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NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—Accompanied by delegation members, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, who was in the Republic of Korea at the invitation

of Speaker of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea Mr Kang Chang-hee, paid a call on President of the Republic of Korea Ms. Park Geum Hye at Blue House on

25 April.

The ROK President gave a welcome to Myanmar parliamentary delegation, expressing her belief that the goodwill visit to ROK would be of great benefit to

Myanmar.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker offered his congratulation to the ROK President, daughter of the national leader of the ROK, on her election as first woman

president of the Republic of Korea. He said that he was very glad to have an opportunity to visit the ROK while reform processes were underway in his country. He spoke words of praise that good policies of the leaders of the country, perfect system and active mass participation helped develop the country that have less natural resources than Myanmar.

The ROK President replied that Myanmar's sweeping reform process under the leadership of the President and the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker amazed international community. Development could be brought about by rapid democratization, she added. She said that Myanmar-ROK diplomatic ties had established since 1975. There were a lot of rooms for enhanced bilateral economic cooperation between the ROK and Myanmar. Economic growth and development could be realized through cooperation in investment and economic sectors.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker called for more Korean investments in Myanmar, economic cooperation, technology transfer, boosting trade so as to benefit not only Myanmar and the ROK but also world nations and invited investments. He explained the need of capital and technology in poverty alleviation scheme.

The ROK President vowed to assist in establishment of institutes in Myanmar like Korean Development Institute and to enhance bilateral economic cooperation.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker elaborated works being undertaken for internal peace, the Rule of Law and national reconciliation in the country and invited her to come and visit Myanmar.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann together with Myanmar Ambassador to the ROK U Nyunt Hlaing held talks on matters related to bilateral friendship and cooperation with Korean Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Yun Byung at the latter's office on 22 April.

On 26 April afternoon, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party attended luncheon hosted by Ulsan Mayor Mr Bak Maeng-woo at Lotte Hotel in Ulsan.

During his visit to the ROK, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker visited Busan Port, Hyundai Motors and Incheon International Airport.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party were seen off at Incheon International Airport by the Myanmar Ambassador to the ROK, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Myint Hein and embassy staff, and officials of National Assembly of the ROK.

MNA

MRTV to telecast State Excellence Awards presentation live

YANGON, 28 April—Myanmar Radio and Television broadcasts the Republic of the Union of Myanmar President's State Excellence Awards Presentation Ceremony live at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) at 5 pm on 30 April.

Entertainment programmes at the award dinner will be aired after 8 pm news, according to MRTV.—MNA

HGM Classic Golf Tourney on 25 May

YANGON, 28 April—HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd organizes HGM Classic Golf Tournament 2013 (Yangon) at Royal Mingalardon Golf & Country Club in Mingaladon Township here on 25 May.

The Tournament will be categorized as Division A (H'cap 0-14) and Division B (H'scap 15-24).

The entry fee is K 150,000 and any potential player is to get enlisted at Myanmar Golf Training Course, at the corner of Okkala Street and Airport Road in Mayangon Township (Ph: 09-2037671, 09-73130474, 09-420017835, and 09-49102009), not later than 23 May.—NLM

Hteesekha Waterfall, arts of nature

Nearly 15 miles from Loikaw on Loikaw-Hsihseng-Taunggyi Road near Hteesekha Village, there lies Hteesekhas Waterfall. Well-known waterfall in Kayah State, it is situated downstream the Hteesekha Diversion Weir is the natural carving of Nantanpha Creek which originated in Shan State and emptied itself into Pon Creek, flowing along the border the Shan and Kayah States.

The bed of Nantanpha Creek is complete rock with the water being

clear, clean and cool as the nearby mountain range and forest lend additional beauty to spectacular Nantanpha Creek.

The waterfall dates back to scores of decades but undiscovered until Saigyilon from Hteesekha Village came across there in 2001 summer. Then, the waterfall began to be known as a nice summer camp with visitors and temporary eateries flocking in summer.

Later, stupas, monasteries, and rest houses emerged at the foot of the mountain near

the waterfall, making the place more pleasant. And the place also gets electric power with hydropower from the creek.

It has become popular belief that the water of Nantanpha Creek has medical properties.

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**The beauty of
Hteesekha Waterfall
near Hteesekha Village
in Loikaw of Kayah
State.**



**Byline and Photo:
Kye Myint Naing (Loikaw)**

LOCAL NEWS

Road signs put into place to improve road safety in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 28 April— In order to improve road safety in downtown Mandalay, Mandalay City Development Committee is carrying out drawing road signs and zebra crossing on main roads of downtown Mandalay.

Damage to the road

signs by reckless driving and undisciplined vehicles is frequent. So, durability of road safety signs call for constant maintenance under cooperation of Mandalay City Development Committee and mandararians.

Kyemon

Saplings for perennial crops available in Thandaung Township

THANDAUNG, 28 April— It is learnt that saplings for perennial fruit trees and rubber plants are available at Pyar Sakham village in Thandaung Township.

Saplings are being sold at a reasonable price that ranges from K 200 to K 500 for a sapling. Rubber

and areca nut saplings are plenty and other saplings are available in small number according to customers' demands at the nursery. But orders made in advance for these saplings can be fulfilled.

"Sometimes we have orders for thousands of

saplings from Nay Pyi Taw. As some saplings are sold in small quantity, they are not grown in large number. But we are ready to grow saplings in order to meet customers' demands", says Daw Khin Myine, owner of the nursery.

Kyemon



Dead grenades and rounds of ammunition unearthed in Bago

BAGO, 28 April— While dredging an old well in the residence of U Aye Lwin, 65, on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Ottha Myothit in Bago, two dead grenades covered with rust and 32 rounds of ammunition were unearthed on 23 April.

Likewise, one grenade was unearthed by U Than Zaw, 45, and workers while digging a hole for construction of a new building in the compound of a staff quarter in Yonegyi ward in Bago on 21 April.

As police were in-

formed of the grenade unearthed, they rushed there and made necessary examinations. According to thorough examination, the grenade is not potentially harmful and it cannot be exploded.

Kyemon

Boat sinking claims five lives in NyaungU Township

SINGU, 28 April — A boat capsized and sank in the middle of Ayeyawady River, 100-yard west of Myotkon ward in Singu village in NyaungU Township at about 7 am on 23 April, leaving five passengers dead.

The boat carrying 17 passengers paddled by Chit Ko, 33, of Singu village capsized in the middle of the river while crossing a truncated river of

Ayeyawady River from east back to west bank.

Of 17 passengers on board the boat, five passengers including Ma Mi Zar (a) Zar Zar Tun of Singu village died of drowning in the fatal boat accident. Their dead bodies were taken to Singu Station Hospital. Singu police station filed a lawsuit against Chit Ko who paddled the boat and investigation is ongoing.

Kyemon

A recent spate of car thefts in downtown Yangon

YANGON, 28 April — A car theft occurred in Latha Township, here, at about 9.30 pm on 4 April.

Police was informed of the theft of a white Toyota

Mark II that parked in front of an owner apartment on that day. So Latha police station opened a case and police members are investigating a recent spate of car thefts in downtown Yangon.

Kyemon

Myanmar, Vietnam to play friendly match on 11 June

YANGON, 28 April — In preparation for upcoming XXVII SEA Games, Myanmar selected U-23 football team will play a friendly match against Vietnamese selected U-23 football team in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam on 11 June.

Myanmar football team will leave for Vietnam on 9 June to play a friendly match at the invitation of Vietnamese Football Federation. Arrangements are being made to have a chance for playing another friendly match against a V League club during Myanmar U-23 team's trip to Vietnam.

On 21 May, Myanmar selected U-23 football team coached by Mr. Park Sung-hwa will receive 10-day training in Taunggyi in preparation for friendly matches. During the training session, the team will play a match against Kanbawza FC or Myanmar selected football team or MNL All Star team. On 4 June, the team will play an international friendly match in Yangon.

Kyemon



Unexploded WW II bomb found in Kyaukpyu

KYAUKPYU, 28 April — A bomb weighing 40 viss thought to be dropped from a warplane in War World II was found recently in a farmland near Wutsan village of Ohndaw village-tract in Kyaukpyu Township.

According to information given a villager, officials concerned rushed there and made necessary investigations. The bomb is 27 inches long and 30 inches in girth. The bomb with no marks on it is covered with rust. It is believed to

be left unexploded in the time of WWII.

Further investigation revealed that the unexploded bomb was unearthed while digging stones out of the ground by a backhoe near a farmland of U Tun Tin, 56, of Wutsan village in April 2012 and the farmland owner discarded it in the nearby bush.

The WW II bomb was taken to a safe place after making necessary examination by the inspection team.

Kyemon



WORLD

Russia cooperates with US in Boston bombings probe

MOSCOW, 28 April—The Russian special service has been cooperating with US partners in the investigation of the Boston bombings, President Vladimir Putin said on Saturday.

Interaction of special services between the two sides has been arranged “considering that some people possessing valuable information and the criminals’ relatives are in Russia,” Putin said in

an interview with a local TV channel. Any terrorist attack and murder is a heinous crime, Putin said, adding Russia immediately extended its condolences to the US side following the fatal attack.

The two brothers of Chechen origin detonated two home-made bombs near the finish line of the Boston Marathon last Monday, killing three people and injuring more than 200 others. Tamerlan



President Vladimir Putin.

was killed in a shootout with police, while Dzhokhar was detained last Friday after a massive manhunt that paralyzed the city of Boston.

Xinhua

Bomb damages police station in Libya’s Benghazi, no injuries

BENGHAZI, 28 April—A bomb exploded outside a police station in the restive eastern Libyan city of Benghazi on Saturday causing extensive damage to the building but no injuries.

A spate of bombings and assassinations in Benghazi, cradle of the 2011 uprising that ousted dictator Muammar Gaddafi, has been attributed to Islamic militants. “Around six o’clock this morning, an explosive device placed under one of the windows of the building exploded, causing severe damage,” said station commander

Colonel Matar Mohammed. He said he had no information on who carried out the attack.

Gunmen hit a different police station in Benghazi last week freeing a number of detainees, following a similar attack in the Libyan capital of Tripoli in early April. On Tuesday a bomb at the French embassy in Tripoli injured several people, and, one diplomat said, the Radisson Hotel in the capital was evacuated on Friday after a bomb threat, as the spread of insecurity from the east intensifies.

Reuters



Policemen search for clues inside an office after a bomb explosion at a police station in Benghazi, on 27 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Israel proposes four-way summit on resuming talks with Palestinians

RAMALLAH, 28 April—A senior Palestinian official said on Saturday that Israel has proposed holding a four-way summit to sponsor the resumption of the stalled Mideast peace talks with the Palestinians.

