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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Vice-President of German Parliament

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

During the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said democratic reforms were already taking place in Myanmar. However, democratic transition could not be successful unless combined with economic reforms. Germany was the leading global economy pioneering in the field of science and technology. The Speaker requested the Vice-President to participate in the reform process of Myanmar, proposing for close cooperation between the two parliaments.

The Vice-President of the German Parliament praised the democratic reforms of Myanmar, saying that Germany was willing to take part in economic reforms of Myanmar. Businesses in Germany were independent ones without the government's involvement. The government only assisted the businessmen where necessary.There must be reliable and safe investment laws to make investments in Myanmar. There must also be laws deterring the undesirable intervention as businessmen from Germany were just waiting the emergence of such laws to make investments in Myanmar especially in small and medium enterprises.

The German Parliament usually enacted laws with special focus on rule of law, market economy and human rights. It viewed democracy as the process of endless reforms and it could adopt appropriate programmes at an opportune time.

In Germany, people's representatives conveyed the rights of the people to the parliament which elected the government and the government in turn took care of the public wishes. Thus, democracy was going from strength to strength, noted the Vice-President.

He added that he was willing to cooperate with Myanmar's Hluttaws for the benefits of the peoples of Myanmar and Germany. The Hluttaw Speaker discussed current cooperation between the two nations.

Also present on the occasion together with the Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen of Hluttaw committees and personnel of Hluttaw Office. The German delegation was accompanied by German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Christina-Ludwig Weber Lortsch.—*MNA*

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms and party. MNA

True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Work Committees for Promotion of Production and Market Competency in ASEAN Region meet

Work Committees for Promotion of Production and Market Competency in ASEAN Region in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The Work Committees for Promotion of Production and Market Competency in ASEAN Region held the fourth coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development this afternoon.

At the meeting, the respective work committees touched mainly upon preparations for ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA), coordination of associations and private sectors over future work programmes, linking and distribution of information work committee-wise, measures to be taken according to the timetable of the work committees, steps to be taken for distribution of information on ASEAN activities to the regions and states, preparations for meetings to be held in Myanmar as a host nation and future tasks.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minster for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, chairmen of the work committees for implementation of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and secretaries, the President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and invited guests.—*MNA*

ASEAN Food & Beverage-2012 exhibition on 16-18 Oct

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—ASEAN Food & Beverage-2012 exhibition, organized by ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC), will be held at AJC in Tokyo of Japan from 16 to 18 October. AJC invites 30 companies from ASEAN countries—three companies per one country. The exhibition aims to penetrate ASEAN's foodstuff into Japan market and to promote trade volume.

The items to be put on show are canned food, foodstuff, soft drink, seasoning powder, sea foods, canned dessert, fruits and vegetables. Interested companies may contact the Trade Affairs division of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and International Trade Promotion Division under the Ministry of Commerce (Ph-067-408411).

Three out of the companies that applied for the exhibition will be chosen based on facts like quality of products, production capacity and production of goods that are in high demand at Japan market. AJC will bear the cost of round-trip air tickets and accommodation expenses for these companies.—*MNA*

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (30-5-2012)

Bhamo	3.47 inches
Ngathinechaung	2.99 inches
Thaton	2.17 inches
Machanbaw	1.89 inches
Hinthada	1.85 inches
Dawei	1.85 inches

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Make ongoing reforms more transparent and visionary

Changes take time and need patience. Changes need to be well embedded and guaranteed so that people can feel confident in their own future. Everyone has the right to fulfill their dreams but not at the expense of others. Do not forget that Rome wasn't built in a day.

Soon after its inception, the new government has embarked on a series of political, economic and administrative reforms in the process of transition to democracy. The reform process has come as a surprise to many in the international community who are waiting any subsequent policy changes to make a better assessment.

There will be no turning back in the process of democratic reforms of Myanmar. The reform strategy the new government initiates is irreversible and there will be no backsliding or derailment in the road to democracy.

Our transition to democracy is indeed not without challenges. We are prepared and resolute to overcome all these challenges and continue our endeavours until we achieve our stated goal. The president himself called on the stakeholders to exercise bottom-up initiative rather than top-down approach to make ongoing reforms more transparent and visionary.

As reform is a long, arduous haul, the country used the best international practices distilled from other global nations' experiences for its nascent reforms to be more profound and meaningful. In this context, just and fair view rather than one-sided one would be closer to the right answer, for people may hold different views and often place about twice as much significance on a loss as on a gain.

At such a crucial juncture, the international community should provide encouragement and support, ensure lasting and irreversible reforms of the incumbent government and cooperate to further enhance aid coordination among its development partners and conduct investment in a manner beneficial to the people of the country. So, we all are obliged to participate in today's reform.

Myanmar, Japan ink MoU on technical aids for capital market

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—A ceremony to sign MoU on technical aids for development of Myanmar's capital market between Central Bank of Myanmar and Daiwa Research Institute and Tokyo Stock Exchange of Japan was held at Amara Hotel here yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue Chairman of Capital Market Development Committee U Hla Tun addressed the ceremony, saying Myanmar would establish stock exchange by 2015 under a blueprint set out by the committee.

CBM Governor U Than Nyein, President of Tokyo Stock Exchange Mr Atsushi Saito and President of Daiwa Research Institute Mr Takashi Fukai made speeches.

The CBM governor and the two Japanese presidents signed and exchanged MoU.

It was also attended by officials of CBM, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Daiwa Research Institute and Myanmar Capital Market Development Committee.—*MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected maintenance of Seikpyu-Chauk-Gwecho road segment and Gwecho-Yenanchaung-Magway road segment and construction of Yin-machaung-Yagyipyin road on 27 May morning and left necessary instructions.

The minister also inspected maintenance of roads and bridges along Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) road.

The minister viewed construction of stone-embedded retaining wall, box culverts and bridges along the road and attended to the needs.—*MNA*

Union Construction Minister inspects maintenance of roads and bridges

***Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects road sections.*—MNA**

School Enrollment Day observed in Yangon

YANGON, 30 May—A ceremony to hold School Enrollment Day for 2012-2013 Academic year of No.3 Basic Education Department (Yangon Region), was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Latha Township, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

Afterwards, the Region Chief Minister accepted cash donated by the district administrators, and Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, K 5 million by Naing Group Construction and 1,000 dozens of books by U Than Khaing Soe, U Aung Myint, U Maung Aye and U Hla Shwe.

Director (Education) U Myint Soe of No.3 Basic Education Department explained the preparations for school enrollment. At today ceremony, wellwishers donated cash and books worth of K156.4 million.

MNA

***Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe addresses School Enrollment Day for 2012-2013 Academic year of No.3 Basic Education Department (Yangon Region).*—MNA**

Ayeyawady Region to draft plan for regional development project

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung addressed coordination meeting on drafting and implementation of regional and civil development project of the region at Ayeya Shwewah Hall in Pathein on 28 May.

He admitted that there is no significant economic development in the region with specific reform plan for regional development. The meeting was aimed at drafting the plan in consultation with scholars and submitting it to the Union government, he said.

Region Planning and Economic Minister U Hla Khaing explained objectives of poverty alleviation tasks.

Region level departmental heads and officials discussed tasks for regional and civil development.

MNA

***Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung addresses coordination meeting on drafting and implementation of regional and civil development project of the region.*—MNA**

Union Health Minister receives British guests

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received delegation led by President and CEO of General Healthcare Mr John Dineen of the United Kingdon at the ministry here this morning.

They discussed matters related to assistances of sophisticated equipment in pathological activities, providing trainings, improving capacity of medical experts and biomedical engineers, material assistances for reducing mother and infant mortality rate, providing equipment for diagnosis and treatment and providing trainings to midwives and community health staff.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, Director-General of Health Department Dr Tun Naing Oo, Deputy Director-General (Disease Control) Dr Saw Lwin, Deputy Director-General (Treatment) Dr Min Than Nyunt and officials.—*MNA*

An Italian policeman helps a woman and her baby during an earth tremor in Mirandola, northern Italy, on 29 May, 2012. A magnitude 5.8 earthquake struck northern Italy on Tuesday, killing people as factories, warehouses and a church collapsed in the same region still struggling to recover from another deadly tremor nine days ago.— Reuters

New deadly quake shakes northern Italy

CAVEZZO, 30 May— An earthquake killed 17 people and injured about 350 in northern Italy on Tuesday, spreading fear among thousands of residents living in tents after a similarly strong tremor in the same region flattened their homes nine days ago. Rescuers were searching through the rubble of houses and warehouses in the Emilia-Romagna region, where several building sites had just reopened after the previous quake on 20 May. Officials said 17 people were confirmed dead, more than twice the number killed in the 20 May quake that, like Tuesday's, had its epicenter near the city of Modena. The number of those forced to leave their homes doubled to 14,000.

Many residents ran out of buildings when they felt the 5.8-magnitude tremor, which hit shortly after 3 am EDT just as operations to rebuild the quake-struck region were under way.

"As we were coming down the stairs, we heard the sound of crumbling houses around us. There was a big cloud of dust," said 72-year-old Giulio in Cavezzo, a badly damaged village about 30 km (20 miles) from Modena where three died. Rescuers searched tirelessly for survivors despite initial operations being hampered by disruption to the mobile phone network and to the railway network around Bologna.

A woman was pulled alive from the debris of her house in Cavezzo after 12 hours searching, according to Sky Italia. The quake was the most deadly to strike Italy since 2009 when a tremor partially destroyed the central city of L'Aquila, killing about 300 people and leaving thousands homeless. With its streets deserted, Cavezzo looked like a ghost town. A shop in the centre still had fruit displayed on stalls outside in the street. In a nearby empty coffee shop a half-eaten croissant was left on a plate on the bar and an apron lay on the floor.

Reuters

A car is covered in debris after the roof of a quake-damaged house collapsed in Cavezzo. A strong earthquake has rocked northeastern Italy, just days after another quake in the same region wrought death and destruction.— Reuters

China sacks official over dam accident amid flood concerns

CHANGSHA, 30 May—A township official in central China's Hunan Province has been removed from his post after the provincial flood control headquarters decided to hold local authorities responsible for a dam breach that occurred on Friday. The headquarters issued a circular on Wednesday stating that precautionary measures and warnings were not implemented before the collapse of a dam on the Badoucun Reservoir on 25 May.

Although no casualties occurred, a resulting flood inundated several houses and farms. Liu Xiaoyang, the Communist Party of China (CPC) chief of Majitang township, has been removed from his post. Other officials involved are being investigated for their role in the incident, according to the circular. The provincial flood control authority said on Wednesday that the province is dealing with severe flooding following torrential downpours earlier this month. Most of the province's 13,000-plus reservoirs are nearing 80 to 90 percent of their maximum water storage capacity, the authority said. The authority has asked governments at multiple levels to organize round-the-clock patrols along river embankments and dams during rainstorms.

Xinhua

Romney clinches Republican 2012 nomination in Texas

WASHINGTON, 30 May— Mitt Romney clinched the Republican presidential nomination on Tuesday with a resounding victory in Texas and now faces a five-month sprint to convince voters to trust him over Democratic President Barack Obama in the 6 November election. Although the race has been essentially over for weeks, Romney finally cleared the benchmark of 1,144 delegates needed to become the Republicans' presidential candidate after a long, bitter primary battle with a host of conservative rivals. He will be formally nominated at the Republicans' convention in Florida in late August. In a statement, Romney said he was humbled to win enough of Texas' 155 delegates to secure the nomination. "Our party has come together with the goal of putting the failures of the last three and a half years behind us. I have no illusions about the difficulties of the task before us. But whatever challenges lie ahead, we will settle for nothing less than getting America back on the path to full employment and prosperity," he said.

