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Biography of Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia

Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

Mrs. Hajjah Ani Bambang Yudhoyono

Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono was born on 9 September 1949 at Pacitan, East Java, Indonesia. He graduated from Infantry Military Academy of Indonesia in 1973 and from 1982 to 1983 he attended the Infantry Officer's Advanced Course in USA.

He was at the School of Infantry Military Command from 1988 to 1989 and from 1990 to 1991 he attended the Command and General Staff College in USA. Also from 1990 to 1991, he studied a post graduate course leading to a Master of Arts degree in Management at Webster University, USA. Then from 2001 to 2004, he attended a post graduate course leading to a Doctorate in Agricultural Economics at Bogor Institute of Agriculture, Bogor, West Java, Indonesia.

He was commissioned as Second Lieutenant (Infantry) in 1973. From then on he had 27 years of service in the military, combined with service in governmental institutions. From 1995 to 1996, he served as Commander in United Nations Military Observers and as Indonesia's Chief Military observer in Bosnia and Herze govina.

He had also served as Minister of Mining and Energy, Coordinating Minister for Political, Social and Security Affairs in the governments of President Wahid, and Coordinating Minister for Political, Social and Security Affairs in President Megawati's Cabinet.

In the country's first direct presidential election in 2004, he was elected as the sixth President of the Republic of Indonesia for the 2004-2009 period. In 2009, he was re-elected for the 2009-2014 period.

Dr Susilo is married to Mrs. Hajjah Ani Bambang Yudhoyono on 30 July, 1976 and they have two sons.

Biography of Mrs. Hajjah Ani Bambang Yudhoyono

Mrs. Hajjah Ani Bambang Yudhoyono was born in Jogjakarta on 6 July 1952. In 1998, she graduated in Political Science from Open University in Indonesia. She is married to Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on 30 July, 1976 and they have two sons. She is also taking an active role as Vice President of the Democratic Party. She has formed social organizations to support social programs in education and health care.

Brazilian entrepreneurs invited to invest in Myanmar special economic zones

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham poses for documentary photo together with Myanmar honorary consul Mr Ricardo Cateb Cury to Brazil.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Myanmar honorary consul Mr Ricardo Cateb Cury to Brazil at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 10 am today.

They exchanged views on potentials to make investments of entrepreneurs from Brazil in Myanmar special economic zones, export of Myanmar agricultural produce to Brazil, make investment of Brazil in garment and shoe industries that can create job opportunities and further enhancement of cooperation between universities of Myanmar and Brazil.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, Dr Pwint Hsan, U Than Tun Aung and Dr Daw Khin San Yi and departmental heads.

MNA

Rakhine committee meets to speed up resettlement before monsoon

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—A group of Union ministers, deputy ministers and officials met local authorities in Rakhine State on 19-21 April to ramp up stability and development tasks before monsoon.

Union Ministers Lt-Gen Wai Lwin and U Tin Naing Thein led the coordination meeting of central committee for stability and development in Rakhine State at Rakhine State Government Office in Sittway on 19 April.

The central committee and seven work committees have been formed to ensure stability and development in Rakhine State.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Wai Lwin said the group's tour was aimed at coordinating works by respective ministries since the Rakhine State Government found it difficult to cope with the heavy workload.

Short-term and long-term plans for victims in relief camps were to be drawn ahead of monsoon, Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein discussed, calling for cooperation among the Union ministries, the state government, UN agencies and INGOs.

State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin said 1475 eight-room quarters are needed to accommodate the victims temporarily. The construction of necessary

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EU to lift Myanmar sanctions in 'new chapter' in ties

LUXEMBOURG, 22 April—The European Union plans to lift the last of its trade, economic and individual sanctions against Myanmar on Monday as it embarks on "a new chapter" with the once pariah state.

"The EU is willing to open a new chapter in its relations with Myanmar/ Burma, building a lasting partnership," said the draft of an EU foreign ministers' statement obtained by AFP.

A year after first suspending sanctions against Myanmar in reward for its historic reforms, EU foreign ministers meeting in Luxembourg will announce a definitive end to restrictive measures but leave in place an arms embargo.—*MNA*

Dy Construction Minister inspects Yangon-Pyay, Minhla-Monyo Roads

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected road works along Yangon-Pyay Road and Minhla-Monyo Road yesterday.

He visited construction sites of Thabyu Bridge and Zarmayi Bridge where he viewed construction of approach road and retaining wall, paving gravel and earthworks.

MNA

Significant day temperatures (22-4-2013)

Chauk	44°C
Aunglan	44°C

LOCAL NEWS

Maha Pathana Treatise Recitation at Lawkananda Pagoda in Sittway

SITTWAY, 22 April— Under the guidance of Rakhine State Government and the Commander of Western Command, and under the supervision of Regional Control Command (Sittway), Lawkananda Pagoda Board of Trustees organized the Maha Pathana Treatise Recitation from 17 to 21 April at the cave of the pagoda in Sittway.

The opening ceremony of the recitation took place at the cave of Lawkananda Pagoda on 17 April.

It was attended by Rakhine State Ovadaçariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Sittway Dekkhinayama Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Çanda and members of the Sangha, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and wife, state ministers and wives, the commander of Regional Control Command and wife, members of the pagoda board of trustees and guests.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa.

Dekkhinayama Sayadaw administered the Eight Precepts. Members of the Sangha started recitation of Maha Pathana Treatise.

"We aimed recitation of the treatise for ensuring all the people be free from danger and blessed with well-being. Members of the Sangha started recitation of Maha Pathana Treatise non-stop day and night. Anybody may donate meals, fruits, refreshment to members of the Sangha," said Secretary of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Maung Thein Khaing.—*Myanma Alinn*

CDMA-800 mobile phone applicants on increase

YESAGYO, 22 April— Local people in Yesagyo of Pakokku District have been informed through various ways and means that CDMA-800 MHz SIM cards will be sold for K 1500 per card as of 24 April, and that applications are to be submitted to Township General Administration Department from 18 to 21 April.

A total of 600 CDMA-800 MHz SIM cards will be allotted to Yesagyo Township this month. Therefore, winners will be chosen before all the applicants through draw lot system to have the opportunity to purchase SIM cards. Thus, office of the General Administration Department is packed with applicants as of 7 am on 18 April.—*Myanma Alinn*

Marketable soya bean cultivated in Pakokku region

PAKOKKU, 22 April— Soya bean that is marketable in the international arena is being cultivated in Yaw region and Pakokku region.

Although soya bean is grown in Pakokku in July and August, and PyinOoLwin and Shan State plant it in May and June.

A total of 60 per cent of soya bean is cultivated in Shan State and the remaining per cent in Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady regions, Kachin State and Pontaung Ponnya area of Yaw region.

About 1000 tons of soya bean is exported by water way and over 7000 tons through border trade camps.

On 12 April, soya bean is sold at K 17300 per basket at Pakokku Brokerage Market. In January 2011, soya bean was sold at K 13000 per basket, said a brokerage owner.

Myanma Alinn

Sales of solid mica increase income of people

PAKOKKU, 22 April— The railroad crossing Tantkyi mountain range contributes to economic development of dry region.

"Solid mica appeared in construction of the railroad. The solid mica are to be used as fertilizer by grinding it," said a local people from Ayadaw Village in Seikkhawa Village-tract.

The local people in Seikkhawa, Ayadaw, Ywatha and Yenangyat villages are earning income from oil exploration, cultivation of crops on alluvial lands and excavation of solid mica.

They can excavate 15 viss of mica a day and it can be sold at one viss per K 100 at the village and K 150 at urban area.

"The farmers who grow onion buy mica for fertilizer. Especially, the farmers from Cheik, Dawthar, East Kanbyu, Gawunlaydaing and Shadu villages along Yaw creek buy the mica," said a local people.—*Myanma Alinn*

Drive with care

Villagers suffer from food poison of muntjac meal

LANGKHO, 22 April— Deputy Commissioner U Htoo Lwin of Langkho District of Shan State (South) together with the station commander, the township administrator, members of District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations and Women's Affairs Organizations and township level departmental officials on 18 April comforted members of the Sangha and villagers who were under treatment at Langkho Township People's Hospital and donated K 200,000 to them.

The villagers bought muntjac brought by Sai Laung, 30 from Mapyinwan Village of Maaunlaung Village-tract in Langkho Township at 5 pm on 15 April. As of 6 pm, they suffered from food poison. On 16 April, those villagers were rushed to Langkho Township Hospital.

Sai Laung sold 35 pieces of muntjac per K 1000 each to villagers. The villagers ate muntjac of Sai Laung in the past severally but they did not suffer from any complaint, said Me Htauk Huam of Mapyinwam Village at the hospital.

Some people from Wanin Village next to Mapyinwam Village bought the meat of muntjac. They cooked the meat and offered meals to members of the Sangha from Maaunlaung Monastery. So, 16 members of the Sangha and novices also suffered from food poison.

The meal of muntjac was fresh. They have experience in eating meal of muntjac. It was not mixed any vegetables in the meal. They all surprised the event of food poison. Due to suffering from vomiting and defecation, they received medical treatment at the hospital, said local people and members of the Sangha.

At present, they have any significant symptoms of complaints. Assistant Surgeon Dr Sai Hkay Ywat and health staff provide health care services to the patients.

The number of people who suffered from food poison were 19 male villagers, 13 female villagers and 16 members of the Sangha, totalling 48.

Myanma Alinn

Strong winds hit villages in Magway Region

YENANGYOUNG, 22 April—Strong winds destroyed monastery and No.35 Basic Education Primary School in Thahtaygon ward of Yenanggyoung in Magway Region on 16 April evening, causing a loss of K 2.4 million. Likewise, similar strong winds hit two houses in Twingon, causing a loss of K 700,000.

On the same day, BEMS (branch) in Chauk Township of Magway Region was destroyed by strong winds, causing a loss of K 250,000.

Likewise, strong winds hit villages of Salin in Magway Region and, causing damages to huts.

There was no causality and no cut to transportation in the disaster.

The victims are sheltered by their close relatives.

Myanma Alinn

WORLD

*Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (L) meets with US Secretary of State John Kerry in Istanbul, Turkey, on 21 April, 2013. Kerry is wrapping up a 24-hour visit to Istanbul with talks aimed at improving ties between Turkey and Israel and pushing ahead with Mideast peace efforts.—*XINHUA

Kerry meets Abbas to push ahead Mideast peace

ISTANBUL, 22 April — US Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday met with the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas here in Istanbul to push ahead Middle East peace efforts.

Kerry arrived in Istanbul on Saturday for a meeting of core members of the "Friends of Syria" and announced a series of US non-lethal aid to the Syrian opposition during the meeting.

Leaving Conrad Hotel where the close-door meeting was held, Abbas made no comments on the talks with the US top diplomat, who is working on a plan to boost the Palestinian economy as part of efforts to restore trust between the Palestinians and Israel.

Abbas is on his visit to Turkey for talks with top Turkish officials, including Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan after the latter's announcement about his intention to visit the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip next month has sparked wide concerns.

Xinhua

Hagel arrives in Israel, says US ally maintains right to strike Iran

JERUSALEM, 22 April —US Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel arrived in Israel early Sunday for talks expected to feature Iran's nuclear programme, the Syrian civil war and a major arms deal to ensure Israel's military edge. This is Hagel's first visit to the country since entering his post in February, and the first leg of a week-long regional tour that includes Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Speaking to reporters on his flight to Tel Aviv, Hagel underscored Washington's view that Israel maintains the right to defend itself as it sees fit, and that military force to halt Iran's nuclear programme remains a feasible option. "Israel will make the decision that it must make to protect itself... In dealing with Iran, every option must be on the table," Hagel said, echoing recent remarks by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that Israel does not need permission to exercise its right to self-defence.

