the first global analysis of carbon stored in seagrasses that determined coastal seagrass beds store up to 225,000 tons of carbon per square miles, mostly in the soils beneath them.

In comparison, a typical

terrestrial forest stores about 82,000 tons of carbon per square mile, most of which is in the form of wood.

Although seagrass meadows make up less than 0.2 percent of the world's oceans, they are responsible for more than 10 percent of all carbon buried annually in the sea, researchers said.

"Seagrasses only take up a small percentage of global coastal area, but this assessment shows that they're a dynamic ecosystem for carbon transformation," lead study

author James Fourqurean of Florida International University said.

"Seagrasses have the unique ability to continue to store carbon in their roots and soil in coastal seas," he said in a release from the National Science Foundation. "We found places where seagrass beds have been storing carbon for thousands of years."

Seagrass meadows store 90 percent of their carbon in the soil and continue to build on it for centuries, the researchers found.

Conserving and restoring seagrass meadows may reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon stores while delivering important "ecosystem services" to coastal communities, they said.

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Scientists take samples of seagrass beds at NSF's Florida Coastal Everglades site. INTERNET



Business & Health Business & Health Business & Health

Long-term contraception more effective for women

WASHINGTON, 27 May—Women who choose birth control pills, the patch or vaginal ring are 20 times more likely to have an unplanned pregnancy than those using long-term methods such as IUDs and implants, a study released Wednesday found.

Among young women under 21 who chose the pill, the patch or vaginal ring, the risk of unintended pregnancy is almost twice as high as that for older women, according to researchers at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

The study, carried out on 7,500 participants between

the ages of 14 and 45, appears in the May 24 *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"This study is the best evidence we have that long-acting reversible methods are far superior to the birth control pill, patch and ring," says senior author and OBGYN Jeffrey Peipert. Intrauterine devices "and implants are more effective because women can forget about them after clinicians put the devices in place." Unplanned pregnancies remain a major health problem in the United States. About three million pregnancies per year — half of all pregnancies — are unplanned, very high for a



Women who choose birth control pills, the patch or vaginal ring are 20 times more likely to have an unplanned pregnancy than those using long-term methods such as IUDs and implants, a study found.

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developed nation. "We know that IUDs and implants have very low failure rates of less than one per cent," said lead author Brooke Winner. "But although IUDs are very effective and have been proven safe in women and adolescents, they only are chosen by 5.5 per cent of women in the United States who use contraception."

IUDs are inserted by a nurse or doctor, but few women can easily afford

them as the cost can reach around US\$500.

However "when IUDs and implants are provided at no cost, about 75 per cent of women chose these methods for birth control," Winner added.

That means that greater use of longer acting contraceptive methods by teens and young women could prevent substantially more unplanned pregnancies.

Internet

One-in-12 UK babies hospital-infected

LONDON, 27 May—One-in-12 babies and toddlers in British hospitals contract a potentially life threatening infection, government officials found. Researchers at the Health Protection Agency surveyed 52,443 hospital patients at 103 hospitals and found 1-in-16 had an infection associated with their healthcare, 1-in-20 age 15 and younger got an infection, and 1-in-5 very sick children got an infection in the hospital, the *Daily Telegraph* reported.

Most of the hospital-acquired infections were pneumonia, urinary tract infections and surgical site infections, the report said. Government officials said although the number of infections has been dropping — due to campaigns to encourage staff and visitors to wash their hands — many infections are becoming resistant to antibiotics.

The study made a series of recommendations to reduce hospital-acquired infections, including that hospitals ensure all staff who insert catheters and tubes into patients are properly trained, and that guidelines should be developed for the use of common antibiotics.

Lead author Dr Susan Hopkins, an epidemiologist at the Health Protection Agency, said there needed to be a shift in the attitude of healthcare staff to prevent infections.

"It is about performing the procedure right every time, no matter how many patients you are looking after," Hopkins told the *Telegraph*. "We need to make sure people are competent and trained in inserting devices and we need to look at our surveillance of infections."—Internet



An overweight woman watches a street performer at Venice Beach in Los Angeles, California, on 11 May, 2012. An obese person isn't inevitably at increased risk of cardiovascular disease and death, a new UK study finds. "The people really at risk are the ones who have obesity in combination with other metabolic health risk factors," said Mark Hamer, a principal research associate at University College London who worked on the study.—REUTERS



A Nissan logo is pictured during the second media day of the 82nd Geneva Car Show at the Palexpo Arena in Geneva on 7 March, 2012.—REUTERS

Nissan to recall 194,434 vehicles for parts defects

TOKYO, 27 May—Nissan Motor Co. is to recall 194,434 vehicles of the Caravan model and the Como, a van supplied to and sold by Isuzu Motors Ltd, because of defective parts, according to a filing with Japan's transport ministry on Thursday.

Vans produced between May 2001 and July 2011 may have defective bearing systems, which will make them unstable, and other problems include clutches and cables, the company filing said.

The company said it had received 237 reports of problems linked to the defects, but no accidents, the filing said.

Reuters

Health Tip: Get the most from your nap

As more people join the ranks of the sleep-deprived, experts say a daily nap may do a world of good. Then again, poor napping habits can leave you groggy after a nap.

The National Sleep Foundation offers this advice about feeling refreshed after a nap:

- * Keep your nap to no more than 30 minutes. Sleeping longer can make you feel groggy, and cause you to have trouble sleeping at night.
- * Nap in a comfortable environment that's cool, dark and quiet.
- * Don't nap too late in the day, to avoid interfering with bedtime.
- * Don't nap too early in the day either, as your body may not be ready for sleep again.—Internet



An Italian heart surgeon holds a tiny titanium pump, the world's smallest artificial heart, which was implanted in a baby, at the Bambino Gesù Hospital in Rome on 24 May, 2012. Italian doctors have saved the life of a 16-month-old boy by implanting the world's smallest artificial heart to keep the infant alive until a donor was found for a transplant.

REUTERS

US banks in quarter earned \$35.3 billion

WASHINGTON, 27 May—US banks earned \$35.3 billion in profits in the first three months of the year, a federal regulator said.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp, said profits rose by \$6.6 billion from the first quarter of 2011, a 22.9 percent rise.

Average return on assets rose above 1 percent for only the second time out of the past 19 quarters.

Income for banks, however, has improved

compared to the same quarter of the previous year for 11 consecutive quarters, the FDIC said.

In the first quarter, 67.5 percent of the country's banks and savings institutions reported year-over-year gains in earnings with only 10.3 percent of banks losing money in January through March, the lowest level since the second quarter of 2007.

In a sharp turnaround, only 16 banks out of 7,307 failed in the first quarter, the smallest number of failures since the fourth quarter of 2008, when 12 banks failed.

The agency's ominous "Problem list," which keeps track of banks in trouble, dropped from 813 banks to 772 in the quarter. Total assets among "problem" banks dropped from \$319 billion to \$292 billion in the quarter.—Internet

The JPMorgan Chase & Co sign hangs at their headquarters on Park Avenue in New York City on 17 May, 2012.—INTERNET



Pyin-nya-shweoh library opens in Dawbon Township

YANGON, 27 May—A ceremony to open Pyin-nya-shweoh library, was held at the library in Yamonna-2 ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon East District, here, on 25 May. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Myint Wai of Township

General Administration Department, Township Information and Public Relations Department staff officer Daw Khin Htay Myint, ward administrator U Hla Tun and library chairman U Chan Tha formally opened it.

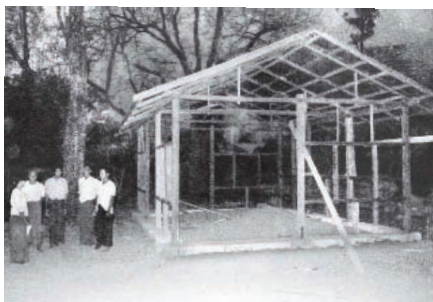
Later, officials accepted cash, books and publication donated by director (production) U Aye Kywe of IPRD, Myanmar Library Foundation, Township IPRD and the chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization and Transport Department (Dawbon Shipyard) and wellwishers. Township IPRD



CASH DONATED: U Aung San Win residing at No.149, Yanpyay road, Ward No.3, Thakayta Township, donated K 0.3 million for medical fund of Twantay Mebagon Home for the Aged through executive U Tin Oo.

MYANMAALIN

Library under construction in Yinmabin Tsp



YINMABIN, 27 May—A library is being built in Minkangyi village, Yinmabin Township, Monywa District, with the contribution of Myanmar Library Foundation and local people.

Township Information and Public Relations Department staff officer Daw Soe Soe Win and officials visited it on 15 May.—Township IPRD

DISTRICT NEWS



TEAK PLANTATION INSPECTED: Officials inspected thriving teak saplings at 200-acre teak plantation of Forest Department in DaikU Township on 25 May.

FOREST DEPARTMENT

Saplings distributed in Toungoo Township



TOUNGOO, 27 May—Forest Department of Toungoo Township held an educative talk on environmental conservation and poverty alleviation, and distribution of saplings, at Basic Education High School in Kaytumadi Myothit in Toungoo Township, Bago Region on 23 May.

