

Myanmar government working on two major missions of political stability and economic growth

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—President U Thein Sein this morning left here for Thailand by Myanmar Airways International to attend the 69th session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific held in Bangkok, Thailand.

On his arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport at 7:30 am local time today, the President was welcomed by Thai Minister at Prime Minister's Office Mr. Niwattumrong Boon Songpaisan, high ranking officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win, military attaché Col Win Maung and families from Myanmar embassy.

The President and party

Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The UN Deputy Secretary-General read out the message sent by the UN Secretary-General and the ESCAP executive secretary gave a speech.

Those present on the occasion enjoyed the dance depicting the UN's values on sustainable development.

Afterwards, the ESCAP Executive Secretary presented the plaque of recognition to President U Thein Sein.

President U Thein Sein said: It is a particular pleasure to be here at the invitation of Under Secretary-General Dr Noeleen Heyzer, who has been a steadfast friend of Myanmar since the

from collective efforts of Myanmar People.

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, from its inception, was designed to bring the region together to face common challenges and to address common needs and has been a critical part of the region's multilateral architecture. I am proud that my compatriot U Nyun led this august body for many of its early years and I would like now to reaffirm Myanmar's steadfast commitment to ESCAP and the work it is undertaking.

Our government has been concurrently carrying out in momentum of the two major missions: political stability and economic

in agricultural sector as well. We greatly appreciate UNESCAP's contributions and cooperation in this area.

We all meet in special times. On the one hand Asia and Pacific's economic development and success in reducing poverty has been one of the key narratives of the early 21st century world.

On the hand we know that the continuation of this positive story is not something on which we can depend. The global economy has been in difficult times for several years and worsening times in many the bigger economies is a real possibility. Demand for Asian goods may decline.

As growth slows we know as well that it is the poorer countries and



President U Thein Sein accepts Plaque of Recognition from Executive Secretary of ESCAP Dr Noeleen Heyzer.—MNA

Resilience to Natural Disasters and Economic Crises is an incredibly apt one.

Myanmar is one of the poorest countries in the region. My government is working hard to change this, to grow the economy in a balanced way, to protect the environment at the same time, to pay special attention to vulnerable communities, to end the armed conflicts that have plagued us for so many decades with a just and sustainable peace, to end our isolation, see the lifting of sanctions, and rejoin the global economy.

But as we set our boat out into these broader waters, we are all too aware of that we make ourselves more vulnerable to the shocks and crises emanating from world markets. We were entirely unprepared for the Great Depression and the sudden collapse of prices in Myanmar's exports. Millions lost everything. Extremist ideologies followed. We are also too aware of dangers of natural disasters. Cyclone Nargis led to the

deaths of more than 100,000 people, mainly in my own home region of the Irrawaddy delta. Dr Heyzer and her team were at the forefront of helping us in the aftermath of that terrible tragedy. And if there is one thing we know for sure, it is that natural disasters will strike again in Myanmar.

I understand the importance of not just national but also community level resilience. We want to learn but also share our own experiences and be part of new regional partnerships to tackle our common threats and challenges.

The Thai Deputy Prime Minister delivered an address.

After being selected as a chairman, the Prime Minister of Timor Leste made a speech.

Next, the President and party attended the Ministerial Panel Discussion on Sustainable Development and the Development Agenda beyond 2015.

They enjoyed the luncheon hosted by ESCAP Executive Secretary Dr. Noeleen Heyzer.—MNA



President U Thein Sein attends 69th session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.—MNA

visited ESCAP Building where they were welcomed by UN Deputy Secretary General Mr. Jan Eliasson and ESCAP Executive Secretary Dr Noeleen Heyzer.

There, the President signed the visitors' book.

President U Thein Sein, Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane and Dr Kan Zaw and Deputy Minister U Ye Htut and Myanmar Ambassador U Tin Win and officials attended the 69th session of the Economic and Social

beginning of her tenure as the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and who has led this Regional Commission to new relevance and new heights. I have long been an admirer of her courage and determination. I am humble and thankful for UNESCAP's decision to present plaque of recognition for the vision, leadership and courage in setting Myanmar on the path to change. I am confident that this kind of recognition comes from no my effort alone, but

development. In order to take actions of the opportunities that rise from current political and economic changes, we have started all transparent and inclusive stakeholders meetings including civil societies.

Since our economy is mostly relied on agriculture, tremendous changes in rural and agriculture sectors are demanding at the moment. Therefore, we plan to accelerate public private partnership

more vulnerable people and communities that will suffer most in any downturn.

And even with continued growth, we also are aware of the dangers of unregulated development, on the natural environment, on social cohesion, and the daily lives of ordinary people.

We are aware too that we live in a region that is more at risk from the impact of natural disasters than any other in the world.

The theme of this year's forum—Building

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Work coordination meeting on provision of allowances for monastic school teachers

YANGON, 29 April—A work coordination meeting on provision of allowances for teachers at the monastic education schools took place at State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) yesterday noon, attended by Joint Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunitabhivamsa

(Agga Maha Pandita) and the chairman and secretaries of the region/state monastic education schools supervision committee led by SSMNC Member Sayadaw Bhaddanta Çintitalankara and, Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint, Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Htay and

departmental heads.

Monastic education dates back to the time of King Anawrahta in Bagan Period and flourished throughout Pinya, Inwa, Hanthawady, Nyaungyan and Konbaung periods.