Stressing that while the United States and Israel see eye to eye on the need to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran, Hagel acknowledged that the two allies may differ on when and if Teheran will ultimately decide to assemble a nuclear bomb. Apart from Iran and Syria, Hagel's visit is expected to see the conclusion of an arms deal meant to dramatically bolster Israel's long-range strike capabilities.As part of the deal, which Hagel will discuss with Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon on Monday, the United States is offering to sell Israel Boeing's *KC-135* refueling tankers, specialized anti-radar missiles, advanced radars for use on fighter jets and, and V-22 Osprey troop and cargo planes that take off and land vertically and have an extended range.

US Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel

Xinhua

Egyptian justice minister resigns

Egypt's Justice Minister Ahmed Mekky

CAIRO, 22 April — Egypt's Justice Minister Ahmed Mekky has resigned in protest at what he sees as "an assault" on the judiciary by the Islamist-led authorities, the Justice Ministry spokesman said on Sunday. Mekky submitted his resignation to President Mohamed Mursi on Saturday, said the spokesman, Ahmed Salam. It followed a protest on Friday by Mursi's Islamist backers demanding the "purification" of the judiciary.

A bill has been submitted to parliament which critics say would give the government too much control over the make-up of the judiciary. Mekky, who was appointed in August, had been quoted in local media as saying he would resign if the law was passed.

The Islamist-dominated upper house of parliament has yet to vote on the legislation. Mursi said on Saturday he planned to reshuffle the cabinet.

Mekky was widely regarded as a supporter of judicial independence during the rule of former President Hosni Mubarak, but his critics had accused him of siding with the new Islamist-led authorities.

Thousands of Islamist supporters of Mursi rallied on Friday, calling for an independent judiciary by passing the new legislation and removing corrupt members of legal institutions.

Reuters

102 cultural relics sites damaged

BEIJING, 22 April — A total of 102 cultural relics protection units had been damaged after Saturday's 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Lushan in southwest China's Sichuan Province, according to the State Administration of Cultural Heritage. Among these units were 24 sites at national level and 61 at provincial level. The quake had also damaged another 12 museums, where 274 cultural relics items were affected, according to the administration as of 2 pm on Sunday.

The administration said it will continue to verify the situations of local cultural relics with the cooperation of Sichuan's provincial cultural heritage department, and sent special personnel to conduct field survey once conditions permit. As of 8 pm Sunday, a total of 1,339 aftershocks had been monitored in the epicentre of Lushan County. Four of them were measured within a range of 5.0 to 5.9 magnitude. So far, a total of 186 people have been confirmed dead in the quake.

As of 4 pm Sunday, health workers with Sichuan's local health departments had treated 8,761 people injured in the quake, with 1,397 hospitalized, according to the National Health and Family Planning Commission. According to the commission, a total of 1,125 medical workers have been dispatched to the quake-hit region, and the treatments of the wounded has been conducted mainly in seven neighboring cities including Ya'an and Chengdu.—*Xinhua*

Aerial photo taken on 21 April , 2013 shows damaged buildings in quake-hit Baoxing County of Ya'an City, in southwest China's Sichuan Province. XINHUA

Condolences continue to flow in after Chinese earthquake

BEIJING, 22 April — More foreign leaders have sent condolences to Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang as the country races against time to deal with the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in China's southwest Sichuan Province. A joint message from Vietnam's Communist Party leader Nguyen Phu Trong, President Truong Tan Sang, Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung and Parliament leader Nguyen Sinh Hung said they believed, under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese government, residents in the quake-hit region would surmount the challenges and soon resume a normal life.

In a joint message, Lao President Choummaly Saysone and Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong said they believed the Chinese people would once again demonstrate their traditional virtues, such as industriousness and bravery, in the face of natural disasters, and rebuild their homes as soon as possible. Cuban President Raul Castro also offered his condolences to the Chinese people, especially those who lost loved ones in the earthquake. South Korean President Park Geun-hye hoped the reconstruction work in the quake-hit areas could be completed early. Pakistan's President Asif Zardari said in his message he believed the Chinese people would tide over the disastrous earthquake with courage and perseverance.

A house is damaged by a strong earthquake in Taiping Town, Lushan County, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 21 April , 2013.—XINHUA

French President Francois Hollande expressed sympathy and support to the Chinese people and offered a salute to rescue workers on the ground. Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev offered condolences to bereaved families and hoped those injured would recover soon. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said he hoped the quake-hit areas would be rebuild soon and offered Japan's assistance if needed.—*Xinhua*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Apple's dimming luster roils suppliers, investors

An employee cleans an advertisement plate at an Apple dealership on the eve of iPhone 5's release, in Wuhan, Hubei province December 13, 2012. —Reuters

Tokyo, 22 April—Apple Inc marketing chief Phil Schiller let slip during last August's courtroom battle with Samsung that when setting forecasts for new iPhones, the inside joke was that people should assume sales would equal all previous versions combined.

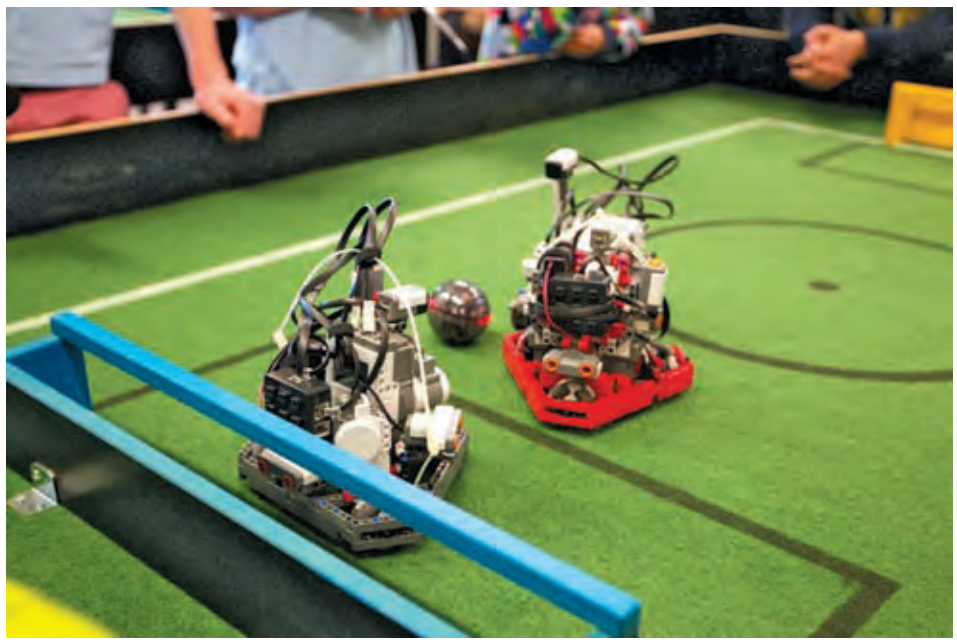
That quip, uttered in front of Samsung Electronics Co Ltd's trial lawyers and the media, no longer rings true as Apple appears to be losing a once vice-like grip on its supply chain and Wall Street. Suppliers and investors are struggling to gauge demand for the iconic smartphone as Samsung and up-and-coming rivals grab market share. Indications of reduced shipments now send shares in Apple and its component-makers into a tailspin. And criticism that innovation has stalled after the death of its legendary co-founder Steve Jobs 18 months ago is hurting sentiment in a stock that closed the week below $400 for the first time since December 2011. Sources at several Asian suppliers, which for years basked in the glow of Apple's success and enjoyed stock gains even on rumors they might be among the select group of companies to sell components to Apple, told *Reuters* this week about ever-moving deadlines and said they were trying to reduce their reliance on the company.

An Apple supply chain source in Japan said those in the industry often jokingly refer to the company as "Poison Apple" because of its hard-to-meet high standards and low price expectations. "Apple can do no wrong' can only work until Apple does wrong," said Roger Kay, president of researcher and consultancy Endpoint Technologies Associates. "It's like the rubber band effect. The more you stretch it, the more snap you get coming back."

Apple reports quarterly results on Tuesday and declined to comment for this story. It has consistently said it focuses on making the best products - its iPhones remain the industry gold standard - and avoids discussing product strategy. CEO Tim Cook stressed on the last quarterly earnings conference call that it's difficult to paint a complete picture of its production process from "a few data points".

Supplier sources in Japan and Taiwan, home to dozens of Apple suppliers, said they initially expected mass-production of the next iPhone to begin in June.

That date may have begun to slip beyond June, the sources said. The phone, widely referred to as the iPhone 5S, is expected to include new features such as a fingerprint sensor.—*Reuters*



Players control their robots to play football at the Dutch national robot cup in Delft, the Netherlands, on 20 April, 2013. —Xinhua

HTC Desire L launched with 4.3-inch display, 1GHz dual-core processor

New Delhi, 22 April—HTC has launched another mid-range smartphone in the form of HTC Desire L. Measuring 128 x 66.9 x 8.9mm, HTC Desire L features a 4.3-inch Super LCD2 display with 480x800 pixels resolution. The smartphone weighs in at 118 grams. HTC Desire L is powered by 1GHz dual-core processor along with 1GB of RAM. It comes with 4GB of internal storage, which can be expanded through a microSD card.

For now there is no word on which version of Android will be on-board HTC Desire L but we believe it should have at least Android 4.1 (Jelly Bean). Also HTC will be adding its own Sense skin on top.

HTC Desire L comes with an 1800mAh battery. For camera, there is a 5-megapixel autofocus rear camera with BSI sensor and LED flash that is capable of recording videos in 720p.

There is no word on whether this smartphone will be available in other markets apart from Taiwan and what will be the tentative cost of it.

HTC has recently unveiled HTC Desire Q and Desire P. HTC Desire Q sports a 4.0-inch WVGA display and comes with Android 4.0 (Ice Cream Sandwich).

HTC Desire Q is powered by a 1GHz single-core processor alongside 512MB RAM and 4GB internal storage that is expandable by another 32GB via microSD slot.

PTI

Samsung says considers Hynix chips for its mobile products

Shoppers look at Samsung smartphones in a shop in Seoul, on 5 April, 2013. —Reuters

Seoul, 22 April—Samsung Electronics Co(005930.KS) is considering purchasing mobile memory chips from rival SK Hynix Inc(000660.KS) for future products including its new flagship Galaxy S smartphone to be launched this month, JK Shin, head of Samsung's mobile business, said on Thursday.

A supply deal would be a boost to SK Hynix, which relies heavily on Apple Inc (AAPL.O) as a customer for its mobile dynamic random access memory (DRAM) chips. It also points to tightening chip supplies as mobile gadget makers prepare to upgrade their flagship product lines with greater variety and increased memory storage capacity. Prices of mobile DRAM chips have increased steadily since early this year, reflecting a tightening supply outlook.

Samsung, the world's biggest maker of DRAM chips, has largely depended on internal supplies of memory chips for its Galaxy range of smartphones, but the market has expected it may also begin looking to outside chip suppliers to ensure no supply disruptions for key models of its Galaxy S smartphone.