At the ceremony, Ranger U Sai Khun Phone of Toungoo Township Forest Department gave talks on forest laws and growing of plants for rural development.

After that, a total of 800 teak saplings and 1800 eucalyptus saplings were distributed.—Forest Department



Cash assistance provided to Kayan Township GAD staff's offspring

YANGON, 27 May—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for education of staff of Kayan Township General Administration's offspring, took place at the Township administrator office yesterday. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Tin Myint delivered a speech and presented K 619100 for 58 students.—MNA

"TUG-OF-WAR" CONTEST HELD

A "Tug-of-War" or "Rain Call" competition was held in Meiktila Township on 26 May. MYANMAALIN



Duties assigned to officials in Kengtung

KENG TUNG, 27 May—A duty assignment of Kengtung District was held at Kengtung District General Administration Department, on 17 May. At the ceremony, Kengtung District commissioner U Khin Win delivered a speech. Assistant Director U Khin Maung Tin of District Planning Department explained planning objectives for 2012-2013.

After wards, the district administrator presented duty assignment letters to the district-level officials and the administrators from Kengtung, Monghsat, Mongyan, Monglar townships.

District GAD



Good news for bookworms

YANGON, 27 May—Book festivals will be held at Myanmar Book Centers in Yangon and Mandalay from 2 to 6 June.

Books for primary to IGCSE level, classics, Juvenile readers, dictionary, Encyclopedia and international course syllabus books will be on show.

Myanma Alin

School enrollment day observed in Yankin Township

YANGON, 27 May—A collective school enrolment day ceremony of No.3 Basic Education Department (Yangon Region) under the Ministry of Education, was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Yankin Township on 25 May. At the ceremony, the Township education officer explained the facts about completion of all school-going age children programme, and Yankin Township administrator U Win Aung delivered a speech.

After wards, wellwishers donated books, stationery and cash through officials.

Kyemon

We all have responsibility to join hands

Chan Mya Aye

The journey of democracy is a grueling reform process. It may sometimes be comfortable and sometimes hard with twists and turns. It may sometimes continue with pace and sometimes test our patience with delays. I am pretty sure that we could sometimes rise above some situations and we must sometimes move towards smooth, incremental and systematic transition. Thus, we should never forget maturity, compassion, determination and farsightedness of all stakeholders in democratic reform is a must.

People are at the heart of democracy. It is the practice that recognizes the desire of the majority (the people) and sticks to the decision of the majority (the people). The people are decisive factor in democratic reform. Holding this pivotal role made complete with maturity, compassion, determination and farsightedness, the people are to realize future success through cooperation.

The first phase of reform strategy for development of Myanmar has somewhat been completed. Now is time to step up the second phase. It is no doubt that the government has committed to adopting far-reaching reforms, putting the desire of the people who are demanding change in the fore.

The government will speed up plans for improvements of living standards, transportation, job opportunities each citizen has to deal with on day-to-day basis or socio-economic status of each individual. It will otherwise help each individual tackle everyday issues and redefine their socio-economic life. Such People-Centered Development objective requires the cooperation of civil societies.

It is reality that Myanmar is on speedy path towards reform under this new administration. The cabinet led by the President does not hesitate to bring about required reforms overnight. Claiming "The Voice of the People is the Voice of the Hluttaw", the parliament is shaping reforms. Similarly, the judiciary is making reforms to ensure justice to the people to be commensurate with the new mechanism. With media relaxations by the government, the Fourth Estate will soon become the one that exercises freedom and responsibility, and freedom and rationality in parallel.

Thanks to genuine goodwill and commitment, Myanmar is developing at a speed that anyone including ones from international community did not expect. From international community to Myanmar citizens, the expectation on such sweeping reforms was low. Nonetheless, we all witnessed that the government in its own initiative implemented such reforms with all heart. Everyone was surprised and awestruck. Positive responses were made in recognition. This is the reality.

It is the public knowledge. The situations in the past and in the present are different. Freedom and transparency are on the increase. Each citizen has enjoyed much more rights, positions and dignity. Prospects, expectations or hopes for socio-economic development are high. The role of the people has been enhanced. To be frank, things that were denied in the past are now accessible. Things that could not be undertaken or spoken out can now be done. We now receive deserved recognition we were denied in the past. Though it could not be expressed by calculation, all the people could feel developments.

There may be some people who complained that we are granted less in comparison with other countries. I would like to propose cooperation for the future to make the half-filled glass a full one. Comparison depends on the things we compare. The situations of the present, surely not the things of the past, are the unprecedented progress.

In these days, I have noticed candle campaigns for electricity and water supply here and there in some cities. A series of strikes in some factories in Hlaingthaya, North Okkalapa, Mingaladon and Dagon Townships are reported as well. There are also movements demanding compensations for lands confiscated for various projects by successive governments. Activities for forming a variety of organizations, associations and unions are seen. It is also reported that some political parties and politicians are behind the curtains of the said protests, strikes and activities.

We should handle these situations, keeping the future of the country and the people in our mind. As I said before, we should consider these situations as the half-filled glass in comparison between the past and the present. It is the public knowledge why the electricity outage happens. The State-owned media is informing the public about who causes which damages and which remedy measures are being taken for public awareness. And labour disputes are the cases that could be settled under already-enacted Labour Organizations Law and Labour Dispute Settlement Law.

What I have said above does not mean expression of wishes and demands are supposed to be prohibited. I am, as one of Myanmar citizens, proud of Myanmar people becoming able to air their wishes freely and make demands like this. I also support it as it is the deserved right of a citizen of democratic nation. But, on the other hand, I really do not want them to become spoiled children who are intentionally going against their parents despite their thorough understanding of the objective condition and difficulties of the parents. As the parents are doing their best step by step depending on their wealth and current conditions, it would be beneficial to both sides should the offspring choose to lend a helping hand whatever to their parents and strive in unison with them to achieve a desired stage in the shortest time.

All is well understood to what extent the present authorities are devoting themselves to hard work of reforms to recover from all the backwardness of the country. So, just and fair view rather than one-sided one would be closer to the right answer. For the future of the nation and its people, we should act like a good citizen worthy of democracy and cooperate with the government with maturity, genuine goodwill, eagerness and farsightedness.

Expression of wishes and demands today, whether done with whatever intention, more or less threatens the community peace and tranquility. If it would continue disrupting the peace and tranquility of a large number of regions and villages, no doubt the stability and community of the entire nation would be under the threat. At the same time, there would no progress which is the aspiration of the entire nation. If so, the acts designing to invoke disorder would be absolutely going against the aspiration of the entire national people. So, political parties and politicians should participate and cooperate making rational choices.

Frankly speaking, the government is not saying no to current demands of the people. It is common knowledge that it is doing its best within its affordability and it would not change in the future too. Do not forget that Rome was not built in a day. We should not anticipate that democratic nation could be built overnight. More haste would often lead to less speed. It needs to learn to out our coat according to our cloth. If we know that the government has to chew more than it can bite, and then we should share its burden and cooperate it with a sympathetic heart.

As far as I am concerned, reform is not a completely smooth route, but changing from one situation to another, one system to another and one ideological belief to another and thus compromise, sacrifices, devotion, hard work, losses and others are unavoidable corners on the path towards the goal, success of the reform or transition. It is a business of denying penny in pursuance of pound and thus small sacrifices had to be made before the big benefits come. It is not a short trip but a long journey and thus we should control our hurried actions with wisdom and awareness. We should not forget such lessons of Arab Spring including Egypt and Libya which had to sacrifice big for not taking time to take democracy reforms step by step systematically.

Each and every individual has equal democratic rights. No one has more or no one has less. However, if the hasty actions of a group would harm the thirst for stability and development of the vast majority, then....

The ongoing reforms of the incumbent government are transparent and very far-reaching ones. The president himself has instructed to exercise bottom-up initiative rather than top-down approach. In addition, objectives to be realized in detail in drawing and implementing projects have been articulated. All must be aware that "to enable each individual and household have access to adequate water and electricity" is one of the objectives to be accomplished. Talking of the incumbent government, it respects the people and their wishes as well. So, it has been working hard to fulfill the requirements of the people. No doubt, what are dreams today would become reality tomorrow or the day after tomorrow.

"Every citizen is responsible for development of the nation. If there is only will and no hard work, discipline and unity, we would still be behind the other countries. Whatever natural resources we have, if we do not work hard, we would still be in poverty. One and the only way to walk out of LDC list is to work, to work under laws."

The above is the excerpt from the concluding remark of the instruction of the President at the coordination meeting on more effectively implementing national and regional development undertakings on 11 May. What he said is right. Despite of our country possessing natural resources superior than other countries, we are on the LDC list. It is of no use pointing the finger to someone now. Each and every citizen is responsible for development of the country. And all of us is longing for development. Of only we work cooperatively with might and main in unity with discipline under the laws, can we turn our dreams into reality.