US Secretary of State John Kerry had briefed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas during their meeting in Turkey last week on details of the proposal, in which US President Barack Obama, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Jordan King Abdullah

II along with Abbas will participate, the official told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. Abbas informed Kerry that he welcomes the idea but before joining any summit, Israel has to implement its commitments, he added.

The Palestinians demanded Israel to halt settlement building in the Palestinian territories and east Jerusalem, recognize the principle of the two-state solution and release prisoners in Israeli jails, who were detained before 1993. The Israeli proposal

was made almost one month after Kerry’s visit to the region to try to resume the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians which had stopped in October 2010. Meanwhile, Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat declined to make any comment on the proposal, saying “The Palestinian stance is clear that the international efforts to resume the peace talks are welcomed but need an Israeli commitment to halt settlement and recognize the borders of the Palestinian state.”—*Xinhua*

Abbas begins talks to form national government

RAMALLAH, 28 April—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas began discussions on Saturday to form a national government, the official *Wafa* news agency reported. The government would be formed in accordance with deals brokered between Abbas’ Fatah party and Hamas in Doha and Cairo in the past couple of years, Abbas said in a statement.

The government is supposed to rule the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and to prepare for

holding general elections, including polls within the bodies of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), he said, calling on all Palestinian factions to cooperate with the formation of the government. Abbas also said the government would be a technocratic interim body comprising independent figures.

Salah Al-Bardawil, a spokesperson for Hamas, however, said the Islamic movement is unaware of Abbas’ efforts to form the government. Al-Bardawil



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas

said Hamas would welcome the move only if the national reconciliation was achieved as “one package” that settles all outstanding issues. The Gaza Strip has been controlled by Hamas since it routed pro-Abbas forces in 2007.—*Xinhua*

Four arrested as Bangladesh building toll rises to 352

DHAKA, 28 April—Two factory bosses and two engineers were detained in Bangladesh on Saturday, three days after the collapse of a building where low-cost garments were made for Western brands killed at least 352 people. More were being pulled alive from the rubble at the building, where police said as many as 900 people were still missing in Bangladesh’s worst ever industrial accident.

The owner of the eight-storey building that fell like a pack of cards around more than 3,000 mainly young women workers was still on the run. Police said several of his relatives were detained to compel him to hand himself in, and an alert had gone out to airport and border authorities to prevent him from fleeing the country. Officials said Rana Plaza, on the outskirts of the capital, Dhaka, had been built on spongy ground without the correct permits, and the workers were sent in on Wednesday despite warnings the previous day that it was structurally unsafe. Anger at the negligence has sparked



Relatives mourn for missing garment workers in front of the rubble of the collapsed Rana Plaza building, in Savar, 30 km (19 miles) outside Dhaka on 27 April, 2013.—REUTERS

days of protests and clashes, with police on Saturday using tear gas, water cannons and rubber bullets to quell demonstrators who burned cars. Two engineers

involved in building the complex were picked up at their homes early on Saturday, Dhaka district police chief Habibur Rahman said. He said they

were arrested for dismissing a warning not to open the building after a jolt was felt and cracks were noticed on some pillars the previous day.

The owner and managing director of the largest of the five factories in the complex, New Wave Style, surrendered to the country’s garment industry association during the night and they were handed over to police.

They will be kept in remand for an initial 12 days. The factory, which listed many European and North American retailers as its customers, occupied upper floors of the building that officials said had been added illegally.—*Reuters*

Another suspect arrested over ricin letter addressed to Obama

WASHINGTON, 28 April—Another Mississippi man was arrested over ricin-laced letter sent to President Barack Obama and two others, the US authorities confirmed Saturday, four days after a previous suspect was released from custody.

According to a statement released by the Department of Justice, Felicia Adams, US Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Daniel McMullen, an FBI special agent, announced the arrest of James Everett Dutschke in the case of suspicious letters addressed to Obama, Senator Roger Wicker and a

local official in Mississippi. Dutschke, age 41, of Tupelo, Mississippi, has been arrested and charged for “knowingly developing, producing, stockpiling, transferring, acquiring, retaining and possessing a biological agent, toxin and delivery system, for use as a weapon, to wit: ricin.”

If convicted, the charge could carry possible penalties of life imprisonment, a 250,000-dollar fine and 5 years of supervised release. Dutschke is expected to appear in the US District Court in Oxford, Mississippi next Monday, said the statement. Four days ago, US attorneys released and

dropped charges against Paul Kevin Curtis, a suspect who was arrested on 17 April at his resident in Corinth, Mississippi, for the same case of suspicious letters.

The 45-year-old suspect pleaded not guilty and his lawyers suggested he had possibly been framed for using mail to threaten the president. The suspicious letters addressed to Obama and Senator Roger Wicker were intercepted on 16 April at off-site mail facilities for the White House and the Capitol Hill respectively and both tested positive for ricin, a highly toxic substance.—*Xinhua*

One climber missing after avalanche on mountain in Nagano Prefecture

NAGANO, (Japan), 28 April—One person is missing after an avalanche hit a group of climbers on Mt Shirouma in Nagano Prefecture on Saturday, police said. The missing climber is believed to be a woman in her 50s from Gifu Prefec-

ture, they said.

The woman and three others in the group of six climbers were hit by the avalanche at around 10:35 a.m. The three other climbers have been rescued. The leader of the group made an emergency call to the police

around noon.

The police are checking whether other people are missing as they have yet to confirm the safety of eight other climbers in two groups who were near the site of the avalanche.

Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Cisco, IBM and others team up on new technology project

TORONTO, 28 April—Cisco Systems, IBM and Citrix have joined forces with other tech companies in a consortium to kick-start the corporate market for software-defined networking (SDN), aimed at making network management easier and cheaper.

Other members of the development platform called OpenDaylight include Juniper Networks, VMware, Microsoft, Red Hat, Intel and Brocade as well as privately held

Big Switch Networks and Arista Networks.

Each member will contribute technology such as code to the project in an effort to share the costs of basic research and development, and enable products from different vendors to work together, the companies said on Monday. However, vendors will still be able to customize their offerings to differentiate themselves from rivals.

The SDN market is

still considered nascent, but is expected to grow to \$3.7 billion by 2016 from an estimated \$360 million this year, according to research firm IDC.

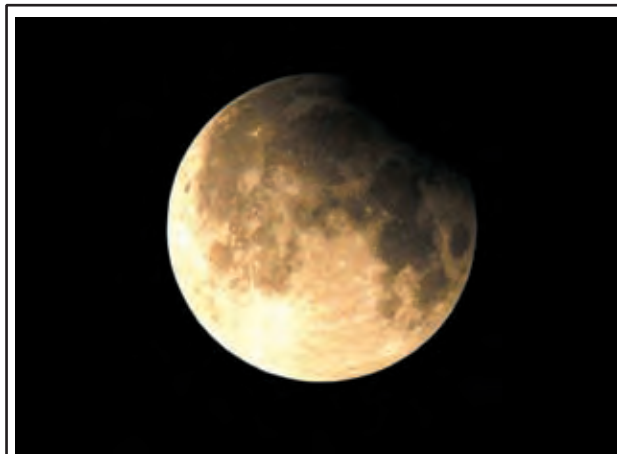
The first code from OpenDaylight is expected to be released in the third quarter of this year.

"It will be interesting to see how it works in practice. There was some skepticism on our part on the networking industry getting together because they never got to-

gether before," said Brad Casemore, a veteran networking analyst at IDC, in Toronto.

SDN products let businesses reduce the amount of networking gear in data centers by replacing much of their function with software that is centralized in one or more servers.

The technology has been in the spotlight ever since VMware bought SDN startup Nicira in August last year for \$1.26 billion.—Reuters



A partial lunar eclipse is seen over the sky of Quezon City, the Philippines, on 26 April, 2013. The earth casts a shadow on the face of the moon and makes the partial lunar eclipse. —XINHUA

Slow transition to mobile gaming hits Zynga shares



The corporate logo of Zynga Inc, the social network game development company, is shown at its headquarters in San Francisco, California on 26 April, 2012.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 28 April—Shares of Zynga Inc fell 10 percent in early trading on Thursday after the online game maker forecast a bigger-than-expected second-quarter loss on concerns about its slow transformation into a gaming company focused on mobiles.

Zynga management on Wednesday pleaded for more time for the turnaround effort, saying that the company's business, although stabilized, may not pick up until the latter half of the year.

Analysts said until the company showed more progress on its mobile strategy, it would have to fall back on its popular "Farmville" game and new games such as "Draw Something 2" to draw in and retain gamers and investors.

"Zynga keeps hinting at meaningful changes to come ... profitably, on mobile, but we will need to see it before we can give them credit for it," Macquarie Equities Research analyst Ben Schachter said. The company now gets 22 percent of its revenue from its mobile platform, up from 12 percent a year earlier, but that share remains mod-

est compared with similarly sized technology companies such as Twitter Inc, which gets more than half of its revenue from mobile users.

"Zynga is unlikely to ever dominate the mobile gaming market in the same way that it has the web-based gaming market for many years," Wedbush Securities analyst Michael Pachter said. The company aims to tap gamers on smartphones as it loses users on PCs but doubts remain over whether this can sustain its revenues and profits.

"Zynga's path toward renewed growth is uncertain and fraught with competitive and internal risks," Piper Jaffray analyst Michael Olson said in a research note to clients. The company has also said it would tap into potentially lucrative new revenue streams, after it revised its once-lucrative business partnership with Facebook Inc. Zynga has in recent months sought to establish a more independent network even at the risk of less visitor traffic from the social media giant and is looking to launch real-money casino games around the world, starting with Britain.

Reuters

Telenet more than doubles mobile customers in first-quarter

MECHELEN, Belgium, 28 April—Belgian cable operator Telenet's increased revenue by 11 percent in the first quarter as it more than doubled its mobile phone subscribers from a year earlier, it said on Thursday.

The group, which offers cable TV, Internet and telephony to customers in the Dutch-speaking north of Belgium, made 405.6 million euros (\$527.1 million) in revenues in the first quarter.

That was broadly in line with 407 million euros expected on average by six banks and brokerages polled by Reuters.

Telenet said it had 625,000 mobile customers at the end of March, up

from 257,800 a year earlier.

However, the number of new mobile phone customers slowed profit growth as Telenet had to spend money subsidizing new handsets for new customers.

Core profit rose 3 per-

cent to 195.6 million euros, missing 203 million euros expected in the poll.

"Mobile and business-to-business services are really a driver for our growth in the foreseeable future," said Chief Executive John Porter, the former head of

Australian pay-TV firm Austar United Communications who took over at the company at the start of the month.