It is set to spend around K 3000 million for a total of 6303 teachers from 1579 monastic schools of different

levels in 2013-14 FY and the teachers will receive fixed monthly allowances, according to the Union minister.

Sayadaws of monastic education schools from regions and states made suggestions and confirmed the amount of remuneration packages.

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Mogaung emphasizes prevention against narcotic drug

MOGAUNG, 29 April—Prevention against dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is being carried out with momentum in Mogaung of Kachin State.

On 24 April, the talks on danger of narcotic drugs were given in the precinct of the monastery in Namna Village-tract.

The township is set

to form a anti-narcotic association with 35 youths from villages so as to reduce number of drug addicts.

Mogaung Township Police Force could expose five cases of narcotic drugs in Mogaung, eight in Namti and four in Pinbaw from January to April 2013, making arrest of 25 drug traffickers and possessors.

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Ayeyawady Region honours scout youths

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—A ceremony to honour scouts was held at the meeting hall of Ayeyawady Region Government on 24 April morning.

Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung explained the purpose of forming the scouts so as to emerge outstanding youths who will discharge advanced duties in all fields of the future State.

He then presented

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K 300,000 as cash assistance to the scouts.

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Servicemen supply drinking water to people in Taungdwingyi

TAUNGDWINGYI, 29 April—As heat of this summer is raising day by day, local people of Taungdwingyi Township in Magway Region are facing shortage of water.

On 27 April morning, servicemen of local military station supplied 6000 gallons of drinking water to the local people of Ohndaw Ward 2 in Taungdwingyi.

Kanbalu-Myaydu gravel road completed in Kanbalu

KANBALU, 29 April—Repairing of roads and construction of gravel roads are being undertaken in Kanbalu for ensuring smooth flow of commodity and better transport.

U Maung Po submitted a tender to Kanbalu Township Development Affairs Committee of Sagaing Region to construct the inter-village gravel Kanbalu-Myaydu road. On 22 April, the construction of the gravel road was completed.

The committee funded K 57,850,000 for

construction of the gravel road in 2012-2013 fiscal year. The road is two miles long and 12 feet wide. Thanks to the road, the local people are now enjoying fruits of better transport.

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Wellwishers donate cash and kind to fire victims of NyaungU



Myeik hosts Myanmar-Thai entrepreneurs meeting

MYEIK, 29 April—A meeting between entrepreneurs from Thailand and those from Myeik District was held at the hall of Myeik District Chambers of Commerce

and Industry, here, at 27 April afternoon, attended by Thai entrepreneurs from Chumphon State and those from Myeik District.

Vice-Chairman of the District CCI U Kyi San

Merit sharing marks completion of Maha ordination hall in Namsang

NAMSANG, 29 April—A ceremony to share merits for completion of Maha Shwe Ordination Hall was held at Atulakari Monastery in Ward 3 of Namsang in Loilem District on 24 April morning, attended by Chancellor of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy Dr Bhaddanta Nanissara (Agga Maha Pandita, Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Maha Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara, Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita).

At first, the ceremony of hoisting umbrella atop the roof of ordination hall took place. Mandalay Masoe yein

Taikthit Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vasetthabhivamsa and members of the Sangha hoisted the umbrella atop the roof.

In the evening, Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Nanassara administered Desana.

On 25 April, the consecration of the Buddha Image, reordination of members of the Sangha and offering of rice to members of the Sangha followed. Then, the merit-sharing ceremony of the ordination hall was held on the schedules. From 22 to 26 April, members of the Sangha administered Desanas.

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NYAUNG U, 29 April—The SEED Social Association formed by Ma Moe Moe of Shwe Layaung Medical Store of NyaungU and U Ye Myint Aung (Bagan Myothu Ponyigyi) donated 8400 gallons of drinking water, over K 100,000 in cash and clothes to 19 fire victim households on 27 April.

Likewise, Myat Dana Donors Association of NyaungU presented 3000 gallons of safe water, cash donation and household utensils to the fire victims.

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and Chairman Mr Peerask Hinmeangkom of Chumphon State of Thailand extended greetings. Next, Thai and Myanmar entrepreneurs discussed economic matters.—Myanma Alinn

WORLD

Gov't marks Japan's 1952 recovery of sovereignty amid opposition

TOKYO, 29 April — The Japanese government on Sunday commemorated the day the country recovered its sovereignty in 1952 after its defeat in World War II, amid opposition from Okinawa, which remained under US control for another 20 years. At the government-sponsored ceremony at the Parliamentary Museum in Tokyo, attended by Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko as well as around 390 lawmakers, prefectural governors and government officials, Prime

Minister Shinzo Abe said he wished to make the day one to renew people's resolve and hope for the future by keeping in mind the steps Japan has taken since 1952.

Abe, known for his nationalistic views, also said his generation has a responsibility "to make Japan stronger and create a country that people around the world can rely on." Japan recovered its sovereignty on 28 April, 1952, when the San Francisco Peace Treaty took effect, ending World War II and the seven-year

occupation by the US-led Allied Forces. Okinawa opposed holding the ceremony as 28 April is referred to in the southernmost island prefecture as a "day of insult," when the prefecture was cut off from the mainland and forced to remain under US control until its reversion to Japan in 1972.

Okinawa Governor Hirokazu Nakaima skipped the ceremony in Tokyo in consideration of local opposition to the event. Deputy Governor Kurayoshi Takara attended the event in place of Nakaima, joining governors from across the country. Okinawa Prefecture assembly members from opposition political groups staged a rally in a park in the city of Ginowan in Okinawa at the same time the ceremony in Tokyo commenced, with around 10,000 people participating in the protest, according to the organizer.