In the near future, the wishes, hopes and anticipations of the entire national people would be fulfilled for sure. We all are obliged to participate in today's reform.

Translation: HKA+TKK

Winners in short story contest awarded

YANGON, 27 May—A ceremony to award the winners of "Unique Gratitude of Parents" short story contest jointly organized by preparation committee for formation of Myanmar Writers Association and Aung Sizein Gems Co took place at Serpay Beikman on Merchant Street here this morning, attended by the chairman of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the chairman

of the preparation committee and CEC members, owner of Aung Sizein Co and personnel, prize winners and guests.

MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) delivered an opening speech and Aung Sizein Gems Co owner U Aung Gyi and personnel awarded the first, second, third and three special prize winners.

On behalf of the prize winners, first prize winner Emon Taya spoke words of



thanks. The family of U Maung Maung Phyu donated K 100,000 to the MWJA through treasurer U

Maung Maung Aye (Maung Hayma) as to the fund for health care.

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MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) speaks at the prize presentation of short story contest.—MNA



Officials welcome delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. (News on Page-1)—MNA

Myanmar's Apex Industrial Co signs deal with Ta Ta

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Ceremony to sign contract between Apex Greatest Industrial Co Ltd (AGI) of Myanmar and Ta Ta Motors Limited of India was held in Kumudra Hotel here this evening.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung and Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan addressed the ceremony.

Apex Greatest Industrial Co Ltd is manufacturing

heavy turbo trucks under joint venture with No (13) General Heavy Industries of the Ministry of Industry and is the sales agent of vehicles of the Indian company.

Ta Ta commercial and passenger vehicles displayed at India Trade Show at Tatmadaw Convention Centre in Yangon during last November won attention of the people. The Myanmar company is planning to

distribute Ta Ta light trucks and dump trucks in Myanmar market.

No (13) General Heavy Industries in Magway Industrial Region is an auto assembling factory built by Ta Ta Motors Limited with US\$ 20 million loan by the Indian government under India-Myanmar cooperation pact. It could assemble trucks from four tons to 21 tons and from 1000 to 5000 vehicles a year.—MNA



Purchase and Sales Agreement Signing ceremony between Myanmar's Apex Greatest Co Ltd and India's Ta Ta Motors Limited in progress.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw committee meets Kachin State gov't

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee met Kachin State Government at the state government's office on 25 May.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the committee U Thein Zaw, committee members, State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, State Hluttaw Speaker U Ra Wan Jon, Chief Justice of State High Court

U Tu Ja, state ministers, the state advocate-general and national races affairs ministers.

The committee chairman, the chief minister and the state Hluttaw speaker addressed the meeting and the chief justice, the state ministers, the advocate-general, the national races affairs minister and the state government secretary participated in discussions. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the committee chairman.—MNA

Region level written exam on police code of conduct held

YANGON, 27 May —Region level written examination on police code of conduct, organized by Yangon Region Police Force, was held at the office of the police force this morning. Altogether 113 members ranging from police lieutenant

majors to privates took the exam. Likewise, written exam on role model police was held and it was taken by 82 members.

The exams were supervised by Chief of Region Police Force Police Col Win Naing and the deputy chief and police majors.—MNA

Shwesangyoung Bridge, 14th of its kind...

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people in the region have now been able to travel from one place to another easily. It has also brought about smooth and secure transport, thereby contributing to enhancing the socio-economic status of local people.

The opening of the bridge, the 14th of its kind in the time of the new government, was held at the pandal near the bridge this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint. The Union Minister in his address said that the construction of the bridge

started on 22-10-2010 by the bridge special construction group-7 and the approach structure by the airport special group-5. With the effective use of heavy machinery, vehicles and manpower, the construction had been completed in time.

Arrangements are being made to open Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) soon as the Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) had already been opened. Similarly, steps are being taken to construct Pinchaung Bridge, Hsawet

Bridge, Nwetame Bridge (extension) and Sunchaung Bridge, he added.

Next, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, on behalf of local people, spoke words of thanks. After that, the Union Minister and the Magway Region Chief Minister cordially greeted those present on the occasion.

Later, the Region Chief Minister, Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Ant Zaw, Region Minister for Transportation U Win Pe and Managing Director of Public Works U Kyaw Lin formally opened the bridge, and the Union Minister unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

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Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe and officials stroll along Shwesangyoung bridge.—MNA

Management Committee of Hotels and Tourism Ministry meets

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — Meeting (5/2012) of the Management Committee of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism took place at the ministry here this afternoon with an address by Union Minister U Tint Hsan.

In his speech, the minister spoke of the need to establish mini hotels in regions with the arrangement of the ministry or Region/State Government concerned through micro-financing so as to reduce poverty in Kengtung, Putao, Falan and Haka in submitting reform strategy report

to the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, to draw short-, medium- and long-term projects after master plan and include catering capacity for hotel zones and gave other necessary instructions.

At the meeting, one hotel license, four licenses for construction of hotels, three tour licenses for national-owned tour companies and one tour license for foreign-owned tour company were permitted.

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Region level written examination on police code of conduct in progress.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee, Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee meet Kachin State Hluttaw representatives and national race representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee and Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee met with Hluttaw representatives and national race representatives of Kachin State at the city hall of Myitkyina, Kachin State yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee U Thein Zaw and committee members, State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Kachin State Hluttaw Speaker U Rar Wanjon, the Kachin State Chief Justice and state ministers, Hluttaw representatives and others.

At the ceremony, Chairman U Thein Zaw made a speech, State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai clarified measures being taken by Kachin State Government, member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Tin Htwe explained functions of the commission, the State Speaker clarified functions of the the State Hluttaw.

This was followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee. And then, the chairman presented cash assistance for displaced persons through State Social Affairs Minister Daw Bauk Jar.—MNA



Agreement reached with Japan to hire out three 120 MW gas turbines to fulfill Myanmar's electricity needs

Union Industry Minister attends 18th International Conference on Future of Asia

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein attended the 18th International Conference on the Future of Asia held on 24 and 25 May in Tokyo of Japan under the sponsorship of Nikkei Inc and Japan Center for Economic Research.

Union Minister U Soe Thein, ASEAN Secretary General Mr Surin Pitsuwan, Former Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Kwan Yew, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, Vietnamese Vice-President Ms Nguyen Thi Doan, Former Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing, Pakistani Foreign Affairs Minister Ms Hina Rabbani Khar, Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Koichiro Gamba, Minister of Economy and Information of New Zealand Mr Craig Foss, Former Thai Deputy Prime Minister Mr Olarn Chaipravat, heads of the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, World Bank and ADB and scholars participated in the conference.

The main theme of the conference is 'Asia's Role in a Tumultuous World- In Search of a New Growth Model.'

Union Minister U Soe Thein discussed the situation of Asia and today's new Myanmar, Myanmar's prospect and the future aim of Asia and replied the queries raised by those present.

Union Minister U Soe Thein met Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Mr Yukio Edano on 24 May and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Koichiro Gamba on 25 May and explained Myanmar's latest developments, Myanmar's



Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein attends the 18th International Conference on the Future of Asia.—MNA

electricity shortages and ways to solve the problem. Agreement was reached with Japan to hire Myanmar three 120 MW gas turbines to fulfill the electricity needs.

Moreover, Union Minister U Soe Thein exchanged views on bilateral amity and cooperation in mutual interest. He arrived back in Myanmar yesterday.—MNA

Deputy Culture Minister attends Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting



Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin at the 5th ASEAN and ASEAN +3 Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting and the first ASEAN+China Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin attended the 5th ASEAN and ASEAN +3 Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting and the first ASEAN+China Culture and Arts Ministerial Meeting held in the Republic of Singapore on 24 and 25 May.

Also present at the meetings were the minister of Information, Communications and Arts of Singapore, the culture and arts ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials from ASEAN countries, China, Japan and Republic of Korea.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin discussed matters on cooperation in culture and arts among ASEAN+3 nations and promotion of culture and arts of youths.

The deputy minister together with ministers from ASEAN+3 countries and deputy ministers called on Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong at the Istana Prime Minister Residence and attended the ASEAN arts festival. At the festival, Myanmar culture troupe members of the Ministry of Culture presented entertainment.

In the evening of 26 May, the deputy minister and party arrived back in Yangon.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee meets Kayin State government, Hluttaw representatives, social organizations

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—A meeting between Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee and members of Kayin State government, Hluttaw representatives and members of social organizations took place at the government office in Hpa-an of Kayin State yesterday morning.

State Chief Minister U Zaw Min first extended greetings and Committee Chairman U Hsai Paung Nat elaborated on the purpose of the committee's visit to Kayin State. Next, State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Aung Kyaw Min made a speech and Committee Secretary U Khet Htein Nan invited open discussions in the interests of the region and the nation.

In the afternoon, the committee met chairmen of national race literature and culture associations, national race representatives, pro-rectors and principals of Hpa-an University, Technology University and University of Computer Studies, religious organizations and peace groups at the same venue.