Romney's big day was overshadowed by his appearance with real estate tycoon and reality TV star Donald Trump, who organized a major fund-raiser for Romney in Las Vegas. A famous self-promoter, Trump has been loudly fixated over whether Obama was born in the United States despite clear evidence that he was born in Hawaii, and Romney did nothing to publicly rein him in.— *Reuters*

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney (R) greets supporters during a campaign rally at a local business in Las Vegas, Nevada on 29 May, 2012. — Reuters

Indonesian, US navies commence joint military drill

JAKARTA, 30 May— Indonesian navy and US navy commenced a joint military drill programme held in Indonesia's East Java Province, aimed at improving ties and military operation professionalism between the two navies, local media reported on Wednesday. The 8-day joint drill operation, called "Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2012" (CARAT), beginning from Wednesday is held on waters off East Java Province's coast cities of Surabaya and Situbondo.

US navy dispatched 830 mariners and three navy vessels called *USS Germantown* (LSD-42), *USS Vandegrift* (FFG-48) and *USCG Waesche* in the annual programme. Meanwhile Indonesian navy engaged three vessels *KRI Diponegoro-365*, *KRI Banjarmasin-592* and *KRI Sutedi Senoputra-378*, several helicopters and navy surveillance planes. The navy also deployed some 1,244 mariners in the programme, the *Antara* news service reported.

According to Indonesian Navy's Eastern Fleet Commander, Rear Admiral Agung Pramono, this year the mariners and navy ship crews will undertakes several exercises, among others Medical Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE), SMEE intelligence operation, SMEE Engineering and symposium aimed at honing up the navy's operational skills. — *Xinhua*

Pakistani doctor in bin Laden hunt rejected US escape

WASHINGTON, 30 May— US authorities said a Pakistani doctor who helped the CIA track down Osama bin Laden turned down an opportunity to leave his country and resettle overseas with his family, two US officials told *Reuters* on Tuesday. Dr Shakil Afridi was jailed last week in Pakistan for 33 years for treason and the Obama administration has come under steady criticism for its handling of his case.

The US officials said the resettlement offer for Afridi came about the time of the 1 May, 2011, raid in which US Navy SEAL commandos killed the al - Qaeda leader at his complex in Abbottabad, Pakistan. They indicated that Afridi's family would have been welcome to leave Pakistan with him as part of the resettlement plan. The officials said he rejected the offer for reasons that are unclear.

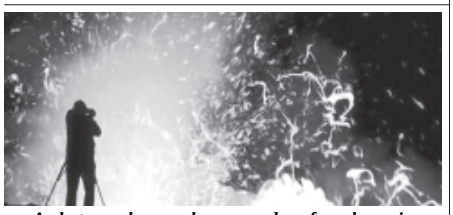
Afridi was accused of running a fake vaccination campaign in Abbottabad and used cheek swabs to try to gather DNA from bin Laden's children to confirm the identity of those living in the compound.

The DNA effort ultimately did not succeed but US sources have told *Reuters* he helped American operatives locate and follow the bin Laden courier who led them to the Abbottabad hideout.

The offer for Afridi to leave Pakistan was confirmed independently by two US officials. The White House and State Department declined comment on the matter. Afridi's case has damaged US-Pakistan relations with outraged US senators voting last week to cut aid to Pakistan by $33 million — $1 million for each year of the doctor's prison sentence. Pakistan has said Washington should respect its court's decision.

Pakistani authorities arrested Afridi several weeks after the bin Laden raid. In the intervening period, US authorities believed they would have had ample time to get him out of the country if he had wanted to leave. "Before he was arrested, Doctor Afridi was offered opportunities to leave Pakistan with his family but he turned those down," one of the US officials said."

Reuters



A photographer perches near edge of a volcano in Hawaii to get incredible snaps of brilliant lava.
Xinhua

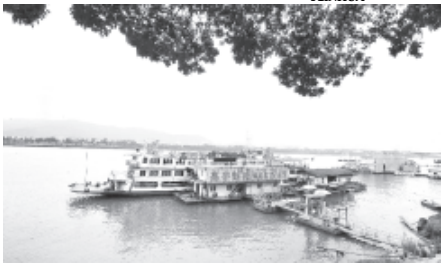


Photo taken on 29 May, 2012 shows the Xiangjiang River with a high water level in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province. Due to lasting rainfalls, the water level of the Xiangjiang River in Changsha remained high. The water level reached 31.38 metres on Tuesday, approaching the warning level of 36 metres.
Xinhua

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A model of China's manned submersible Jiaolong, which was designed to dive to a depth of 7,000 metres, is on display during the 15th China Beijing International High-Tech Expo in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 May, 2012. XINHUA

Chinese man pleads guilty to NY Fed cyber theft

NEW YORK, 30 May— A Chinese computer programmer on Tuesday pleaded guilty to stealing software code from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in a case that raised cyber-security concerns when he was arrested five months ago.

Bo Zhang, 33, admitted last August that he illegally copied the software code to an external hard drive and took it home. The FBI questioned him when he admitted the theft but did not arrest him until January. Congressional investigators became concerned that the New York Fed was vulnerable to cyber attacks after the arrest.

Zhang has been cooperating and has been free on bail and prosecutors have recommended that he be sentenced to no more than 1-to-1-1/2 years in prison. He faces deportation after he serves his prison sentence.

Instead of prosecuting Zhang under trade secrets or computer fraud and abuse statutes, US authorities charged him with theft of government property.

The New York Federal Reserve was given the task of moving the Government Wide Accounting program, developed to help track the billions of dollars the United States government transfers daily, from an antiquated IBM mainframe computer to the Internet, according to a person familiar with the project.

Zhang was hired in May 2011 as a contractor to help with the project.

Reuters

Facebook may launch smart phone next year

WASHINGTON, 30 May— Facebook may launch its first-ever smartphone by next year, a new report has revealed.

According to Stuff.co.nz, Facebook has sought engineers to work on building hardware for a Facebook smartphone, which would mark the social network's third attempt to develop a smartphone, the report cited.

The news comes as search engine giant Google completed the acquisition of Motorola Mobility for 12.5 billion dollars earlier this week, a move that could help Facebook counter that with its own foray into the smartphone hardware business. Rumours have been rife about a Facebook phone for the past few years. Although Facebook was reportedly first working on a smartphone in 2010, sources said the initiative stopped due to development complications. Meanwhile, it has also emerged that Facebook and manufacturer HTC were working together to develop a mobile device under the code name "Buffy", which is still under development.

Internet

Facebook hopes to release its own smartphone by 2013, as the newly public social networking giant looks to boost its revenue in the mobile Internet market.—INTERNET

Smallest ever five-ringed structure created and imaged

WASHINGTON, 30 May — A team of European scientists has created and imaged the smallest possible five-ringed structure – about 100,000 times thinner than a human hair.

A combination of clever synthetic chemistry and state-of-the-art imaging techniques allowed the Scientists at the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), the University of Warwick and IBM Research – Zurich to bring a single molecule to life in a picture.

The scientists decided to make and visualise olympicene whose five-ringed structure was entered on ChemSpider, the RSC's free online chemical database of over 26 million records two years ago.

"When doodling in a planning meeting, it occurred to me that a molecular structure with three hexagonal rings above two others would make for an interesting synthetic challenge," said Professor Graham Richards CBE, RSC Council member. "I wondered: could someone actually make it, and produce an image of the actual molecule?" he noted.

Chemists at the University of Warwick, Dr David Fox and Anish Mistry, used some clever synthetic organic chemistry — the modern molecule designer's toolbox — to build olympicene. "Alongside the scientific challenge involved in creating olympicene in a laboratory, there's some serious practical reasons for working with molecules like this," said Dr Fox.

"The compound is related to single-layer graphite, also known as graphene, and is one of a number of related compounds which potentially have interesting electronic and optical properties.

"For example these types of molecules may offer great potential for the next generation of solar cells and high-tech lighting sources such as LEDs," he stated.

A first glimpse of the molecule's structure was obtained by Dr Giovanni Costantini and Ben Moreton at Warwick using scanning tunnelling microscopy. A higher resolution technique was however needed to unravel its atomic-level anatomy. To truly bring olympicene to life, the Physics of Nanoscale Systems Group at IBM Research – Zurich in Switzerland analysed the chemical structure of olympicene with unprecedented resolution using a complex technique known as noncontact atomic force microscopy.

Using the technique IBM scientists imaged a single olympicene molecule just 1.2 nanometres in width, about 100,000 times thinner than a human hair.—*Internet*

Cyber criminals are cranking out new weapons at a brisk pace, tailoring malicious software for a spectrum of gadgets including smartphones, tablets, and Macintosh computers, a security firm said.—INTERNET

China's Huawei and ZTE deny getting illegal subsidy

HONG KONG, 30 May— China's top telecoms gear makers Huawei and ZTE denied receiving illegal government subsidies that helped them undercut rivals in recent years, after media reported the European Union planned to take action over unfair trade practices.

Action by the EU could spark a trade war, analysts warned. Cheap prices have allowed Huawei HWT UL and ZTE Corp to grab a big share of the global network gear market in recent years, pushing firms such as Nokia Siemens Networks NOKI UL and Alcatel Lucent (ALUA PA) to the brink of extinction.

The Financial Times quoted unidentified EU officials and executives as saying the Commission had been gathering evidence to show Huawei and ZTE had used subsidies to allow them to sell goods below cost in the EU. A spokesman for EU trade chief Karel De Gucht said he could not confirm the contents of the *FT* report.

Both companies said on Tuesday they had not been contacted by the EU.

"We deny claims made in the media that Huawei employs dumping practices and has benefited from illegal state subsidies," Huawei said in an emailed statement.

ZTE said it "receives no illegal or hidden subsidies, nor does it dump products in any markets where it operates".

EU trade ministers are scheduled to meet in Brussels on Thursday, an EU diplomat said. "We think that though the ministers will have an informal debate over lunch on China, and they might touch on this topic, there will be no formal decision," he said.

"It's sensitive because there are some European firms in the Chinese market that might face consequences."

A European Commission report in 2011 said China's largest telecom equipment makers benefit from significant government support, including "massive" credit lines from state-owned banks.

However, European telecoms firms rely on smaller-scale export credits from government-backed bodies, emphasising the blurred lines marking what is allowed under international rules and what is not.—*Reuters*

The logo of the Huawei Technologies Co Ltd is seen outside its headquarters in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, on 17 April, 2012. —REUTERS

Panasonic mulls halving personnel at headquarters

OSAKA, 30 May — Japanese consumer electronics giant Panasonic Corp is considering cutting 3,000 to 4,000 of the 7,000 personnel who worked at its headquarters within the current financial year in a bid to cut costs, local press reported on Tuesday.

The company will cut the number through a series of measures including early retirement and transfers to subsidiaries, according to the report.

Panasonic saw a record 772 billion yen (about 9.77 billion US dollars) group net loss in fiscal 2011 which ended on 31 March, this year.

Panasonic's reform plan follows similar measures taken by its rival Sony Corp, which announced a plan to cut 10,000 jobs last month.—*Xinhua*

Intel set to rise on move into mobile-Barrons

PETAH TIKVA,30 May—Shares of computer chip maker Intel Corp (INTC O) could rise as much as 50 percent over the next two years as the company pushes into smart phones and other wireless mobile devices, according to a report in *Barron's financial* newspaper.

The growth in cloud computing — the storage and transmission of remote data — should also give Intel shares a boost as several major storage providers use Intel processors in their servers, the report in the 28 May edition of the weekly newspaper said.

Intel's new lower-power chips will grab a bigger share in smartphones in India, China, France, the UK and the United States over the next several months, the report said.

"Intel will be a formidable competitor in the smartphone and tablet markets shortly," Todd Lowenstein, a portfolio manager for HighMark Capital Management, is quoted as saying in the Barron's article, adding that has not yet been factored into the share price.

He has a 24-month price target of $38 to $40 on Intel shares. They closed at $25.74 on Nasdaq on Friday.—*Reuters*

An Intel logo is seen at the company's offices in Petah Tikva, near Tel Aviv on 24 October, 2011.—REUTERS

Spanish bond prices fall

TOKYO, 30 May—Spain's bond prices have fallen on growing concerns about the country's fiscal health and its banking sector.

Spanish bonds were sold in Europe on Monday, temporarily increasing the yield on the benchmark 10-year government bond to 6.5-percent. Last weekend, the Spanish government decided to effectively nationalize the country's third-largest bank, Bankia, by injecting 19-billion euros, or 24-billion dollars in additional public funds.