Telenet, in which U.S. cable group Liberty Global has a 58.3 percent stake, confirmed the outlook it had given in February. At that time it said it expected revenue to rise by 10-11 percent this year, supported by its growing share of mobile phone customers and a further increase in the number of customers buying more than one of its services. Capital expenditure rose to 95.8 million euros from 78.6 million euros a year earlier, a higher figure after Telenet extended its premier league soccer broadcasting rights.—Reuters



The shadow of a cameraman is seen beside the Belgian cable operator Telenet logo during a news conference in Brussels.—REUTERS

Slowdown in Apple orders weighs on LG Display's first-quarter profit

SEOUL, 28 April—LG Display Co Ltd reported its smallest profit since it returned to the black in the second quarter of last year, as demand for iPhone and iPad screens from Apple weakened amid concerns the US company is losing

its luster in the mobile device market.

Apple Inc, which analysts say provides about 30 percent of LG Display's revenue, is facing intensifying competition from Samsung and up-and-coming rivals. A disappointing forecast

by a US supplier to Apple last week heightened fears about slowing demand for the iPhone and iPad, pushing shares of Asian suppliers including LG Display sharply lower. LG Display, which vies with Samsung Electronics Co Ltd's panel unit for the top position in LCD flat screens globally, made 151 billion won (\$135 million) in operating profit in its January-March first quarter. That compared with the average forecast of a 147 billion won profit in a Thomson Reuters poll of analysts.

It was the South Korean company's fourth straight quarterly profit after seven straight quarters of losses, as makers of liquid crystal display panels have since curtailed output after about two years of oversupply. The result was also a sharp improvement from a loss

of 211 billion won a year earlier. But it was down 74 percent from the previous quarter, hurt by a seasonal slowdown in demand and by weaker sales to Apple, which is scheduled to report quarterly results on Tuesday.

Sales of tablet and smartphone panels, which are largely bought by Apple, accounted for 27 percent of LG Display's total screen shipments in the first quarter, down from 31 percent in the fourth quarter.

Jay Yoo, an analyst at Korea Investment & Securities, estimated before the results announcement that LG Display's panel shipments for the iPhone 5 and the latest iPad had fallen 42 percent and 66 percent, respectively, from the prior quarter as Apple struggles with slowing sales growth.

Reuters



The LG logo is shown at the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (CTIA) Enterprise & Applications event in San Diego, California on 11 Oct, 2011. —REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Merger of drugmakers Valeant, Actavis on hold

NEW YORK, 28 April—A proposed merger of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc and Actavis Inc was put on hold after the two drugmakers failed to agree on terms of a deal that would have created a healthcare giant with a combined market value of \$35 billion, a person familiar with the situation told *Reuters* on Saturday.

Actavis spokesman David Belian and Valeant spokeswoman Laurie Little both declined to comment.

Canada's Valeant was seeking to buy smaller US rival Actavis for more than \$13 billion before the discussions started to unravel late this week because of disagreements on the proposed terms, the source said. It was not clear on Saturday if the merger could be revived.

Valeant, which has a market capitalization of about \$22.2 billion, said in February it was in talks to

make more acquisitions, and it remains open to discuss a potential "merger of equals," even as it aims to lower its \$10.8 billion debt. The Montreal-based company has aggressively built up its dermatology and aesthetics portfolio in the United States in the past year, acquiring about a dozen assets or smaller companies, most recently winning a short bidding war for Obagi Medical Products.

Actavis, the third-largest global generic drugmaker, is itself the product of a merger. The company changed its name in January from Watson after buying Actavis as part of its strategy to expand in international markets and offer more specialty drugs.

Valeant, which was formerly known as Biovail before it acquired Valeant and assumed its name, is scheduled to report first-quarter results on Thursday.

Reuters



Yoga enthusiasts perform an open air class in front of victory column 'Siegessäule' in Berlin on 1 July, 2008.—REUTERS

China's ZTE Q1 net profits surge 36 pct

BEIJING, 28 April—Chinese telecom giant ZTE Corporation saw its net profits surge 35.87 percent year on year in the first quarter of 2013 as profit margin expanded and expenses dropped, the company said on Friday.

Net profits reached 205 million yuan (33 million US dollars) in the first quarter, bringing the basic earnings per share to 0.06 yuan, ZTE said in a statement.

Business revenues slipped 2.79 percent year on year to 18.09 billion yuan during the period, but the overall gross profit margin improved for the second consecutive quarter and stronger cost controls reduced expenses, said the statement.

Research, sales and management costs fell about 350 million yuan from a year earlier.

However, if such items as investment earnings and non-business revenues were not included in the calculation, statistics showed 615.49 million yuan of losses in the first quarter, compared with 89.16 million yuan of net profits in the same period of last year.

The company said it will continue to improve efficiency in the next quarter, focus on populous markets and cash in on the demand for fourth-generation telecom equipment as well as smartphones and tablets.

Xinhua

Japan's ANA takes its first 787 back into the air since grounding



An All Nippon Airways' (ANA) Boeing Co 787 Dreamliner plane lands after a test flight at Haneda Airport in Tokyo on 28 April, 2013—REUTERS

Reducing salt, increasing potassium can ward off stroke

NEW DELHI, 28 April—Cutting down on salt and at the same time increasing levels of potassium in our diets will save millions of lives every year from heart disease and stroke, according to new research.

Three new studies published in *British Medical Journal* found that increasing potassium intake as well as cutting down on salt will reduce the risk of stroke.

The first study examined the effects of modest salt reduction on blood pressure, hormones, and blood fats (lipids) from 34 trials involving over 3,000 adults. It found a modest reduction in salt for four or more weeks led to significant falls in blood pressure in people with both raised and normal blood pressure. The effect was seen in white and black people and in men and women, thereby reducing strokes, heart attacks, and heart failure across populations.

Similar results were found in a second analysis of 56 studies; of which 37 were high quality studies reporting blood pressure, blood lipids, catecholamine levels or renal function.

It found that reduced salt intake reduces blood pressure and has no adverse effect on blood lipids, hormone levels, or kidney function. Moderate quality evidence in children also showed a reduction in sodium intake reduces blood pressure. Lower sodium intake was also associated with reduced risk of stroke and fatal coronary heart disease in adults. The totality of evidence suggests that reducing sodium intake should be part of public health efforts to reduce blood pressure and cardiovascular diseases, and will likely benefit most individuals, concluded the authors.

PTI

TOKYO, 28 April—All Nippon Airways, the Japanese launch customer for Boeing Co's (BA.N) 787, flew its first Dreamliner in more than three months on Sunday to test reinforced batteries installed by the US aircraft maker.

The ANA flight was the second by an airline since aviation regulators on Friday gave permission for 787 operations to restart

after batteries on two of them overheated in mid January. One was on an ANA plane in Japan and another on a Japan Airlines jet parked at Boston's Logan Airport.

Ethiopian Airlines (ETHAUL) on Saturday became the world's first carrier to resume flying Dreamliner passenger jets since the global fleet was grounded three months ago, carrying passengers to neighbouring Kenya from Ethiopia.

The ANA flight, with company president Shinichiro Ito and Boeing's chief of commercial aircraft, Ray Conner, among those on board, left Tokyo's Haneda Airport at 8:59 am local time. It returned without incident at 10:54 am, a spokesman for the airline said.

ANA plans at least 230 test flights through May before resuming

commercial operations. In addition to the battery fix approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the United States, Japan's Civil Aviation Bureau has requested its airlines monitor the battery current while the jet is in the air and inspect used batteries.

ANA owns 17 of the 50 Dreamliners, which have been grounded since mid January, while local rival JAL has seven of the carbon composite aircraft in its fleet.

JAL will start test flying its Dreamliners early next month with the aim of returning to normal operation in June. Neither Japanese carrier, which on Tuesday will release their earnings results for the three months that ended March 31, have said how much the 787 grounding has cost them in lost revenue.

Reuters

Epilepsy treatment drug use during pregnancy ups baby's autism risk

WASHINGTON, 28 April—The use of valproate, an anticonvulsant drug used to treat epilepsy, during pregnancy has proven to be associated with a significantly increased risk of autism in offspring, according to a study published Wednesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Valproate has previously been linked to increased risk in congenital malformations and delayed cognitive development, but little is known about the risk of other serious neuropsychiatric disorders.

Researchers with the Aarhus University Hospital in Denmark focused their research on 665,615 babies born between 1996 and 2006.

The average age of the children at the end of follow-up was 8.8 years. During the study period, 5,437 children were diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, including 2,067 with childhood autism.

The researchers identified mothers of 2,644 children exposed to antiepileptic drugs during pregnancy, including 508 exposed to valproate. They concluded that valproate

was associated with an absolute risk of 4.42 percent for autism spectrum disorder and 2.50 percent for childhood autism, compared with a total risk of 1.53 percent for autism spectrum disorder and of 0.48 percent for childhood autism.

"For women of childbearing potential who use antiepileptic medications, these findings must be balanced against the treatment benefits for women who require valproate for epilepsy control," the researchers wrote.

Xinhua

Renault hopes to have approval for Chinese plant by summer

PARIS, 28 April—Renault-Nissan (RENA.PA) hopes to receive final approval from Beijing by the summer to build its first Renault plant in China, Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn said on Saturday.

Ghosn had said last month he expected final government approval for the plant by the end of the year.

"Renault already has a plan for China, which is ready, and currently being negotiated with the Chinese government, and I hope we will have all agreements before the summer," Ghosn told French radio Europe 1.

He added that French



Carlos Ghosn, chairman and chief executive officer of French carmaker Renault, speaks with journalists during a meeting to promote the new electric car Renault Zoe in Lisbon on 14 March, 2013.—REUTERS

President Francois Hollande's visit to China this week would help the carmaker over the administrative hurdles.

Reuters

WORLD

Erdogan hails Kurd rebel pullout as end of “dark era” for Turkey

ISTANBUL, 28 April — Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday hailed the planned withdrawal of Kurdish rebel fighters from Turkey as the end of a “dark era” but warned against potential sabotage of a historic peace process.

The Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), which seeks autonomy for Turkey’s Kurdish southeast, on

Thursday ordered its fighters in Turkey to begin withdrawing to its main base in the mountains of northern Iraq under a carefully choreographed peace plan. The withdrawal, due to begin on 8 May, follows months of negotiations between Turkish intelligence officers and Abdullah Ocalan, the PKK’s jailed leader, to try to end hostilities after the bloodiest fighting in a decade

erupted in June 2011. More than 40,000 people, mainly Kurds, have died in the conflict since 1984.