Even after its reversion, Okinawa, despite accounting for less than 1 percent of the country's land area,



Emperor Akihito (centre L), Empress Michiko (centre R) and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (far L) attend a ceremony in Tokyo on 28 April, 2013, to commemorate the day Japan recovered its sovereignty in 1952 after its defeat in World War II.— KYODO NEWS

Collapsed Bangladesh building's owner arrested near border with India

DHAKA, 29 April — In the wake of violent protests over Wednesday's tragedy that has left about 400 workers dead so far, the owner of the building housing five factories was arrested on Sunday.

Bangladesh's State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives (LGRD) Jahangir Kabir Nanak told reporters that Sohel Rana, owner of the eight-stored building, has been arrested at Benapole in Jessore in the southwest part of Bangladesh near the Indian Border.

He said, "Rana was arrested at around 3:05 pm local time Sunday," five days after the deadly collapse of his building Rana Plaza in Savar on the outskirts of capital Dhaka. Nanak said he will be flown to Dhaka short-

ly. Earlier, three factory owners and two engineers were arrested in connection with the building collapse cases.

The owner of the building is a leader of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's ruling Bangladesh Awami

League party who reportedly constructed it without permission from relevant authorities, and assured the owners of the factories Wednesday that there was no problem despite cracks detected a day earlier.

Xinhua



Sohel Rana (C), owner of the collapsed building Rana Plaza is shown at a Press briefing held at Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) headquarters in Dhaka after he was arrested at Benapole in Jessore in the southwest part of Bangladesh near the Indian Border on 28 April, 2013

XINHUA

Missing climber found dead after avalanche in central Japan

NAGANO, (Japan), 29 April — The body was found on Sunday of a woman missing since an avalanche hit a group of climbers on Mt Shirouma in central Japan the previous day, police said. The body of Noriko Yamaguchi, 56, was found near the site of

the avalanche in Nagano Prefecture, they said. The police also found a backpack nearby, which was later identified as belonging to a 50-year-old man from the city of Yamaguchi, western Japan. The man was climbing the mountain with a 32-year-old man from the

city on Friday and could not be reached, police said, adding the men have been hit in the avalanche. The police gave up searching for the day due to the risk of another avalanche.

Yamaguchi from Gifu Prefecture near Nagano and three others in her group



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe speaks at a ceremony in Tokyo on 28 April, 2013, to commemorate the day Japan recovered its sovereignty in 1952 after its defeat in World War II.— KYODO NEWS

continues to host more than 70 percent of US military forces in Japan, prompting locals to urge the bases to be moved out of the prefecture. The ceremony reflects Abe's desire to reform the country's Constitution to boost the country's defence capabilities, among other conservative agenda items. Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party has pushed to revise the Constitution, saying it was drafted under the strong influence of the United States.

Kyodo News

Number of workers in Japan aged 60 or over hits record high in 2012

TOKYO, 29 April — The number of workers in Japan aged 60 or over averaged 11.92 million in 2012, a record high for the sixth straight year, according to recently released government data. The average number of such elderly workers in 2012 increased 170,000 from the previous year and accounted for 19.0 percent of all the employees in the country, the Internal Affairs and Communications Ministry said.

Compared with 2002, the number of elderly workers rose 3.1 million and the ratio of the senior employees to all workers increased 5.0 percentage points. The number of such workers began surging in 2007, when baby boomers born in the late 1940s began turning 60.

The increase in the number of elderly who continue to work after reaching the once mandatory retirement age of 60 reflects declines in the pension amount they receive, and the fact that the

age at which people start to receive pension benefits has been raised since 2001 to respond to the swelling number of elderly people and falling birthrate in Japan.

The rise in the number of elderly workers is also attributed to a law revision in 2006 which obliged companies to, in principle, continue to employ people who wish to work until age 65. Among all those aged 60 to 64 in Japan, 57.7 percent continued to work in 2012.

Meanwhile, the number of employees aged 15 to 59 fell about 3.7 million since 2002, to 50.78 million in 2012. The number of workers aged 15 to 29 plummeted by 3.2 million to 10.44 million. The Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry has estimated that by 2030, the number of employees in Japan will drop by up to 8.5 million from the 2010 level, assuming the number of elderly and women on payrolls does not increase. — Kyodo News

Israeli credibility on line over Iran nuclear challenge

JERUSALEM, 29 April — Israel risks a loss of credibility over both its "red line" for Iran's nuclear programme and its threat of military action, and its room for unilateral maneuver is shrinking. After years of veiled warnings that Israel might strike the Islamic Republic, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu laid out an ultimatum at the United Nations last September. Iran, he said, must not amass enough uranium at 20 percent fissile purity to fuel one bomb if enriched further. To ram the point home, he drew a red line across a cartoon bomb, guaranteeing him front page headlines around the world.

However, a respected Israeli ex-spy master says Iran has skillfully circumvented the challenge. Other influential voices say the



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu points to a red line he has drawn on the graphic of a bomb as he addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 27 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

time has passed when Israel can hit out at Iran alone, leaving it dependent on US decision-makers. "If there was a good window of opportunity to attack, it was six months ago — not necessarily today," said Giora Eiland, a former Israeli national security adviser. Pressure from Washington, he said, had forced Israel to drop its strike plan.