This fueled fears about more bank bailouts and a surge in government spending.

Spanish banks are struggling due to the after-effects of the collapsed property bubble.

On the stock exchange in Madrid, Bankia's shares lost nearly 30-percent at one stage. Shares of other major banks were also sold across the board.

Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said at an emergency news conference that his government currently does not need to ask for EU assistance in acquiring funds needed to recapitalize banks.

NHK

A woman walks past a logo of Tokyo Stock Exchange at the bourse in Tokyo on 18 May, 2012. Japan's Nikkei share average slipped in early trade on Tuesday as a surge in Spanish borrowing costs kept investors away from riskier assets.
REUTERS

Health Tip: Keep magnets away from children

Small magnets that dislodge from toys or products for adults pose choking and ingestion hazards. If swallowed by young children, they can lead to choking or serious injury to the stomach and digestive tract.

The American Academy of Pediatrics mentions these guidelines for parents to help prevent magnet-related injuries:

* Never allow very young children to play with or touch objects that contain magnets.
* Carefully watch older children who play with such toys.
* Don't purchase large sets of magnets, in groups of more than 100, because it's difficult to keep track of any that are missing.
* Make sure teens understand the serious dangers of using magnets as fake piercings.

Internet

WHO agrees to address research on neglected diseases

GENEVA, 30 May—Campaigners on Saturday welcomed a World Health Organization pledge to tackle research and funding gaps concerning some of the developing world's biggest killer diseases.

Member countries are expected to hold talks later this year on an expert group's recommendations that a globally binding convention is needed to address neglected tropical diseases (NTD), tuberculosis and others currently overlooked by the research industry. It follows a meeting of the WHO's decision-making body, the World Health Assembly, in Geneva where members adopted a resolution calling on director general Margaret Chan to set up the meeting.

The document, the result of three-day negotiations, meanwhile urges governments and the private sector to boost investment in health research for diseases which disproportionately affect the developing world. "These were extremely tough negotiations with the US, the EU — led by France — and Japan making every effort to block progress on what health experts agree should be the way forward to meet the medical needs of people in developing countries," said Michelle Childs from Medecins Sans Frontieres.

"While there's no doubt we are disappointed that there was not an immediate decision to move towards a research and development convention, countries have agreed to a formal process for considering the report's recommendations and will bring these discussions back to the WHO in January," said the policy director for medical charity's access campaign.

The WHO-appointed group said in a report published last month that public investment in health research was currently dominated by wealthy countries and their own needs. The panel recommended a "global binding instrument" to help developing countries access the drugs and technologies they require and suggested member states commit 0.01 percent of their GDP to fund the work. In a draft resolution submitted to the WHO, Kenya urged the immediate set-up of a negotiating body to develop a convention based on the group's recommendations.

This was countered by a document from the US, Japan and others supporting more informal consultations.

After about 15 hours of talks the agreed resolution requested WHO chief Margaret Chan "hold an open-ended member states meeting in order to analyse the report and the feasibility of the recommendations."

The Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi) said it hopes that national and regional-level talks also requested in the resolution will pave the way for a global response.—*Internet*

***World Health Organisation (WHO) director general Margaret Chan stands in front of the WHO sign after her speech before the World Health Assembly on 23 May , 2012 in Geneva.* —INTERNET**

Scientists develop bird flu test kit

SINGAPORE, 30 May—Scientists have developed a H5N1 bird flu test kit that can now rapidly detect all existing strains of the H5N1 viruses in a single test with almost 100 per cent accuracy, within a few hours.

The scientists are from the Experimental Therapeutics Centre under the Agency for Science and Technology Research and clinicians from Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

A joint statement by the various parties including A*STAR said the kit was co-developed by Dr Masafumi Inoue, a senior project director of research scientist and Technology Development from ETC and Dr Timothy Barkham, a senior consultant of Laboratory Medicine from TTSH. This newly launched H5N1 test kit has been clinically validated by several hospitals in Southeast Asia.

Local small and medium enterprise, AITbiotech, a regional provider of genomic services and molecular diagnostics kits, has recently signed a licence agreement with Exploit Technologies, the technology transfer arm of A*STAR, to market this H5N1 kit regionally.

Internet

***Illustration of research scientists at work.*—INTERNET**

Japanese shipbuilders to collaborate

TOKYO, 30 May—Two Japanese shipbuilding companies have formed a technological collaboration to cope with competition from Chinese and South Korean shipyards, and the strong yen.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries announced on Monday that it has signed an agreement to build container ships with Imabari Shipbuilding. Imabari is the top Japanese shipbuilder while Mitsubishi ranks 4th.

The two companies aim to merge Mitsubishi's advanced technology with Imabari's mass production capability.

Mitsubishi will supply technology for liquefied natural gas fuel systems to cut emissions. The company will also provide an energy-saving system that uses air bubbles to reduce drag on the ship's hull. The firms hope to recover market share in the lucrative container ship industry.—*NHK*

Service industry trade fair opens in Beijing

TOKYO, 30 May—A trade fair focusing on the service industry has opened in Beijing to boost domestic consumption and maintain economic growth. Companies from 82 countries, including Japan, are participating in the first fair of its kind to be held in China. In the opening ceremony, Premier Wen Jiabao said China's service industry has potential for high growth. He expressed hope that foreign companies will expand their business in China.

Japanese companies have set up a huge booth to market their products and show their know-how to improve the quality of services.

One of the products attracting lots of attention was a customer data system that uses facial recognition technology. The system processes data including age and gender of customers. It's designed to help people like waiters at restaurants and salespeople to maximize their services. Visitors said Japanese companies are known for their courteous client services and have a good chance to succeed in China. The Chinese government is sponsoring the fair. It believes that the development of the service industry is necessary to increase jobs.

The country is struggling with a business slowdown triggered by the European financial crisis.—*NHK*

This file photo shows a bank teller holding Japanese yen banknotes in Tokyo. Tokyo said Tuesday it will start direct currency trading with China for the first time, scrapping the dollar as an intermediary unit for the first time to push business between the two Asian economic giants.
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World No Tobacco Day 2012

Dr Aung Tun (Ministry of Health)

World No Tobacco Day is celebrated around the world every year on May 31. This yearly celebration informs the public on the dangers of using tobacco, the business practices of tobacco companies, what WHO is doing to fight the tobacco epidemic, and what people around the world can do to claim their right to health and healthy living and to protect future generations. The theme for 2012 is **"Tobacco Industry Interference"**. The campaign will focus on the need to expose and counter the tobacco industry's brazen and increasingly aggressive attempts to undermine global tobacco control efforts.

The Tobacco Epidemic

Total consumption of tobacco products is increasing globally, though it is decreasing in some high-income and upper middle-income countries. More than 80% of the one billion smokers worldwide live in low- and middle-income countries, where the burden of tobacco-related illness and death is heaviest.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death. This year, more than 5 million people will die from a tobacco-related heart attack, stroke, cancer, lung ailment or other disease. That does not include the more than 600,000 people—more than a quarter of them children—who will die from exposure to second-hand smoke. The annual death toll from the global epidemic of tobacco use could rise to 8 million by 2030. Having killed 100 million people during the 20th century, tobacco use could kill 1 billion during the 21st century. Tobacco users who die prematurely deprive their families of income, raise the cost of health care and hinder economic development.

Tobacco is grown in 124 countries, occupying 3.8 million hectares of agricultural land. World tobacco production peaked in 1997 at over 9 million tones and has since declined by almost a quarter to 7.1 million tones in 2009.

Tobacco is primarily grown in low and middle-income countries, where it is a contribution to undernourishment, because the land is used to grow tobacco rather than food. IN 2009, SIX OF THE TOP TEN TOBACCO-PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAD UNDERNOURISHMENT RATES BETWEEN 5% AND 27%. Tobacco farming negatively affects the environment. Deforestation results from wood being needed for the curing process and for hanging leaves to dry. Each year, 20000 hectares of forests are cleared to cure tobacco. Tobacco leaches the soil of many nutrients, so fertilizers and pesticides are heavily used in tobacco production. These chemicals endanger workers and create runoff that pollutes the environment.

There are well over 500 cigarette factories spread around the globe, each responsible for thousands of premature deaths and massive, avoidable costs to society. THESE FACTORIES COLLECTIVELY PRODUE NEARLY 6 TRILLION CIGARETTES EVERY YEAR, ROUGHLY 13% MORE THAN A DECADE AGO. In 2010, cigarettes were produced in the majority of countries worldwide, and about a million cigarettes were manufactured every five seconds.

Estimates of revenues from the global tobacco industry vary widely but are likely approaching half a trillion dollars annually. Although tobacco is ultimately a financial burden on the government and health-care systems of countries, it is also a source of government revenue, though tobacco companies. Illicit trade in tobacco products has serious health, economic, and social implications. Circumventing tobacco taxes undermines tax and price polices, which are among the most effective mechanisms to control tobacco use, as well as other tobacco control measures, such as youth access laws or mandatory health-warning labels. Tobacco smuggling can also lead to higher levels of corruption. Illicit cigarette trade is highly profitable for the transnational tobacco companies, allowing them to circumvent tobacco taxation.

The WHO committee of experts on tobacco industry documents

In 2000, the WHO committee of experts on tobacco industry documents published *Tobacco industry strategies to undermine tobacco control activities at the World Health Organization*. This report summarizes evidence obtained from internal tobacco industry documents of actions taken to influence and undermine WHO tobacco control policies and programmes. The committee found that the industry used a range of strategies to weaken or prevent advances in tobacco control.

The committee also found that "the evidence shows that tobacco companies have operated for many years with the deliberate purpose of subverting the efforts of WHO to address tobacco issues. The attempted subversion has been elaborate, well financed, sophisticated and usually invisible. That tobacco companies resist proposals for tobacco control comes as no surprise, but what is now clear is the scale, intensity and most importantly, the tactics, of their campaigns. To many in the international community, tobacco prevention may be seen today as a struggle against chemical addition, cancers, cardiovascular diseases and other health consequences of smoking. This inquiry adds to the mounting evidence that it is also a struggle against an active, organized and calculating industry."

Eight domains of tobacco industry interference

There are many strategies used by the industry and its allies to monitor and undermine advances in tobacco control. The diversity of these strategies demonstrates that the mission to thwart tobacco control is global and based on the broad objective of establishing the industry as 'socially responsible' and a 'partner' with government in tobacco control. There is also evidence of the objective of stopping or weakening policies known to affect sales. The industry cannot only manipulate the media by raising doubt about scientific research, it can also attack public media campaigns by requesting information, pursuing litigation or attempting to limit the audience and restrict the message of the campaign.

Eight domains of tobacco industry interference can be identified as follows:

1. Attempts to undermine science and legitimate messages from scientific quarters
2. Manipulation of the media
3. Public relations
4. Tactics designed to gain control of the public agenda
5. Lobbying
6. Use of front groups and artificially created grassroots movements
7. Intimidation
8. Harassment of tobacco control professionals

WHO FCTC and Tobacco Industry

The illicit tobacco trade is addressed by Article 15 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC). Parties to the Convention are negotiating a protocol that builds upon the original treaty and aims to strengthen international cooperation in fighting the illicit tobacco trade. Despite the irreconcilable conflicts of internet between the tobacco industry and the public health community, the industry is seeking to enter WHO FCTC illicit trade protocol negotiations and national-level illicit trade control activities. In many parts of the world, the tobacco industry works closely with governments to combat illicit trade. This collaboration involves many risks and conflicts with Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC.

Article 5.3 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control requires that 'In setting and implementing their public health policies with respect to tobacco control, Parties shall act to protect these policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry in accordance with national law'.

Myanmar and the WHO FCTC

In May 1999, the World Health Assembly the governing body of the World Health Organization adopted a resolution (WHA 52.18) which paved the way for starting multi-lateral negotiations on the WHO FCTC and possible related protocols. Myanmar along with fellow Member status actively participated in the negotiating process of the WHO FCTC and strongly supported the convention. Myanmar delegates expressed their strong commitment towards comprehensive tobacco control measures and voiced for the need of a comprehensive ban on all forms of tobacco advertisement including cross-border advertising. Myanmar proudly hosted the 4th Inter-country Consultation Meeting of Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in August 2002, where the countries of South-East Asia Region issues the "Yangon Declaration". Myanmar became a signatory to the FCTC on the 23rd of October 2003 and became a Party to the Convention on the 20th of April, 2004; it was the 11th country to become Party to the Convention.