“The door is closing on a dark era. Turkey is changing its ill fortune and is entering a new phase,” Erdogan told a business group in comments broadcast live by state television, his first since the withdrawal was announced. “No one should try to pull this process in a dif-

ferent direction,” he added. “We remain vigilant against sabotage, against provocations, but today we are much more hopeful, determined and optimistic.” Some 2,000 PKK rebels are set to retreat in small groups in a process that will take months and is to be monitored by Turkish intelligence on one side and the Kurdish regional government in Iraq on the other.

Reuters



Turkey’s Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan makes a speech during the Global Alcohol Policy Symposium in Istanbul on 26 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Minamata exhibition to start in Fukuoka



Visitors see pictures of deceased victims of Minamata mercury-poisoning disease during the Minamata Exhibition held in the city of Chiba in 2008.

Kyodo News

TOKYO, 28 April — A Tokyo-based nonprofit organization will open an exhibition on Minamata mercury-poisoning disease in the city of Fukuoka from 15 to 17 May, displaying contaminated sludge from Minamata Bay and samples of damaged brains of deceased sufferers.

Other items on display include around 20 monitors showing video testimony by patients, including

about their efforts to seek redress from Chisso Corp., a chemical maker whose dumping of mercury-laced water into the bay in southwestern Japan came to light over half a century ago. The exhibition also showcases a collection of photographs portraying the history of the unresolved decades-old tragedy.

The organizer, Minamata Forum, has held the exhibition at 22 venues

since 1996, drawing more than 130,000 visitors. Volunteers will attend the latest exhibition to explain the exhibits in English given the international character of Fukuoka, where five consular offices and a UN office are located. Advance reservations for the service are required. Among the volunteers is Maya Honda, a junior at Seinan Gakuin University.

Born in Amakusa, located on the opposite shore from Minamata, both in Kumamoto Prefecture, Honda has been interested in the Minamata disease issue since childhood. “I decided to serve as a volunteer at the Fukuoka exhibition so I could study it again,” said Honda, who is active in the English speaking society at her university. The exhibition follows a recent landmark ruling by the Supreme Court, which for the first time upheld a suit seeking recognition of someone as a Minamata disease patient.

Kyodo News

Japan to pitch offshore floating platform to Brazil for oil projects

TOKYO, 28 April — The Japanese government has decided to make a stronger pitch to Brazil over its project to build a mega offshore hub system that will help the South American country to boost development of offshore oilfields and other marine resources, a government source said on Friday. The Japanese government views the “logistics hub” system, worth more than 50 billion yen in total, as part of the country’s infrastruc-

ture exports that are vital to its growth strategy.

Trade minister Toshimitsu Motegi will pitch Japanese offshore facilities when he visits the Brazilian capital Brasilia on 2 May, the source said. According to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the offshore hub would float in the South Atlantic Ocean about 200 kilometers off Rio de

Janeiro. The logistics hub would be located midway between the shore and offshore oil drilling facilities. It would act as a transportation hub for workers at the drilling site and serve as a heliport.

Japanese officials say the logistics hub would substantially cut expenses compared with the current setup in which helicopters transport people and items from land to offshore facilities located several hundred kilometers away. Japanese companies including Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd have been looking into the hub since February. It would measure about 320 meters long and around 80 meters wide.

Kyodo News

Saudi Arabia plans to replace expatriate workers with locals

RIYADH, 28 April — Saudi Arabia has planned to improve competence of local workers to replace the eight million expatriate workers in the country, local *Okaz* newspaper reported on Saturday. The report quoted a source from the Labour Ministry as saying that the government plans to offer training and higher salaries to

attract locals to get jobs, especially the blue-collar ones.

“Those jobs could be taken by locals with higher salaries if they ignored social misconceptions about blue-collar workers,” he said. He added that the main challenge to replace foreigner workers with Saudis lies in the construction sector.

Xinhua

Yemen military intelligence official assassinated

ADEN, 28 April — Two suspected Islamist militants shot dead a provincial military intelligence chief in Yemen on Saturday, a security official said, the latest in a series of assassinations in the impoverished state’s lawless south and east. The gunmen opened fire from a motorbike, killing Colonel Ahmed Abdulrazzaq, intelligence head in Yemen’s Hadramawt Province, outside his home in Mukalla on the Arabian Sea.

Stability in Yemen is seen as important beyond the country’s own borders because of its location next to top oil exporter Saudi Arabia and international shipping routes. It is also home to al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, which Washington says is the

movement’s most dangerous arm. Around 60 military and security officials have been assassinated in southern and eastern Yemen in the past two years after an Islamist insurgency sprang up.

Militants allied to al-Qaeda took advantage of Yemen’s political chaos and splits in the military during mass Arab Spring protests to seize control of some southern cities. The protests unseated President Ali Abdullah Saleh and installed an interim government which, with the help of tribal militias, pushed the militants from cities they had captured. However, fighting between militants and pro-government forces continues throughout rural areas of southern Yemen.—Reuters



Models present creations designed by graduates from School of Fashion Art and Engineering of Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology during the China Graduate Fashion Week in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 April, 2013.

XINHUA

Four die in NATO plane crash in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 April — Four members of NATO’s International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed on Saturday when their plane crashed in southern Afghanistan, the coalition said in a statement.

ISAF said there was no insurgent activity in the area when the plane went down over the volatile Province of Zabul. The province’s police chief Ragh Lewanai told *Reuters* that bad weather caused the plane to crash, in the District of Shahjoi.

Zabul, wedged between Kandahar and Ghazni, has seen much violence over recent weeks, including a suicide bomb attack in early April which killed a young US diplomat, several US soldiers and an unnamed US civilian. Dozens of Afghan civilians have also been killed there this month.—Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

Mandalay City kept as garden city



MANDALAY, 28 April—According to the plan to build Mandalay City as Garden City, Parks and Playgrounds Department of Mandalay City Development Committee is striving for shaping the city with thick foliage of trees as greening works in the urban areas and landscaping works around

moats and traffic islands.

On 22 April, officials and workers of Parks and Playgrounds Department carried out escaping works along Yangon-Mandalay Highway by growing flowery plants with the use of heavy machinery. They grew flowery plants and shade trees on the roundabouts,

traffic islands and around moats.

The department nurtures the saplings to be used in extension of growing flowery plants in the city. The shade tree saplings are being nurtured at the public recreation nursery park and Kandawgyi Gardens.

Myanma Alinn

Light water pump donated to fire brigade



PYINMANA, 28 April—A wellwisher donated one light water pump to the local fire brigade at the

office of Ywagauk Ward Administrator in Pyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 23 April.

Drug trafficker seized in Namkham

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—Muse Anti-Drug Special Squad members, acting on tip off, searched the motorcycle driven by Chinese citizen Yang Yon Xian of Yunnan Province leaving from Namkham for Manweingyi, near Shweli Suspension Bridge in Kunlon Village of Namkham Township in Shan State (North) on 20 April.

They seized 264 grams of heroin worth K 5.28 million, six packets of opium weighing 6.3 kilos worth K 63 million and 1950 WY brand pink stimulant tablets weighing 175.5 grams worth K 39 million. According to the investigation, the motorcyclist got 4000 ywans (K 568,000) as drug trafficking charge along the route from Namkham to Loikyauk Village of Mansi

Township in Kachin State.

Namkham Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Yang Yon Xian under the law.

Myanma Alinn



Local roads upgraded to asphalt facilities in Kalay

KALAY, 28 April—Pyinthaseik-Kalay (University) in Kalay is being extended by spending K 140 million of the State in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Myanma Alinn

Fire drill practised in Hsipaw

HSIPAW, 28 April—Jointly organized by Hsipaw Township Development Affairs Committee and Township Fire Services Department of Shan State (North), the fire drill was practised at Myoma Development Market on 21

April morning.

It was supervised by Chairman of the Township Fire Preventive Committee Township Administrator U Myo Tint Zaw, Executive Officer U Thein Htaik Oo of Township Development Affairs Committee, Head

of Township Fire Services Department U Aung Kyi Tun and townsellers. Firemen of Fire Services Department and those of Myoma Fire Brigade practised fire drill with the use of fire engines and fire extinguishers.

Myanma Alinn

Branch of tree falls down on house in Amarapura

AMARAPURA, 28 April—Strong winds broke a branch of the tree on the house in Zaygon Ward of Ngetoe Station of Amarapura Township on 22 April evening.

Two persons fell under the broken branch of tree in the incident.

At 8.30 pm on 22 April, strong winds broke the tree in front of Ko Htay Win in Zaygon ward. The tree branch fell down on the tea shop of Ko Htet Naing-Ma Nwe Nwe Oo. At that time, Ma San Yi of the shop and Maung Pyae were under the branch.

Officials of Amarapura Township Police Force, Red Cross and Fire Brigade and members of social organization save them with the use of two forklifts at 11 pm.

The injured were rushed to Mandalay General Hospital.—Myanma Alinn

Stake driven for construction of pre-primary school in Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 28 April—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of the pre-primary school under the supervision of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held in Sitapu Ward of Myitkyina on 25 April morning.

Patron of the State Association wife of the Chief Minister of Kachin State Daw Kan Hsee Hsai Lon, Chairperson of the State Association Daw Mya Nu and Secretary Daw Tin Moe San drove stakes on the occasion.

Kyei Phyu Min Co will construct the new building. The building will be 86 feet long, 40 feet wide and 12 feet high with six rooms



including toilet and bathe room.

The Patron and members donated rice, edible oil, salt and offertories to Aungdawmu Parahita Monastery in Legon Ward.

They also presented clothes and other supplies to No. 1 Border Region National Races Youth Development Training Centre (Women) of Education and Training Department in Ayeya Ward.

Myanma Alinn

Wellwishers donate cash to Cetana free clinic

PATHEIN, 28 April—Ward/village administrators and clerks of Yekyi Township donated K 88000 and U Kyi Win and family K 50000 to Cetana free clinic opened on Aung San Street in Yekyi Township of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region on 10 April.

The in-charge nurse accepted the cash donations.

The clinic is providing

health care services to 180 older persons.

Those wishing to donate may dial 09-8583057 of U Khin Maung Tun, 09-8583078 of U Man Hsu, and 09-451244237 of U Soe Aung.

The clinic is kept open every Wednesday. The clinic spends K 120,000 on providing medicines to the patients daily.