The national race representatives explained the need of making peace with mutual trust, understanding and loyalty, matters on formation of committees for addressing more national races affairs in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and national races literature and cultural affairs. The committee chairman and secretary made their clarifications. Then, they posed for documentary photos.

After that, the committee chairman and members viewed the offices of the State government and the State Hluttaw. They then inspected Hpa-an Industrial Zone construction project. They were conducted round by Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee Chairman State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Lwin and officials.

Later, U Hsai Paung Nat and party studied Yebok Dam in Hlinebwe Township. On 25 May, they visited Lonbini Garden and Zwagabin Mountain, Yetagon Lake and Kyaukkalat.

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CASH DONATED: U Pe Sein and family of Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon donated K 1 million to Jivatadhana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) through member of Board of Hospital Administration U Tin Maung Win. —MNA

School enrollment day marked in Kamayut Township

YANGON, 27 May—A collective school enrolment day was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Kamayut Township, here, on 25 May.

At the ceremony, Township education officer Daw Sandar Aung explained facts about completion of all school-going age programme. After that, member of the Central Committee for all school-going age programme pro-rector U Ko Ko Kyaw Soe of Yangon University made a speech. Wellwishers donated school uniforms, books, stationery and cash through officials.—Myanmar Alin



Myanmar delegation leaves for Indonesia



YANGON, 27 May—A delegation led by Secretary U Tin Haling of Myaungtaga Iron and Steel Industrial Zone, treasurer U Kyaw Kyaw, Director U Kyaw Soe of Steel King Co and U Maung Maung Lay left here for Indonesia to attend South East Asia Iron and Steel Conference to be held in Bali of Indonesia from 28 to 31 May.

A total of 455 delegates from ASEAN countries will attend the conference, and 68 companies display show rooms there.—Myanmar Alin

Use of farm equipment demonstrated: Kyaikto Township Agriculture Mechanization Department demonstrated use of farm equipment at the farm of farmer U Khin Maung Oo in Boyargyi village in Kyaikto Township, Mon State on 21 May.—MNA



Writers Association signboard erected in Insein Township

YANGON, 27 May—A ceremony to erect signboard of Insein Township Writers Association was held at Insein Township Yangon North District on 21 May.

It was attended by Township Information and Public Relations Department staff officer Daw Khin Hnin Kyi, Patron of Township Writer Association director Maung Kyin Kyaw, Chairman of the Association Director Phone Wai, executive members, members and guest. At the ceremony, the IPRD staff officer, the patron, the chairman and the vice-chairman opened it, and they had a documentary photo taken.—Kyemon



CASH donated: Daw Khin San Win and family of Pyay, Bago donated K 0.7 million for medical fund of Jivatadhana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) through Secretary-3 of Board of Hospital Administration U Aye Maung Than.—MNA

Fire preventive measures inspected in Ngamoeyeik Sanpya market

YANGON, 27 May—A fire preventive measure team led by Staff officer Ye Kyaw Thu Nyan Tun of Thingangyun Township, assistant engineer U Ngwe Phyo Aung of Township Electric Engineer Office, assistant administrator U Zaw Min Tun of Township Development Affairs Organization and the incharge of Ngamoeyeik Sanpya market, inspected preventive measures against fire in Ngamoeyeik Sanpya market in Thingangyun Township, here, on 24 May.

Myanmar Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Palethwe hybrid paddy model plot harvested in Pyay

PYAY, 27 May—A ceremony to harvest Palethwe hybrid paddy model plot of Khittaya Hintha paddy specialized company, was held at Zeeouk village of Zee village-tract

in Pyay, Bago Region on 17 May. At the ceremony, staff officer U Thein Tun of Joint Region Agriculture Service Department held a discussion on growing of Palethwe paddy strain and cultivation

methods. Staff officer of Region Agriculture Mechanization Department U Shwe Win discussed reclamation of modern farm. After that, harvesting was demonstrated.—Agriculture



SANITATION TASKS UNDERTAKEN: Collecting of litters was carried out in wards of Mawlu model village in Indaw Township on 21 May.—KYEMON



Mexican drama wins new talent prize in Cannes

CANNES, 27 May — The Mexican drama "Despues de Lucia" has won the top prize of the 65th Cannes film festival's new talent section, or the "Un Certain Regard", as the world's top movie showcase is set to close on Sunday. The jury of the new talent section, chaired by British actor and director Tim Roth, made the choice out of 20 films and revealed it at a

ceremony on Saturday night. "This was an extraordinarily strong group of films and our deliberations were passionate. The film makers never once failed us! Incredible!" said Roth.

Directed by Michel Franco, the film features a young woman and her father who move to a new town and leave their old lives far behind. Suzanne Clement

and Emile Dequenne were both awarded as the section's best actress, for their roles respectively in "Laurence Always" and "A Perdre La Raison".

The special jury prize went to Le Grand Soir directed by Benoit Delepine and Gustave Kervern, while Aida Begic's Djeca was named as the special distinction to the jury. Other

members in the jury include Leila Bekhti, Sylvie Pras, Tonie Marshall and Luciano Monteagudo.

The new talent section was launched in 1978 by Gilles Jacob at the festival, aimed at encouraging young and inexperienced directors. The coveted top prize Palme d'Or is to be announced on Sunday at the end of the festival, for which 22 selected films are competing.

Xinhua



South Korean actor Kim Kang-woo (R) and actress Kim Hyo-jin pose during the photocall for film "The Taste of Money" at the 65th Cannes Film Festival, in Cannes, France, on 26 May, 2012. — XINHUA



Long March-3B carrier rocket blasts off from the launch pad at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Xichang, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 26 May, 2012. — XINHUA

China launches telecommunication satellite

XICHANG, 27 May — China successfully sent a telecommunication satellite, "ChinaSat 2A," into orbit on Saturday evening, using a Long March-3B carrier rocket launched from the southwestern Xichang Satellite Launch Centre. The rocket blasted off at 11:56 pm Beijing Time.

The satellite, developed by China Academy of Space Technology, will be used to meet the demands for China's

radio and TV broadcasting and broadband multimedia transmissions, according to China Satellite Communications Co Ltd.

Saturday's launch marked the 163th mission of the Long March carrier rocket series developed by China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology under China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

Xinhua

Woman shot by Colorado homeowner to face trespass charges

BOULDER, 27 May — A 21-year-old woman who was shot after she wandered drunk into a Colorado couple's home in the middle of the night will face charges of felony trespassing, her lawyer said on Saturday.

Zoezy Ripple walked through an unlocked screen door leading into the bedroom of the couple, who said they shouted for her to leave before the husband fired a single gunshot in the dark when she kept coming into the room.

Ripple, who was unarmed, was shot in the hip during the incident on

Wednesday in Boulder, Colorado.

In a 911 call, the couple said she appeared to be "kind of stoned or something." Police said Ripple's blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit.

She is recovering in a hospital, her lawyer, Colette Cribari, said.

An arrest warrant for Ripple is expected to be issued in the coming days and she plans to turn herself in, Cribari said, citing conversations with prosecutors.

The couple is not expected to face any

charges because of Colorado's "Make My Day" law, which allows people to use deadly force against home intruders, Boulder County District Attorney Stan Garnett has said. Cribari called the felony charge too severe for Ripple, who is a recent graduate of the University of Colorado in Boulder.

"She wasn't trying to commit a crime. She was just in the wrong place at the wrong time," Cribari said. "You would hope getting shot would be enough punishment."

Reuters



A Laotian student shows dolls at an international student cultural festival of Tianjin University in Tianjin, north China, on 26 May, 2012. International students from 88 countries and regions took part in the cultural festival here on Friday. — XINHUA

International students from 88 countries and regions took part in the cultural festival here on Friday. — XINHUA

Everest season ends with 150 reaching summit

KATHMANDU, 27 May — A near-record number of climbers reached the summit of Everest as the season ended on Saturday without a repeat of last week's deadly accidents, which had raised fears of overcrowding on the world's highest peak.

Around 150 people reached the top of the 8,848-metre (29,029-foot) mountain at the end of the spring weather window — a week after four deaths led to calls for better safety measures to end "traffic jams" near the summit.

"A handful of climbers returned from camp four after being unable to move up. But the weather was good over the past two days and many took advantage."

About 150 made it to the top today, said tourism ministry official Tilak Pandey.

"There are still a few Sherpas and other climbers who will try to reach the top for a couple of days. But the official season has ended and the climbers are now returning to the base camp."

A 48-hour stretch of good weather saw more than 250 climbers reach the top of the world, despite warnings of potentially deadly bottlenecks in the "death zone" above 8,000 metres.

Among those who achieved the feat was Wasfia Nazreen, 29, who is climbing the highest peak on each of the continents to celebrate 40 years of Bangladeshi independence.

"We got our independence but we women are still fighting for freedom," she was quoted as saying from the summit on the expedition's Facebook page.

"This is to the women of Bangladesh, who (risk) their lives every day for freedom, peace and equality."

Another who reached the summit was Prakash Dahal, whose father Puspa Kamal Dahal led the bloody 10-year Maoist insurgency in Nepal and is now a key player in mainstream politics.