Tobacco Control in Myanmar

The National Programme on Tobacco Control was officially launched in January 2000 with the drafting and approval of the National Policy on Tobacco Control and Plan of action. In collaboration with Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health has launched the Tobacco Free School Programme in 2003. The Tobacco Free Youth Programme was also implemented by School and Youth Health Project since 2009.

The Myanmar Tobacco Control Programme has been implementing its activities in line with the six MPOWER policies recommended in the "WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic 2008".

1. Monitor tobacco use and prevention policies: The National Tobacco Control Programme has been monitoring tobacco use through conducting of sentinel prevalence studies and global tobacco surveillance system, i.e. by conducting Global Health Professions Students Surveys, Global School Personnel Surveys and Global Youth Tobacco Surveys periodically. The recent studies done in 2011 showed an increasing trend in both smoking and smokeless tobacco use, especially among male. The highlights of the 2011 GYTS are as follows:

- 18.6% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 6.8% currently smoke cigarettes; 17.4% currently use other tobacco products other than cigarettes or cheroot.
- SHS exposure—one-third of the students live in homes where others smoke, and one-third of the students are exposed to smoke around others in outdoor public places; close to half the students have at least one parent who smokes.
- Over half the students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Nine in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Nine in 10 current smokers want to stop smoking.
- 8.8% of students have an object with cigarette brand logo on it.
- More than nine in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; seven in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and nearly 3 in 5 saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.

2. Protect people from tobacco smoke: In line with the Myanmar Tobacco Control Policy and Plan of Action, all the health facilities had been established as smoke-free since 2001; education department started to establish tobacco-free schools in 2002 and sports grounds were declared smoke-free in 2002. The National legislation prohibits smoking at public places, public transport and in enclosed public places. However, it is a challenging issue to be aware of and follow the regulations accordingly.

3. Offer help to quit tobacco: Community-based cessation programmes are being implemented in project townships where community facilitators were trained to provide support and counseling for tobacco users to quit. Basic health personnel are also trained for health education on dangers of tobacco and on cessation. Clinical support for Nicotine Replacement Therapy and establishment of quit lines are yet to be implemented.

4. Warn about the dangers of tobacco: National legislation requires cigarette, cheroot and cigar packages to display health warnings in local language. Measures are underway to enforce regulations for health warnings to be rotating, pictorial as well as textual and to be displayed taking at least 30% of the front of cigarette packages.

5. Enforce bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship: The 2006 Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product Law prohibits all forms of direct and indirect advertising, promotion and sponsorship of tobacco. Even before the Law was enacted,

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DON'T SMOKE!

Maung Hlaing

Sometimes, I come across the warning 'Don't smoke' in the esteemed daily. Although the warning is unable to organize nonsmokers, it can attract so many readers to know the dangers of tobacco.

Once, I happened to meet a late prolific writer who had written so many articles on anti-smoking. Amazingly, there was a cheroot or cigarette in his hand while he was writing anti-tobacco articles. What was more, he used to say that he had given up smoking so many times. Believe it or not!

I remember him when I have to write the articles on anti-smoking.

When I learned to smoke, I was only ten years old. I did so simply because I saw my parents and some elders smoke cheroots. I thought it was a youthful or grownup style. I bought cigarettes with my pocket-money and smoked on the sly. I started smoking a little at a time and soon I was used to it. To be frank, I fell prey to tobacco. At that time, we came to be addicted to the bad habit because of lack of knowledge.

Although the elderly people urged us not to smoke, saying that tobacco could affect our health, we did not obey them. Why? It was because they themselves passionately smoked.

Later, people come to know dangers of tobacco—cardiovascular disease, heart failure, and respiratory illnesses.

In spite of dangers, more and more people become smokers. Many young people begin smoking as an act of independence. Most adults smoke to reduce their craving for nicotine. The effects of nicotine help make smoking pleasurable. Actually, nicotine stimulates the nervous system and the heart and other organs. However, its effect on the nervous system also causes many people to become addicted to it.

Such an addiction makes it hard for people to give up smoking.

Since doctors and governments first warned about the health hazards of cigarette smoking in 1960's, millions of people have stopped smoking. Most of them have !been able to stop on their own although some made several attempts before they were able to stop completely. Many smokers attend special clinics set up to help them overcome their addiction.

Some of my friends tried to give up tobacco by substituting it with chewing betel quids. However, they became addicted to these two bad habits. As for me, I had to substitute smoking with other activities such as physical exercises. Only when I became father of a child, could I stop smoking. It gets easier addicted than wiped out!

We do not know the exact period when the bad habit of smoking emerged. According to the records, American Indians smoked tobacco in pipes long before Christopher Columbus sailed to the New World in 1492. Columbus brought some tobacco seeds back to Europe, where farmers began to grow the plant for use as a medicine that helped relax. Spaniards and some other Europeans began to smoke hand-rolled cigarettes in the 1600's. The use of tobacco products has been a controversial issue for many years. During the 1500's, European doctors declared that tobacco should be used only for medicinal purposes. During the 1960's, scientists established that smoking tobacco products—especially cigarettes—could increase the risk of lung cancer, heart disease, and other illnesses.

The first study on the effects of smoking showed that men who were lifelong smokers died almost 18 years earlier than men who had never smoked. According to the report, a 30-year-old man who smoked can expect to die at the age of 64.

To make matters worse, increasing evidence indicates that cigarette smoke also harms nonsmokers.

In a new study, a team from Duke University Medical Centre reviewed the cases of 845 patients who had had surgery for kidney cancer or renal cell carcinoma between 2000 and 2009. They found that current and former smokers were 1.5 to 1.6 times more likely to have advanced cancer than nonsmokers.

Heavy smoking (smoking for a longer period of time and smoking more) was associated with advanced renal cell carcinoma.

Why shouldn't give up such a bad habit once and for all? The earlier, the better! Don't smoke!!

Union Health Minister meets FIFA, UNICEF Headquarters guests

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received a delegation led by FIFA Chief Medical Officer Mr Jiri Dvorak of FIFA at his office at 11 am on 29 May and Chief HIV/AIDS-Mr Craig McClure of UNICEF Headquarters and party at 2 pm separately.

In meeting with FIFA, both sides held discussion matters related to 11 sectors being carried by FIFA's social development programme including prevention of HIV, abstaining from alcohol and drug, taking hygiene, having diet, taking necessary injections and medical treatment of footballers and cooperation related ministries.

Having bilateral talk with UNICEF, they focused on medical providing services in cooperation with UNICEF, medical diagnostic work, medicine providing and medical treatment, saving the orphans who suffered from AIDS and cooperation other organizations.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint of the Ministry of Health, Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of Health Department and responsible persons.

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Scholar leaves for Japan for further studies

YANGON, 30 May—Tutor Daw Su Zar Zar Htay Yi of University of National Culture and Arts under the Ministry of Culture yesterday evening left here by air to attend the three-year doctorate course (music) to be conducted at Tokyo National Arts University of Japan.

She was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Rector U Kyaw Oo of University of National Culture and Arts (Yangon) and officials.—*MNA*

UCSB awards outstanding students, grants stipends

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Civil Service Board held a ceremony to award outstanding students in 2010-2011 academic year and grant stipends for 2012-2013 academic year at the auditorium of the board here on 29 May.

It was attended by UCSB Chairman U Kyaw Thu and wife, members U Khin Maung Aye, Dr Win Myint, Dr Myint Aung, Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay and U Soe Oo and their wives, directors-general, the head of office, staff, students and parents.

The UCSB chairman delivered an address at the ceremony and his wife Daw Le Le Kyi presented awards and stipends to students. Daw Tin Tin Myo, wife of UCSB Member U Soe Oo, presented uniforms and stationery to school-children.

A total of 99 students received stipends, uniforms and stationery at the event.—*MNA*

***Secretary U Khin Maung Oo of Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee holds talks with Deputy Managing Director Mr Naoyuki Shinohara of IMF and Deputy Chief of Asia and Pacific of IMF Mrs Meral Karasulu.*—MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee Secretary receives IMF officials

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Secretary U Khin Maung Oo of Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee met Deputy Managing Director Mr Naoyuki Shinohara of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Deputy Chief of Asia and Pacific of IMF Mrs Meral Karasulu, at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee hall in Hluttaw Building on 29 May.

Also present at the call were members of Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee. At the call, they cordially discussed matters related to monetary policy and taxes collection.—*MNA*

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tobacco advertisement on TV and Radio was prohibited in 2000-2001 in collaboration with Ministry of Information. Tobacco billboards had been totally banned since 2002 in collaboration with City Development Committees and Department of Development Affairs. Tobacco advertisement via print media was prohibited in 2002 in collaboration with the General Administration Department.

6. Raise taxes on tobacco: In 2012 Cigarette taxes in Myanmar are levied at 100% (commercial tax) of taxable turnover; Myanmar is among a few countries in the world which levied cigarette taxes higher than 70%. Commercial taxes for other tobacco products such as cheroots, pipes, cigars were also increased harmoniously at 50%.

Myanmar has been participating in the World Conferences on Tobacco or Health. Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin attended the 15th World Conference on Tobacco or health, 20-24 March 2012, Singapore. A research paper, "Prevalance and determinants of smoking among students aged 13-15 years in Myanmar: Results from the Myanmar Global School-based Student Health Survey (Myanmar GSHS)" was presented in the Conference. The abstract poster was chosen as one of best poster awards Nominees.

To fight against tobacco industry interference

The Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product Law was adopted on 4 May, 2006. The adoption of the law was a very significant milestone in the history of public health of Myanmar and was highly appreciated by the World Health Organization and anti-tobacco advocates.

However, enforcement of the national legislation on tobacco control needs to be strengthened, and the National Tobacco Control Programme needs to be more comprehensive incorporating measures to reduce smokeless tobacco use and other non-cigarette tobacco products, and economic consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke.

On World No Tobacco Day 2012, and throughout the following year, we would like to urge the related ministries and sectors, international and local NGOs and the community as a whole to put the fight against tobacco industry interference at the heart of their efforts to control the global tobacco epidemic.

Myanmar, Germany to cooperate in parliamentary functions

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—A delegation led by Vice President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms called on Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on potentials for cooperation in parliamentary functions between the two countries, duties and responsibilities of parliament, efforts of the government made in the interest of the State and the people, steps taken for internal peace and measures taken for participation of all the citizens in the democratization process.

***Deputy Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Mya Nyein receives Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms and party.*—MNA**

Present on the occasion were chairmen of the Amyotha Hluttaw commissions and committees and officials from the Hluttaw Office, and the Vice-President of German Parliament was accompanied by German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortsch.—*MNA*

U Myo Myint Than accredited to Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myo Myint Than as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.—*MNA*

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Hossein Kamalian as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Hossein Kamalian was born on 5 September, 1956. He holds a M.A degree for International Relations.

Mr. Hossein Kamalian joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran in 1979. He had served as Deputy Head of Mission of Iran Embassy, Paris in 1989 and Ambassador of Iran to Yemen in 2003. He served as Deputy Director General of Persian Gulf, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2007 and Director General of Persian Gulf, Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2011 and he is currently serving as caretaker of Department of Persian Gulf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Hossein Kamalian will serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.—*MNA*

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Director-General of Britain DFID

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Director-General Ms Joy Hutcheon of Department for International Development of Britain and party paid a call on Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this noon.

Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw and Secretary U Maung Toe, members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee Dr Tai San, U Than Tun and U Mya Thein were also present at the call.

The two sides cordially had frank discussion on matters related to Britain's comprehensive assistance to Myanmar through closet approach to political developments of Myanmar and bridging programmes designed to foster mutual friendship between the two parliaments.