Myanma Alinn

ARTICLE

A LITERARY AWARD CEREMONY

The author of this article was invited to a Literary Award Ceremony on one weekend. It was held on the 16th March, Saturday 2013. The venue was at the Ballroom of Traders' Hotel in downtown City of Yangon. The donor was the late Dr. Tin Shwe, M.B.,B.S, D.P.T.M, D.C.T.M, Ph.D(Lon),F.R.C.P(Edin). While alive he spent his lifetime in medical field-work and in the Medical Research Institute. After retirement in 1996 he carried out medical research work in the WHO. He also actively involved himself writing medical articles and in literary activities in Myanmar Writers' and Journalists' Association (MWJA). In his spare time he offered humanitarian voluntary medical services in NGO hospitals, clinics and monasteries. He founded Dr. Tin Shwe Press and Publishing House and printed valuable works on Buddhist Literature and compilation of famous literary works of poet Zawgyi among many others. After his untimely demise at the age of 64, his widow Daw Aye Thant and children continued his literary aspirations and endeavours by managing the private publishing business. In her resolve to propagate and perpetuate Myanmar literature and nurture new generation of writers she founded

Dr. Tin Shwe Literary Award Scheme. The eligible books to be selected for the awards were screened from the books published a calendar year before, put up for competition by the publisher or the author. At the request of the founder, the MWJA (now Myanmar Writers Association) Central Committee members took on the task of selecting the best of the lot to offer recommendation for the awards.

Dr. Tin Shwe Literary Award was inaugurated in 2001. Two Myanmar books, one an autobiography written by of Pakokku U Ohn Pe and the other on Banking written by a Banker U Thein Khine of Asia Wealth Bank were fittingly awarded in a gala ceremony attended by the State dignitaries, members of the MWJA, donor Daw Aye Thant and family, literati and specially invited guests. In the 2003 award, the selection committee embarked upon a new initiative to award books published in English for wider coverage among English readers. **'Myanmar's Attractions and Delights'** (Today publishers) written by Ba Than won the pioneer award.

Dr. Tin Shwe Literary Awards has been moving onwards with momentum in its endeavour to honour most deserving writers with its modest but prestigious prizes and in so doing help towards growth of Myanmar literature and English

presentations. The ceremony was held continuously year after year in the open season, with increase in number of books and cash prizes awarded to deserving recipients. The 11th Dr. Tin Shwe Award Ceremony was held on the 16th March 2013 at Traders' Hotel attended by Honourable Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi, dignitaries, literati, guests, donor Daw Aye Thant and family. Altogether 36 books including 7 in English have been awarded to date to

By Ba Than

dedicated writers in English which the author would like to mention namely: U Ba Than, Daw Kyi Kyi Hla, Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt, Ma Theingi, Maung Khine Zaw, U Hla Thein and Ohnmar Shi irrespectively. They were a versatile collection written by writers of fame, each endowed with education, quality, experience, expertise, intellectual exposure, dedication and painstakingly selected by the Selection Committee thus enriching the literary kaleidoscope. This year a significant milestone was created when a new Citation: **'Literary Prestigious Award'** was conferred to doyen writer and Poet Dagon Taryar, on his 94th birthday. Such series of awards fittingly serve as inspiration for budding

as well as seasoned writers, to write more for art's sake, the least of which is to be honourably awarded for their endeavour, which the recipients sublimely treasure.

Every year, the Daw Aye Thant, the legatee took the podium to speak with respect and appreciation in subdued modulated voice delivering words of appreciation for the dignitaries, the Committee, the award recipients and for writers amongst whom was her husband, an active participant while alive, and dedicating further to keep this heritage alive. At times the speaker had to pause momentarily to suppress her choked emotion in memory of her late husband. Every year the audience including the prize winners listened in rapt attention overwhelmed with admiration, sympathy for her philanthropy, and adulation for the propagation and perpetuation of Myanmar literature.

While living, Dr. Tin Shwe had done so much to promote literacy. In death his widow Daw Aye Thant and children continue to perpetuate the literary heritage further onward with vibrancy and dynamism.

The author offers his touching encomium as he bows in deep respect to this dedicated donor and her illustrious literary charity.

Dissemination of dairy cattle breeding knowledge in Mohnyin



MOHNYIN, 28 April—In his educative talks on development of cow breeding at the administrator's office in Aungthabye ward in Mohnyin on 11 April, Dr Win Oo, Head of Mohnyin District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, said that income of local families could be generated by carrying out

systematic cow breeding on a manageable scale, thereby contributing towards improvement in poverty alleviation scheme.

Moreover, he gave talks on dairy cattle breeding techniques. A total of 63 Friesian dairy cows are being bred in Mohnyin Township.

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Director-General U Hau Do Suan appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Canada

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Hau Do Suan, Director-General of the Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Canada.

MNA

Illegally imported eggs destroyed at Muse 105th-Mile border trade camp

MUSE, 28 April—The personnel of Mobile Team seized 9720 eggs from 27 boxes illegally imported from the other country at the border trade camp of Muse 105th-Mile in Shan

State at 6 10.15 pm on 25 April.

At 11 am on 26 April, officials destroyed the eggs in the compound of the border trade camp.

Myanma Alinn

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 29 April, 2013

Pilot census

The Government with the participation of the United Nations Population Fund-UNFPA undertook a pilot census exercise from 30 March to 10 April to prepare for a nationwide census in 2014, the country's first in 30 years.

During the exercise, 100 schoolteachers trained to be enumerators visited thousands of homes and questioned residents in selected villages in 20 townships across the country representing a cross-section of Myanmar's diverse geographic and ethnic mix. Officials from the Ministry of Immigration and Population closely monitored the process to test procedures for data collection and public involvement.

To close the information gap, the Government plans to conduct a nationwide population and housing census, starting on 30 March 2014. It will be a massive undertaking, requiring nearly 100,000 enumerators to visit all households across the country in just 12 days.

Prior to the pilot, teachers recruited as enumerators and supervisors were each given five days of training in enumeration techniques, and communities were informed about the process. Exactly one year ahead of the actual census, enumerators fanned out across villages, using carefully prepared census maps. In each home, they asked heads of households 41 questions—on family members' sex and ages, education, occupations, religion, ethnicity, disabilities, births and deaths; as well as on housing, lighting and water sources, and more. At the end of each day's counting, enumerators reviewed their experience, checked their questionnaires and reported to officials.

UNFPA deployed a team of independent observers to help the Government learn as much as it can from the pilot. Observers also interviewed political party members, community leaders and others with influence in the townships visited, to learn their views on the census and on how to encourage full public participation. In an agreement with the United Nations signed a year ago, the Government committed to conduct the 2014 Census in accordance with international standards.

Those of undestroyed houses return homes in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 28 April—As Meiktila restores peace and stability, the families from seven relief camps whose houses were not destroyed in the recent conflicts that occurred in Meiktila are being resettled on 25 April morning.

A total of 599 people of 168 victim families from the relief camp of Basic Education High School No 5 in Shande, and 94 persons from 31 households of the relief camp at Central Institute

of Transport and Communications were resettled to North Pyithaya Ward with the assistance of the District Deputy Commissioner, the township administrator, the commanders of District and Township Police Forces, officers in-charge of the Military Affairs Security, officials of the Relief and Resettlement Department and Social Welfare Department, departmental officials and townselders.

Myanma Alinn

LOCAL NEWS

Onion prices fall in Yedashe



YEDASHE, 28 April—Market prices of onion have declined following a surge of onion supply to Yedashe market.

Villages along the Swa Creek flowing from west to east in Yedashe Township, Bago Region have grown onions on a manageable scale

and harvested at the same time since the second week of April.

All the harvest except for own consumption were then sold at Swa market, local villages and pagoda festivals, leading to a fall in onion price from K 600 per viss to K 300/400 now.—Kyemon

Knowledge about prevention against bird flu shared to people

MUSE, 28 April—Staff of Muse Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and those of Township Development Affairs Committee gave talks on prevention against

avian influenza disease to vendors of No. 2 Market in Muse yesterday.

They also put up the posters on knowledge about bird flu in the urban areas.

Kyemon



Fire drill hails Myanmar Fire Brigade Day in Myeik

MYEIK, 28 April—As a gesture of hailing the 67th Anniversary Myanmar Fire Brigade Day, Myeik District Fire Services Department of Taninthayi

Region organized the fire drill at Myoma sports ground, here, this morning.

Eight members of Fire Services Department and 37 members of Auxiliary Fire

Brigade took practice of fire drill with the use of three fire engines from Central Fire Station in Myeik and seven from auxiliary fire brigades.—Kyemon



Illegal teak doors seized in overturned truck in DaikU

DAIKU, 28 April—A TE-truck heading to Yangon from Toungoo overturned near mile post No.70/0 on Yangon-Mandalay road Pyinponetarson of DaikU of Bago Region yesterday morning.

Senior Forester Khin Thein of Forest Depart-

ment and party inspected the scene as they heard the news that there are illegal teak doors on the car. The 640 pieces of illegal teak doors worth K 2,025,500 were seized at the office of Township Forest Department.

Kyemon

Book corner opened in Kawlin

KAWLIN, 28 April—Kawlin Township Information and Public Relations Department and Book Lovers from the township jointly opened a book corner at the railway station recently.

Township Information

and Public Relations Department donated benches and Book Lovers publications for readers to be able to read three daily newspapers, books, magazines and journals at the book corner conveniently.

Kyemon



Rain eases scorching heat in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 28 April—A downpour with gale has eased the scorching day temperatures Mandalay this morning, leaving a breathing space for the aged who are suffering from boiling summer.

The rainfalls reached

0.35 inch in Mandalay, 1.20 inches in Singaing, and 2.76 inches in Kyaukse with the strong wind dropping off the young mangoes in the surrounding places of Mandalay.

Kyemon

Mandalay police detain 12 men for gang-style crimes

MANDALAY, 28 April—Police from Mandalay Police Station No. 9 arrested 12 men including Bayda Gyi (a) Pyae Phyo Min, aged 22, and charged with gang-style criminal activities in earlier April.

They were accused of destroying a lottery booth, confronting sentries and breaking windbreaker of a white van.

The police in Mandalay, the second largest city of Myanmar, have split into small squads to stop traffic accidents and gang of thugs.—Kyemon

Umbrella hoisted atop Abhaya Zinamanaung Pagoda



MAWLU, 28 April—A ceremony to hoist umbrella atop Abhaya Zinamanaung Pagoda was held in the precinct of the monastery in Magyigon Village of Simaw Village-tract in Indaw Township on 24 April afternoon.

Wellwisher U San Lwin-Daw Khin May Than and family of Nguwah Thazin Street in Chanmyathazi

Township of Mandalay donated K 100 million to the fund for hoisting the umbrella atop the pagoda with K 10 million contributions of the local people. The ceremony to mark the hoisting diamond orb and pennant-shaped vane atop the pagoda was held at the pagoda for five days, attended by over 3000 local people.

Kyemon

Tachilek gets new traffic lights

TACHILEK, 28 April—Five new traffic lights will be installed at crossroads in Tachilek as the border town is experiencing growing traffic congestion following an increase in automobile and motor bike users.