Reuters

EBay recruits users in push against sales tax legislation

San Francisco, 22 April—EBay Inc Chief Executive John Donahoe began emailing millions of users of the company's online marketplace on Sunday in an unprecedented lobbying effort to change looming Federal sales tax legislation.

The e-commerce giant plans to send emails from Donahoe to at least 40 million eBay users, including most sellers on the marketplace. The first messages were sent out on Sunday morning.

In the emails, Donahoe said the legislation, known as the Marketplace Fairness Act, unfairly burdens small online merchants and asked eBay users to send an email message to members of Congress asking for changes.

The legislation, due to be voted on by the Senate in coming days, gives states the power to compel retailers outside their borders to collect online sales tax. Currently, states can only require merchants with a physical presence within their borders to collect.

The legislation includes an exemption for merchants that generate less than $1 million in annual out-of-state revenue.

Donahoe argued in the emails that merchants with less than $10 million in annual out-of-state sales, or fewer than 50 employees, should be exempt. *Reuters* viewed copies of the emails.

In emails to eBay sellers, Donahoe singled out Amazon.com Inc, eBay's main rival, which supports the current legislation.

"This legislation treats you and big multi-billion dollar online retailers—such as Amazon—exactly the same," Donahoe wrote. "Those fighting for this change refuse to acknowledge that the burden on businesses like yours is far greater than for a big national retailer."

The results of a Google image search on Ebay are shown on a monitor in this photo illustration in Encinitas, California, on 16 April, 2013.—Reuters

Amazon generates more than $10 million in sales every 90 minutes, giving the world's largest Internet retailer more resources than a typical small merchant to collect sales tax in all states, Donahoe argued.

EBay has tapped its users in a major way once before. In 2006, when Meg Whitman was CEO, she emailed users about the issue of net neutrality and the need to keep the Internet open. In that effort, Whitman emailed fewer than 10 million users.—*Reuters*

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Toyota re-styles no-frills models to drive China fightback

SHANGHAI, 22 April— Toyota Motor Corp is giving its Vios and Yaris models a major makeover for China as part of the Japanese group's make-or-break move into the no-frills entry-level segment of the world's biggest autos market. Versions of the Vios and Yaris have done relatively well in the United States, Europe and Japan, "but we have not made sufficient progress with the car in China," Hiroji Onishi, head of Toyota's China operations, told reporters during the Shanghai auto show on Sunday.

"We tried to give (the models) a proper "daqi" stance typical of what Chinese consumers look for, and we improved fuel efficiency," he said, referring to a local phrase that Chinese use for a car's road presence. The revamps are a key plank in Toyota's fightback strategy in a market where its sales were battered last year in the fallout from a row between Beijing and Tokyo over disputed islands in the East China Sea.

Onishi said it could take Toyota at least a year to win back business lost to that damaging territorial dispute, leveraging the new no-frills models.

The re-designs, with the new sedan version replacing the existing Vios and a hatchback replacing today's Yaris, are a recognition by Toyota that it misread the Chinese market even before last year's dispute that halved the company's sales in September. The Japanese firm will keep the existing model names for the new cars that should be in showrooms by the end of the year.

The new cars are critical to Toyota's China strategy as they are planned as high-volume models to regain momentum in the market and restore branding after the Yaris fizzled — partly through a perceived lack of 'daqi' and because it was priced too high.

Reuters

People look at Toyota cars during the 15th Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition in Shanghai on 21 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Independent Scotland would face currency problem

LONDON, 22 April— Chancellor George Osborne said on Sunday it would not be straightforward for an independent Scotland to keep the pound as its currency, as proposed by those campaigning for the country to break away from the United Kingdom next year.

The nation of five million will hold an independence referendum on 18 September, 2014, at the instigation of the Scottish National Party (SNP), which runs the country's devolved government.

Pro-independence campaigners say Scotland would keep the pound, at least in the early years of independence, and could later hold a sovereign debate on whether to switch to its own currency.

But Osborne and his deputy Danny Alexander, who is Scottish, said in a joint article that monetary union would not work as well in "a disunited kingdom".

"The pound we share now works and it works well. Under independence all the alternatives are second best. So our question to the nationalists — are you really saying second best is good enough for Scotland?" the two men wrote.

As things stand, opinion polls suggest about 30 percent of Scottish voters favour independence while 50 percent would stick with the status quo, but those who want Scotland to remain part of the United Kingdom are not taking victory for granted. The central government in London will publish on Tuesday a detailed analysis of the implications on currency of Scottish independence.

Reuters

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, holds up his budget case for the cameras as he stands outside number 11 Downing Street, before delivering his budget to the House of Commons, in central London in this 20 March, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

A doctor gives a free oral health checkup to a woman during a free health camp in Bhaktapur, on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Nepal, on 20 April, 2013. The Grand Health Camp was organized by Society of Journalist and Arniko Society for the low income people.
XINHUA

Audi will push top-end cars in effort to catch BMW

SHANGHAI, 22 April— Audi (VOWG_p.DE) will speed up launches of high-performance cars such as the 107,900-euro ($141,100) RS6 Avant estate to boost profit as the German brand tries to narrow the gap with luxury-market leader BMW (BMWG.DE).

Audi, which lags BMW and German rival Mercedes (DAIGn.DE) in pricing power, will start selling top-of-the-range RS models two years after the base model's launch, sales chief Luca de Meo told *Reuters* at the Shanghai auto show.

Volkswagen-owned Audi previously took about four years to bring RS vehicles to market.

RS models, which have all-wheel drive and bigger engines, sell for higher prices and help increase the appeal of the brand's vehicle range. The 560-horsepower RS6 Avant, due to hit showrooms this summer, costs about three times the 177-horsepower base model's price. "There is very much potential around the world for sporty and dynamic cars," de Meo said in an interview on Saturday.

Audi, which accounted for almost half of VW group's 11.5 billion euros in profit last year, will roll out a record four RS models in 2013 — the RS6 Avant, RS5 convertible, RS Q3 SUV and the RS7 Sportback— as last year's record 1.4 million deliveries have boosted the brand's core customer base, de Meo said.Accelerating the rollout of RS models will also help Audi to improve the cars' resale values, de Meo, said.Higher resale values help carmakers offer smaller monthly lease payments as the cost depends on the projected resale value when the contract ends.

Reuters

People look at Audi cars during the 15th Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition in Shanghai on 21 April, 2013. —REUTERS

Bank of England's cheap credit scheme to be extended

The Bank of England is seen behind holly bushes in the City of London on 15 March, 2013. —REUTERS

LONDON, 22 April—A scheme to get more credit flowing in Britain's stagnant economy will be expanded to include specialist lenders and will run for a year longer than planned, the *Sunday Telegraph* newspaper reported.

The Bank and the Treasury have been working on plans to extend the 80-billion-pound Funding for Lending (FLS) scheme, and the newspaper said an announcement could come as early as this week.

Chancellor George Osborne is under pressure to do more to foster growth after Britain lost its AAA credit rating — the top grade — from two agencies and the International Monetary Fund said the government should consider slowing the pace of its deficit-cutting programme.

The *Financial Times* reported on Sunday that Treasury officials hoped the introduction of a second stage of the FLS scheme might give the IMF reason not to criticize economic policy when it carries out an annual review next month.

Osborne said on Friday the government and the central bank would announce "fairly shortly" changes to the scheme, which provides banks and other lenders with cheap financing if they keep or raise lending to households and businesses.

The FLS was launched last year but so far it has not resulted in much more borrowing by small and medium-sized companies.

The *Telegraph* said the FLS, originally due to end in January next year, would be extended by a year to 2015. The newspaper said the scope of the scheme would be expanded to include specialist institutions such as asset-based lenders, invoice finance houses and leasing firms in an attempt to ease the credit crunch still felt by small firms.

A Treasury spokesman declined to comment on plans to change the FLS beyond what Osborne had said on Friday. Asset finance allows businesses to borrow against invoices and machinery. Since coming to power in May 2010, the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition has introduced austerity measures to try and reduce a record peacetime deficit, but persistently weak growth has frustrated the government's economic plans.—*Reuters*

WORLD

Participants hold a Press conference after a meeting of trade ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Surabaya, Indonesia, on 21 April, 2013.
KYODO NEWS

US promises effort to enable Japan to join TPP talks in July

SURABAYA, (Indonesia), 22 April—Japanese trade minister Toshimitsu Motegi said on Sunday the United States pledged to do its best to enable Japan to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks from July, a day after all 11 TPP members gave their backing for Japan's participation. During his meeting with Acting US Trade Representative Demetrios Marantis, Motegi said he urged the US administration to give Congress 90-days' notice of its intention to start TPP talks with Japan, as per US domestic requirements.

"I was told that they would like to notify the Congress as soon as possible, and they would make their utmost efforts so that Japan can join the July round of talks," Motegi told reporters following the bilateral meeting. The 11 Pacific-Rim countries involved in the negotiations are planning to hold a round in Malaysia in late July and agreed on Saturday to swiftly undertake domestic procedures to allow the world's third largest economy to take part in the talks, which do not include China.

Noting that Japan has now become a country that will join the talks, instead of a country merely asking to participate, Motegi said he expects more access to details of the closed negotiations. The need for US congressional notice means Japan will miss the next round of talks in Peru in May. "We can now grasp the overall picture," he said. As Japan seeks to join the TPP talks to boost its exports and turn around its economy, it has been accelerating its involvement in bilateral and other smaller free trade negotiations.

Kyodo News

Russia's Usmanov knocks steel boss Mittal off top of rich list

LONDON, 22 April—Russian businessman Alisher Usmanov has knocked Lakshmi Mittal off the top of this year's Sunday Times Rich List with a jump in his fortune to 13.3 billion pounds ($20.3 billion) after a tough year for the Indian steel magnate. In a list of wealth in Britain whose top spots are dominated by Russian and Indian billionaires, Mittal drops to fourth after eight years at number one as his fortune tumbled 2.7 billion pounds to 10 billion.

Uzbek-born Usmanov, who is Russia's richest man and has a major shareholding in British Premier League football club Arsenal, saw his wealth rise by 985 million pounds over the past year, according to the annual survey by the British newspaper. Ranked second last year, Usmanov owns Sutton Place, the former Surrey home of oil baron J Paul Getty. He made 1.6 billion pounds from sales of Facebook shares after last year's stock market listing, while he has a large holding in Russian mobile phone operator MegaFon and controls iron ore miner Metalloinvest.

Mittal, the chief executive of the world's largest steelmaker ArcelorMittal, has been hit by the fall in the value of its shares from more than 12 euros a year ago to less than 9 euros on Friday. The number of billionaires has risen to a record 88, in spite of tough economic conditions for many in the UK, from 77 last year. The collective wealth of the richest 1,000 people is up 35 billion pounds to 450 billion pounds.The biggest riser in wealth terms is Len Blavatnik, who is ranked second after a 3.42 billion pound jump in his fortune, thanks to a rise in his shareholdings, took his wealth to 11 billion pounds.

Russia's richest man Alisher Usmanov attends the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos on 23 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

The Odessa-born businessman, who emerged as a tycoon after the Russian privatizations of the 1990s, owns Warner Music and a house in London's plush Kensington Palace Gardens — known as 'billionaires' row' — and has been a major donor to Oxford University. The highest-placed UK-born person is the Duke of Westminster, whose swathes of land in London's upmarket Mayfair and Belgravia rank him eighth with 7.8 billion pounds. *The Sunday Times* also reported that Michael Ashcroft, the former treasurer of Britain's Conservative party, will next month pledge to give at least half of his 1.2 billion pound fortune to charity. To be included in the list people must have either a British passport or a strong link to the UK such as being based there or spending a significant amount of time there, a *Sunday Times* spokesman said.