Reuters

Wildfires hit six US states, small towns evacuated

SANTA FE, 27 May — A wildfire burned out of control for a fourth day in the steep mountains of southwestern New Mexico on Saturday, one of several blazes that have consumed more than 200 square miles (520 square km) of rugged land in six US states. Efforts to contain the blazes spreading in sparsely populated areas of Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah have been hindered by gusting winds and tinder-dry late-spring conditions.

Several small towns, including the historic Wild West mining town of Mogollon — now nearly a ghost town — were ordered to evacuate, as the spreading fire torched miles forest, brush and grass. New Mexico's Whitewater-Baldy Complex fire, which was started by

lightning 10 days ago, had raged across 82,252 acres as of Friday and officials said the area could now be much larger than that. "We know that there was significant growth yesterday, but we don't have a hard and fast number," said Fire Information Officer Dan Ware.

More than 580 firefighters and support crew have been fighting the blaze.



Smoke rises into the air from a large forest fire which has consumed a total of 82,252 acres as seen in this US Forest Service handout photo taken in Gila National Forest, New Mexico on 25 May, 2012. — REUTERS

REUTERS

Gunman in Indiana standoff had three bullet wounds

CHICAGO, 27 May — A Texas gunman who held hostages in an eight-hour standoff with police in an Indiana real estate office suffered three gunshot wounds, including two to the head, a coroner said on Saturday. Police have said he shot himself twice in the head after the standoff on Friday in Valparaiso, about 40 miles southeast of Chicago. Porter County Coroner Chuck Harris said Roy Ferguson, 48, sustained gunshot wounds below his chin and to his right temple and a third wound to the right upper part of his torso.

Harris said the wounds were established in a preliminary examination of Ferguson. A full autopsy likely would not be completed until after the Memorial Day weekend. "We are pretty sure we know what happened, but I am not going to make any determination until after the autopsy," Harris said.

The standoff between Ferguson and the police ended at about 4:30 pm on Friday. He was pronounced dead at a hospital two hours later. Police said the gunman went to the office in a dispute over money with someone who turned out not to be there. He had been to the office previously.



Paramedics take a stretcher into a real estate office where authorities said a gunman was holding an unknown number of hostages in Valparaiso, Indiana on 25 May, 2012. — REUTERS

The first officers at the scene exchanged fire with the gunman around the entrance of the building. Dozens of officers then surrounded the building while the FBI negotiated with him, police said. A woman initially left the building with a head injury caused by Ferguson.

But it was unclear whether she was a hostage or someone fleeing the building. The wound was not caused by a gunshot, and she was treated and released from a hospital, police said. — Reuters

Eight killed in Indonesia landslide

JAKARTA, 27 May — A landslide in Indonesia killed eight people, according to an official, after days of heavy rain hit a mountainous part of the country's main island. "The landslide occurred on Thursday night and killed eight people. We were able to retrieve all eight bodies by late Friday night," Bogor Disaster Mitigation Agency official Makmur Rozak said.

He said 16 people were illegally mining for gold in western Java in the mountains of Bogor district, south of the capital Jakarta, when the landslide struck "after days of heavy rain". "We rescued the other eight, so everyone is accounted for," Rozak said. Landslides are common in Indonesia, particularly in heavily deforested mountainous areas. — Internet



This file photo shows an aerial view of a landslide in Indonesia, in 2009. A landslide in Indonesia killed eight people on Thursday night, according to an official, after days of heavy rain hit a mountainous part of the country's main island. — INTERNET

Miami officer shoots, kills naked attacker

MIAMI, 27 May — A Miami police officer on Saturday fatally shot a naked man who was chewing on the face of another man on a downtown causeway off-ramp, police and witnesses said. The *Miami Herald* reports that gunshots were heard at about 2 pm on the MacArthur Causeway off-ramp, which is near the newspaper's offices. Witnesses said that a woman saw two men fighting and

flagged down a police officer, who came upon a naked man mauling the other man. The newspaper quoted witnesses as saying that the officer ordered the naked man to back away, and when he ignored the demand, the officer shot him. Witnesses said that the naked man continued his attack after being shot once, and the officer shot him several more times.

Police said the other man

was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital Ryder Trauma Centre. The newspaper said he had suffered critical injuries.

The police department confirmed in a news release that there was an officer-related shooting, but did not include many details provided by witnesses to the newspaper. A police spokesman couldn't be reached for comment by *The Associated Press* on Saturday

evening. The police news release said the identities of the two men were not known.

A photograph posted on *The Herald's* website shows an officer standing watch on the ramp next to two police cruisers, with a body lying on a pedestrian walkway.

Police requested the newspaper's video surveillance tapes. The shooting and investigation tied up causeway traffic as crowds were arriving at South Beach for an annual hip-hop festival. — Internet

Singapore swimming pool 38 storeys above ground

LONDON, 27 May — A Singapore property developer plans to construct a swimming pool 38 storeys above the ground and connect two skyscrapers. The infinity pool will dramatically connect Sky Habitat Singapore's two towers once the ambitious project is completed in 2016, *Daily Mail* reported on Friday.

With 509 apartments, the Moshe Safdie-designed development in the central island suburb of Bishan will offer residents stunning vistas across the area. Flat owners will also be able to traverse the two structures via sky bridges on the 14th and 26th floors, the newspaper said.

Wong Heang Fine, CEO of CapitalLand Residential Singapore which is developing the site, said: "With Sky Habitat, we are creating a habitat for the future; a condominium that is also a house." — Internet

Obese UK woman cut out of house

LONDON, 27 May — Emergency workers who needed to take an obese teenager from her home to a hospital in Wales had to break through a wall of the residence to get her out and into an ambulance, officials said on Friday. The rescue on the second floor of the small house on Thursday used scaffolding as a ramp to lower the woman to the ground level, the local Rhondda Cynon Taf council said.

The unidentified 19-year-old remained hospitalized Friday and her medical condition was not released. Neighbours said her weight had risen as high as 380 kilos (835 pounds). The UK has one of Europe's fattest populations: more than 60 percent of adults and one third of children aged 10-11 are overweight or obese, roughly similar to US statistics.

Internet



Workers prepare to rebuild a hole in the upstairs of a house, on 25 May, 2012, after the scaffolding ramp was constructed Thursday to take obese teenager from her home in Aberdare, south Wales, and into a reinforced ambulance to be taken to hospital. — INTERNET

Wildfire blows heavy smoke near Disney World

ORLANDO, 27 May — A wildfire that is burning in Orlando blew heavy smoke near the busy hotel and attractions district of Walt Disney world at the start of the busy Memorial Day weekend. The smoke also closed a section of Orlando's main highway in the city's tourist district for a couple hours Friday.

A section of Interstate 4 was closed in both directions because the billowing smoke cut down visibility. No injuries or damage to buildings were reported. By nightfall, the smoke had died down but the fire is still burning. — Internet

Pa mother charged with killing her toddler twins

PHILADELPHIA, 27 May — A woman was charged on Friday with killing her 18-month-old twins, named Adam and Eve, in the family home. Police said she also attempted suicide by cutting her wrists. Stacey Smalls, 41, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder, police said. Investigators believe one twin was strangled and the other was drowned. Authorities are awaiting autopsy results for the official causes of death.

Police also allege Smalls gave her 4-year-old daughter some type of substance to drink in an attempt to poison her. The girl is listed in stable but guarded condition at St Christopher's Hospital for Children. A police spokesman said Smalls, who worked as a nurse at a nursing home, then tried to kill herself by cutting



Neighbours in Northeast Philadelphia react as police remove the bodies of toddler twins on 24 May, 2012, after they were found dead in their home. — INTERNET

her wrists. Her husband, Ronald Smalls, discovered the scene when he came home Thursday afternoon from his job as a corrections officer and called 911. Police have not officially commented on a possible motive for the killings.

"She had something that she felt was justification but there is no justification... it's

Tropical storm warnings for Southeast coast

MIAMI, 27 May — Tropical storm warnings have been issued for the Southeast coast from north Florida to South Carolina as a cluster of thunderstorms was gathering strength on Friday night and expected to become Tropical Storm Beryl over the Memorial Day weekend. The National Weather Service said that the storm's maximum sustained winds were at 45 mph. But they are expected to increase as the storm moves over the waters of the Atlantic.

The system was about 305 miles (490 kilometers) from Charleston, SC, at 11 pm and swirling toward the Southeast coast. Tropical storm warnings were issued for the Volusia/Brevard County line in Florida to Edisto Beach, SC, and watches from Edisto Beach to the Santee River. The storm is expected to eventually move southwest and the Georgia coast and northern Florida could see heavy rains starting on Sunday and into next week. Higher than normal tides will be crashing against the Southeastern coast and may cause flooding. Heavy rain is forecast and dangerous surf was expected along the coasts of northeastern Florida, Georgia and South Carolina over the holiday weekend.