The township development affairs committee has recently constructed a ring road from No.2 Friendship

Bridge to May Flower Ground through Hsanhsai Ward in a move to ease the traffic jam.

Those traffic lights will be set up at Kengtung exit junction, Arkhar Market junction, Parliansepan junction, No. 2 Friendship junction and stadium street junction, with each costing around 7.8 million kyats.

Kyemon



Transformer donated for Pazunmyaung Village, Nyaunglebin Tsp

NYAUNGLEBIN, 28 April—Presiding Sayadaw of Panngweyone Pariyatti Monastery Panngweyone Monastic Education School Panngweyone Tawya Win Yadana Sasana Yeiktha and Dhammayanthi Sasana Yeiktha (Shwegyin Township) Agga Maha Pandita Aggamaha Sad-dhammajotika Bhaddanta Sumanabhivamsa donated a transformer to Pazunmyaung Village, Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Region, to mark his

80th birthday. Disciples of the Sayadaw Major Kyaw Moe (Rtd) and wife Daw Phyu Phyu Myint and U Win Aung and wife Daw San San Oo also presented a transformer to mark the Sayadaw's birthday.

The donation ceremony was held this morning, attended by the Sayadaw, donors and officials. The donations make electric power available in Pazunmyaung Village.

Kyemon

Ethiopian Airlines first to fly 787 Dreamliner since grounding

ADDIS ABABA, 28 April—Ethiopian Airlines on Saturday became the world's first carrier to resume flying Boeing Co's 787 Dreamliner passenger jets, landing the first commercial flight since the global fleet was grounded three months ago following incidents of overheating in the batteries providing auxiliary power. The flight from Addis Ababa to Nairobi was the first since regulators grounded all Dreamliners on 16 January after two lithium-ion battery meltdowns that occurred on two jets with other airlines within two weeks that month.

US regulators approved a new battery design last week, clearing the way for installation and a resumption of Dreamliner

flights by airlines around the world. The battery faults raised fears of a possible mid-air fire, drawing worldwide attention to Boeing and denting the reputation of its flagship plane. "I wasn't aware that I was going to be on the 787 Dreamliner until on my way to the airport. It was a good service and the flight was pleasant," said Senait Mekonnen, an Ethiopian restaurateur, moments after the plane landed. The fully booked flight arrived at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport just after 9.30 GMT, with passengers giving the crew a round of applause upon landing.

The grounding of the Dreamliner fleet has cost Boeing an estimated \$600 million, halted deliveries



Crew members serve lunch on board an Ethiopian Airlines' 787 Dreamliner from Addis Ababa en-route to Jomo Kenyatta international Airport in Kenya's capital Nairobi on 27 April, 2013.—REUTERS

of the aircraft and forced some airlines to lease alternative planes. The Dreamliner cost an estimated \$20 billion to develop and represents a quantum leap forward in design, offering a 20 percent reduction in fuel burn and added cabin comforts such as higher humidity, larger windows

and modern styling. But by sparking fears of a dangerous mid-air fire, the battery problems drew worldwide attention to both aircraft safety and the technology behind lithium-ion batteries, which are widely used in laptops, mobile phones, electric cars and other products.—Reuters

Serbian parliament ratifies agreement with Kosovo

BELGRADE, 28 April—Serbian Parliament voted 173 in favour and 24 against to ratify the agreement, initialed by Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dacic and Kosovo leader Hashim Thaci in Brussels on 19 April, on normalization of relations between Serbia and Kosovo.

The Brussels Agreement provides autonomy for Serb-majority region in the north of Kosovo, in matters of health care, education, and policing.

with "natural disasters, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, volcanic eruptions, and as such we have established a line of cooperation that has been prolific and useful," Pinera said.

Since 2004, Chile has maintained a military and police contingent in Haiti as part of the United Nations peace-keeping troops. Chile also took part in the UN mission to support the Caribbean country's reconstruction efforts after a massive earthquake hit the country in 2010.—Xinhua

Under it, Kosovo security forces will not be allowed to patrol Serbian region, except in cases of natural disasters and with approval of NATO and Serbian authorities.

The agreement, reached after 10 rounds of talks under the auspices of EU high representative Catherine Ashton, was marked as historic breakthrough and great success of European diplomacy, by officials in the EU and the United States, providing long term peace and European future for both parties.

In his address to the Parliament before the vote, Dacic said the agreement represents most of what was achievable, and provides continuity to the country's European integration process, which is vital for Serbia. "Today we do not only talk about the Brussels Agreement, but about what kind of

Brazilian candidate confident of winning top WTO post

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 April—Brazilian diplomat Roberto Azevedo, one of the two finalists in the race for the top WTO chief, said on Friday he was confident of getting the top post at the global trade body.

Azevedo, Brazil's representative to the World Trade Organization (WTO) since 2008, said in a statement that he had a "reasonable chance of success" in getting nominated as WTO Director-General. "We have received the support of countries in all parts of the world and in various stages of development," he said. Brazilian Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota said the diplomat has "all the qualifications" to head the WTO. He stressed that one of the main challenges facing any new WTO chief will be to

overcome the problems of the long-stalled Doha Round of talks. Azevedo was Brazil's leading negotiator in the Round.

Azevedo's rival is Herminio Blanco, Mexico's former trade minister and chief negotiator in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The result of the final round of voting is expected by 29 May. The winner who garners most support from the WTO's 159 member states will succeed Frenchman Pascal Lamy in September. Besides the two finalists, seven other candidates also entered the race for the WTO top job this year, including contenders from Ghana, Costa Rica, Indonesia, New Zealand, Kenya, Jordan and South Korea.

Xinhua

Train hits bus in east US, injuring Ten

WASHINGTON, 28 April—At least 10 people were hurt after a crash between a rural transit bus and a freight train in western Pennsylvania, local media reported on Friday.

According to WTAE-TV, which serves the Pittsburgh area, the bus was carrying passengers to a programme for people with developmental disabilities when the train honked at it. The bus was stopped on the tracks at a non-gated crossing over a rural road, but didn't move.

Police are still investigating why the 60-year-old bus driver was stopped on the tracks, as well as the possibility that Friday's thick morning fog was a factor. All passengers are adults, aged from 26 to 90. Two medical helicopters were called to fly patients to Pittsburgh hospitals. Other patients were transported by ambulances.—Xinhua



Canadian submarine "Victoria" docks at Canada Place in Vancouver, Canada, on 25 April, 2013. The four-day Vancouver Port visit event showcases several vessels from the Royal Canadian Navy and United States Navy which are opened for public tour. XINHUA

Chile stresses closer ties with Caribbean region

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 28 April—Chilean President Sebastian Pinera on Friday underscored the importance of his country's closer ties with the Caribbean region, especially its trade potential with the region amid the global economic crisis. Speaking at the 5th Summit of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) hosted by Haiti, Pinera said "we have a free trade agreement with the community of Central American countries and we have been looking to expand trade ties with

the countries of the Caribbean also."

Taking about the global economic crisis, Pinera called on "the community of Caribbean countries to be prepared," noting that an economic recovery will present many opportunities. Pledging to strengthen Chile's ties with the region, Pinera said Chile "may be physically far away" from the Caribbean, "but its affection, disposition and affection place it very close." Like the Caribbean countries, Chile also struggles

Gunmen kill eight security members in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 April—Unidentified gunmen on Saturday killed eight security members in the north and west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, the police said. Gunmen in two cars shot dead after midnight five members of government-backed paramilitary group, known

as Awakening Council, when they opened fire on a checkpoint of the group near Salahudin's provincial capital of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The Awakening Council group, also

known as Sons of Iraq, consists of armed groups, including some powerful anti-US Sunni insurgent groups, who turned their rifles against the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.—Xinhua

Children play at a dried-up pond in Duomaga Village of Kunming City, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 26 March, 2013. Over 12 million people were affected by the lingering drought in the province. XINHUA



REGIONAL

Japan's spy satellites up and running to monitor Earth daily

Tokyo, 28 April —The Cabinet Satellite Intelligence Center said on Friday the No 4 radar satellite launched in January has moved into full operation, achieving the government's four-satellite capability needed for monitoring anywhere on Earth within one day.

The Japanese government decided to introduce what it calls information-gathering satellites follow-

ing North Korea's 1998 firing of a Taepodong intermediate-range ballistic missile that flew over Japan. The target coverage — premised on at least two satellites each operational for optical and radar surveillance — was achieved nearly 10 years later than its initial plan due to launch failures and other setbacks.

The No. 4 radar unit completed initial adjustments and function testing

in around three months, the centre said.

A radar satellite is believed to be capable of distinguishing an object as small as 1 metre on the ground even at night or through clouds. The Nos 1 and 2 radar units broke down in orbit. Only the No 3 satellite has remained operational, beside the No 4 unit.

Besides these radar units, three optical satel-

lites are in operation — the Nos 3 and 4 units, believed to be able to detect objects as small as 60 centimeters on the ground, and the No 2 unit, which is one generation older. The government has poured in around 920 billion yen for the project. For "security reasons," the government has not disclosed specifics of these spy satellites' capabilities and images obtained.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 27 April, 2013 shows a Spyker C8 car at the 2013 China (Tianjin) International Automobile Industry Exhibition in Tianjin, north China. The exhibition kicked off on Saturday, displaying over 500 vehicles.—XINHUA

Holidaymakers' rush starts as Japan enters Golden Week



Sisters look happy as they are carried aboard a luggage cart at Narita Airport near Tokyo, crowded with people departing for overseas destinations, on 27 April, 2013, as Japan entered the Golden Week spring holiday season that day. — KYODO NEWS

Tokyo, 28 April—Major airports, highways and railway stations in Japan were crowded with holidaymakers on Saturday as the country entered the Golden Week spring holiday season.

According to Narita International Airport Corp., the number of departures from the airport for overseas destinations will reach about 45,000 on Saturday alone while arrivals will peak on 6 May at about 51,000. It expects total departures and arrivals on international flights during Golden Week to come to about 753,000.

The Japan Road Traffic Information Center said on Saturday morning a line of motor vehicles stretched for 17 kilometres on the outbound lane of the Chugoku Expressway from the Takarazuka interchange, near Osaka, western Japan, and for 12 km from the Ayase bus stop, near Tokyo, on the outbound lane of the Tomei Expressway.

Japan Railway companies said they expect the rush of passengers on shinkansen bullet trains leaving Tokyo to peak next Friday and those arriving at Tokyo on 6 May.

Kyodo News

Kansai Electric mulls application for resuming Takahama nuclear plant

OSAKA, 28 April—Kansai Electric Power Co is considering applying in July for government permission to resume the operation of the Nos. 3 and 4 reactors at its Takahama nuclear plant, sources close to the matter said on Saturday.