Israel has long insisted on the need for a convincing military threat and setting clear lines beyond which Iran's nuclear activity should not advance, calling this the only way to persuade Iran that it must bow to international pressure. Serving officials argue that Netanyahu's repeated warnings of the menace

posed by Iran's nuclear project have pushed the issue to the top of the global agenda and helped generate some of the toughest economic sanctions ever imposed on a nation.

But some officials have also questioned the wisdom of his red line, arguing that such brinkmanship can generate unwelcome ambiguity — as the United States has discovered with its contested stance on the use of chemical weapons in Syria. Amos Yadlin, a former military intelligence chief who runs a Tel Aviv think-tank, suggested last week that Israel had also got itself into a tangle, saying Iran had expanded its nuclear capacity beyond the Israeli limit, without triggering alarms.—Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Oxygen-emitting pillow to keep harmful germs in check

NEW YORK, 29 April—Researchers have designed a unique oxygen-emitting



cellular pillow that could help people sleep well by filtering out air toxins and

helping them breathe easier while sleeping.

Research student Qing Ji, from the JiLin Animation Institute in China, has

submitted a concept for the Electrolux Design Lab student competition.

The cellular pillow is a green-and-white casual pillow that provides not only comfort, but safety from harmful germs, *'TechNews-Daily'* reported.

The pillow's design is made up of aloe cells, which are used to absorb carbon monoxide and release oxygen in its place, helping people who are leaning on it to breathe easier.

The cells can also eliminate harmful bacteria and any harmful gases around the sleeping person, the report said.

Ji claims the pillow will create an experience as similar as sleeping in the forest, breathing in the fresh air and helping people get an overall better night's sleep.

The design is one of the 100 concepts Electrolux chose from more than 1,700 submissions in its competition.—PTI

iPhone application which helps choose healthy food

MELBOURNE, 29 April—In a world first, Australian food scientists have launched an iPhone application which they claim would allow shoppers make healthier choices while buying packaged foodstuff from the supermarket.

A team at the University of Sydney says that the iPhone's camera scans the barcode of packaged foods and instantly tells its owner the nutritional advice of the stuff via 'FoodSwitch' application, thus helping reduce high levels of fat, salt and sugar from their diets.

"FoodSwitch's three-step approach marries the latest technology with cutting edge research. Australians can now scan barcodes, see what's in a food, and switch to a healthier choice in an instant," said Bruce Neal, senior director at the university's George Institute for Global Health.

The application makes recommendations based on the nutritional value of

more than 20,000 packaged food products found in Australian supermarkets, and is a product which took the scientists nearly three years to develop.

Heart disease, stroke and other diseases caused mostly by a poor diet are the biggest killers in Australia, and by simply switching to a healthier alternative, shoppers could be reducing risk of the illnesses, *'sciencealert.com.au'* reports.

The application will

demystify nutritional labels and front of pack health claims, and give shoppers a true report of a product's fat, sugar and salt levels.

"Choosing a healthier diet has to be made easier, because good eating habits are one of the best and most cost-effective ways to prevent disease. For long, Australians have grappled with confusing food labels. And with FoodSwitch there is no reason why this should continue," Neal said.—PTI



Maverick operator Digicel takes on the big boys in Myanmar

SINGAPORE, 29 April—Cellular operator Digicel Group Ltd jumped into Myanmar early and big, hiring staff, funding local sports, negotiating land deals for thousands of cell tower sites and signing up hundreds of partners for retail outlets.

The strategy helped propel it onto the shortlist for a mobile license in one of the world's last mobile frontiers, putting an operator that ranks 65th globally in terms of customers up against giants such as Vodafone Group Plc.

Myanmar this month short-listed 12 consortia for two licenses it plans to grant foreign operators in late June. The government wants to expand mobile penetration from less than 4 percent to up to 80 percent by 2015-16.

While Digicel is up against behemoths such as Vodafone, China Mobile Ltd and Telenor ASA, several other big players failed to make the list—among them South Korea's SK Telecom Co Ltd and Egypt's Orascom Telecom Holding SAE.

It's a vindication of

sorts for Digicel's long-term approach. Business development director Frank O'Carroll led the charge into Myanmar in 2009. In early 2012 he persuaded the company to commit funds to build a local brand and prepare the ground so that if it did get the go-ahead it could roll out a service in a matter of months.

Digicel has since set up shop in 31 markets, gaining 13 million customers. While none boasts a population above 10 million people, the company has taken on some major rivals, including America Movil SAB, Vodafone, Telefonica and Cable & Wireless.

"I don't think there's any fantastic science to it, but I do think it's our abil-

ity to move fast because we're small, we don't have this complex machinery that takes months and months to make decisions," said Vanessa Slowey, Singapore-based CEO of Digicel Asia Pacific, in an interview.

Making those decisions is Digicel owner Denis O'Brien, an Irish billionaire who first focused on small markets in the Caribbean after noticing that spectrum was being auctioned off in Jamaica. Eventually the Pacific beckoned.

Telecoms executive David Borrill recalls meeting O'Brien in his office after three years working for the incumbent operator in



A man wears a cap bearing the brand of Digicel in Yangon on 26 April, 2013.

REUTERS

Samoa. "He went straight over to his library and opened the biggest atlas he had, turned to the Pacific and said, 'Tell me about this, where would you put an office here?'"