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***Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa holds talks with DFID Director-General Ms Joy Hutcheon and party.*—MNA**

CBM governor receives foreign guests

***Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein receives US International Trade and Economic Advisor Mr Gabriel Adler.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Chief Representative Mr Takeshi Ohashi and party of Mizuho Corporate Bank Ltd called on Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Than Nyein at the latter's office yesterday afternoon.

They discussed matters related to opening Mizuho Corporate Bank branch in Myanmar and promoting cooperation with local banks.

The governor received IMF Deputy Managing Director Mr Naoyuki Shinohara and party the same afternoon and held discussions on increasing IMF assistances in financial reforms being initiated by the government.

US International Trade and Economic Advisor Mr Gabriel Adler and party paid a call on the governor at his office this morning. They frankly exchanged views on economic reforms and aid to be rendered by the United States.

The meetings were attended by heads of divisions.—*MNA*

KOICA donates computers and related materials to SWD

YANGON, 30 May— A ceremony to donate computers and related materials worth USD 29,890 to social welfare institute of Social Welfare Department (SWD) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), was held at the institute in Mayangon Township, here, this morning. At the ceremony, resident representative Mr Shin Man Shik of KOICA Myanmar Office explained the purpose of donation. Director U Myo Hsat Aung accepted computers and related accessories donated by Mr Shin Man Shik, presented certificate of honour and spoke words of thanks.—*MNA*

***Resident Representative Mr Shin Man Shik of KOICA Myanmar Office donates computers and accessories to Social Welfare Science.*—MNA**

Officials leave for Thailand to attend Buddhist Wisdom Performance

YANGON, 30May—A ten-member delegation led by Assistant Director (Production Division) U Than Win Swe of the Ministry of Culture yesterday morning left here by air to attend Buddhist Wisdom Performance to mark the 2600th Anniversary Buddha Enlightenment to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 31 May to 3 June.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Rector U Kyaw Oo of University of National Culture and Arts (Yangon) and officials.

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Myanmar-Turkey to discuss promoting of bilateral cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein received Turkish Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar H.E Murat Yavuz Ates at his office here, this morning.

They discussed promoting bilateral cooperation and trade and investment sectors, provision of requirement for supplying adequate electricity in Myanmar, development of rural areas and technical aid for blooming of agriculture sector.

Also present at the call were the Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department, the Director-General of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration and officials concerned.

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Union Construction Minister meets Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received a six-member delegation led by Mr Makoto Udaka of Irie Miyake Architects & Engineers (IMA) of Japan at his office on 28 May.

They frankly discussed matters related to cooperation in regional development and strengthening friendly ties between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Construction Minister U Kyaw Lwin, Director-General U Min Htein of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development and departmental heads.—*MNA*

ASE opens automobiles showroom

YANGON, 30 May—An opening ceremony of ASE car showroom of Assurance Services Enterprise Co., Ltd, was held at the show in Baho street in Sangyoung Township this morning. Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Planning and Economices U Than Myint and managing director Dr Khant Win of Assurance Services Enterprise Co., Ltd formally opened the show. After that, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe pressed the button to open the showroom signboard.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister and guests looked round the automobiles on show.—*MNA*

Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman meets DFID Director-General

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw received a delegation led by Director General Ms Joy Hutcheon of UK's Department for International Development's (DFID) and party, at the hall of the committee in Hluttaw Building this morning.

Also present at the call together with the Chairman were Secretary U Maung Toe, committee members and officials from Hluttaw office. The Committee Chairman explained committee's functions. They had a cordial discussion on assistance to be provided by the United Kingdom.—*MNA*

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister receives Thai, Singaporean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung received delegation led by Founder and Senior Partner Mr Pairoj Piempongsant of Empire Asia Energy Group of Thailand at the region government office yesterday morning.

The chief minister then received Asian Resident Representative of IKL Gmbh of Singapore Mr G Bernard Huybens and party. The meetings focused on investment in Ayeyawady Region.

Also present at the calls were Region Planning and Economy Minister U Hla Khaing and Region Electricity and Industry Minister U Saw Mya Thein.—*MNA*

Deputy ministers inspect Kyaukse-PyinOoLwin-Mogok road

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Deputy Minister at the President Office U Han Sein and Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected Kyaukse-PyinOoLwin-Mogok road (PyinOoLwin-Mogok section) on 27 May morning and met the deputy chief engineer and the district superintending engineer of the Public Works at PyinOoLwin District superintending engineer's office.

The two deputy ministers inspected roadworks and drains and bridges along the road.—*MNA*

***Deputy Minister at the President Office U Han Sein and Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspect Kyaukse-PyinOoLwin-Mogok road (PyinOoLwin-Mogok section).*—MNA**

Deputy Sports Minister views trainings, meets personnel of IOC, OCA

YANGON 30 May—Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu encouraged tentatively-selected martial arts players in training at township Gymnasium in Dagon Myothit (North) and shooters in training Myanmar Shooting Federation (North Dagon) shooting range and met with personnel and coaches of the federation this morning.

The deputy minister, the general secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department and personnel met Project Manager Mr Edward Kensingston, IOC, Olympic Solidarity and Director Mr Haider Farman of OCA at the National Stadium No (1) Thuwunna. MOC Secretary U Khin Maung Lwin explained formation of the MOC, condition of the stadiums and gyms that will host the XXVII SEA games, and opening of national level management courses and instructors courses jointly organized by the MOC and IOC.—*MNA*

Traffic rules course concludes in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—A concluding ceremony of traffic rules course No.1/2012, jointly conducted by Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee and Traffic Police Force, took place at Supply and Transport Battalion in Mawlamyine Township on 27 May. Commanding Officer Lt-Col Than Daing, instructors from traffic police force, drivers and motorcyclists attended the ceremony.

Members led by Mon State Traffic Police Force Police sub-inspector Aung Naing gave lectures on the traffic rules and regulations. Plans are under way to hold talks on traffic rules under the supervision of Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee and State Traffic Police Force soon.—*MNA*

***STIPENDS PROVIDED:** Chief of Thayawady Township Police Force Police Capt Thein Naing provides stipend to an offspring of Thayawady Township Police Force members on 26 May.*—MYANMA ALIN

Assistance provided to farmers in Pyawbwe Township

PYAWBWE, 30 May—A ceremony to provide assistance to farmer near Natkar dam project in Medee Village-tract in Pyawbwe Township was held at post primary school in Kyisu Village, Kyisu Village-tract on 26 May.

At the ceremony, Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Oo delivered a speech and township administrator U Kyaw Aung San explained the construction of Natkar dam.

Afterwards, assistant director U Khin Zaw of Yamethin District Irrigation Department briefed on assistance provided and presented K 17 million to 47 farmers.

Land preparations have been made so as to grow crops on 85 acres of land.—*Myanma Alin*

DISTRICT NEWS

UMFCCI officials meet Chinese delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—A five-member delegation led by Mr You Jianhua and party of China NGO Network for International Exchanges of China, paid a call on Vice-Presidents of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung, CEC members U Maung Maung Swe and U Kyaw Thein, at UMFCCI headquarter on 26 May.

The meeting focused on economic and political reforms, matters relating to UMFCCI's cooperation with International organizations, investment opportunities, study tours and courses for human resource development, sending of Myanmar trainees to China for study tour and course, showcase of UMFCCI in annual China expo, Economic Cooperation Seminar to be held in China in 2013 and signing of MOU. *MNA*

***CASH DONATED:** The Lions Clubs of Japan donated K 1 million to the funds of Hnizigon Home for the Aged through CEC Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd).*
KYEMON

Oxygen concentrator donated in Namtu Township

NAMTU, 30 May—An annual meeting of Namtu Township blood donor association was held at City Hall in Namtu Township, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North), on 12 May. At the ceremony, Shan State Hluttaw representative U Zaw Moe donated oxygen concentrator through District doctor Dr Toe Toe in commemoration of the annual meeting.

Afterwards, Dr Toe Toe donated medicines to the association.

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RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity golf tournament concludes

YANGON, 30 May—RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity golf tournament, organized by Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club, took place at the club on 26 May.

In the evening, prize-awarding ceremony was held. U Hsan Tun, RMGCC Director of Golf (PGA Golf Professional Myanmar PGA delivered a speech at prize-awarding ceremony. After wards, officials presented prizes to the winners. The entrance fee collected from the tournament will go to orphanages.—*Myanma Alin*

Inter-village-tract Township administrator's Cup football tournament concludes

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 30 May—Final match and prize-awarding ceremony of Inter-village-tract Township Administrator's Cup football tournament, was held at football ground in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 24 May. At the final match, Hlinephone village-tract team won over Gyungyi village-tract team. Township administrator U Htay Maung awarded Hlinephone village-tract team.—*Myanma Alin*

Water Polo contest on 23-25 June

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—With the aim of winning at Water Polo contest at XXVII SEA Games 2013 to be held in Myanmar and turning out outstanding athletes, Water Polo contest will be held at National Swimming Pool, in Yangon from 23 to 25 June. The prizes designated for the contest are first prize (K 1.5 million), second prize (K 1 million), third prize (K 0.5 million) and best winner prize (K 150,000). A team with no more than 15 members must include a manager, a coach and 13 athletes. The team may register at Secretary U Myo Wunna Tun (ph-09-8300384) of Myanmar Swimming Federation, National Swimming Pool (Ph-01-378550), Secretary U Cho Maung of Ko Kine Swimming Association (Ph-09-5050407 and 01-542749) not later than 15 June.—*Tin Zaw Tun*

UNIFORMS PROVIDED: ***Monghsat District Administrator U Thaung Tin Htway provides uniforms worth of K 233500 for staff of district General Administration Department, through a staff.***—DISTRICT GAD

BEHS (Branch) signboard erected in Shwepyitha township

YANGON, 30 May—A ceremony to erect signboard of Basic Education High School (Branch) and hold school enrollment day, was held at No.3 Basic Education Middle School in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District, here, on 28 May. Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tin Maung Oo, school head U Thet Myint and ward administrator U Kyaw Kyaw Aung opened it. After that, School Enrollment Day ceremony followed. At the ceremony, bags and stationery were donated to 15 needy students.

Myanma Alin

Books, stationery donated in Pathein

PATHEIN, 30 May—A ceremony to donate books and stationery was held at No.12 Basic Education Primary School in Pathein, Ayeyawady Region, on 27 May. At the ceremony, school head U Myat Thwin explained the purpose of donation. Afterwards, stationery donated by Ministry of Education and School Board of Trustees were handed over.

Education

Brides and grooms bow to greet each other at a traditional Chinese wedding in Zhoucun Village of Zibo, east China's Shandong Province, on 27 May, 2012. Twenty pairs of couples from Beijing, Zhejiang, Fujian and Shandong took part in the traditional wedding on Sunday. — XINHUA

Malaysian, Canadian oil firms team up for exploitation

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 May— Malaysia's state-owned oil giant, Petroliam Nasional Berhad or Petronas said on Monday that it has awarded a production sharing contract to Canada-based energy company Talisman Malaysia Limited to further develop and recover crude oil from the Kinabalu fields off Malaysia's east peninsula Sabah state.

"Petronas recognizes the need to continuously explore for innovative ways to unlock hydrocarbon resource potential in matured fields. Concerted efforts to further develop these more challenging fields are necessary so that Malaysia will not only able to sustain but also increase oil production in the face of dwindling reserves," Vice president of Petronas' petroleum management, Ramlan Abdul Malek said in a statement.

Talisman Malaysia and Petronas will invest over 1 billion US dollars under the contract to achieve early production gains, improve operational efficiency and maximize oil recovery from the Kinabalu Fields, which composed of several matured reservoirs off Sabah. Talisman Malaysia holds 60 percent participating interest in the contract area.

The contract, Petronas said, was signed on 23 May, with Talisman Malaysia represented by its country manager Ron Aston, Petronas Carigali president Abdullah Karim and Ramlan.

MNA/Xinhua

Bus crash kills five, injures 87 in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 30 May — At least five people were killed and 87 others were hurt as the bus they were travelling in crashed in eastern South Africa on Saturday afternoon, local media reported. The crowded bus crashed outside the port city of Durban in the eastern province of KwaZulu-Natal, the South African Press Association (SAPA) reported, citing local paramedics on Saturday evening.