The Osaka-based utility firm eyes the resumption of the plant in Fukui Prefecture on the Sea of Japan coast after confirming if the plant meets the Nuclear Regulation Authority's new safety requirements to take effect in July, according to the sources.

Kansai Electric is operating the Oi nuclear plant in Fukui, two of whose reactors are the only ones

now online in Japan amid other reactors' suspension due to safety concerns after the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami triggered the devastating disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex.

The company sees it as essential to additionally resume the operation of Takahama to secure a stable supply of electricity, the sources said.

But even if the company obtains permission to resume the Takahama facility, it will have to seek the understanding of the local community, making it uncertain when it will be able to restart the plant. In a bid to meet the new safety requirements, Kansai Elec-

tric is taking measures to enhance the safety of the Takahama reactors, including installation of a system

against hydrogen explosions and plans to construct tsunami barriers.

Kyodo News



Rescuers work at a collapsed hospital in Bhopal, India, on 26 April, 2013. Around 15 of nearly 20 people trapped under the debris were rescued after ceiling of a hospital collapsed on Friday in Bhopal in north India, according to local news channel CNN-IBN.—XINHUA

Maori, Chinese celebrate bonds in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 28 April — Maori and Chinese people in New Zealand came together to recognize ancestral bonds during a day of cultural celebration in Auckland on Saturday, the first event of its kind. The Taniwha and Dragon Festival kicked off at Auckland's Orakei Marae (Maori meeting place) on Saturday

morning and celebrations included Chinese dragon drummers and a battle between Maori Warriors and a giant Dancing Dragon.

Speakers at the festival recounted the ancestral and traditional ties between Maori and Chinese peoples, their historical relationships and hopes for a shared future. The festival

also featured traditional and contemporary Maori and Chinese entertainment, culture, craft and food stalls. At the heart of the Taniwha and Dragon Festival was a workshop where traditional Maori and Chinese kites were made and flown. Spectators were also treated to performances by Kiwi band Herbs and pop star Miss Janice Chong.

"Orakei and Chinese families have lived and worked alongside one another for generations, it's pretty special for us to be able to celebrate together," said Ngoti Whotua Chairperson Grant Hawke earlier. "Maori and Chinese people share the same ancestors, but our cultures have diverged over many generations," said Hawke. "We have lived side by side in Aotearoa for many years, and now we want to bring our relationships up to date, face to face and personal, and to celebrate our similarities and differences," he

added.

"Good relationships make our whole community stronger. As individuals, Maori and Chinese people have always had contacts — now is the time to take things to a higher level, culture to culture," he added. "Chinese and Maori peoples are coming together to celebrate a shared history and a shared future. We encourage all Chinese people to come along, especially to attend the cultural welcome," said Arthur Loo, Auckland Chinese Community chairman. Loo said the Chinese community in Auckland is honored to be the first to receive this kind of welcome onto Orakei Marae.

"We are very excited to be welcomed into the heart of the Maori community of Auckland. This is a unique opportunity to meet the tribal people who first invited other cultures to settle here, and to learn about our city," he added.—Xinhua



A robot designed by local middle school students is seen during a robot competition in Karamay, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 27 April, 2013. Over 200 competitors in Xinjiang took part in the robot competition held here on Saturday.—XINHUA



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Gwyneth Paltrow embarrassed over 'disaster' dress

LOS ANGELES, 28 April—Actress Gwyneth Paltrow admits she was embarrassed after realizing she bared her buttocks in a revealing dress at the Iron Man 3. She says her choice of dress turned out to be "a disaster".

She flaunted a daring Antonio Berardi gown, which featured sheer side panels and left her backside on display. She has said the outfit was put together in a hurry as she was running late following a TV show taping.

Gwyneth Paltrow, 40, decided against wearing underwear with the dress, and as a result, she faced a last-minute intimate grooming session.

Reuters



Gwyneth wore a revealing Antonio Berardi gown at the Hollywood premiere of Iron Man 3.



Winner of the Best First Feature Award for the movie "The Rocket" Director Kim Mordaunt poses with producer Sylvia Wilczynski during a news conference after the awards ceremony at the 63rd Berlinale International Film Festival in Berlin on 16 Feb, 2013.

REUTERS

Laos-set "The Rocket" takes Tribeca Film Festival's top prize

NEW YORK, 28 April—The Australian film "The Rocket" picked up two top honours on Thursday at the Tribeca Film Awards, winning best narrative feature and best actor for the performance of a non-professional child actor.

The film, set in

Laos and shot in its native language, was directed by Australian filmmaker Kim Mordaunt. It chronicles the struggles of a displaced family led by a young boy and seeking a new home, and the suffering wrought by both war and economic globalization.

Most characters were

played by non-professional actors, including Sittiphon Disamoe as 10-year-old Ahlo, who took home the best actor prize for the film which the jury said "offers us a transcendent tale of hope and perseverance in a world that few Westerners ever have the chance to see."—Reuters

Midler wins raves on Broadway as Hollywood agent Sue Mengers

NEW YORK, 28 April—Bette Midler marked her return to Broadway after more than 30 years on Wednesday, and critics lined up to heap praise on her turn in the one-character play "I'll Eat You Last: A Conversation with Sue Mengers" in



which she portrays the legendary Hollywood agent.

The late Mengers was famous as a brash, foul-mouthed, witty and fearsome force of nature whose clients included Barbra Streisand, Faye Dunaway and Gene Hackman to name but a few and critics noted the comfortable fit between the show's star and its subject. They also cited Midler's confident possession of the stage and seduction of the audience and most were impressed with the play

itself as well. The New York Times called "I'll Eat You Last" "a delectable soufflé of a solo show," lauding the "buoyant, witty writing," the "focused direction" and most of all, Midler, who it said "gives the most lusciously entertaining performance of the Broadway season."—Reuters

South Korean rap sensation Psy honoured at Tribeca Film Festival

NEW YORK, 28 April—South Korean rapper and Internet sensation Psy was honoured as a trans-cultural phenomenon by the Tribeca Film Festival on Friday along with a host of other luminaries ranging from choreographer Twyla Tharp to controversial media host Glenn Beck.

"Who knew, right?" Psy said as he was presented his Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Award. "Giving me this award in itself is innovation, I think."

Referring to his sudden worldwide fame both on and off the Internet, where his videos have racked up more than one billion views on YouTube, Psy said, "I still cannot believe what happened right now."

"I'm still figuring out the reason for this happening like this," he said, noting that he had been working in music in his native South Korea for over a decade.

The Disruptive Innovation Awards honour those whose ideas have broken the mould to create significant impact.—Reuters



South Korean rapper Psy poses during a news conference before his concert in Seoul on 13 April, 2013.—REUTERS

American Idol producers secretly plotted to replace Mariah Carey with Jennifer Lopez

NEW DELHI, 28 April—Bosses were keen to see the return of On the Floor singer Jennifer Lopez midway through the show's current season but, sources tell *The Hollywood Reporter*, once they were threatened with legal action by Mariah Carey's team they backed off.

The insiders added a search has already begun to replace Mariah, Nicki Minaj and possibly even the entire judge's panel - which also includes Randy Jackson and Keith Urban — for the next season.

Mariah was a huge signing for the show, but has proved less popular with viewers on the show than Jennifer, who appeared in the previous two seasons, was. Mariah's comments and criticism have been criticised as passive and disengaged, and she has been overshadowed by Nicki

on the show.

However, another source says research has shown Nicki's performance on the show has not been as popular as expected, adding: "The core viewer is a Midwestern, Southern, older woman who is threatened by Nicki's aggressiveness."

American Idol's ratings have suffered this season, with its Wednesday show getting the worst ratings since the show began in 2001. In contrast, rival show *The Voice* is riding high in the ratings due in part to boasting Shakira and Usher on its judging panel. Official sources have denied any attempt to replace Mariah on the show. A Fox spokesperson said: "This is just another ridiculous 'Idol' judge rumour, likely started by talks of Jennifer performing on the finale."—Reuters



The makers of the show were worried about the ratings of American Idol going down.

SPORTS

Glover edges two ahead in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, 28 April—Overnight leader Lucas Glover, bidding for his fourth PGA Tour title, survived a back nine wobble to move two strokes clear after Saturday's third round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in Avondale, Louisiana.

At one point three ahead of the chasing pack, former US Open champion Glover bogeyed the 14th and 17th in breezy conditions before signing off in style with a two-putt birdie at the par-five last.

In pursuit of his first PGA Tour victory in nearly two years, the 33-year-old carded a two-under par 70 to post a 14-under total of 202 at the TPC Louisiana.

"The wind picked up a little bit more than was forecast," Glover told Golf Channel about the tougher conditions facing the late starters on a mainly overcast afternoon. "There was a bunch of good scores earlier and we knew that."

"I knew there were some birdies there, I just didn't take as much of an advantage as I should have."

Fellow Americans Kyle Stanley (65), Jimmy Walker (66), Billy Horschel (66) and D.A. Points (70) were tied for second at 12 under with burly compatriot Kevin Stadler a further stroke back after matching the day's best score with a nine-birdie 65.

British world number four Justin Rose, the highest-ranked player in the field, was five off the pace after returning a 70 with defending champion Jason Dufner a further shot back at eight under, after a 67.

Twenty-eight players are within six strokes of the lead heading into Sunday's final round but Glover, who clinched his only major title at the 2009 US Open, remains in command.

"Tee to green is pretty good, although today wasn't as good as the first two days, and my irons were okay," Glover said of his overall game.

Reuters

Gritty Sharapova sets up Stuttgart final against Li

BERLIN, 28 April—Top seed and holder Maria Sharapova battled through a tough three-set clay-court match for the third day in a row on Saturday to book a place in the final of the Stuttgart Grand Prix.

The Russian ended the challenge of home favourite Angelique Kerber, beating the third seed 6-3 2-6 7-5 to set up a title showdown with Li Na of China who put out American qualifier Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-4 6-3.

Sharapova, who was also taken to three sets by Czech Lucie Safarova on Thursday and by Serb Ana Ivanovic 24 hours later, has an excellent record when she is taken the distance.

The world number two had won 28 of her previous 31 three-set encounters and it was the Russian's extra aggression that proved the key against Kerber.

"I'm really happy with the way I fought through the third set," Sharapova told the tour's official website (www.wtatennis.com). "Obviously I'd prefer to win easier but that isn't al-

ways the situation you're given.

"I had to play a longer match today and the great thing is I got through. I did my job out there," added Sharapova after winning her 15th straight claycourt match.

Kerber said she would take the positives out of her run to the semi-finals.