Reuters

A runner dressed up as a donkey takes part in the London Marathon in Greenwich, London, capital of Britain, on 21 April , 2013.—XINHUA

Israel to handle synthetic drugs sales

JERUSALEM, 22 April—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Sunday that he will create a task force to handle the phenomenon of synthetic drug sales to teenagers across Israeli cities. "The issue of the distribution of drugs to children and young adults in special stores was brought to my attention," the prime minister said during the weekly cabinet meeting.

"I have, therefore, decided to form a special task force to handle the legal, health and other related aspects of the phenomenon," Netanyahu added. "We will clean up our streets from drugs destined for children," Netanyahu concluded. The various synthetic marijuana products have been sold in special stores as "incense" for the past two year, mainly in stores across Tel Aviv. The substance is a mixture of leaves sprayed on with synthetic marijuana, acting similarly to the illegal drug but, according to reports, with stronger influences. Most of the consumers are teenagers between 14 to 17. Many users have reported strong side effects and several have been hospitalized. The Tel Aviv police raided some stores on Saturday evening following the broadcast.

Xinhua

A Palestinian takes part in the Palestinian Marathon and passes part of the Israeli separation barrier in the West Bank city of Bethlehem, on 21 April , 2013.— XINHUA

Iran plans to build cement factory in Iraq

TEHERAN, 22 April—Iran will establish a cement factory in Iraq with annual production capacity of 2 million tons, *Teheran Times* daily reported on Sunday.

The factory will be established using Iranian expertise and technology, said the report, adding that the factory's products will be exported under Iranian brand names.

About 245 million US dollars will be invested in the project and the factory will come on stream in two years, said the daily without mentioning the starting time of the plant's construction.

In January, Iran-Iraq Joint Chamber of Commerce Secretary General Jahanbakhsh Sanjabi said that Iraq was Iran's main partner in non-oil trade exchanges.

The value of annual trade between the two countries reached some 10.7 billion US dollars in the previous Iranian calendar year (March 2011-March 2012), Sanjabi added. The Islamic republic is currently working in the Iraq's energy sectors, including electricity, oil and natural gas projects, as well as major economic activities, such as road construction.

In December 2012, Iran's Deputy Oil Minister Javad Oaji said that Iran and Iraq were set to finalize a deal on natural gas exports from the Islamic republic to Iraq in the near future. "Once the contract between the two countries was finalized, Iran would export 20 million to 25 million cubic metres of gas per day to Iraq in the scheduled time frame," Oaji was quoted as saying by Press TV.

Iran was expected to begin exporting natural gas to Iraq in 2013, said Oaji, who is also the managing director of the National Iranian Gas Company.

Xinhua

WORLD

Photo taken on 17 March, 2013 shows the wind turbines at Palm Springs in California State, the United States. The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) released its annual report on 11 April, saying that the US has become the world's largest wind energy market. — Xinhua

US drone strike kills two militants in Yemen

Sanaa, 22 April — A US drone strike killed at least two al-Qaeda suspects in Yemen's central Province of Marib on Sunday, an interior ministry official said.

"Two unidentified men were killed when a drone strike hit a gathering of militants in a house in a remote area outside Wadi Abida in Marib Province on Sunday," the official told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

"The militants used to gather in farms under the cover of trees and they heard the sound of the drone hours earlier," the official said, adding "The trees make it difficult for drones to accurately hit targets." "No further details, but part of the house was on fire," he said.

The air strike was the second in less than a week after another US drone killed five militants in the nearby southern province of Dhamar on Wednesday, according to the Yemeni government officials.

Dozens of al-Qaeda members have been killed in such airstrikes since Yemeni President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi took office in February 2012, after a year-long unrest weakened the control of the central government and allowed the militants to take over swaths of territory in the south.

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Xinhua

Al-Qaeda kills two Yemeni soldiers in revenge attack

Sanaa, 22 April — Al-Qaeda militants raided a military checkpoint in Yemen's central Province of Marib on Sunday, killing two soldiers and injuring seven others in an apparent retaliation to a US drone strike earlier in the day, a government security report said.

"Five al-Qaeda gunmen on board a car carried out a surprise attack on a military checkpoint of the 3rd Infantry Brigade in a road close to the earlier drone strike site, killing two soldiers and wounding seven others," said the report issued by the interior ministry.

The attack took place in the afternoon in an apparent revenge to the earlier drone strike. The 3rd Infantry Brigade sent reinforcement one hour later and fired heavily toward farms in the edge of Wadi Abida area, where the militants are believed to hide in," it said.

Earlier in the day, a US drone strike killed at least two militants and injured several others in a raid on a house of the suspected militants outside Wadi Abida in central Marib, some 170 km northeast of the capital Sanaa.The air strike was the second in less than a week after another US drone attack killed five militants in the nearby southern Province of Dhamar on Wednesday, according to the Yemeni government officials.

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A child receives polio vaccination drops on the first day of a vaccination campaign in Nangarhar Province, eastern Afghanistan, on 21 April, 2013. A three-day nationwide anti-polio campaign started in Afghanistan on Sunday. The war-hit country is one of the four countries in the world which is still suffering serious polio disease. — Xinhua

Two injured in US marijuana party shooting

Los Angeles, 22 April — Two people were shot injured on Saturday afternoon in a massive rally of marijuana smokers in Denver, Colorado, police said. The injured man and woman were expected to survive, said Denver Police spokesman Sonny Jackson.

Police were searching for two suspects who may have fired the shots, and asked party attendees for photo or video of the shootings.

The Saturday rally which drew some 80,000 people was to celebrate on 20 April, a reference to 420, a code term referring to marijuana use together.

Witnesses said the rally was peaceful until shots were heard and everybody started to run in panic. Colorado and Washington voted to make marijuana legal for recreational use last year. But the two states are waiting for a federal response to the legalization.

Xinhua

A young man walks past electoral posters in Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, on 20 April , 2013. Around 3.5 million Paraguayans will vote in the presidential election on 21 April.— Xinhua

Three civilians killed in E Afghan suicide bombing

Sharan, (Afghanistan), 22 April—Three Afghan civilians were killed and seven others were wounded on Sunday when a suicide bombing took place in the country's eastern Province of Paktika, a provincial official said. "The bombing took place in the main bazaar in Jani Khil District at around 11:30 am (local time) on Sunday," spokesman for provincial government, Mukhlis Afghan, told *Xinhua*.

The injured included five civilians and two Afghan National Police members, Afghan added. The obvious target of the bombing was not clear at this span of time. However, Hasanullah Hayat, former administrative chief of the district, was among the killed, the official said. No group has claimed the responsibility for the attack in the province 155 km south of capital Kabul.

In a separate development, six Taleban insurgents were killed overnight when an Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) that they were placing in a road went off prematurely in Kharwar district in eastern Logar Province 60 km south of Kabul, a senior police official in the province told *Xinhua* earlier Sunday.

Xinhua

Palestinians hold first marathon in West Bank

Bethlehem, 22 April — About 1,000 Palestinian and foreign runners participated o Sunday in the first West Bank marathon that highlights Israeli restrictions in the Palestinian territories.

The race starting point was in front of the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus. The athletes will run four times around the holy city and in several points the race track goes along the concrete barrier Israel has been building in the West Bank since 2002.

The organizers say that "Rights to Movement" marathon is an attempt to demonstrate the sufferings caused by the barrier and the Israeli checkpoints in the West Bank. Jebrel Al-Rajoob of the Palestinian Olympic Committee said that the participation of runners from 30 countries and regions "proves that the Palestinian people enjoy global solidarity." "This is a message to the Israelis to stop imposing facts on the ground unilaterally and that the Palestinian people have their right in an independent state," Al-Rajoob told *Xinhua*.

Before starting to run, the competitors made a minute of silence to remember the victims of Boston marathon attacks. Meanwhile, Al-Rajoob slammed Israel for banning 26 athletes in the Gaza Strip from traveling to the West Bank to join the race. "This is an evidence of the Israeli hatred toward sport and humanity." The participants came from Europe and the United States. The organizers also say that Israel prevented Arab runners from Libya and the United Arab Emirates from entering the West Bank.— *Xinhua*

HSK test held in Afghanistan for 1st time

Kabul, 22 April — Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi, known as HSK or a proficiency test on Chinese language for non-native speakers, held its maiden test in Afghanistan, attracting 40 participants across the war-hit country. Starting from Saturday, the test was separated into two days, respectively 5th level and 3rd level on each day, attracting 11 and 29 participants on each test.

The majority of the test participants are from the Confucius Institute of Kabul University, six of them are females. The examinees were tested listening comprehension, reading comprehension and composition within 85 minutes. A 3rd level candidate told *Xinhua* on the condition of anonymity that he is willing to enhance his Chinese proficiency through HSK test and would love to pursue further study in China after that.

According to Zhao Jingwu, the Chinese chief of Confucius Institute, the candidates of HSK 3rd level with a satisfactory score may earn the chance to study in China for one year, while the 5th level candidates may win scholarship to study their master degrees on Chinese language teaching in Chinese universities.

Re-opened in April 2013, Confucius Institute is cooperating with Chinese Department of Kabul University on instructing Chinese language. Around 100 students across Afghanistan are working on their bachelor degrees under the assistance from one Chinese teacher and two local instructors.— *Xinhua*

The New Light of Myanmar

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 23 April, 2013

Promote livelihoods of forest-dependent rural people

Forests are vital for our well-being. They cover nearly a third of Myanmar and provide an invaluable variety of social, economic and environmental benefits. Forests are also central to combating climate change since they store more carbon than is in the atmosphere. Three-fourths of freshwater comes from forested catchment areas.

Forests can stabilize slopes, prevent landslides and protect coastal communities against tsunamis and storms. The vast majority of rural people in the country use wood for fuel, and many of whom depend on forests for sustenance and income. Consequently, there occurred deforestation and land-use changes which account for 17 per cent of human-generated carbon dioxide emissions.

Forests are often at the frontlines of competing demands. Urbanization and the consumption needs of the growing populations are linked to deforestation for large-scale agriculture and the extraction of valuable timber, oil and minerals.

As weather patterns alter due to climate changes, many forested areas are increasingly vulnerable. This underlines the urgency of a global, inclusive, legally binding climate change agreement that will address greenhouse gas emissions and encourage the protection and sustainable management of forests.

At a time when concrete steps are being taken for the emergence of a modern, developed nation through sweeping reforms, all are to commit to reducing deforestation, preventing forest degradation and promoting the livelihoods of forest-dependent rural people.

NATIONAL

Environmental and social impacts to be considered in development plans

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Environmental and social impacts will be put into consideration in drafting comprehensive develop-ment plans, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw said in meeting with officials in Mandalay Region on 20-21 April.

He said the plans should pay attention to sustainable development and Millenium Development Goals. The economic growth is not the only criterion, he added.

He said the plans might envisage emerging economic opportunities, employment opportunities, migrant workers, investment inflows and infrastructures.

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw meets planning officers in Mandalay Region.—MNA

The minister heard reports on regional development tasks by officials during his two-day tour to Mandalay Region.