Among the injured, 20 are in critical condition, and the death toll might continue to rise, the SAPA reported. The bus was suddenly out of control as it was travelling down a windy road, and rolled over before impacting a house beside the road, local paramedics said. Police was investigating the cause of the fatal accident. In recent years, the deadly road traffic accidents have become one of the biggest killers in South Africa.— *Xinhua*

Vatican faces widening of leaks scandal

VATICAN CITY, 30 May— The Vatican faces a widening scandal that in one short week has seen Pope Benedict's butler arrested, the president of its bank unceremoniously dismissed and the publication of a new book alleging conspiracies among cardinals. It was a poisonous Pentecost Sunday for the pope, who likely had the tumultuous events of the past week on his mind as he celebrated a mass in St Peter's Basilica on the day regarded as the birthday of the Church.

On Saturday his personal butler, Paolo Gabriele, 46, was formally charged with stealing confidential papal documents in the scandal that has come to be known as "Vatileaks". Some of the documents allege cronyism and corruption in contracts with Italian companies. One prominent cardinal, illustrating the growing emotion of the debate in Vatican circles, wrote in an Italian newspaper that the pope had been betrayed just as Jesus was betrayed 2,000 years ago. The scandal, which has been brewing for months, has hit the very heart of the Roman Catholic Church.

Gabriele — now known in Vatican statements as "the defendant" — was until Wednesday night the quiet man who served the pope's meals, helped him dress and held his umbrella on rainy days. The pope made no reference during his two public appearances on Sunday to the scandal or the arrest, which aides said had "saddened and pained" him."I feel very sad for the pope. This whole thing is such a disservice to the Church," Carl Anderson, head of the Knights of Columbus charity group who is also a member of the board of the Vatican bank, told *Reuters.*

Reuters

The Pope's butler, Paolo Gabriele (bottom L) arrives with Pope Benedict XVI (R) at St Peter's Square in Vatican, in this file photo taken on 23 May, 2012. REUTERS

File illustration photo shows a village compound near Khowst in Afghanistan's Paktia Province. A NATO air strike killed a family of eight, including six children, in their home in Afghanistan's eastern province of Paktia, Afghan officials said on Sunday.—INTERNET

One dead, ten missing in boat accident on central China river

CHANGSHA, 30 May — Investigators on Monday updated the number of people missing in a passenger boat accident to 10, up from the previously reported eight, on a river in central China's Hunan Province. Shi Zelong, deputy Communist Party chief of Luxi County, said 25 passengers fell into the Yuanjiang River after their runaway boat hit a freighter and capsized.

He said rescuers saved 14 of the passengers and found one person dead. There are still 10 people missing. Shi, the leader of the rescue operation, said he has sent people to comb the river bank in search of the missing. He has also dispatched divers to salvage the sunken vessel. Investigators said the boat experienced engine failure while travelling from Luxi to neighbouring Chenxi County and went adrift.

The accident occurred at about 10 am on Sunday in the Yuanjiang River, a tributary of China's longest river, the Yangtze. The passengers were all from Dawan village in Chenxi County. More than 500 rescuers are working to locate the missing passengers with the help of 22 boats.

Xinhua

China eyes developing deep-sea mining tech by 2030

BEIJING, 30 May — Commercial deep-sea mining by China of polymetallic nodules that contain copper, nickel and cobalt among other key minerals, can begin as early as 2030, according to the former head of the State Oceanic Administration.

"With the improvement in deep-sea technology, metal resources under the ocean can be explored and mined within 20 years," said Sun Zhihui.

Last year, China was among the first group of countries approved by the International Seabed Authority to look for polymetallic sulphide deposits, a recently discovered mineral source, in the Southwest Indian Ridge, a tectonic plate boundary on the bed of the Indian Ocean, he said, adding the country is applying to explore for cobalt in a new area in the Pacific Ocean.

Sun said many countries are developing technologies for commercial mining, but a low-cost method of mining polymetallic nodules has not been found yet. China has explored more than 80,000 square kilometres of the floor of the Pacific and Indian oceans, Sun said. Xiang Jianhai, researcher at the Institute of Oceanology under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, said: "When we can carry out commercial mining depends on technological development, financial support and the price of key minerals on the market."

Xiang added that current exploration, such as that carried out by China's manned deep-sea vessel Jiaolong, will provide the technology and geological information for future mining. —*Xinhua*

Rescuers recover 10 more bodies from diamond mine in S Africa

CAPE TOWN, 30 May — After several days of hard work, rescuers have recovered the bodies of ten illegal miners at a disused diamond mine near Kleinzee in the Northern Cape Province, announced diamond company De Beers on Sunday. "Ten deceased diggers had been recovered from the collapsed tunnels (by Saturday evening)," said the company. It had brought to 17 the total number of bodies recovered since a disused tunnel collapsed on Tuesday. A total of 19 miners were trapped in the mine where they were digging illegally for diamonds, authorities said. One miner was freed from the rubble alive with minor injuries earlier this week.

On Wednesday, two bodies were recovered and two days later, five other bodies were retrieved. When the tunnel collapsed, 11 miners managed to escape and alerted police on the accident, said authorities. "The coordinated rescue and recovery operation is continuing. The operation will progress until all illegally excavated tunnels are found and searched for survivors or deceased diggers," De Beers said in a statement. The company said the collapsed tunnel that was discovered by the rescue team was cleared on Saturday.

Xinhua

Handicraftsman performs the making of shadow-play figures at a puppet and shadow-play figure exhibition in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 27 May, 2012. A total of 1573 pieces of handicrafts including puppets, shadow-play figures and masks of Nuo Opera were exhibited in Chengdu on Sunday. — XINHUA

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The Wedding Announcement

Mr & Mrs Kyaw Soe are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Zun Phyu, residence of No. 18, R 302, Aung Tha Pyay Street, Taryargone Ward, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon, Myanmar to

Omar Osman, son of Mr & Mrs Kyaw Win, residence of 784 Alum Rock Road, Birmingham, UK.

The wedding was held at Kandawgalay Tachan Pe Mosque in Yangon on Friday, May 25, 2012 according to Sunni Islamic law.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Denmark detains attack plot suspects

COPENHAGEN, 30 May — Danish police have detained two brothers from Somalia on suspicion of plotting an attack, the state security police said on Tuesday.

The Danish Security and Intelligence Service (PET) said in a statement the arrests late on Monday had thwarted a "concrete act of terror," but did not elaborate.

The brothers, aged 18 and 23, are Danish citizens and have lived in Denmark for 16 years, the PET said.

"The detainees are suspected of being in the process of preparing an act of terror, among other things, through conversations about methods, targets and use of weapon types," the PET said. It said one of the brothers was suspected of being trained at a camp of the militant group al Shabaab in Somalia.

One of the men was detained at his residence in the Danish town of Aarhus and the other was stopped when he arrived by plane at Copenhagen airport, the PET said. The two men will appear before a court later Tuesday.— *Reuters*

Soldiers of the People's Liberation Army take part in a flood prevention drill in Chaohu City, Anhui Province, on Sunday. XINHUA

Fukushima radiation seen in tuna off California

***This 5 Mar, 2007 file photo shows workers harvesting bluefin tuna from Maricultura's tuna pens near Ensenada, Mexico.*— REUTERS**

WASHINGTON, 30 May — Low levels of nuclear radiation from the tsunami-damaged Fukushima power plant have turned up in bluefin tuna off the California coast, suggesting that these fish carried radioactive compounds across the Pacific Ocean faster than wind or water can. Small amounts of cesium-137 and cesium-134 were detected in 15 tuna caught near San Diego in August 2011, about four months after these chemicals were released into the water off Japan's east coast, scientists reported on Monday.

That is months earlier than wind and water currents brought debris from the plant to waters off Alaska and the US Pacific Northwest.

The amount of radioactive cesium in the fish is not thought to be damaging to people if consumed, the researchers said in a study published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.* Without making a definitive judgment on the safety of the fish, lead author Daniel Madigan of Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station noted that the amount of radioactive material detected was far less than the Japanese safety limit.

"I wouldn't tell anyone what's safe to eat or what's not safe to eat," Madigan said in a telephone interview.

"It's become clear that some people feel that any amount of radioactivity, in their minds, is bad and they'd like to avoid it.

But compared to what's there naturally ... and what's established as safety limits, it's not a large amount at all." He said the scientists found elevated levels of two radioactive isotopes of the element cesium: cesium 137, which was present in the eastern Pacific before the Fukushima Daiichi disaster in the spring of 2011; and cesium 134, which is produced only by human activities and was not present before the earthquake and tsunami hit the Japanese plant.

Because cesium 134 is generated only by human activities - nuclear power plants and weapons - and there was none in the Pacific for several years before the Fukushima accident, they reckoned that any cesium 134 they found in tuna off California had to come from Fukushima.— *Reuters*

Malaysian license plate sells for $165K

Malaysia's Sultan of Johor placed the high bid of $165,261 to obtain a "WWW 1" license plate for his vehicle.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha said the sum paid by Sultan Ibrahim Ismail Sultan Iskandar, who outbid 9,999 other interested parties, was the highest price ever paid for a license plate in the country, the *Malaysia Star* reported.

Transport officials said the bidding, which began on 30 April and ended on 14 May, reached such high levels due to "WWW" being an abbreviation for the World Wide Web.

Qzina breaks a Guinness World Record for building the largest chocolate sculpture. The chocolate sculpture models an ancient Mayan temple and weighs 18,239 pounds.

Officer allegedly broke in to do laundry

Police in Pennsylvania said an officer was charged with trespassing and criminal mischief for allegedly breaking into a neighbour's home to do laundry.

Investigators said Rankin police Officer Jason Rocco was arrested after the owner of the home, who had not lived in the house for several months, told police he noticed the electric bill was unusually high and he visited the residence to discover the dryer running with clothes inside, WPXI-TV, Pittsburgh, reported.

Rocco was questioned by officers and he told them the back door to the home had already been broken and he entered the house because he "just had to do some laundry."

Woman charged with stealing ambulance

Chicago police said they arrested a woman accused of stealing an ambulance and crashing it into two parked vehicles.

Investigators said Cassie Weathersby, 30, allegedly took the ambulance around 10:45 pm on 27 May from outside Saint Bernard Hospital and she soon crashed the vehicle into two parked vehicles in the 6700 block of South Indiana, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported Weathersby, who was not injured, was charged with the theft of the ambulance, driving on a suspended license and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Elvis' original crypt headed for auction

A California auction house said Elvis Presley's original crypt in Tennessee, where the King was entombed for two months, is going up for auction.

Darren Julien of Julien's Auctions said the crypt, at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Memphis, will be sold as part of the "Music Icons" auction on 23 June, *TMZ* reported. Julien said Elvis was entombed in the crypt, which also held his mother, Gladys, for two months following his 17 Aug, 1977, death.

The singer and his mother were both later reburied at his Graceland home. The auction includes opening and closing of the vault for burial, a memorial inscription and use of the chapel for a committal service.

News Album

Bieber being investigated for battery

CALABASAS, 30 May— Pop singer Justin Bieber is being investigated for battery after allegedly hitting a paparazzo who tried to take pictures of him, California authorities said. The incident happened Sunday afternoon outside the Calabasas mall The Commons, TMZ.com reported. Police said Bieber and his girlfriend Selena Gomez were leaving the mall when a photographer, whose name was not reported, attempted to take Bieber's picture.

Bieber allegedly got out of his car and got into some sort of altercation with the photographer, KABC-TV, Los Angeles, reported.

The photographer told police Bieber hit him in the face then left the scene with Gomez. Police said the photographer complained of pain and was taken to a hospital for treatment. He was later released.

The photographer filed a criminal report with police on allegations of battery. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department detectives are investigating the incident.