A few weeks later Borrill was back in Samoa, this time working for Digicel. The company bought out Telecom New Zealand's stake in the incumbent operator in 2006, and within six months had more than doubled its customer base.

Last financial year the company reported revenue of \$2.5 billion, year-on-year growth of 14 percent and EBITDA of \$1.08 billion, up 13 percent. It has 87 percent market share in Haiti, at least 75 percent in Jamaica and 92 percent of Papua New Guinea, according to Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

"Digicel is very astute in selecting the markets it enters," said John Hibbard, an Australia-based telecoms consultant. "It has to be convinced it will win a reasonable market share."—Reuters

Dell investors may still gain after Blackstone pullout

NEW YORK, 29 April—Dell shareholders could still stand to profit even after Blackstone Group LP withdrew its bid to buy the world's No 3 personal computer maker more than a week ago, *Barron's* said on Sunday.

On 19 April, Blackstone's move knocked Dell shares to a two-month low and narrowed the fight for Dell between activist investor Carl Icahn and the company's founder Michael Dell and Silver Lake Partners, the newspaper said.

Blackstone dropped its bid for Dell at \$14.25 a share, citing deteriorating demand for PCs.

On Friday, Dell's stock closed at \$13.35, below the \$13.65-a-share proposed buyout from its founder and Silver Lake.

"Dell shares now look appealing because investors stand to make a small profit if the Michael Dell-led offer gets approved," the paper said in its 29 April edition.

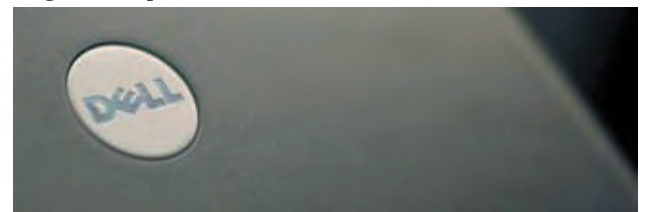
Icahn and Southeastern Asset Management, Dell's largest independent share-

holder that complained the buyout offer being too low, have valued the company at more than \$20 a share, *Barron's* said.

Icahn proposed in early March, about a month after the Dell/Silver Lake's announced its bid, for a \$9-a-share special dividend. He has not made a formal offer for Dell, which *Barron's* said could involve a tender of 58 percent of the PC maker's stock at \$15 per share. If a Icahn offer does not emerge, Wall Street analysts reckon Dell might fall as low as \$10 a share, the paper said.

The planned buyout, which has angered Southeastern and other major investors, faces a tough shot of being approved, excluding its founder who owns 16 percent of the company, according to the paper.

If Dell/Silver Lake bid fails, it will be "welcome news for Dell investors, who could then benefit from alternatives that offer immediate and long-term benefits that probably far exceed \$13.65 a share," *Barron's* said.—Reuters



Russian cosmonauts to take "Olympic spacewalk"

MOSCOW, 29 April—Russian cosmonauts will take the Olympics torch to outer space, the federal space agency Roscosmos said on Sunday. The space agency has approved a plan of an

unscheduled spacewalk for Russian cosmonauts from the *International Space Station* (ISS) to take the Olympic torch to space, Roscosmos deputy head Vitaly Davydov told local media.

"It will not be a replica but exactly the same kind of torch that will be used at the Olympiad. One of several thousand torches," *Interfax* news agency quoted Davydov as saying.

According to the official, the Olympic spacewalk plan has been agreed with the Olympics Committee, and the torch will not be burning as open fire was prohibited in the ISS.—Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Over-cooked potato chips may raise risk of cancer

LONDON, 29 April—Potato chips served in many fast-food outlets and restaurants could contain a cancer-causing chemical due to its cooking process, a new research has claimed.

Scientists have found that over-cooked chips include acrylamide — which has been linked to cancer because of the cooking process. They discovered potatoes which have been part-cooked before sale and then quickly reheated before serving contain increased levels of the substance, the *Daily Express* reported.

Researchers from the Reading University, found acrylamide is present in chips which have been dried, frozen and cooked twice before reaching the table — a common form of preparation.

This method is used

to make shoestring fries, the thin chips widely sold in thousands of fast-food restaurants and take-aways across the country.

Acrylamide is a carcinogen. It is present in a wide range of foods such as biscuits, breads, crisps and chips that have been baked, fried or grilled at temperatures higher than 120°C.

The report, published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, urges the food industry to modify how it prepares potatoes for sale to restaurants and takeaways.

“There is continuing concern about acrylamide, but this research highlights what we can do to reduce the presence in potato products.

There is prior treatment of potatoes which can reduce the levels and the



food industry will be alerted to these findings,” Food chemist Professor Donald Mottram, who carried out the research, said. Barbara Gallani, director of food safety and science at the Food and Drink Federation, said the risk can be lowered by not over-cooking chips.

“Acrylamide is naturally formed in the cooking process in home-cooked and manufactured food. Although it cannot be eliminated from certain

types of foods that must be heated for consumption or in the production process, manufacturers have been working to reduce the presence of acrylamide in their products,” she was quoted as saying by the paper. “Acrylamide levels can be limited if chips are cooked to a light golden colour and not over-cooked. It is therefore important to follow the manufacturer’s cooking instructions,” she added.

Reuters

Earnings beating forecasts but jury’s out on rest of season



A man stands on a skateboard outside a Wal-Mart store in Williston, North Dakota on 13 March, 2013.