MNA

Union Education Minister attends meeting of textbooks printing and publishing subcommittee

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye attends meeting of the textbooks printing and publishing subcommittee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye called for utilizing of woodfree papers for high quality of textbooks, printing them with the use of Art Card four colours, and meeting the set standard in printing at reasonable prices at the meeting of the textbooks printing and publishing subcommittee at the ministry, here, this morning.

The Union minister held a meeting with Vice Principal Overseas Operation Mr. John Edward Broman of Mey Sen Academy School of Japan and party at 10 am today. They concentrated on undertakings and followed-up plans for uplifting English proficiency of basic education students.—*MNA*

Rakhine committee meets to speed up resettlement…

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quarters by UNHCR will start in Pauktaw, Myebon and Kyaukbyu Townships in later April, he added.

Secretary of the central committee Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win said the resettlement is an urgent issue and the cooperation among responsible departments would ensure progress ahead of monsoon.

Members of work committees participated in discussion. The meeting came to an end with the review by Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein and the concluding remarks by Union Minister Lt-Gen Wai Lwin.—*MNA*

Printing and Publishing Law (draft) clarified in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—A ceremony to clarify matters related to Printing and Publishing Law (draft) was held at U Ottama Hall in Sittway of Rakhine State on 20 April. It was attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htwe, state ministers, the state advocate-general and legal experts, Amyotha Hluttaw and State Hluttaw representatives, staff, publishers and media men.

Ceremony to clarify matters related to Printing and Publishing Law (draft) in progress.

MNA

Deputy Minister U Pike Htwe made an opening speech and clarified plans of media reforms, programmes for broadcasting Pyidaungsu, Hluttaw, Farmer and Reader Channels and formation of translation team. Then, Director U Aung Kyaw Oo of Copyright and Registration Division of the ministry made clarification on draft law in detail with the use of power point. The deputy minister and the director responded to queries raised by those present.

MNA

Union Culture Minister visits Pakhangyi Archaeological Museum

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—On his arrival at Pakhangyi Archaeological Museum in Pakhangyi ancient town in Yezagyo Township of Magway Region on 20 April morning, Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu called on officials to take necessary measures to have modernized and attractive display in exhibiting items and to make museum and its environs tidy as it is a tourist attraction.

Next, the Union minister inspected conservation of the moat of the ancient town, Pakhangyi old town wooden monastery and wooden monasteries in Pakhannge.

MNA

Ancient Buddha image unearthed in Ponnagyun

PONNAGYUN, 22 April—An ancient Buddha Image's parts of head and body were unearthed separately in the compound of U Tha Tun Maung beside Yangon-Sittway Road in Alesu Ward in Ponnagyun of Rakhine State on 18 April.

At 12 noon, the head of the image was excavated and body and hands and legs unearthed at 5 pm. It was estimated that the Buddha image would be five feet and seven inches high, and it is the works of MraukU period, said some researchers.

Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department will conduct the survey on parts of the image in detail.

"The place where the Buddha image was excavated might be site for ancient religious edifices. Although some of people know that the Buddha image was kept there, but no one excavated and paid homage to the Buddha image in the past. Now, the image was unearthed while he dug the soil for construction of the building," said Myoma Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Ashin Pandita (Ganthavaçaka Pandita).

The parts of image are being kept in the precinct of the monastery for public obeisance.

Myanma Alinn

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, misappropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Tanintharyi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Tanintharyi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).

MNA

Workshop on development of women's life held in Muse

MUSE, 22 April—With the aim of enhancing capabilities of women from Shan State (North) and development of their lives, Social Welfare Department (Lashio) and Care Myanmar jointly organized the workshop on development of women's life at the town hall in Muse on 5 April morning.

The workshop was aimed at developing life of women with the assistance of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization at district and township levels of Muse District, and international and internal social organizations.

At first, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Zaw gave an introductory speech at the workshop.

Additional Staff Officer Daw Wah Wah Myint of Social Welfare Department (Lashio) discussed national level strategic plan for development of women.

Gender Adviser to Care Myanmar Daw Nan Phyu Phyu Lin explained effective utilization of entire women's resources in reform process of the nation and realization of national level strategic plan for development of women.—*Myanma Alinn*

Cattle seized in Waingmaw before smuggling

WAINGMAW, 22 April—Policemen led by IP Aung Mya Than of District Police Special Anti-Crime Squad, together with SIP Myo Win Naing and party of Waingmaw Police Station and witnesses, acting on tip-off, searched the bamboo grove near the farmlands, four miles to northwest of Wuyan Village in Waingmaw Township of Myitkyina District on 12 April afternoon.

They seized 83 oxen and three buffaloes hidden in the bamboo grove and arrested owner of cattle U Yi Tar. Waingmaw Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against U Yi Tar, 59, from Ward 4 of Waingmaw under the law.—*Myanma Alinn*

Patron of Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thet Htay and part and chairpersons of regiuon, district and township WAOs release fingerlings into Mingala Lake of Bronze Buddha Image in Bahan Township on 17 April.

MYANMA ALINN

Respects paid to older persons of above 75 years old in Myitnge

MYITNGE, 22 April—On Myanmar New Year Day, the Carriage and Wagon Shed (Myitnge) of Myanma Railways in Myitnge of Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region held the 20th respect paying ceremony at Zetawun Dhammayon in Myitnge.

General Manager of the shed U Tin Maung Than greeted the older persons. Next, officials donated K 10,000, towel, soap, medicines and snacks to each older person of above 75 years old.

Later, an older person gave words of advice to the attendees.

Myanma Alinn

Adipati White bus line resumes its route in Yangon

YANGON, 22 April—Adipati White bus line resumed its runs in Yangon City on 17 April apart from Adipati Blue, Red and Yellow bus lines, said passengers.

Body colour of the bus is purple and bus number plates with "Sa" alphabet. So these buses are so difference from other bus lines.

Moreover, seats of the bus are comfortable for passengers.

Thanks to new bus line, passengers from IMT, Chaungwa and new Thiri Mingala Market have easy access to Thamaing Junction, Kyaikwaing, Yebawhaung, 8th-Mile Junction and Kaba Aye.

Passengers said that new bus lines created better transportation for the people, and expected extension of more buses that would be imported from China for new bus lines for public convenience.

The bus line does not pass Bayintnaung Junction but Parami, Baho and Thamaing Junction as the detour of Thamaing Railway Station Road for construction of section 4 at Bayaintnaung Overpass.

Therefore, those living in Bayaintnaung Junction miss the chance to take the bus line.

Myanma Alinn

Heroin seized in Kutkai Township

MUSE, 22 April—SIP Nyein Chan Aung and party of Kutkai Mobile Squad searched Li Kyar Wai, 29, near the bridge of Namhu Village in Kutkai Township of Muse District in Shan State (North) at 10 am on 8 April.

The policemen seized 0.6 gram of suspected heroin from two glass bottles hidden in the pocket.

Kutkai Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Li Kyar Wai under Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Myanma Alinn

Cash donated to damaged houses in strong winds

KYONDOE, 22 April—As strong winds and lightning hit Kyondoe of Kawkareik Township in Kayin Styate at 4.20 pm on 13 April, six houses in Kyondoe and two houses in Kanni Village were destroyed.

On 16 April morning, Kawkareik District Deputy Commissioner U Tint Wai Thon, on behalf of the Kayin State government, together with deputy head of department U Min Thu and staff, ward administrators of Kyondoe and townselders presented K 50000 and five litres of edible oil to each victim family.

Moreover, Islam townselders also donated K 20000 each to households.

Myanma Alinn

WORLD

Peacekeeper shot dead in Sudan's Darfur region

KHARTOUM, 22 April — An international peacekeeper was shot dead by unknown gunmen in an eastern part of Sudan's Darfur region, the joint African Union-United Nations peacekeeping mission (UNAMID) said. The killing brings the total number of peacekeepers killed in Darfur since 2007 to 44, a UNAMID spokesman said.

War broke out in Darfur in 2003 when rebels took up arms against the central government, accusing Khartoum of neglecting the remote region and marginalizing its ethnic minorities. Despite the presence of the world's largest peacekeeping mission, fighting between Sudan's army and rebels has continued since then, alongside banditry and tribal clashes.

UNAMID said one of its peacekeepers was shot dead in the early morning on Friday near Muhajeria in East Darfur state. Two other peacekeepers were wounded, it said in a statement. It did not give the nationalities of the victims. UNAMID said it was investigating the incident in coordination with the Sudanese government. In December, an international peacekeeper killed three other peacekeepers before killing himself in Darfur.

Reuters

The central city of Netanya on the Mediterranean coast is seen during a flight as part of an aerial show for Israel's Independence Day, marking the 65th anniversary of the creation of the state, on 16 April , 2013.—REUTERS

Colorado avalanche kills five snowboarders

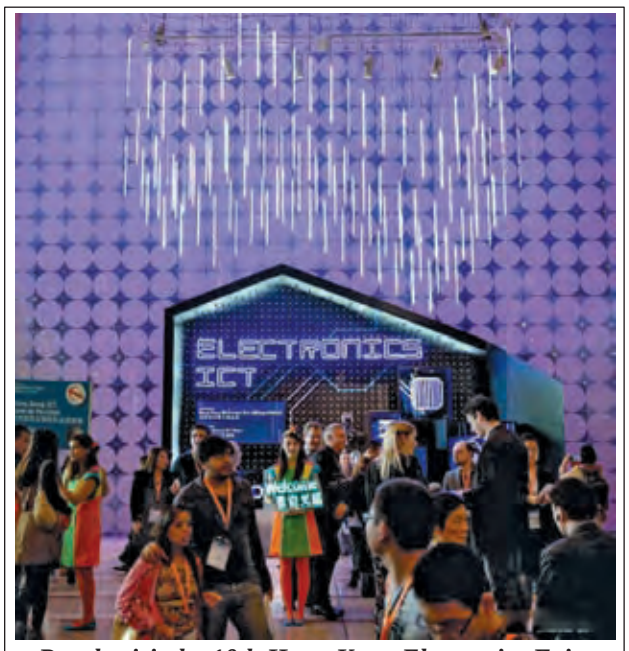
DENVER, 22 April — Five backcountry snowboarders were killed and one survived an avalanche on Saturday at Colorado's Loveland Pass, a sheriff's department said.

Clear Creek County Sheriff Don Krueger told *Reuters* that the snowboarders apparently triggered the avalanche at the 11,990-foot (3,651-metre) pass about 75 miles west of Denver.

The avalanche occurred at about 1 pm just above the Loveland Ski Area, he said. The bodies are being recovered. The deaths bring to 10 the number of slide-related fatalities in Colorado during the current ski season.

A snowboarder was killed by a human-triggered avalanche on Thursday at Vail, about 100 miles west of Denver, in an area known as "Avalanche Bowl." The Colorado Avalanche Information Centre this week listed the slide danger as "considerable" in the Vail area due to recent heavy snowfalls and shifting winds.

Reuters



People visit the 10th Hong Kong Electronics Fair (Spring Edition) in south China's Hong Kong, on 13 April , 2013. The four-day fair, which kicked off on Saturday, attracted 3,250 enterprises from 24 countries and regions.—XINHUA

US teenager accused of seeking to join al-Qaeda-linked Syrian group

LOS ANGELES, 22 April —An 18-year-old Chicago-area man accused of planning to join an al-Qaeda-linked group fighting in Syria has been arrested by the *FBI*, the agency said on Saturday. Abdella Ahmad Tounisi of Aurora, Illinois, was taken into custody late on Friday as he prepared to board a plane at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport bound for Turkey, the FBI said in a statement. It added that Tounisi was a friend of Adel Daoud, an American accused of trying to stage a bombing outside a downtown Chicago bar last year. The agency said Tounisi had not been involved in that plot.