Forecasters are classifying the storm as Subtropical Storm Beryl, which has more to do with how the center of the storm is forming, not wind speed, according to Weather Underground's website. It is the second named Atlantic storm of the hurricane season that doesn't officially begin until 1 June. Often when subtropical storms remain over warm water for several days, they become tropical because thunderstorms start building close to the centre. Forecasters were not indicating that the storm would become a hurricane.

Internet



This image provided by NASA shows Subtropical Storm Beryl along the South Carolina Georgia coastlines. The image was acquired on 25 May, 2012 at 11:30 pm EDT.

Tropical storm warnings have been issued for the Southeast coast from north Florida to South Carolina as a cluster of thunderstorms was gathering strength Friday night and expected to become Tropical Storm Beryl over the Memorial Day weekend. — INTERNET

think it was important."

Stacey Small changed her Facebook profile picture 19 May to a photograph of a car spray-painted along its side with the words, "Hope she was worth it." She also listed her relationship status as divorced. A Facebook friend asked about the car image and Smalls replied that she found the photo online and "I liked her style. Friend Ronald Smalls and check out what I wrote on his page."

The message may have been deleted, as Ronald Smalls' most recent post appears to be on 13 May when he wrote, "Happy Mothers Day!" Stacey Smalls' Facebook page also includes photos of her twins and 4-year-old daughter. She remained in police custody Friday and was on suicide watch, authorities said. — Internet



Academy Award-winning animatronics expert John Cox checks the teeth of the crocodile head at his new display "Monsters" that shows how cinematic creatures are made from storyboard to full size specimens, at the St Louis Science Centre in St Louis on 7 May, 2008. The crocodile head was used in the movie "Peter Pan."

Florida Keys mayor wants crocodile gone

A mayor in the Florida Keys says he wants crocodiles removed from areas occupied by humans for the safety of children and pets.

Islamorada Mayor David Reckwerdt said he wants experts on the reptiles to address the Village Council on 24 May to discuss keeping the crocs away from populated areas, *The Miami Herald* reported.

"There weren't any crocs around when I was a kid," Reckwerdt said.

However, he said recent crocodile attacks on people and pets in the Key Largo area have made him fear for the safety of pets and children. He said he no longer allows his young children to swim in the canal. "What's it going to do to our tourism economy when another pet is killed or, God

forbid, something else?" Reckwerdt said.

The mayor said he is hoping a solution can be found that doesn't involve killing the crocodiles but he will not rule out euthanizing the animals. "At what point do we do something about this?" Reckwerdt asked. "You look at areas where they're plentiful — Australia, the Nile — they eat people."

US Supreme Court Justice Breyer robbed again

US Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, who was robbed in February at his Caribbean vacation home by a man armed with a machete, recently was the victim of a burglary at his residence in Washington, a court spokeswoman said.

Spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said no one was home at the time of the burglary, which was discovered on 4 May by a housekeeper. The Washington, DC, police were investigating, she said.

Breyer and his wife, Joanna, have a townhouse in Washington's upscale Georgetown neighbourhood, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. In the February incident on the island of Nevis, the intruder stole about \$1,000 but no one was hurt. Breyer, his wife and two guests were present at the time.

There have been previous instances of crimes involving US Supreme Court justices.

In 2004, then-Supreme Court Justice David Souter suffered minor injuries when he was mugged by a group of young men as he jogged alone near his residence in Washington. In 1996, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg had her purse snatched as she walked home with her husband and daughter from the John F Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts to their nearby residence in their Watergate apartment complex. No one was hurt.

News Album

Attempted burglar becomes wedged in fence

Police in Sweden released a picture of a heavyset attempted burglar who wound up wedged in a fence as he tried to make his getaway. Stockholm police said a homeowner called the emergency number to report a man who had attempted to break into his house was stuck in a fence outside of his home, *The Local.se* reported.

Police snapped a picture of the suspect, who was not injured, before prying him free and placing him under arrest. The picture was posted to the department's official Twitter page, which has about 4,500 followers.

Katy Perry records songs for 'Madagascar 3'

LOS ANGELES, 27 May—Singer Katy Perry has reportedly recorded a special



Singer Katy Perry

song for third installment of animated film "Madagascar".

"Katy just recently recorded a special number for 'Madagascar 3'. The song is upbeat and will be used for the climax sequence of the film," said a source.

The 3D movie titled "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" was premiered at ongoing 65th Cannes International Film Festival. It will release worldwide on 8 June.

Internet

Will.I.Am uses autotune to make music

LONDON, 26 May—Black Eyed Peas singer Will.I.Am has admitted to using autotune to make his music, while he works on his singing abilities.

The writer and producer said he utilised the technology to allow him to make music quickly, without waiting for a proper singer to come into the studio while he works.

The hip-hop star, who is paid an estimated 200,000 pounds to coach singers on the BBC's 'The Voice' competition, made the revelation while appearing on Alan Carr's 'Chatty Man'.

As the comedian interviewed him down an autotune microphone, he jokingly told him "I'm working on my singing abilities".

He said he liked to work long hours in the studio making music, with the computer allowing him to work at the speed he thinks.

"I use autotune because

I write and produce. The computer allows me to make music singing myself and not wait around for singers to come and sing it," the *Telegraph* quoted him as saying.

"It's a rare combination to have someone who can



Black Eyed Peas singer Will.I.Am

write songs and sing well. The computer allows me to execute my ideas at the speed I think them.

"So that's why I lean to the autotune. It's just an effect. But I am working on, you know, my singing abilities," he added.

Internet



Actor Will Smith

My kids are fame-savvy: Will Smith

LOS ANGELES, 27 May—Actor Will Smith admits his two kids understand the fame game better than him.

"Do I worry about Willow and Jaden? No, they were born into that world. They're on the internet all the time, so they know the game. They know where to go, what to say. They're far more savvy," showbizspy.com quoted Smith as saying.

The actor has two kids — Jaden, 13, and 11-year-old Willow — with wife Jada Pinkett Smith.

Smith feels his well-guarded kids might suffer with things that will hurt their self-esteem in the future.

"Of course, there are going to be things that are hurtful and self-esteem issues, like we all have, but I grew up in a neighbourhood, where I saw a guy get shot and take nine bullets to the chest, so Hollywood is a far safer experience than where I grew up," he said.

The 43-year-old has been spending more time at home recently as he has been working in the production department rather than in front of the camera. He admits his family is ready to see him back at work.

"Willow's doing her music and whipping her hair, Jaden's got a TV show. And daddy's been sort of producing at home. But everyone's really ready for daddy to go back to work now," he said.—Internet

Bradley Cooper to produce, act in Navy Seal movie

LOS ANGELES, 27 May—Actor Bradley Cooper is set to feature in and produce "American Sniper", a movie based on Navy Seal Chris Kyle.

Writer Jason Dean Hall is penning the movie's script, based on the book "American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in US Military History", the autobiography of Kayle.

The book reveals how I

Kyle recorded the highest number of sniper kills for an American.

Cooper will produce with Andrew Lazar and Peter



Actor Bradley Cooper

Cheryl Cole's new song aimed at ex-husband

LONDON, 27 May—Singer Cheryl Cole has reportedly hit out at ex-husband Ashley Cole in a new song "Love killer". The lyrics of the song have left her fans wondering if they were directed towards Ashley, and a friend of the singer confirms they surely are.

"It's clearly about Ashley. And it's the first time we've really seen Cheryl's full fury over what happened. He and the rest of the world now know exactly how she feels," dailystar.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

Cheryl had split from her soccer player husband in 2010 after he cheated on her with several women.

The lyrics of the song are



Singer Cheryl Cole

— "Why do I love you so much when you're a love killer. Baby, baby, you're like the worst drug but you're a buzz killer. I'm in love with the love killer."

"Assassinate my dreams, you're nothing but cold. But baby I just know that no-one in the world can love you if I don't," she has further crooned in the number.

Internet

Knightley and Righton get engaged

LONDON, 27 May—Keira Knightley's publicist confirmed to People.com on Friday the British actress is engaged to Klaxons keyboardist James Righton.

Knightley, 27, and Righton, 28, have been dating for more than a year.

No other details such as when Righton proposed or if the couple has set a wedding date were immediately reported.

The "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Atonement" actress will soon be seen in "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World."—Internet



British actress Keira Knightley is engaged.

INTERNET

Young secures England win in Oslo

Manchester United winger's early goal secures victorious start for new coach Roy Hodgson

LONDON, 27 May — Norway 0 - England 1. Manchester United's Ashley Young scored a fine goal as new England coach Roy Hodgson enjoyed a winning start to his tenure in Norway. The winger raced past Fulham defender Brede Hangeland and finished smartly into the corner in the early stages to ensure victory in the friendly international in Oslo.

It was a relatively comfortable night for the visitors as they faced a Norway side which rarely threatened despite enjoying some lengthy spells of

possession. Everton's Leighton Baines went close with a free-kick which forced a good save out of Norway keeper Rune Jartseid after the interval.

Manchester United's Phil Jones struck the post, although Liverpool's Andy Carroll was in an offside position and the effort was unlikely to have stood. Fulham's John Arne Riise provided the most uncomfortable moments for England with some searching crosses but Hodgson's side held out for their first win over Norway since 1980.