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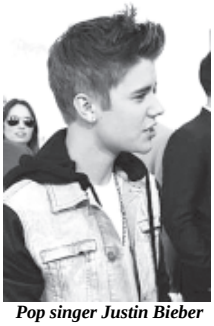

Pop singer Justin Bieber

Actors Justin Timberlake talks with his fiancee Jessica Biel at the Los Angeles Lakers playing against the Denver Nuggets during the first half of Game 7 of the Western Conference Playoffs at Staples Centre in Los Angeles on 12 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Timberlake and Biel celebrate engagement

LOS ANGELES, 30 May— Pop singer Justin Timberlake and actress Jessica Biel celebrated their engagement by throwing a cocktail party in California, friends say.

The Saturday party took place at the home of Timberlake's longtime friend and HomeMint partner Estee Stanley, *People* reported.

Among the 100 friends and family who attended the couple's event were celebrities Lance Bass, JC Chasez, Trace Ayala, Ellen DeGeneres, Portia DeRossi and Amy Adams.

"Jessica and Justin were mingling both separately and together throughout the party," an attendee told *US Weekly*.

"Jessica seems to be very close with Justin's friends and vice versa. You can see that they have been dating for a long time and really know each others friends and family well. The party was a fun celebration and a preview of what's to come with the wedding." Timberlake and Biel, who became engaged in December, are set to get married later this year, *US Weekly* reported.

Earlier this month, the pair were seen at jewelry boutique Eli Halili in New York City's Soho neighbourhood, shopping for wedding bands.

Although the couple didn't select wedding rings at that time, they did leave the store with a $2,200 ring and and two necklaces.

Internet

Moore denies reconciliation with Kutcher

LOS ANGELES, 30 May— Demi Moore has denied reports of reconciliation with her estranged husband Ashton Kutcher, saying her tweets have been taken out of context.

The 49-year-old has denied reports through her tweets. "You have to laugh at the media's need to twist and take tweets out of context so they can create fictitious stories to sell to the public! Nice bit of wisdom passed on to me, 'the faster you find what's funny about something, the better it is!,' she wrote on her Twitter page.

Recently Moore and Kutcher attended a bash thrown by Kabbalah Rabbi Yehuda Berg, reports contactmusic.com

The Hollywood couple split last year after six years of marriage amid allegations that Kutcher cheated on her.

Legal proceedings have not yet started.—*Internet*

Demi Moore

Simon Cowell 'smitten' with Britney Spears

LONDON, 30 May— Simon Cowell has opened up about his admiration for his latest X-Factor judge Britney Spears.

The pair has become inseparable since the shoot for the new series began.

"I'm fascinated by her. She's still hot, she's resilient and she's got star power," the *Mirror* quoted Cowell as saying. However, the 52-year-old Cowell, who has been on the lookout for a new woman since breaking off his engagement to make-up artist Mezhgan Hussainy in February, is unlikely he will take his feelings for Britney further—as she is already engaged to her manager Jason Tradwick.

"Simon's absolutely smitten and can't take his eyes off Britney on set. He goes for bold, brunette women, but he has fallen for Britney's blonde looks and girly charm big-time," an insider added.

Internet

Simon Cowell

New Breaking Dawn posters revealed

MUMBAI, 30 May— Makers of "The Twilight Saga's Breaking Dawn Part II" uncovered three character posters to build the anticipation of its November release. Bella vamps out in new Breaking Dawn Poster.

"The Twilight Saga's Breaking Dawn Part II" finds us right after Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) has delivered her vampire-hybrid baby with Edward (Robert Pattinson) and is now a vampire herself.

In Breaking Dawn 2, Edward Cullen and his newborn-vampire wife Bella Swan-Cullen (Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart) must face off against the Volturi Clan (Michael Sheen, Dakota Fanning, Jamie Campbell Bower, and others) in order to protect their hybrid baby Renesmee.

Though harmless, Renesmee is perceived to be a dangerous baby vampire.

The fifth and final installment of the "Twilight Saga" film franchise will bring back Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner as Bella, Edward and Jacob respectively.

PVR Pictures is releasing the Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn part – 2 in India. It is expected to release in November.—*Internet*

Breaking Dawn Part 2 Posters

'Amour' takes Palme d'Or at Cannes

CANNES, 30 May— Austrian director Michael Haneke's film "Amour" won the Cannes Film Festival's top prize, the Palme d'Or, officials said.

"Amour" is the story of an elderly couple's relationship as the wife deteriorates physically and mentally, *The Hollywood Reporter* said. "I thank my wife, who has been putting up with me for years," Haneke said on Sunday night.

Haneke's film stars actors Jean-Louis Trintignant and Emmanuelle Riva, both iconic in the French cinema world.

Meanwhile, Carlos Reygadas was named best director for "Post Tenebras Lux," and Mads Mikkelsen won the best actor award for his part in Thomas Vinterberg's "The Hunt."

The Jury Prize went to Ken Loach's "The Angels' Share." "Thanks to the jury; you're very nice," Loach, an English director, said in French. "Cannes shows us that cinema is not just a diversion, it shows us who we are and how we live together."

Internet

Emmanuelle Riva (L), Michael Haneke (C) and Jean-Louis Trintignant . INTERNET

Man City appoint Glick as commercial boss

Derby County CEO to join the new Barclays Premier League champions in August

***Tom Glick joins a club that won the Barclays Premier League earlier this month.*— INTERNET**

LONDON, 30 May — Barclays Premier League champions Manchester City have appointed Tom Glick as their Chief Commercial and Operating Officer. Glick, who is currently Chief Executive Officer of Championship club Derby County, will take up his position at the Etihad Stadium in August. He has 23 years of sports management experi-ence and will be responsible for all the commercial and operational teams at the club.

"This is an exciting time for all connected with City, and I am looking forward to joining and helping to drive the club's off-field development on its future journey," Glick told the club's official website. "I have been impressed by the ambitions and plans set out by the Chairman and Board. "I shall use my experiences here in England and in North America to help City build on its recent successes and achieve new milestones in Manchester and around the globe."

Glick has previously worked for the New Jersey Nets and the National Basketball Association before joining Derby County in January 2008. The job is a new role and has been created "to empower the football club to rapidly realise its ever-increasing commercial opportunities and simult-aneously optimally evolve its operations". "Since September 2008 [when the club was taken over], Manchester City has been a club in constant development and evolution," added City's interim chief executive officer John Macbeath.

"With many milestones achieved in terms of on and off field developments, it is important that we recognise that we must now further evolve in order that we can continue to create and capture potential opportunities for the Club. "To do that we need the very best people and the Board believes that Tom is the ideal person for this role. We very much look forward to the contribution that he will make." Glick joins a club that won the Barclays Premier League for the first time with an extraordinary 3-2 victory over Queens Park Rangers on a thrilling final day of the season earlier this month.— *Internet*

Jagielka deserves England call-up

Everton boss says Toffees defender can shine in UEFA Euro 2012 next month

LONDON, 30 May — Phil Jagielka's form in the Barclays Premier League has justified the defender's call-up to the England squad for UEFA Euro 2012, says Everton manager David Moyes.

The 29-year-old was drafted into Roy Hodgson's squad for the tournament in Poland and Ukraine after Manchester City midfielder Gareth Barry was ruled out injured. Jagielka was originally placed on England's stand-by list and Moyes believes his call-up to the main squad is totally deserved.

"I am really pleased for Jags," said Moyes. "I said earlier I was disappointed he was only on the stand-by list because I thought he would bring something different. "I think the way he performed in the second half of last season merited a call-up to the original squad, so I'm delighted he's in there at last."

Jagielka has been a consistent performer for Everton since he joined the club from Sheffield United in 2007. He made 30 League appearances this season, helping Everton secure an impressive seventh-place finish in the final table. Jagielka made his England debut in 2008 and won the last of his 11 caps when partnering former Everton team-mate Joleon Lescott in the centre of defence in Saturday's 1-0 friendly victory over Norway.

"When I look at some of England's best displays, they have all come when Jags has been involved," added Moyes."

He most certainly deserves to be in and around international company and it's great for him that he can now look forward to the Euros. "When I had him and Joleon at Everton I felt I had the next England centre-back partnership on my hands — and I still see them as such."

***Phil Jagielka has been an important part of the Everton side since he joined the club in 2007.*— INTERNET**

England play Belgium in their final warm-up match on Saturday while their first contest of Euro 2012 is against France in Donetsk on 11th June.— *Internet*

Williams out of French Open

PARIS, 30 May — Serena Williams was bundled out of the French Open after she suffered the worst Grand Slam defeat of her career on Tuesday. The favourite for the women's singles title slumped to a dramatic and thrilling 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 loss to France's world 111 Virginie Razzano in the first round. It was the 13-time Grand Slam winner's first ever exit at the opening round stage of her 47-event Grand Slam career and her earliest loss at a major since she was knocked out of the Australian Open second round by sister Venus in 1998.

The fifth-seeded Williams was two points from victory nine times in the second set, including leading 5-1 in the tiebreaker. But Razzano won six straight points to force a third set, and then took control of the match. "I made so many errors today, which isn't the game I was playing in the past," Williams said. "That's life." Williams entered the day with a 46-0 record in first-round matches at Grand Slam tournaments. She had been looking for her 14th major title, and second at Roland Garros.

Men's second seed Rafael Nadal, in pursuit of a record seventh crown at French Open, powered into the second round with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 win over Italian journeyman Simone Bolelli. Despite dropping his service once midway through the second set on the Philippe Chatrier showcourt, Nadal won comfortably in one hour and 58 minutes to book a meeting with Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan, who whipped Russian Igor Kunitsyn 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. Nadal, beaten only once in his entire career at Roland Garros as he attempts to go beat the record of Bjorn Borg's six titles, said he was less stressed than last year. "Today I was more relaxed," he said. "I was a bit frightened, but I think I took control. I felt comfortable.""It's a court that's not easy to play on, but the longer you stay on the court, the better it is. You can find your feet," he said.

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***Serena Williams of the United States returns the ball during the 1st round match of women's singles against Virginie Razzano of France at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France, on 29 May, 2012. Williams lost 1-2.*— XINHUA**

Sharapova proud of her Russian origin

MOSCOW, 30 May — Russian top tennis player Maria Sharapova said on Tuesday she's happy about her small-town-girl background and proud to be a Russian. The 25-year-old blond, born in the Siberian town of Nyagan, moved to the United States when she was a little girl. Every time winning a game, hearing the broadcaster announcing her place of birth, she was happy to see people "surprised" and felt so proud of "coming from there and getting to the position I am in today," *RIA Novosti* quoted her as saying.

Sharapova made her professional breakthrough in 2004, when she defeated two-time defending champion and top seed Serena Williams in the Wimbledon final for her first Grand Slam title at the age of 17. In the 2006 US Open, she defeated world No 2 Justine Henin to reach the top. Her third Gland Slam came in 2008 at the Australian Open. Sharapova said she felt herself "better prepared" for the French Open after dispatching Romanian Alexandra Cadantu 6-0, 6-0 in the first round on Tuesday.

The world second seed crushed the world No 78 in 48 minutes with a flurry of blistering winners. After winning two claycourt tournaments leading to the French Open, Sharapova said she is now in a better form."I'm really happy with the way my preparation has been coming into this tournament. I feel like with every year I have improved and I enjoy it much more," she said. The Russian, who needs the French crown to complete her grand slam title collection, will next face Japan's Ayumi Morita.

Xinhua

***Maria Sharapova of Russia greets the audience after winning the 1st round match of women's singles against Alexandra Cadantu of Romania at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France, on 29 May, 2012. Sharapova won 2-0.* XINHUA**

No Euro surprises according to Ronaldo

***Portugal's forward Cristiano Ronaldo laughs during a training session in Praia del Rey near Obidos, central Portugal. Ronaldo played down hopes of his side lifting the European Championship title on 1 July on Tuesday saying he just hoped they could reach the knockout stages.*— INTERNET**

LISBON, 30 May — Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo played down hopes of his side lifting the European Championship title on 1 July on Tuesday saying he just hoped they could reach the knockout stages. The 27-year-old - fresh from lifting the La Liga title with Real Madrid — couldn't really see too many surprises on the horizon at Euro where his side faces a tough battle to progress from their group. The Portuguese — who reached the final in 2004 when they hosted it and the quarter-finals last time out — have been drawn with three former champions in Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark.