Tounisiappeared before a US magistrate on Saturday on one count of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. He was ordered held until his next court appearance on Tuesday, the FBI said. A criminal complaint accused Tounisi of making online contact in March with a person he thought was a recruiter for Jabhat al-Nusrah, the militant Islamist Syrian group that the US government calls a foreign terrorist organization operating as a wing of al-Qaeda in Iraq. The supposed recruiter was an FBI employee working undercover, the agency said. Tounisi said in emails to the FBI employee that he planned to get to Syria via Turkey and was willing to die in the Syrian struggle, the complaint said. Syria is in the grips of a civil war that began in 2011 as a revolt against President Bashar al-Assad and has killed more than 70,000 people. On 10 April, Tounisi bought an airline ticket for a flight from Chicago to Istanbul. On Thursday, the undercover FBI employee gave him a bus ticket for travel from Istanbul to Gaziantep, Turkey, near the border with Syria, the complaint said.—*Reuters*

US special envoy, Pakistan army chief discuss Afghan reconciliation

ISLAMABAD, 22 April — Senior US diplomats and defence officials met Pakistan army chief, General Ashfaq Pervez Kayani, in the garrison city of Rawalpindi and discussed matters of mutual interest with particular focus on Afghanistan reconciliation process, the military said on Sunday. The army statement said that both sides discussed "matters of mutual interest" but did not give any more details about the talks.

The US delegation comprised Ambassador David Pearce, Acting Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Dagulas Lute, Special Assistant to the President on Afghanistan and Pakistan Peter Lavoy, Principal Assistant Secretary of Defence for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs and Ambassador Richard Olson. The visit comes at a time when relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan are tense over the cross-border tension. Two top US generals also visited Pakistan this month and discussed mainly about Afghanistan.

Sources said that the talks are also aimed at removing differences between Pakistan and Afghanistan and finding ways to work for the peace and reconciliation process in Afghanistan.

The US State Department said ahead of the visit that in Islamabad, Pearce will hold meetings with senior Pakistan officials to discuss ways in which the United States and Pakistan can continue to work together to advance "our bilateral goals and affirm how both our countries can contribute to a secure, stable, and prosperous future for the region."

Xinhua

People visit the 32nd Annual National Motorcycle show at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto on 14 April , 2013. As the longest running spring motorcycle event in Toronto, the two-day event attracted hundreds of new and modified motorcycles to celebrate the coming of the motorcycle season.—XINHUA

Samaranch Memorial opens in China

TIANJIN, 22 April — A memorial complex dedicated to late International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch opened in Tianjin, China, on Sunday to commemorate his huge legacy.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by several IOC members, including current President Jacques Rogge and Executive Board member Juan Antonio Samaranch Junior, son of the former President who died exactly three years ago on 21 April, 2010, at the age of 89.

Also in attendance was IOC Executive Board member Wu Ching-Kuo of Chinese Taipei, a world-renowned architecture expert who conceived and founded the Samaranch Memorial.

The 144,000 square-metre Memorial features the vast majority of Samaranch's lifelong Olympic collection that he donated to Wu shortly before his death. There are more than 16,000 items in the collection but currently only a 1,000 are on display with the exhibits due to be rotated. "It was very important for the Memorial to open today, exactly three years on from the death of my great friend and mentor Juan Antonio Samaranch," said Wu. During his 21-year term as IOC President Samaranch took the IOC from near bankruptcy when he began in office to huge financial prosperity by the time he stepped down in 2001, largely through securing major television and sponsorships deals.

Xinhua

Haryana FDA seizes intoxicants worth Rs 15 lakh

CHANDIGARH, 22 April —Medical intoxicants worth Rs 15 lakh was seized during a joint raid by a team of Haryana Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and state police officials from Fatehabad bus stand near here, police said today.

Acting on a tip off, a team of senior drug control officers from Hisar along with the police officials raided a bus near Fatehabad bus stand and recovered the intoxicants kept in the luggage on the roof of the vehicle.—*PTI*

Woman arrested for forcing two children into begging

SALEM, (TN), 22 April — A 40-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly abducting two children of a nomad couple and forcing them into begging, police said.

A 12-year-old girl and her three-year old brother of the nomad family from Andhra Pradesh presently living here were reported missing from 17 April and based on a complaint from their mother, a case was registered by police. — *PTI*

A large number of people attend a mega dinner in the state of selangor, Malaysia, on 20 April, 2013. About 60,000 Chinese residents joined a mega dinner held by local Chinese community here on Saturday together with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, making a new record of the biggest dinner in Malaysia. —XINHUA

S Korea's destroyed 610-year-old gate to reopen in May

SEOUL, 22 April — The restoration of Seoul's 610-year- old Sungnyemun Gate, which was destroyed by fire five years ago, will be completed on 30 April, local media reported on Sunday.

South Korea's top national treasure, the Sungnyemun Gate was the southern gate of the walls that surrounded Seoul during the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910). Construction of the gate began in 1395 and completed in 1398 during the reign of King Taejo, who founded the Joseon Dynasty.

It is the oldest wooden structure in Seoul and was named the country's No1 National Treasure in 1962. However, it was deliberately burned down in an arson attack in February 2008.

The South Korean government started restoring the Sungnyemun Gate two years ago. The rebuilding project was scheduled to be completed by December 2012, but was delayed due to bad weather. It is reported that the government will hold a ceremony to celebrate the completion of the gate's restoration on 4 May. *Xinhua*

Philippine gov't condemns attack against mayoralty candidate

MANILA, 22 April — The Philippine government on Sunday condemned the ambush allegedly perpetrated by suspected leftist rebels against a mayoralty candidate in southern region resulting to the death of two civilians. Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte, in an interview over a state-run radio station, said that authorities are now pursuing the suspects who attacked the convoy of Mayor Ruthie Guingona of Gingoog City in Misamis Oriental Province.

"We are condemning the attack against Mayor Guingona...whatever is the reason, this kind of violent act should not be done against any official or candidate for the upcoming May elections," she said. Valte said that the government also extends its condolences to the families of Guingona's two supporters who were killed in the incident.

Guingona and a police escort were hurt in the attack allegedly perpetrated by the members of the New People's Army (NPA), which occurred at 11 p.m. Saturday at Binakakalan Village, Gingoog City.

The NPA, an armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been waging war against the government for over four decades. —*Xinhua*

Toyota eyes manufacturing Lexus luxury sedans in China

SHANGHAI, 22 April — Toyota Motor Corp is considering manufacturing Lexus luxury sedans in China, the world's largest automotive market, a Toyota executive said on Sunday.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the Shanghai international motor show, senior managing officer Hiroji Onishi, however, stopped short of saying when Toyota will start building Lexus cars in China. He said it "will take time" before production begins.

"China is the second biggest customer of Lexus cars after North America," said Onishi, who is the company's Beijing-based chief executive officer for the China region. Onishi said Toyota first needs to increase sales of Lexus cars in China and establish a system that would allow the company to procure high-quality parts without disruption.

Once production starts, Toyota is expected to start manufacturing the medium-sized sedan ES. Currently, Toyota manufactures Lexus cars in Japan and Canada. The automaker said on Friday it will start building Lexus cars in the United States in 2015.— *Kyodo News*

***People take part in a parade in Phra Pradaeng, Thailand, on 21 April, 2013. The Phra Pradaeng Songkran Festival falls on 19-21 April this year.* XINHUA**

Singapore welcomes Japan to join TPP talks

SINGAPORE, 22 April — Singapore government on Sunday expressed its warm welcome for Japan to join the negotiations over Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), an ambitious but controversial free trade agreement with stringent standards that go much beyond just trade and investment.

"We are confident that Japan will be a valuable partner in the development of a high quality agreement to spur economic growth across the Asia-Pacific region," Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement. "With Japan's inclusion, the TPP's membership has expanded to 12 countries representing nearly 40 percent of the global economy and one-third of world trade," it added.

Singapore has consistently and strongly expressed support for Japan's early participation in the TPP talks, it said. Japan will join Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States, Vietnam, Canada and Mexico in the talks over TPP. Singapore said the TPP is envisioned as an inclusive agreement that will lead to an eventual free trade area of the Asia-Pacific.

Critics say the negotiations are being carried out in secret and include investor-state clauses that will allow large multi- national corporations to hinder sovereign governments from passing laws or regulatory changes, such as tobacco controls to protect public health or environmental controls on mining. The current TPP agreement between Brunei, Chile, Singapore and New Zealand came into force in 2006, but the United States, Australia, Peru, Vietnam, Malaysia, Canada and Mexico have joined the negotiations to expand the agreement.— *Xinhua*

Two toddlers killed as fire destroys over 100 houses in Philippines

MANILA, 22 April — Two children were killed in separate fire incidents that razed residential areas in urban cities in the Philippines, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said on Sunday.

Lilzie Joy Buyco, 2, died in a fire incident that occurred in Palanan village, Makati City in Metro Manila before dawn on Sunday. Some 35 houses were burned leaving 50 families homeless, the agency said.

Another fire incident took place in Ermita village in central Philippine city of Cebu and lasted for about four hours until it was declared extinguished at around 2:09 am on Sunday.

Mary Claire Flores, an 11-month-old baby, perished in the incident, which also destroyed some 100 houses. Investigations have been ongoing on the two tragedies to determine their causes, NDRRMC said. *Xinhua*

***An actress dressed as a clown poses for pictures with local kids in Bombay, India, on 20 April, 2013. The local circus group offered performances on the World Circus Day that falls on the third Saturday every April.* XINHUA**

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

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Egypt resumes Luxor balloon flights after deadly crash

CAIRO, 22 April — Egypt resumed Luxor's hot air balloon tours on early Sunday after almost two months of suspension following a deadly balloon crash that killed 19 in February. About six balloon trips started early morning at 6:00 am (0400 GMT), with Luxor Governor Ezzat Saad being among the first passengers. "I am keen to be here today among the balloon passengers and tourists to reassure them about the safety and security of the balloon," Saad told *Xinhua*, contending that February's accident was exceptional. "The balloon companies in Luxor did their utmost to perform their duties and take all necessary measures to achieve the highest degree of safety and security," Saad reiterated. Meanwhile, Ahmed Abboud, chairman of the Egyptian Union for Balloon Companies, said resuming the balloon trips was "urgent" as it represents a basic source of income for all workers of the field.

"We made an agreement with the civil aviation sector to supervise the takeoff and landing operations instead of the supervising Egyptian Airports Company whose workers went on strike after one of their managers had recently been arrested over the balloon crash," said Abboud.Tourists with different nationalities took part in the first flight in two months that lasted for 45 minutes above Luxor's landscape. The balloon tours had been scheduled to resume on 17 April, but it was postponed due to the strike of workers of the Egyptian Airports Company who protested against the detention of their colleague Al-Taher Mahmoud, a supervisor of balloon flights, over February's crash.—*Xinhua*

***The photo taken on 21 April, 2013 shows Governor of Luxor Province Ezzat Saad (C) on a ballon flight in Luxor, Luxor Province, Egypt.* —XINHUA**

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Tom Cruise has great action skills, says Jack Reacher stunt driver

LONDON, 22 April— Tom Cruise is an "anomaly" in Hollywood.