REUTERS

NEW YORK, 29 April—US companies have easily beaten expectations for first-quarter earnings so far in the reporting season, but nearly half of the members of the S&P 500 are yet to announce results and they are unlikely to be as robust.

With results in from 271 of the S&P 500

companies, year-over-year earnings growth is projected at 3.9 percent, compared with a forecast for 1.5 percent growth at the start of the earnings season, Thomson Reuters data shows. That figure includes those that have reported and analyst estimates for those who have not.

The companies yet to report are expected to post an aggregate earnings decline of 0.4 percent, according to Thomson Reuters data — whereas the companies that have already reported have posted growth of 6.1 percent.

Among the biggest companies yet to report are Dow components Wal-Mart Stores Inc (WMT.N) and Home Depot (HD.N).

Some 69 percent of the S&P 500 have beaten forecasts, once again conforming to the pattern of lowering expectations enough to “surprise” by beating them. The 69 percent figure exceeds the long-term average of 63 percent. This has been the pattern for the last 15 quarters, with growth estimates at the beginning of earnings ultimately being beaten by at least a full

percentage point.

First-quarter revenue now is expected to fall 0.3 percent, which is worse than the forecast for 1 percent growth when the season started.

That means companies — yet again — have been able to squeeze out higher profits through cost-cutting and other measures. But that does not bode well for hiring and stands as a potential headwind to the economy in coming quarters. “It does concern me. It’s not sustainable over the medium or the long term. There’s only so much companies can do to sustain growth without increasing sales,” said Paul Zensky, head of asset allocation at ING Investment Management, in New York.

There are plenty of examples of major companies that were deeply reserved about the second quarter or the remainder of the year.—Reuters

S Korea’s current account surplus doubles in March

SEOUL, 29 April—South Korea’s current account surplus almost doubled in March from the prior month thanks to robust exports of IT products such as smartphones and semiconductors, central bank data showed on Monday. Current account surplus was 4.98 billion US dollars in March after posting a surplus of 2.71 billion dollars in February and 2.33 billion dollars in January respectively, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

For the first three months of this year, the surplus reached 10.02

billion dollars, almost quadrupling from the same period of last year.

The widening surplus was attributable to brisk shipments of major export items. Exports increased 1.3 percent from a year earlier to 47.99 billion dollars in March after falling 7.9 percent in the previous month.

Imports reduced 1.5 percent to 43.78 billion dollars in March, sending the trade balance to a surplus of 4.21 billion dollars last month.

Samsung Electronics maintained its position as the world’s No1

smartphone maker with the global market share of 33.1 percent in the first quarter. LG Electronics rose to the third place in the first quarter from the seventh in the prior quarter, with its market share of 4.9 percent.

The brisk exports came amid growing concerns that the devaluation of the Japanese yen will hurt South Korean exporters, which are fiercely competing with Japanese rivals. Market watchers forecast that the negative impact of the weak yen trend on the South Korean exports may be materialized from the second quarter.—Xinhua

Zames’ star ascends in latest JPMorgan shakeup

NEW YORK, 29 April—JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) said on Sunday Matt Zames will fully assume the role of chief operating officer as his former partner in the job leaves, which was part of the latest management shakeup at the biggest US bank.

Zames, who has been seen as a strong candidate to succeed the bank’s Chief Executive and Chairman Jamie Dimon, had been co-chief operating officer with Frank Bisignano, the New York-based bank said in a statement.

In the latest move, Zames now has sole responsibility in another critical senior post at JPMorgan.

As well as being a co-chief operating officer, the 42-year old Zames has been its chief investment officer since May. The former hedge fund trader replaced Ina Drew — a three-decade veteran at the bank — who retired following a costly trading debacle.

Zames “is a proven business executive, who has performed exceptionally well since coming into his corporate role in May of last year. He’ll continue to have an important impact on our company,” Dimon said in a statement.

As earlier reported by the *Wall Street Journal*,

Reuters



A flag hangs on the wall of the JP Morgan company stall on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York on 15 July, 2010.—REUTERS

Sumitomo pulls out of Aquila coal JV in Australia

SYDNEY, 29 April—Aquila Resources (AQA.AX) on Monday suffered a set back to its plans to raise capital via asset sales to help fund a A\$7.4 billion (\$7.6 billion) Australian iron ore project after Sumitomo Corp pulled out of a coal exploration partnership.

A memorandum of understanding reached between the two companies a year ago was designed to pave the way for an acquisition by Sumitomo of a 20-50 percent interest in coal mining tenements held

by Aquila in Queensland state.

“Following two independent valuations, averaging A\$108.8 million on a 100 percent basis, Sumitomo has elected not to acquire an interest in the tenements,” Aquila said.

Aquila shares tumbled almost 10 percent to A\$1.83 in early trading.

The proceeds from the sale and the joint venture agreement, on top of Aquila’s existing cash reserves, were aimed provide funds needed to

Bisignano will leave JPMorgan’s senior ranks to head payroll processor First Data Corp (KOH.LB.FUL). Bisignano played a major role in the bank’s effort to get back on track after suffering a loss of more than \$6 billion due to soured, risky bets.

Bisignano was the ninth executive to leave the bank’s operating committee in the past 1-1/2 years, according to the paper.

First Data announced Bisignano’s appointment as its chief executive officer effective Monday, after the *Journal* report.

Of Bisignano, Dimon said, “I have worked with Frank for many years, and he has proven himself time and again as a highly talented executive willing to take on difficult challenges and get the job done.”