Internet



Ashley Young beat Brede Hangeland and finished smartly for the only goal.—INTERNET

Chapman takes 5-stroke lead at Senior PGA

BENTON HARBOR, 27 May — Roger Chapman arrived at Harbor Shores this week a virtual unknown. The highlight of his career was probably a victory in Brazil—a dozen years ago. Even overseas, Chapman is hardly a star. The Englishman plays on the European Senior Tour, which has held only one tournament this year and is pressed for sponsors. Now Chapman is one round from a surprising victory at the Senior PGA Championship. After shooting a 7-under 64 on Saturday, he's not only leading, he's threatening to rout the rest of the field.

Chapman leads John Cook by five strokes heading into to what could be a sweltering Sunday finish.



Roger Chapman eyes his putt on the fifth hole during the third round of the Senior PGA Championship golf tournament at the Harbor Shores Golf Club in Benton Harbor, Mich., on 26 May, 2012.—INTERNET

"Hopefully, if all goes well tomorrow, maybe we can attract a few more sponsors and hopefully get our purses up," Chapman said. Chapman finished the day at 14-under par. Cook began the round tied with Chapman for the lead, but couldn't keep pace and settled for a 69 to drop into second place. "It felt like I shot a hundred compared to Roger," Cook said. "He played phenomenal. He had it. It was a pleasure to watch."

Chapman's 54-hole score of 199 tied the tournament record set by Sam Snead in 1973, although Snead was 17 under when he set the mark. Steve Pate had a 67 to join 66-year-old Hale Irwin at 7 under.—Internet

Donovan hat-trick as US hit five past Scots

JACKSONVILLE, 27 May — Landon Donovan struck a superb hat-trick as the United States crushed Scotland 5-1 in a friendly international on Saturday handing the Scots one of their most humiliating defeats. Juergen Klinsmann team's fifth successive win was a sparkling performance against a woeful Scotland team who were unable to match the speed and creativity of the Americans.

The US were 2-0 up inside 11 minutes and never looked back as they produced the kind of high-tempo display their German coach has demanded of them.

"We had a wonderful start with two early goals which really set the tone and the team really kept the rhythm throughout the entire game," said the former Germany striker and coach. Donovan had said earlier in the week he



Peruvian veteran striker Claudio Pizarro

Bayern Munich signs veteran striker Claudio Pizarro

BERLIN, 27 May — Peruvian veteran striker Claudio Pizarro joins German record champions Bayern Munich for one year, the club said on their official homepage on Saturday. After five years of absence, Pizarro returns to the Bavarians where he already played from 2001 until 2007 to score 71 goals in 174 matches. "We are very happy that we were able to sign with Claudio Pizarro an international experienced player who is dangerous in front of the goal," Bayern sports director Christian Nerlinger said.

the day of the match.

The last debutant who was younger than Willems was Gerald Vanenburg (18 years, 40 days) versus Greece in April 1982. Just like the rest of the team Willems did not play well in the first half, with the Dutch creating little chances.

The home-team lost central defender Joris Mathijsen, who was substituted by Wilfred Bouma, due to an injury. Bulgaria was close to the opening goal when Valeri Bojinov hit the crossbar from a free-kick, but on the strike of half-time Holland found the net. Van Persie moved to the centre and finished a pass by Sneijder in style. In the second half Bulgaria equalized after a handball by Rafael van der Vaart, punished with a penalty which was converted by Ivelin Popov in the 50th minute. Despite the entrance of substitutes Arjen Robben and Dirk Kuyt the Netherlands

was not able to conclude the meager performance with a win. Ilijan Micanski headed in Bulgaria's winner in injury-time.

On Wednesday the Dutch will be able to take revenge against Slovakia in Rotterdam and the last



Rafael van der Vaart of the Netherlands (L) fights for the ball with Svetoslav Dyakov of Bulgaria during their friendly soccer match leading up to Euro 2012 in Amsterdam on 26 May, 2012.—XINHUA

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opponent before the start of Euro 2012 is Northern Ireland on Saturday 2 June in Amsterdam. The Dutch starts the tournament with the group match against Denmark on June 9, before taking on Germany and Portugal.

Xinhua

International Sports

Keselowski starts big weekend with win for Penske

CONCORD, 27 May — Brad Keselowski won the NASCAR Nationwide Series event at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Saturday, leading the final 67 laps to give Penske Racing a winning start on auto racing's biggest weekend. Keselowski raced to his first Nationwide victory of the year. He'll try to double up in Sprint Cup's longest race of the season, the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday night. In between comes the Indy 500, a race that owner Roger Penske's cars have won 15 times. Penske driver Ryan Briscoe will start from the pole there Sunday.

Penske Racing has "three shots at winning races this weekend," Keselowski said. "We're one for one." Don't bet against more Penske wins this weekend. The team's other drivers in Indianapolis, Will Power and Helio Castroneves, start fifth and sixth. Power has won three

times already this year, and Castroneves is a three-time Indy winner. "I'm happy for" Penske, Keselowski said. "One way or another, the checkered flag at Penske Racing is going to fly this week."



Brad Keselowski poses in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series History 300 auto race in Concord, NC, on 26 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Keselowski led the way as Sprint Cup drivers took the top four spots. Denny Hamlin was second, followed by Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick. Last year's Coca-Cola 600 champion. Nationwide points leader Ricky Stenhouse Jr had driveshaft problems and finished 26th.—Internet

Landon Donovan (R) of the US celebrates with teammate Terrence Boyd (L) after scoring against Scotland during their international friendly soccer match in Jacksonville, Florida on 26 May, 2012.—REUTERS



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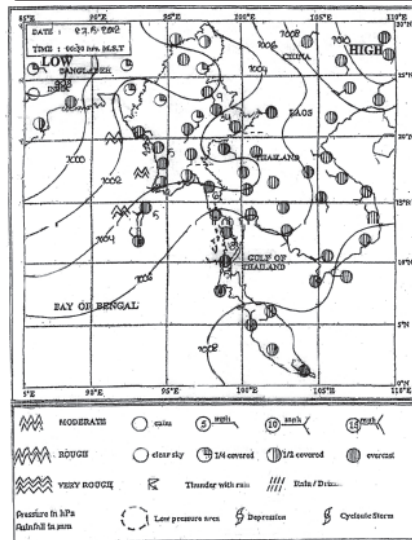
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- 7:50 am
- 4. Health Programme
- 8:15 am
- 5. Cute Little Dancer
- 4:10 pm
- 6. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
- 7. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm
- 8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Fourth Years (English)
- 4:55 pm
- 9. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:05 pm
- 10. Myanmar Language
- 5:25 pm
- 11. Myanmar Idol
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Sing & Enjoy
- 8:00 pm
- 13. News
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 15. India Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 28th May, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	38/100	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	30/86	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayah	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	27/81	18/64	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sgaw	42/108	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sgaw	42/108	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	28/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	30/86	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	38/100	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	28/82	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	27/81	18/64	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	26/79	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	36/97	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighboring Nya Pyi Taw	38/100	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighboring Yangon	30/86	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighboring Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Yangon and Tanintharyi Regions, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, scattered in Bago Region, Kachin, Kayah and Mon States, isolated in Mandalay and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayah State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (°C) below May average temperatures in Upper Sgaw Region and Kachin State, (°C) below May average temperatures in Yangon Region and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Kalsaw and Myingyan (43°C) each, Mawlaik, Kalay, Maywa, Nyaung-U, Chindwin and Sittoung (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Lashio (2.52) inches, Aungmye (2.09) inches, Kanchaung (2.03) inches, Tanintharyi (1.34) inches and Dagon (0.86) inch.

Monsoon is 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 off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30) to (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of advance of Southwest monsoon into Deltaic Areas.

Long gives Ireland perfect Euro send-off



Republic of Ireland's Shane Long celebrates after scoring against Bosnia-Herzegovina during their friendly match at the Aviva stadium in Dublin. Long gave Ireland the perfect Euro 2012 send-off as his late goal sealed a 1-0 win.—INTERNET

DUBLIN, 27 May — Giovanni Trapattoni will wait until Monday before deciding whether Shay Given and John O'Shea are fit enough to make the Republic of Ireland's squad for Euro 2012. Trapattoni must submit his

final 23-man group on Tuesday and the Ireland boss is determined to ensure Aston Villa goalkeeper Given and Sunderland defender O'Shea are in the right condition to feature in Poland and Ukraine.

Dos Santos stops Mir, keeps UFC heavyweight title

LAS VEGAS, 27 May — When a state athletic commission official asked Frank Mir where he was between rounds, he named the wrong casino.

That's a pretty good indication Junior Dos Santos' punches already were doing their job.

The UFC's heavyweight champion knew exactly where he was and what he was doing — and Dos Santos swiftly showed Mir the door.

Dos Santos flattened Mir with a huge right hand and finished him on the ground at 3:04 of the second round Saturday night, emphatically defending his belt at UFC 146 on Saturday night.