The 50-year-old actor is famous for doing his own stunts in his action movies and stunt driver Joey Box, who worked with Tom on Jack Reacher, says Tom is great to work with because of his action skills.

Speaking at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles, Joey exclusively told BANG Showbiz: "Tom is an anomaly, I've never worked with another actor who has the acumen for stunts that he does. He's done so much and he's trained for so many movies and so many different types of stunt work, fighting, fire, explosions, car chases, motorcycles.

"He has such a good solid foundation of skills that you're not really putting him in that much danger like you would with another actor when you're working out the stunts. He's more like one of the stunt guys.

"Tom is a very safe guy, he knows that he can put himself in these dramatic situations without injuring himself, there is a lot of skill to it.

While Tom is a perfectionist, Joey says the Hollywood veteran is always quick to praise the team around him.

He explained: "He is a taskmaster and there is a certain level that you need to be at to work with him. You have to get it done but he is so appreciative of everyone he works with, he surrounds himself with the best of the best and he knows he couldn't make the movies that he does at this level without them."

PTI

A still from Tom Cruise's movie Jack Reacher

Oscar winner Reese Witherspoon arrested for disorderly conduct

LOS ANGELES, 22 April —Oscar-winning actress Reese Witherspoon was arrested in Atlanta for alleged disorderly conduct after her husband, talent agent James Toth, was stopped by police on suspicion of drunken driving, online Hollywood magazine Variety reported on Sunday.

Witherspoon, 37, was arrested early on Friday after she quarreled with officers who had taken Toth, 42, into custody during a traffic stop of the couple on Peachtree Street, Variety said, citing an Atlanta police report.

Toth, who was behind the wheel, was pulled over when he crossed a double line on the road, Variety said, citing the police report. Appearing disheveled and smelling of alcohol, he then failed a blood-alcohol breath test administered at the scene, according to the report.

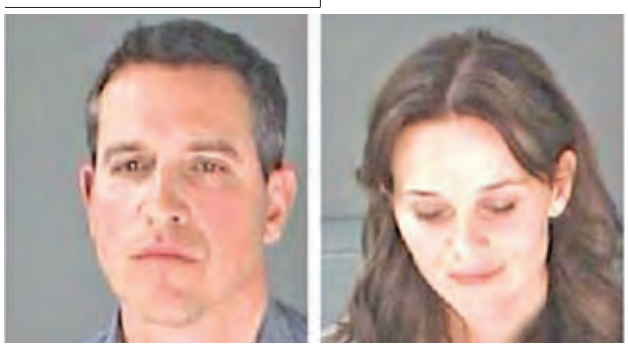
Witherspoon was warned to stay inside the vehicle, but after her husband's arrest, she got out of the automobile and said, "she was a 'US citizen' and that she had the right to 'stand on American ground,'" according to Variety.

Witherspoon herself was then arrested on suspicion of disorderly conduct.

The magazine, citing the arresting police officer's account in the report, said: "Mrs Witherspoon asked, 'Do you know my name?' I answered, 'No, I don't need to know your name.' I then added, 'right now.' Mrs Witherspoon stated, 'You're about to find out who I am.'"

The report cited by Variety further quoted Witherspoon as telling the officer, "You're going to be on national news."

The couple was released from custody at about 3:30 am on Friday, and were scheduled to appear in court on Monday, but sources told Variety that their attorney is expected to request a later date.—*Reuters*



A combination photo shows actress Laura Witherspoon (Reese Witherspoon) and her husband James Toth (L) after their arrest for DUI/Alcohol, Driving in proper lane for Toth and DC SEC 7-Phys Obstruct/another for Witherspoon in Atlanta Department of Corrections handout photo released to Reuters on 21 April, 2013.
REUTERS

Shraddha says she is very comfortable working with Aditya

Shraddha Kapoor: Share a great bond with Aditya Roy Kapur

MUMBAI, 22 April— Shraddha Kapoor gives importance to "good story" and "good role", and says that she treats lovemaking or bold scene like any other sequence.

Seen in Teen Patti and Luv Ka The End, Shraddha's next is romantic musical Aashiqui 2, in which she will be seen romancing Aditya Roy Kapur.

Talking about her preferences, she said: "It depends on the story. It has to excite me. I don't see a scene as an intimate scene. It's just that I want to be a part of a great story and do good roles."

"I don't see a scene as a lovemaking or a bold scene. There has to be something (in the story), which should attract me to a film. I treat all scenes like that," she said during a group interview.

While working on Aashiqui 2, she admits sharing a great bond with Aditya on and off the screen.

"Aditya and I got comfortable with each other and it shows on the screen. People have been calling me and telling me that we have a good chemistry. Off screen, we have become good friends and somewhere that has translated on the screen as well. That is wonderful," said the 24-year-old.

Director Mohit Suri's Aashiqui 2 is her first romantic film. Also, the fact that it is a sequel to 1990 romantic blockbuster Aashiqui made it challenging for Shraddha.

"Mohit is emotionally connected to the film. For us, to understand the depth of the film took a little bit of time and it was a challenge. But Mohit took us down to the level where he was, so we could understand what we were getting into," she said.

The actress also said the director ensured they don't feel the pressure of Aashiqui success. "The first Aashiqui was a blockbuster, so there's pressure. But Mohit made sure we didn't face any pressure. He completely got us involved in the film, so that we don't think about anything else," she said.

Shraddha was barely one-year-old when Rahul Roy and Anu Agarwal starrer had come out. When she saw the film, she was "very small". "I remember listening to the songs while growing up. Sanson ki zaroorat was my favourite," she said.

Aashiqui 2 is releasing on April 26.—*PTI*

Australian rock singer Chrissy Amphlett dies at 53

CANBERRA, 22 April— Rock singer Chrissy Amphlett, who fronted the Australian group the Divinyls best known for the worldwide hit "I Touch Myself", has died in New York at the age of 53 after battling breast cancer and multiple sclerosis.

Her husband and former Divinyls drummer Charley Drayton said Amphlett died in her sleep, surrounded by close friends and family.

"Chrissy's light burns so very brightly," Drayton said in a statement posted on the Australian Recording Industry Association's (ARIA) website.

"Hers was a life of passion and creativity; she always lived it to the fullest. With her force of character and vocal strength she paved the way for strong, sexy, outspoken women."

Amphlett, who founded the Divinyls in 1980 in Sydney, was best known for her performances as a pouting, brash singer in her signature school uniform with fishnet stockings.

The Divinyls recorded five studio albums between 1982 and 1996 when they split up. The 1991 hit "I Touch Myself" the band's biggest hit, climbing the charts in both Britain and the United States as well as Australia.

Last month Amphlett was named as one of Australia's top 10 singers of all time.

"Chrissy expressed hope that her worldwide hit "I Touch Myself" would be utilized to remind all women to perform annual breast examinations," said Drayton. Amphlett also acted on stage and in film, and starred alongside Oscar winner Russell Crowe in the Australian production of the musical "Blood Brothers" in 1988, playing the mother of Crowe's character.—*Reuters*

Australian actress-singer Chrissy Amphlett performs as Judy Garland during a photo call for the musical ''The Boy from Oz'' in Sydney, in this on 2 Aug, 2006 file picture.
REUTERS

SPORTS

Djokovic ends Nadal's Monte Carlo reign

MONTE CARLO, 22 April—Novak Djokovic ended Rafael Nadal's eight-year reign at the Monte Carlo Masters with a clinical 6-2, 7-6 victory in the final on Sunday.

Nadal, the only player to win a tournament eight times in a row, had enjoyed a 46-match winning streak at the claycourt Masters event before world number one Djokovic prevailed to claim his first title in the principality.

The Serbian celebrated his 14th Masters crown and became the first player to defeat Nadal in three different finals on clay, having already beaten him in Madrid and Rome in 2011. Monaco-based Djokovic, who made a late call to participate in the tournament after injuring an ankle while on Davis Cup duty two weeks ago, produced a superb performance to outplay Nadal on the picturesque center court that has been the Spaniard's stage since 2005.

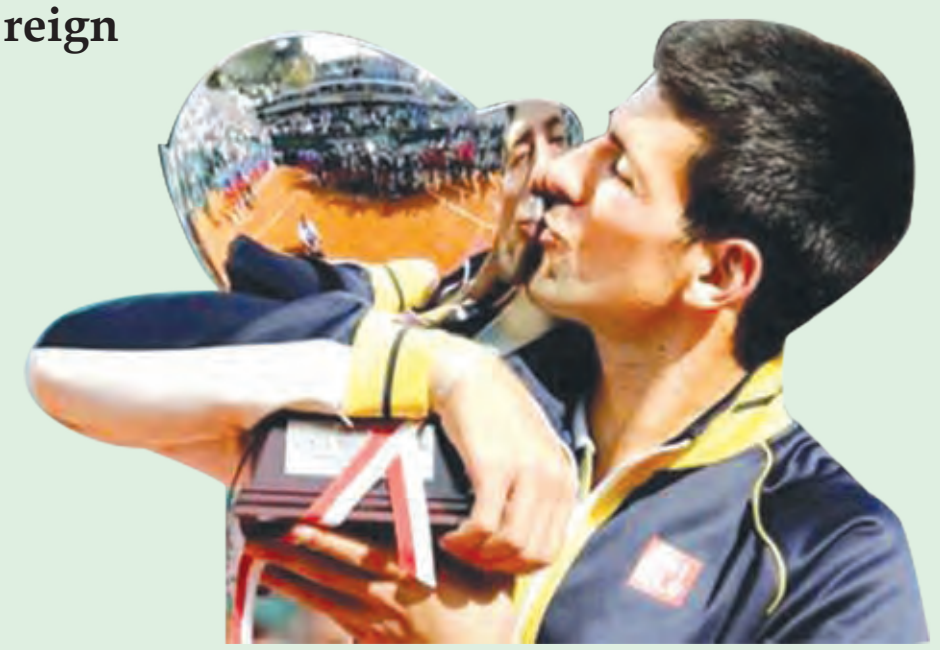
After light rain delayed the start of the final for 45 minutes, Djokovic punished an error-prone Nadal to go 5-0 up in the first set. The match had little in common with last year's Monte Carlo final, when Nadal overwhelmed Djokovic 6-3, 6-1 in the first big claycourt event of the season a month before he secured his seventh French Open crown.

Nadal, who took a month-long break before the tournament after winning three titles following his return from seven months out with a knee injury, saved five set points on his own serve and fought back to 5-2, only to hand his opponent the set with a double fault. A more aggressive Nadal put Djokovic under pressure by taking a 4-2 lead in the second set.

But Djokovic dug in to level at 4-4, and after another exchange of breaks the Serbian ran away with the tie-breaker 7-1.

Reuters

Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball to Novak Djokovic of Serbia during their final match at the Monte Carlo Masters in Monaco on 21 April, 2013. REUTERS



Novak Djokovic of Serbia kisses his trophy after winning the final match of the Monte Carlo Masters in Monaco on 21 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Abidal return gives Barca options in central defence

Barcelona's Eric Abidal (R) fights for the ball against Levante's Robert Acquafresca during their Spanish First division soccer league match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, on 20 April, 2013.—REUTERS

MADRID, 22 April—As well as putting Barcelona a step closer to winning La Liga, Saturday's 1-0 home win over Levante showed that defender Eric Abidal is fit enough to play a full match after making a remarkable recovery from a liver transplant.