Other changes in the bank’s latest management shuffle involved the co-chief administrative officers of corporate and investment banking, which have been held by Paul Compton and Louis Rauchenberger.

Compton will become the chief administrative officer of JPMorgan Chase and report to Zames, while Rauchenberger will become the sole chief administrative officer of corporate and investment banking, the bank said.

Reuters

finance Aquila’s share in the undeveloped West Pilbara Iron Ore Project.

Aquila in February put the iron ore project on ice at least through June due to funding difficulties, as soaring costs and volatile commodity prices take a toll on new mine developments.

The West Pilbara Iron Ore project in Western Australia is one of a number that have stalled since the mining boom cooled last year in the world’s top iron ore exporter after Chinese demand slowed.—Reuters

WORLD

Iceland set for coalition talks after government ousted

REYKJAVIK, 29 April—Iceland's centre-right parties prepared for coalition talks on Sunday after defeating the ruling Social Democrats in elections with promises of ending austerity measures five years after a financial collapse. With nearly all the ballots counted, the Independence Party took 26.7 percent of the vote and the Progressive Party 24.4 percent, both gaining 19 seats in the Althing, or parliament. The Social Democrats were a distant third with 12.9 percent.

"Independence and Progressives teaming up in a coalition is the likely outcome," Olafur Hardarson, a political science professor at the University of Iceland said. "Other outcomes are of course possible but very

unlikely." Once a European financial centre, the windswept north Atlantic island of glaciers, geysers and volcanoes has struggled along for years after a crash that brought it to its knees in just a matter of days.

The election brings back the same parties that presided over the rise and fall. Tired by years of belt tightening, high mortgages, capital controls and unrealized promises of recovery, households lost patience with the Social Democrats. "We are offering a different road, a road to growth, protecting social security, better welfare and job creation," said Independence leader Bjarni Benediktsson, the favourite to become the next prime minister.

"What we won't compromise about is cutting



A woman casts her vote during Iceland's general elections in Reykjavik on 27 April, 2013.—REUTERS

taxes and lifting the living standards of people," Benediktsson, a 43-year-old former professional soccer player, told Reuters. The Independence party won the popular vote but earned as many seats in parliament as Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson's Progressive Party, setting the stage for a tussle between the two. "We've seen all sorts of different forms of govern-

ments here in the past decades," Gunnlaugsson, 38, told Reuters. "Sometimes the biggest party delegates the prime minister, sometimes not." Coalitions in Iceland are traditionally agreed in a matter of days. "The choice seems to be clear," Benediktsson said. "We'll go into coalition with whoever we can govern with."

Reuters

Israel strikes Gaza in response to rocket fire



A Palestinian militant inspect a destroyed training base of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) in the southern Gaza Strip City of Rafah on 28 April, 2013. Israeli air strikes hit two Palestinian military sites on Sunday morning in response to a rocket Palestinian fighters fired from the territory into southern Israel.—XINHUA

GAZA/JERUSALEM, 29 April—Israeli airplanes struck two targets in the Gaza Strip on early Sunday in response to a rocket that fired by unknown militant on late Saturday. The Israeli army said in a statement that the predawn strike in southern Gaza included a Hamas training facility and a weapons storage site, and the pilots confirmed direct hits on the targets and returned safely.

The Israeli army also closed Gaza's Kerem Shalom crossing point, the only point transfers goods from Israel to Gaza, in response

to the rocket attack which caused no damages or casualties. Also, travel through Erez crossing between Gaza and Israel was further restricted.

The Israeli raids were the second one since November, when an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire ended eight days of cross-border fighting between Israel and Islamic Hamas movement which controls Gaza. In recent months, some extremist Muslim groups affiliated with al-Qaeda network in Gaza often claimed responsibility for firing missiles into southern Israel.—Xinhua

Rocky trail for Kremlin's conflict-zone ski resorts



Skiers sit in a chair-lift while ascending to the top of Elbrus's neighbouring Mount Cheget, with security personnel seen in the background, on 3 Feb, 2013.

REUTERS

ELBRUS, (Russia), 29 April—Police checkpoints, pot-holed roads and a billboard that shows the Earth in flames and warns "Terrorism is a threat to humanity" might put off visitors to Russia's ski resort at Mount Elbrus, the highest mountain in Europe. These days only a handful of the most

intrepid skiers and hikers make it to Elbrus, which dominates the North Caucasus region, where Islamist insurgents from ethnic minorities are fighting Russian rule and want to establish an Emirate.

Elbrus is the unlikely centerpiece of a \$26-billion Kremlin project for a chain

Deutsche Bank has "zero tolerance" for tax evaders

FRANKFURT, 29 April—Deutsche Bank has "zero tolerance" for customers seeking to evade taxes by holding assets in foreign accounts managed by the lender, Co-Chief Executive Juergen Fitschen told German radio broadcaster Deutschlandfunk. "Tax evasion is a crime," Fitschen said in an interview.

"It's unacceptable." Germany's biggest lender has restrictive policies for dealing with its customers' overseas assets and all employees working in the area are aware of it, Fitschen said. "We have zero tolerance," he said, adding that if the bank had the slightest indication that foreign assets handled by the bank were not taxed, it would demand that customers prove the assets were legitimate.

Tax evasion has become an election issue in Germany after the shock

revelation that Uli Hoeness, the Bayern Munich soccer club president and an associate of Chancellor Angela Merkel, had turned himself into tax authorities over a secret Swiss bank account. Germany's financial watchdog Bafin plans to take a closer look at banks' business in offshore tax havens.