Dos Santos (15-1) picked apart the two-time ex-champion with superior boxing throughout the fight, eventually sending Mir stumbling onto his back before finishing him with one last blow to the head. Dos Santos then wrapped himself in the Brazilian flag while celebrating his first title defence since taking the belt from Cain Velasquez last fall. "I'm feeling awesome!" the ever-smiling Dos Santos shouted to the pro-Brazilian crowd. "It's not bad for a nice guy, huh? ... Frank Mir is a really good fighter, too. I

came here to defend my belt, and I did it."

Mir was staggered by multiple blows, including a big body shot, late in the first round, and he barely made it to the bell.—Internet



Junior Dos Santos, right, lands a punch against Frank Mir sending him to the mat in the second round during a UFC 146 heavyweight bout, on 26 May, 2012, in Las Vegas.

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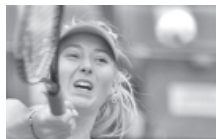
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Serena and Sharapova set for French Open bids

PARIS, 27 May — Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova, two players better known for their hardcourt and grasscourt abilities, are the form players going into the climax of the claycourt season at the French Open.

Between them they won the four main leadup events on the surface at Charleston and Madrid for the American and at Stuttgart and Rome for the Russian.



Maria Sharapova at the WTA Rome Tennis Masters on 20 May.—INTERNET

The question is whether one of them can sustain their form through two weeks and seven matches in the often unpredictable playing conditions that are a mark at the famed Roland Garros complex on the western edge of Paris. Williams, whose only win came 10 years ago when she defeated sister Venus in the final, has staged yet another impressive return to form in recent weeks.

The 30-year-old defeated Lucie Safarova in the final at Charleston before pounding world number one Victoria Azarenka 6-1, 6-3 to take the

Madrid Open title at the start of May. She subsequently withdrew from the semi-finals of last week's Italian Open with a lower back injury but has expressed confidence she will be fully fit to challenge for the title in Paris.

On top of that she has rededicated herself to her sport following the nightmare she went through with injuries and illness in 2010-2011. "I think in general I have much better commitment in tennis. I just am really 100%," the 13-time Grand Slam champion said.

"I love being on the court now. I love every moment. This is what I live for. After going through everything that I went through, I really kind of appreciate every moment more, especially being out on the court."—Internet

Comfortable win for Spain in Euro warm-up

MADRID, 27 May — The Spanish national team enjoyed a comfortable 2-0 win over Serbia in their first preparation game for the European Championship this Saturday. Playing in the Swiss town of Saint Gallen, the reigning European and world champions fielded a side without players from FC Barcelona and Athletic Club Bilbao, who played the Kings Cup final on Friday night.

That allowed coach

Vicente del Bosque to give debuts to several players during the game and Adrian Lopez especially took advantage of his chance.

The Atletico Madrid forward scored Spain's first goal in the 64th minute of the game, following a move started by another debutant, Benat Etxebarria, who set up Jesus Navas to cross the ball for Adrian to score. Ten minutes later Adrian provoked a penalty which allowed Santi Cazorla to net

Spain's second of the game, although it has to be said that the referee was generous in giving the penalty given that Adrian looked to have dived under pressure from Serbian defender Branislav Ivanovic. The first half saw Spain in charge but Del Bosque's side was unable to score despite creating several chances, but it was not until David Silva came into the game at half time that Spain found a cutting edge.

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Union ministers visit hybrid paddy strain farms



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint inspect 500-acre Nyaungbingyisu paddy plantation in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint visited 500-acre Nyaungbingyisu plantation in Pobbathiri Township where Director-General of Agricultural Department U Kyaw Win reported on strains production of Basmati hybrid paddy and Palethwe hybrid paddy this morning.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing called for extending researches on the hybrid paddy species.

The Union ministers and party inspected production and storage of strains.

They then proceeded to 100-acre Tegygion plantation in Zabuthiri Township where Union Minister U Myint Hlaing urged the staff to educate farmers so as to minimize wastage in post harvest duration.

They also visited 100-acre strain production plantations in Dekhinathiri managed by Myanmar agriculturalists and scholars of Chinese CETC company. They heard reports submitted by officials and inspected pollination of paddy plants. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing called for bringing about farmer centered development and establishing of modern rice mill for quality rice production.—MNA

Nadal braced to shatter Djokovic Slam bid



Novak Djokovic at the ATP Rome Tennis masters on May 21. Djokovic will accept the 'unique' French Open challenge of becoming the first man in 43 years to monopolise all four Grand Slams.

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PARIS, 27 May—Novak Djokovic will accept the 'unique' French Open challenge of becoming the first man in 43 years to monopolise all four Grand Slams, but six-time champion Rafael Nadal has his own history to make.

Only Don Budge, in 1938, and Rod Laver in 1962 and again in 1969, have achieved the feat of holding the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and US Open trophies at the same time.

Now world number one Djokovic is just seven matches away from joining that exclusive club.

There's only one problem and it comes in the shape of Nadal, who will become the only man to win seven French Open titles if he triumphs again on Roland Garros' famed red brick courts.

"This is a unique opportunity that very few tennis players have in their lives. I'm aware of that, but I accept it as a challenge," said Djokovic, ahead of the tournament which starts on Sunday.

"It makes me even more motivated. It makes me feel good about it, rather than feeling pressured and worried if something bad is going to happen."

Since Laver's 1969 achievement, only Pete Sampras, Roger Federer and Nadal have had opportunities to complete a non-calendar year Grand Slam.

Sampras lost to Jim Courier in the quarter-finals at Roland Garros in 1994; Federer lost to Nadal in the final at the 2006 and 2007 French Open while Nadal lost to David Ferrer in the quarter-finals at the 2011 Australian Open.

Djokovic defeated Nadal in the finals of Wimbledon, the US Open and this year's epic Australian Open to arrive at his date with destiny.

Until the start of the claycourt season, he had also beaten Nadal in a total of seven successive finals.

But world number two Nadal has since defeated the Serb on clay in the finals in Monte Carlo and Rome.

Roland Garros remains the only major where Djokovic has yet to make the final.

Three times the 25-year-old has been a semi-finalist, losing to Nadal in 2007 and 2008 before seeing a remarkable 43-match winning run ended by Federer at the last-four stage in 2011.

Ten-time a Grand Slam title winner, Nadal, 25, has a remarkable CV at the French Open — six trophies in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011 — and a match record of 45-1.

His only blip, a 2009 fourth round loss to Robin Soderling, came at a time when he was plagued by the acute knee problems which have often threatened to overwhelm him.

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Communal novitiation ceremony held in Monywa Township

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—A ceremony to novitiate 528 boys from the wards of Monywa, Sagaing Region, was held under the sponsorship of the Sagaing Region government yesterday morning at Sasana Beikmandaw of Shwezigon Pagoda.

Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing and officials attended the ceremony and offered day's meals to Sayadaws, members of the Sangha and novices.—MNA

School Enrollment Day observed in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Mon State observed School Enrollment Day for 2012-2013 academic year at No.6 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyine on 25 May. Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint spoke on the occasion.

Director-General U Kyaw Thu of No.1 Basic Education Department made a speech and State Education Officer U Min Tun Tin explained the school enrollment rates.

Then, cash and kind were donated including K 15 million by public wellwishers, K 12.5 million by Daw Myint Myint Aye (Jewelry Trading) and 39 printers by Director U Khin Win (Retd) of the Ministry of Industry-2.

After the ceremony, the chief minister and guests viewed School Enrollment Day activities in Mon State. At the celebration, the Education Minister and public wellwishers donated K 338.5 million.

State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Hla Oo and Director-General U Kyaw Thu visited the high schools in Mawlamyine where students were enrolling.—MNA

Magway Region Chief Minister oversees regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe yesterday inspected the chosen site for construction of a station hospital in Thityakauk Village, Magway Township, reclamation of 200 acres of land at the entrance to Taungdwingyi, water and power supply tasks.

Next, he met personnel at Myothit Township General Administration Department and visited township people's hospital.

After meeting with departmental staff at Natmauk Township GAD, the chief minister visited the township people's hospital.—MNA

Spain's Fabregas ruled out up to 10 days

MADRID, 27 May—Barcelona midfielder Cesc Fabregas is set to miss a big chunk of Spain's preparations for Euro 2012 after being ruled out for seven to 10 days with a hamstring strain, the Spanish club said on Saturday.

Fabregas picked up the injury when he came on for the last 10 minutes of Barca's 3-0 King's Cup final win over Athletic Bilbao on Friday.

The former Arsenal player is likely to be named on Sunday in Spain's final 23-man squad to defend their title in Poland and Ukraine next month.

Spain coach Vicente del Bosque has so far been unable to call up players from Barca and Bilbao because of the Cup final, and has two warm-up matches left against South Korea and China before they open their Group C campaign against Italy on June 10.—Internet

Barcelona's Cesc Fabregas celebrates after he scored against Valencia during their Spanish first division soccer match at the Mestalla Stadium in Valencia, September 21, 2011.—INTERNET