The former France international played at centre back alongside Adriano, the first time the 33-year-old has completed 90 minutes in more than a year, and proved he is a viable option to partner Gerard Pique in the middle of defence in Tuesday's Champions League semi-final first leg at Bayern Munich.

Abidal's experience, athleticism and heading ability could be crucial against Bayern's fearsome attacking force, which includes his former France team mate Franck Ribery.

Adriano, who like Abidal normally plays at fullback, was deployed alongside Pique in this month's 1-1 quarter-final second leg draw at home to Paris St Germain and picked up a yellow card, meaning he is suspended for Tuesday's game.

The versatile Brazilian was drafted in following injuries to club captain Carles Puyol and Argentina international Javier Mascherano, who may be back for the return match against Bayern at the Nou Camp on 1 May.

"It's a very happy day for everyone," Barca's assistant coach Jordi Roura, standing in for Tito Vilanova, who is recovering from cancer treatment, told a news conference after the Levante game.—*Reuters*

Title race almost over as City collapse at Spurs

LONDON, 22 April—Manchester City's slim hopes of retaining the Premier League title were all but extinguished as they collapsed to a 3-1 defeat by Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane on Sunday.

Leading 1-0 through Samir Nasri's early goal, City looked as though they would prolong the title race for another week at least but Tottenham produced a stunning burst of three goals in seven minutes to keep alive their hopes of a top-four finish.

With five games left, City are 13 points behind Manchester United, who will seal a 20th English title if they beat relegation-threatened Aston Villa at home on Monday.

Clint Dempsey levelled for Spurs after 75 minutes before substitute Jermain Defoe curled a superb second four minutes later to turn the match on its head.

Gareth Bale's chip in the 82nd minute completed the comeback for the hosts, who moved level on 61 points with fourth-placed Chelsea, who face Liverpool later.

Third-placed Arsenal, who have played a game more than Spurs, have 63 points.

For much of the afternoon City looked comfortable against a Tottenham side whose season has hit the buffers of late, but they were guilty of sitting back after the break and were punished as Tottenham roared back to life.

Both sides needed a victory for differing reasons, although Tottenham's need was perhaps the greater as barring a calamitous United collapse the title already looked beyond Roberto Mancini's City side, who reached the FA Cup final last week.

Tottenham began brightly in the spring sunshine, with Bale, back after an ankle injury, in the thick of the action.

The home crowd were silenced when City took the lead with their first foray forward, however.

Carlos Tevez did well down the right to hold the ball up and, after occupying two Tottenham defenders, he slipped a clever pass for James Milner, whose low cross from the byline was prodded past Hugo Lloris by former Arsenal player Nasri.

Tottenham responded with Kyle Walker, who was lucky to escape serious injury from a rash tackle by Nasri that went unpunished, wasting a chance for Spurs when he was played in by a neat pass from Dempsey.

Nasri was inches away from making it 2-0 to City, who were dangerous on the break, while Lloris also saved his side when he plunged to keep out a Tevez header.

Tottenham enjoyed more of the ball after the break but with former City striker Emmanuel Adebayor almost anonymous in attack, a comeback did not look likely.

Reuters

Tottenham Hotspur's Jermain Defoe (L) shoots and scores past Manchester City's Vincent Kompany during their English Premier League soccer match at White Hart Lane in London on 21 April, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL

Heavy injury cost for Real Madrid after Betis win

MADRID, 22 April — Real Madrid's 3-0 home win against Betis on Saturday night has seen the team pay a heavy price in terms of injuries ahead of their vital Champions League semi-final tie away to Borussia Dortmund this coming Wednesday.

Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho rested some key players such as Gonzalo Higuain and Xabi Alonso for the game along with central defenders Pepe and Sergio Ramos, but will have looked on with frustration when left back Marcelo was carried out of the game after less than 15 minutes.

The Brazilian, who was captain for the game, fell badly when challenging Betis winger Joel Campbell and left the field on a stretcher to be replaced by young central defender Rafael Varene, another player Mourinho had been looking to rest for midweek.

Post-match tests confirmed Marcelo has a torn muscle in his left leg and he will be unavailable for the first leg of the Champions League semi-final and almost certainly for the return leg the following week. It is unfortunate for the defender, who has already missed three months of the season as the result of a broken bone in his foot.

The injury is given extra significance given that Fabio Coentrao, who has been first choice at left back in recent weeks, missed on Saturday's game with muscle problems of his own and Mourinho may be forced to play either Sergio Ramos or B-team captain Nacho Gonzalez, who played on Saturday, against Borussia.

Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho

Meanwhile Luka Modric will also miss the trip to Dortmund after pulling up midway through the second half on Saturday with a hamstring problem.

The Croatian left the pitch and was replaced by Pepe, who provided midfield cover, and must also be considered doubtful for the return leg, which is played on 30 April, leaving Madrid's assistant coach Aitor Karanka, who again spoke instead of Mourinho, to lament the losses.

"Marcelo was in a lot of pain and although we thought it was just a strain for Modric, it now appears as if it is more serious. It is the worst news of the game," he admitted.

Things could have been worse for Madrid as striker Karim Benzema appeared to twist his ankle during the match, while Diego Lopez also struggled with a hip problem.

However, Karanka insisted that neither player was suffering from anything serious and said they would have no problems being fit for Wednesday night.

Elsewhere Rayo Vallecano striker Leo Baptistao has had an operation on the shoulder injury he suffered during his side's 1-1 draw in Mallorca on Friday night and will miss the rest of the season.

The young Brazilian is rumoured to be on his way to Atletico.

Xinhua

Earthquake jolts N Spain, no serious damages

MADRID, 22 April — An 4.2-magnitude earthquake hit the Autonomous Community of Navarra in the north of Spain on Saturday evening but did not cause serious damages, the Spanish National Geographical Institute has confirmed.

The quake, which hit at 05:18 pm local time, is the strongest of many tremors to have hit the region so far this year, and was followed by four aftershocks of lesser strength.

The epicentre was near the town of Uterga, although tremor was felt in all of the towns of the region and also in the Navarran capital of Pamplona. No serious damages have been reported in the area so far.

Navarra has recorded a series of low level seismic activities in recent months. In the two months period between 14 February and 14 April, the National Geographical Institute registered 119 tremors measuring 1.5 degrees on the Richter Scale or above.

Nine people were killed in a stronger quake on 11 May, 2011, when a 5.1-magnitude quake hit the city of Lorca. Another 400 people were injured.

Xinhua

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Priscah Jeptoo crosses the finish line during 2013 London Marathon in London, Britain on 21 April, 2013. Priscah Jeptoo claimed the title of Women Elite Race with 2:20:15.
XINHUA

Sebastian Vettel wins in Bahrain

MANAMA, 22 April — Formula One world champion Sebastian Vettel won the Bahrain Grand Prix for the second year in a row for Red Bull on Sunday to extend his overall lead to 10 points after four races.

The 25-year-old German beat Lotus's Kimi Raikkonen by 9.1 seconds to chalk up his second win of the season and 28th of his career.

In a race without major incident, and untroubled by anti-government protests and civil unrest elsewhere in the tiny Gulf kingdom, France's Romain Grosjean finished third for Lotus to complete the same top three as last year.

Vettel now has 77 points to 67 for Raikkonen, who chalked up his 21st successive scoring finish.

Reuters

Hotelier trapped in Austrian lift for four days

VIENNA, 22 April — The Swedish manager of an Austrian hotel was trapped in a faulty lift for four days before a bread delivery man heard his cries for help on Friday, police said. The 58-year-old was in good physical condition after his ordeal in the spa town of Bad Gastein near Salzburg, police in the mountainous Austrian province said.

"He told police he had done a hunting course with survival training in the Swedish military, which stood him in good stead in this case," a police statement said.

The delivery man, a friend of the hotel manager, alerted the fire brigade after letting himself in with his own key to drop off a pile of mail that had accumulated outside the hotel door.

Reuters

Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany drives during the Bahrain F1 Grand Prix at the Sakhir circuit, south of Manama on 21 April, 2013.
REUTERS

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker leaves for Republic of Korea

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party being seen off at the airport by officials.
MNA

YANGON, 22 April—At the invitation of Speaker of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea Hon Mr Kang Chang-hee, a Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann left here for the Republic of Korea by air at 11.45 pm yesterday.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win and Hluttaw representatives, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw was accompanied by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Peace-Making Committee U Thein Zaw, Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee Dr Khin Shwe, Secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees U Aye Mauk and Dr Nay Lin and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

MNA

Dhammaçariya, Pathamabyan Exams to be convened

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—The Dhammaçariya and Pathamabyan Examinations under the arrangement of the Religious Affairs Department will be convened from 2 May to 14 May all corners of the country simultaneously.

The Dhammaçariya Examination will be held from 2 to 10 May (from 7th Waxing of Tagu (Thursday) to 1st Waning of Kason (Friday), 1375 ME) and Pathamabyan Examination from 8 to 14 May (from 13th Waxing of Tagu (Wednesday) to 5th Waning of Kason (Tuesday), 1375 ME) at respective exam centers. The timetable for these exams have been sent to Region/State/Township Sangha Nayaka Committees, announced the Religious Affairs Department.

MNA

Schedule of hosting Davis Cup cancelled

YANGON, 22 April—A press conference was held at Central Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, on 4 April afternoon.

It was attended by President of Myanmar Tennis Federation U Aung Maw Thein and executives, guests and media persons.

The press conference stated that although Myanmar Tennis Federation of the Ministry of Sports and International Tennis Federation (ITF) plan to host the 2013 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas, Asia/Oceania Zone Group III&IV Tennis Tournament at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on schedule, the permit of hosting the cup was cancelled in line with the directive issued on 13 April 2013 of the Union Sports Minister, and the new schedule of the Tournament will be informed to the MTF.

NLM

Slight earthquake jolts inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.6) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 5 miles north of Haka) about 151 miles northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (02) hrs (05) min (38) sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Farmer Channel to be launched

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing meets officials at mechanized farming (acre 500).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing this morning attended the work coordination meeting on successful launching "Farmer Channel", held at mechanized farming (acre 500) with Ngalaik irrigation system.

During the meeting, the Union minister, the deputy ministers and the directors-general discussed systematic launch and broadcast of the channel, citing farmers-effective programmes to be put on air on the channel.

The Union minister and party then viewed 100-day Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation.

Afterwards, the Union minister and agriculturalists had a close attention to the plantation of various kinds of chemical free fruits.

They inspected agricultural equipment of Alliance Stars Company to be used for mechanized farming in Chaing village of Dekkhinathiri Township.

The Union minister instructed the agriculturalists and broadcasters to conduct rehearsals of the Farmer Channel for smooth launching it by Myanma Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information in the near future.

MNA

Engine failure cancels MA flight at Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 22 April—Brazil-made XY-AGQ Embraer-190 of Myanma Airways on its Kawthoung-Myeik-Dawei-Yangon UB special domestic flight on 19 April caused an engine failure.

As pilots of the airplane carrying 92 passengers prepared to take off Kawthoung Airport at 2 pm, fuel gate meter of the airplane was out of control. Thus, the pilots cancelled the flight schedule as it was inappropriate condition.

The airplane was bought from Brazil in recent month, and it runs for the domestic flights. At present, two Panamanian engineers and two Myanmar engineers are repairing the airplane up to 21 April.

The letter of order was sent to the airplane company concerned for fitting necessary spare parts at the airplane. After installing the spare parts, the airplane will continue its flight schedule. At present, the airplane stopped over at Kawthoung Airport.

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