"I don't think that in this Euro there will be a lot of surprises," said Ronaldo, who has often been criticised for not repeating his club form for his country. "Spain are really strong and behind them there are difficult sides to play. "We realise we are in a difficult group, the group of death, and our priority first of all is to get through the first phase.

"We have fallen among Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark, who beat us in the qualifying group (leaving Portugal to come through the play-offs), but I have a reasonable hope that we will qualify from the group."

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(31-5-12 09:30 am ~ 1-6-12 09:30 am) MST

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* News
* Youth & Addiction
* News
* Myanmar Tradition Identity "The Culture of Pennant Pillar"
* News
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* A Highland with Peace and Charm
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* News Tid-Bit
* Myanmar Movie "Shwe Nanthar House"

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2. To Be Healthy Exercise

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3. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
4. Health Programme

8:00 am
5. Song of National Races

8:10 am
6. Dance Variety

8:45 am
7. Musical Programme

4:10 pm
8. Cute Little Dancer

4:35 pm
9. Performance With Song

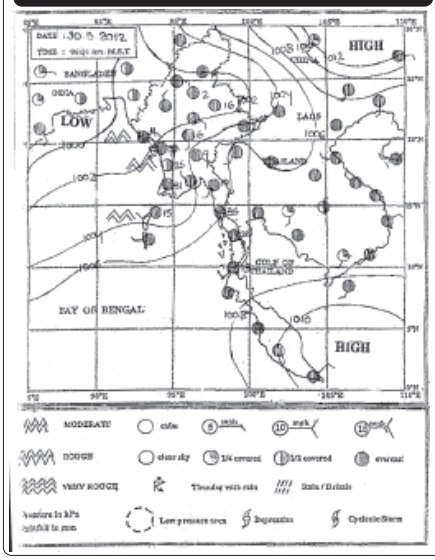
4:40 pm
10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Myanmar)

5:00 pm
11. Teleplay (Health)

5:50 pm
12. Science and Environment

8:00 pm
13. News
14. Monthly Weather Report
15. Documentary
16. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 31st May, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayin	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	20/68	15/59	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	31/88	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	36/97	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	25/77	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	26/79	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	25/77	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/84	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Magway Region and Kachin State. Day temperatures were, (3°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Northern Shan and Chin States, (5°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Yangon and Tanintharyi Regions and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Minbu (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (3.47) inches, Ngathinechaung (2.99) inches, Thaton (2.17) inches, Machanbaw (1.89) inches, Hinthada and Dawei (1.85) inches each, Launglon (1.77) inches, Gwa (1.73) inches, Pathein (1.70) inches and Saw (1.54) inches.
Bay Inference	Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Squalls with moderate to rough sea 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 the Central Myanmar areas.

Stosur into French Open third round

PARIS, 30 May—Samantha Stosur of Australia reached the third round at the French Open on Wednesday with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Irina Falconi of the United States.

The sixth seed will next play the winner of the tie between Nadia Petrova of Russia and Chanelle Scheepers of South Africa for a place in the last 16.—*Internet*

Australia's Samantha Stosur hits a return to Irina Falconi of the US during their French Openfirst round match at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 30 May. **INTERNET**

Belgian Hazard opts to sign for Chelsea

PARIS, 30 May — Lille's Belgian international playmaker Eden Hazard announced late Monday he had signed for Champions League winners Chelsea in preference to Premier League champions Manchester City and runners-up Manchester United. The fee is reported to be 40million euros with Hazard signing a five year contract and breaks the record for a Belgian footballer's transfer with Marouane Fellaini's to Everton of 20million in 2008 being the previous mark. He will also earn a reported 550,000 euros a month.

The 21-year-old — who was voted Ligue 1 Players' Player of the Year for the second successive year recently — had previously said he would definitely sign for one of the Manchester clubs without specifying which one. However, Chelsea's penalty shootout win over Bayern Munich in the Champions League had he admitted at the time made him hesitate as to his choice — speculation he ended on Monday even though the transfer window doesn't officially open till 13 June. —*Internet*

Chess kings in 'Armageddon' battle for world crown

MOSCOW, 30 May — India's world chess champion Viswanathan Anand and his Israeli challenger Boris Gelfand on Wednesday clashed in a rapid fire battle of nerves to decide the biggest prize in the sport.

After drawing on Monday the final regular match in their 12-game Moscow series to leave the world championships level, the two grandmasters were forced into the chess equivalent of a football penalty shoot.

Dubbed the "Battle of the Armageddon" in chess circles, Wednesday's match sees two of the finest players the world has ever seen lock horns in up to 15 thrilling speed chess games to determine the world champion.

***India's world chess champion Vishwanathan Anand (L) plays against Israel's Boris Gelfand during a tie-break of FIDE World chess championship match in State Tretyakovsky Gallery in Moscow on 30 May.*—INTERNET**

Gelfand and Anand played out the first game of the tie-break amid huge tension at the host venue of the Tretyakov art gallery, with each player knowing that one mistake could cost them the championships.

The first game ended in a draw in which commentators said Gelfand, playing white, was initially in deep trouble but rescued himself with a series of brilliant moves and Anand missed a chance to take a more attacking position.

Anand, dressed in his usual blue shirt, sat rooted to his chair as the more expressive Gelfand ran his hands through his hair and took long walks away from the board to think out his positions.

Wednesday's series will initially feature four short 25-minute speed chess games. If this produces no winner then up to 10 more "blitz" 5-minute games can be played with even shorter time restrictions of just five minutes each.

If the scores are still equal after all that, the match would go to a sudden death single game "golden goal" decider in which black would get four minutes and white five.

In a final game whose tension would be almost unbearable for the players, black would be declared winner in case of a draw because of the shorter time in which it can make moves.

Internet

'All in one rhythm' is Brazil 2014 slogan

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 May— "All in one rhythm," is the official slogan of the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, FIFA announced on Tuesday, saying it would unite fans who head to the Samba nation for the football extravaganza.

The official slogan was a joint effort between Brazil and the footballing world, said FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke at a ceremony in Rio, noting it "represents the unique flavor" Brazil will bring to the tournament.

"Based around the central idea of 'rhythm', it will unite fans in Brazil and abroad, around what will be a colourful and vibrant celebration set to a uniquely Brazilian rhythm," said Valcke.

Brazil's Sports Minister, Aldo Rebelo, said the slogan was an invitation to citizens and visitors "to join together and celebrate the immense sense of pride" in the country's role as hosts.

It was Valcke's first trip to Brazil since he caused an uproar in March with his criticism of the country's 2014 preparations, saying organizers needed "a kick up the backside."

Valcke and FIFA President Sepp Blatter had to apologize for the remarks, which triggered fury from the host country. Rebelo then said Valcke would no longer be welcome as a FIFA spokesman. FIFA has expressed varying degrees of concern about whether preparations — renovation or construction of stadiums as well as infrastructure projects — are on track for the first World Cup in Brazil since 1950.—*Internet*

Brazil's Sports Minister Aldo Rebelo at a press conference in Brasilia on 23 May to talk about the government's preparations for the FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014. "All in one rhythm," is the official slogan of the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, FIFA announced on Tuesday, saying it would unite fans who head to the Samba nation for the football extravaganza.— **INTERNET**

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Protection of migrant workers discussed

The meeting No.1/2012 of Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The coordination meeting No 1/2012 of the Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee took place at the Labour Ministry here this afternoon, with an address by Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that the 11th coordination meeting between Myanmar and Thailand on Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand was successfully held in Inlay on 16, 17 May this year. Five task forces could be sent to Thailand and related works had been in full swing since 20 April. About 200,000 temporary passports had been issued so far and the two countries had a discussion on issuing certificates of identity to children and dependents of Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand and their education.

The Union Minister noted that the issue of migrant workers was a priority in protecting the workers, implementation of projects in cooperation with IOM and people-centred strategy of the government and called for suggestions of the departments concerned for further measures.

Next, the committee members discussed protection of Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore which are of the top choice for Myanmar workers, safe and legal transfer of remittance to families, official acceptance of workers sent back by Thailand, opening of acceptance camps, smooth transportation for workers returning home, continued application of manual national verification system in addition to online nationality verification system.

MNA

India to make investments in wood-based industries

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received Chairman Mr Ajit Kumar Sud of Mayar (India) Ltd of India and executive director Mr Ashit Sud, at his office this morning. At the call, they discussed establishment of forest plantation and investment in wood-based industries and pulp factory. Also present at the meeting were director-general U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department and acting director-general U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department.—*MNA*

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun receives Chairman Mr Ajit Kumar Sud and Executive Director Mr Ashit Sud of Mayar Ltd.—MNA

Rakhine State School Enrollment Day held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The Rakhine State School Enrollment Day for 2012-2013 academic year was held at No. 4 BEHS in Sittway on 28 May morning, with an address by State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin.

State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin presented cash assistance, school uniforms and other necessities.

Next, the State Social Affairs Minister, the State Chief Minister' wife and state ministers and their wives donated cash and school uniforms.

Afterwards, the State Chief Minister proceeded to No. 23 BEPS and No. 1 BEHS in Kyaugtetlan Ward and looked into the school enrollment.

Later, the State Chief Minister attended the opening of the State Chief Minister's Trophy inter-district volleyball tourney (men/women) held at Waythali Stadium and enjoyed the sports events there.—*MNA*

Taninthayi Region holds school enrollment day ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko addressed School Enrollment Day Ceremony of the region at the town hall of Dawei yesterday morning.

Region Education Officer U Tun Yi elaborated on school enrollment activities.

The chief minister and the Region social affairs minister awarded stipends to the students. The chief minister and officials presented stationery and cash donated by wellwishers to students and viewed documentary photos displayed at the hall.

MNA

Free healthcare provided to rural people

YANGON, 30 May—A medical team providing free healthcare to rural population saw patients at a monastery of Tawpale village in Kungyangon Township in Yangon Region on 28 May.

With the help of local health staff, members of church, administrators, teachers and students, the group also provided healthcare to local people at Layeaindan village high school in Pyapon Township in Pyapon District in Ayeyawady yesterday.

The team was led by Chairman of Myanmar Business Management Executives Association U Myin Maung Tun, and Chairman U Thein Tun and Vice-Chairperson Dr Daw Thet Thet Khaing of Ananda Myanma Myitta Foundation.—*MNA*

Federer gets record 234th Grand Slam match win

Roger Federer of Switzerland returns in his second round match against Adrian Ungur of Romania at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Wednesday May 30, 2012.—INTERNET

PARIS, 30 May—Roger Federer dropped a set before earning his record-breaking 234th Grand Slam match victory to reach the French Open's third round.

Federer eliminated 92nd-ranked Adrian Ungur of Romania 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-3 on Wednesday to break a tie with Jimmy Connors for most career wins at major tournaments in the Open era, which began in 1968.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion is now 234-35 in tennis' top four tournaments, an .870 winning percentage.

Ungur, meanwhile, is 1-1; the French Open was his Grand Slam debut.

Seeded third this year at Roland Garros, where he won the 2009 title, Federer is on course for a semifinal showdown against No 1 Novak Djokovic, who won in straight sets on Wednesday.—*Internet*

Djokovic into French Open third round

PARIS, 30 May—Novak Djokovic edged closer to Grand Slam history with a 6-0, 6-4, 6-4 win over Slovenia's Blaz Kavcic in the French Open second round on Wednesday.

The top seed and world number one, bidding to become only the third man after Don Budge and Rod Laver to hold all four Grand Slam titles at the same time, put down a gutsy challenge from world number 99 Kavcic. Djokovic fired 41 winners past the Slovenian, who had knocked out Australian veteran Lleyton Hewitt in the first round, and took victory on a fourth match point. The Serb will face either France's Nicolas Devilder or Germany's Michael Berrer for a place in the last 16.—*Internet*

Serbia's Novak Djokovic hits a return to Slovenia's Blaz Kavcic during their French Open second round match at Roland Garros stadium in Paris on May 30. Djokovic edged closer to Grand Slam history with a 6-0, 6-4, 6-4 win on Wednesday.—INTERNET