"I'm disappointed because it was close and tough today," the German explained. "But I've had a great week."

"I'm feeling good on clay and I will take this experience and look forward to the tournaments coming up."

World number five Li enjoyed a more straightforward passage into the final as she swept past Mattek-Sands in straight sets.

Reuters

Juventus bid to sign Nani

ROME, 28 April—Juventus were reported to have revived their attempts to sign Manchester United winger Nani with a new 12-million pound proposal.

According to *The Sun*, Juventus, who made an offer to Nani before, this time proposed to

double his salary to 130,000 pound per week.

The 26-year-old Portuguese winger would provide different tactical options for Juventus head coach

Antonio Conte, who complained Simone Pepe's injury robbed him of the chance to play 4-3-3. X Nani is expected to be happy to move on, as he has made only six Premier

League starts for Manchester United this season. There are hopes his price-tag can be lowered by the fact Nani's current contract expires in June 2014 and he has rejected a renewal.

Xinhua

Herrera's last gasp equalizer puts Barca's title celebrations on hold

MADRID, 28 April—FC Barcelona have to wait another week before they celebrate the BBVA Primera Liga title, as a last minute equalizer from Athletic Club Bilbao midfielder Ander Herrera denied them a win in the historic San Mames Stadium on Saturday.

Among the disappointment, Barca can take positives from the game such as a stunning 30 minute cameo from Leo Messi, who confirmed his return to fitness with a goal and an assist.

Barca kicked off knowing a win could see them crowned as league champions if Real Madrid lose away to Atletico Madrid, but also aware that they have the return leg of their Cham-

pions League semifinal at home to Bayern Munich on Wednesday.

Although the 4-0 defeat from the

first leg leaves little room for optimism in that field, coach Tito Vilanova had spoken on Friday of his side's obligation to give everything to try and overturn that result

and at least try and win.

Nevertheless, he included what could be his first choice defense for the game, along with Xavi Hernandez, while Leo Messi was named among the substitutes.

Athletic meanwhile still need points in order to climb away from the degradation zone and started the game purposefully, looking to pressure Barca high up the field and use the pace of Iker Muniain and Markel Susaeta.

Reuters

Lionel Messi (R) of Barcelona duels for the ball with Ander Herrera of Real Zaragoza during the La Liga match between Barcelona and Real Zaragoza at the Camp Nou stadium.
REUTERS



Lucas Glover



Li Na



GENERAL



Spanish star Rafa Nadal

Nadal makes the way to his eighth victory in Barcelona

BARCELONA, (Spain), 28 April—Spanish star Rafa Nadal is already on track to his eighth trophy in the tennis tournament Conde de Godo in Barcelona after beating Canada's Milos Raonic 6-4, 6-0 on Saturday. Players had to play in heavy conditions because of the rain, which forced the organization to delay the semifinal matches by almost five hours.

The organization decided that the two semifinals matches would be held at the same time with Nadal and Raonic playing in the central court and the Spanish Nicolas Pietrangeli and Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber in the court one of the Real Club de Tennis of Barcelona. The fifth-ranked Nadal started less focused and Raonic, ranked 13th in the world, played hard at the beginning winning the first two games in a tight first set. However the Spaniard managed to dominate the rest of the set beating Raonic 6-4. Nadal clearly dominated the second set, breaking Raonic's serve at least three times, while playing the best match of the week after suffering in previous games to beat Argentina's Carlos Berloq in the second round and the French player Benoit Paire on Friday.—Xinhua

One killed, seven injured in plane crash in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 April — A small plane crashed Friday in Belem, northern Brazil, killing one and injuring seven, according to local authorities.

The plane, a single engine Cessna 210L model on its way from Chaves,

Marajo Island to Belem in Para state, crashed onto an avenue in the middle of the city when it was preparing to land in Belem's Brigadeiro Protasio Airport.

The crash left the plane's front part completely destroyed, causing

injuries to all eight occupants including the pilot, who was taken to a nearby hospital. However, one of the passengers, a woman in her 20s, died on arrival, the authorities said. The cause of the accident is still being investigated.—Xinhua

Drivers warned for May Day traffic rush

BEIJING, 28 April — With the approach of the May Day holiday, traffic control authorities are warning drivers against dangerous activities like drunk driving, overloading their vehicles, speeding and driving while tired.

The holiday, which will last from 29 April to 1 May this year, will see millions of Chinese traveling across the country by automobile.

Traffic during the holiday is expected to increase by 15 to 20 percent compared to last year's holiday, according to the traffic administration under the Ministry of Public Security.

Heavy rain will make driving difficult in some parts of the country, particularly south China, the administration said, adding that drivers should plan their routes carefully and learn as much as they can about current traffic conditions before traveling.—Xinhua

Wrongly jailed men seek compensation

HANGZHOU, 28 April — Two men who were wrongly jailed for almost a decade are demanding 7.02 million yuan (1.1 million US dollars) in compensation from the state, officials at the Higher People's Court in east China's Zhejiang Province said on Saturday. The court acquitted Zhang Hui and his uncle Zhang Gaoping of rape on 26 March this year after a retrial found insufficient evidence to support their conviction. The court also notified the two of their lawful right to seek state compensation upon their acquittal.

The application for compensation has been submitted, said court officials, adding that the court will handle the case in accordance with the law so that the

two men can get their lives back to normal as soon as possible. Zhang Gaofa, elder brother of Zhang Gaoping, said the sum that they are demanding is reasonable. It includes state compensation and other subsidies for the number of years they spent in jail. According to court hearings, on the night of May 18, 2003, the Zhangs gave a ride to a 17-year-old woman named Wang when they were transporting freight to the provincial capital Hangzhou. The woman was found dead the next day.

Police detained the pair on 23 May, 2003, as suspects in Wang's death but failed to provide physical evidence to bring charges against them. Under pressure, Zhang Gaoping said

Three factory workers injured

JAIPUR (Odisha), 28 April — Three contractual workers were today injured when some solid objects fell on them at a steel plant in Kalinga Nagar industrial

complex in Jaipur District, police said.

The workers on duty sustained injuries when some solid objects being up-lifted by a crane fell on them

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This file photo taken on 21 Feb, 2009 shows the Chinese bronze rabbit head sculpture displayed at the Grand Palais in Paris, France. The family of French luxury goods retailer Pinault announced Friday in Beijing that it will donate two pieces of Chinese cultural relics looted by Anglo-French allied forces during the Second Opium War in 1860, including the rabbit head, back to China.—XINHUA

YANGON, 28 April—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint and Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung met farmers at the briefing hall of construction site of main canal near Nyaungwaing Village in Kanyin Thonze Village-tract of Kyaunggon Township of Ayeyawady Region yesterday. The Union ministers discussed preventive measures against flood in eight townships of Ayeyawady Region and development of agricultural sector.

The director-general and directors of Irrigation Department and Settlement and Land Records Department reported on implementation of drainage system in six townships and registration of farmlands to the union ministers.

Deputy Hluttaw Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Dr Win Htein expressed thanks for effective implementation of drain system in a

short period of time and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing took part in the discussion.

The Union ministers and party presented Paethwe hybrid paddy strains to village administrators and Pale Rice to Hluttaw Representatives. They also met local farmers at the construction site of drain system in Wethtoe Village in Kangyidaunt Township and inspected construction of Daka-Mandalaygon Sluice Gate.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing at a meeting with local farmers called for cooperation among region/district/ township GADs and region/district/ township/village land management committees in carrying out farmland registration tasks.

He said farmland registration task is taking farmland census and it will be beneficial to farmers for taking agricultural loans from the bank and urged them to actively take part in those task as a national duty.

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Preventive measures against flood and construction of drainage systems inspected in Ayeyawady Region



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing meeting with local farmers in Ayeyawady Region.—MNA

Australian Senate President and party visit St Mary's Cathedral, Shwedagon Pagoda



President of Australian Senate Senator Hon John Joseph Hogg and party at St Mary's Cathedral in Bo Aung Kyaw Street.—MNA

YANGON, 28 April—A delegation led by President of the Australian Senate Senator Hon John Joseph Hogg this morning visited St Mary's Cathedral in Bo Aung Kyaw Street. They signed in the visitor's book and joined in prayer there.

They also visited Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, water and lights to the pagoda. The Pagoda Board of Trustees presented Shwedagon Pagoda Replica Mosaic and Pagoda History Book to the delegation as Dhamma gift. They then looked round the pagoda.—MNA

Two police officers shot as Italian government sworn in

ROME, 28 April — Two Italian police officers were shot and wounded on Sunday outside the prime minister's office in Rome just as new premier Enrico Letta's government was being sworn in just a kilometre (mile) away. It was not clear whether the attack by a man police said was unemployed was linked to the launch of the new government at a time of deep political divisions and social tensions exacerbated by a long slump in the euro zone's third largest economy.

Newly installed Interior Minister Angelino Alfano said the attack appeared to be an "isolated act" that did not suggest any wider security threat. But there

were immediate calls for politicians to try to calm a volatile public mood. "All political forces have to work together to lower the level of tension that the economic, social and institutional climate has already created," said centre-left parliamentarian Emanuele Fiano.

Letta, 46, the moderate deputy head of the centre-left Democratic Party (PD), on Saturday ended two months of political stalemate after February's inconclusive election when he united former political rivals in a broad coalition government.

The mix of centre-right and centre-left politicians and unaffiliated technocrats was largely welcomed in Italy's mainstream press on Sunday, especially for the record of seven female ministers and the relatively young average age. However, the political risks that Letta faces were spelled out on Sunday by a close ally of centre-right leader Silvio Berlusconi who is a core stakeholder in the government. Renato Brunetta, lower house leader of Berlusconi's People of Freedom party (PDL), said the government would fall unless Letta promised to swiftly abolish an unpopular housing tax and repay the 2012 levy to taxpayers.

Reuters

Three killed in explosion at fireworks factory in India

NEW DELHI, 28 April — At least three people were killed and eight others sustained burn injuries in an explosion at a fireworks factory in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu on Sunday, a senior police official said.

"The explosion happened at Sri Rathna Fire Works factory in Naranapuram near the state's Sivakasi District when the workers were preparing a mixture of chemicals for fire crackers.

While three people died on the spot, the injured have been admitted to a local hospital where the condition of some are said to be serious," he said, on condition of anonymity.

A probe has been ordered into the incident, the official added. The Sivakasi District is the state's fire cracker producing hub. But many illegal fireworks factories also operate in the area which do not adhere to basic fire safety norms and thus vulnerable to explosions.—Xinhua



Carabinieri police stand as they patrol around the area where gunshots were fired, in front of Chigi Palace, in Rome on 28 April, 2013.—REUTERS