Fitschen said he was confident the Bafin enquiry would bring a good result. "As in other areas, we have nothing to hide." Separately, UBS Chairman Axel Weber told Wirtschaftswoche magazine that Switzerland's biggest bank would no longer do business with customers seeking to evade taxes. "I am confident that we can persuade the affected customers to put their situation with the German tax authorities in order," said Weber, who is a former Bundesbank president.

Reuters



Juergen Fitschen, Co-CEO of Deutsche Bank AG speaks during an extraordinary shareholders meeting in Frankfurt on 11 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Iraq watchdog suspends 10 TV channels for inciting violence

BAGHDAD, 29 April—Iraq has suspended the licenses of satellite news network Al Jazeera and nine other channels, accusing them of inciting violence through their coverage of recent sectarian clashes. The Communication and Media Commission (CMC) regulator criticized their reporting of violence triggered by a security forces raid on a Sunni protest camp in Hawija on Tuesday. None of the channels was immediately available for comment.

More than 170 people have been killed in the fighting — the worst Iraq has seen since Sunnis started staging protests in December to complain about their treatment by Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's Shi'ite-led government. The watchdog said sectarian language used in the reports encouraged "criminal acts of revenge by attacking

the security forces". "The CMC sees in the speech and content propagated by the channels...an incitement and escalation which leans towards misleading and exaggeration more than towards objectivity," the watchdog said in a statement published on Sunday.

Most of the channels, including local stations such as "Baghdad" and "al-Sharqiya", are pro-Sunni and often critical of the Shi'ite-led government. Al Jazeera is based in Qatar, a Sunni-ruled kingdom. The watchdog is powerless to stop the channels broadcasting, but may make it harder for their local staff to cover events. Media rights group the Iraqi Journalists' Freedom Observatory said the CMC was biased, as some officials in the body had been appointed by the government.

Reuters

of luxury mountain resorts that Moscow hopes will succeed, where guns and troops have not, in ending the violence and easing dissent in the region. Russia's high Caucasus mountains will have their debut on the global stage of winter sports next year with the Olympic games in the Black Sea resort of Sochi — a pet project of President Vladimir Putin.

By investing in tourism in other parts of the mountain range, Moscow hopes it can curb the flow of young militants — who have come to the world's attention in the past two weeks after the Boston bombing suspects were found to have roots in the region. So far it has not been easy. Weeks after the investment plan was unveiled in 2011, gunmen attacked a tourist minibus, killing three people, and blew up a ski

lift. "People are killed all the time there ... Who is going to go on vacation there?" asked Vladimir Kantorovich, vice president of the Russian Association of Tour Operators.

And violence is not the only problem. In April, scores of heavily armed police raided the Moscow and regional offices of Northern Caucasus Resorts, the company set up to run the investment scheme, to investigate accusations against its former boss. He was charged with embezzlement and has left the country. The French state investment fund Caisse des Depots has pledged to invest up to 10 billion euros (\$13 billion) in the project, but its international affairs director Laurent Vigier acknowledges that "it's not an easy idea". "Elbrus is mythical," he said in an interview. "Developing it is a question of national prestige for Russia."—Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

Agreement on standard catering services signed

YANGON, 29 April—A ceremony to sign the agreement between Myanmar Restaurants Association and Unilever Food Solutions (Thailand Co Ltd) was held at the hall of Myanmar Tourism Federation, here, on 24 April afternoon.

They agreed to perform standard catering services to athletes of XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar in 2013.

Vice-Chairman of MRA U Khin Aung Tun and Managing Director Mr. Prasith Preechachalieo of



Unilever Food Solutions (Thailand Co Ltd) signed the agreement and exchanged notes.

During the competition,

they will serve meals to 4000-5000 athletes from 11 countries during the games.

Unilever Food Solutions (Thailand Co.

Ltd) has experiences in catering services joining hands with restaurant works in 70 countries.

Myanma Alinn

Investors invited for Myotha Industrial Park and Hsimeekhon Port in Ngazun Township

MANDALAY, 29 April—The inspection started for construction tasks at the port land of Myotha Industrial Park and Hsimeekhon Port of Mandalay.

The project will comprise construction of the main road linking the port and the industrial port, and land preparations are

being made for the plots of industrial park.

The land of project in Ngazun Township is 36 miles of Mandalay.

It is under supervision of Mandalay Region Industrial Development Committee and MMID Public Co.

State City and Planning

of Singapore created the master plan for the project. Global Maritime and Port Service of Singapore and Royal Hsaking of the Netherlands will jointly build the port land.

The project will have international industrial zone, modern housing, golf course, commercial zone

and other characteristics of port city.

Those wishing to invest in the project may purchase shares at MMID Offices in Yangon and Mandalay, branches of Ayeyawady Bank and Myanma Apex Bank, and City Mart branches. Annual financial statements and profits will be shared to the shareholders annually.

Myanma Alinn

Strong winds bring eagle to Sagaing



SAGAING, 29 April—A large eagle was brought to a house of Daweizay Ward in Sagaing Township by squalls at 7.45 pm on 22

April.

The eagle will be donated to Yadanabon Zoological Gardens of Mandalay.

Myanma Alinn

Over 490 grams of opium seized in Waingmaw

WAINGMAW, 29 April—A team led by SIP Khin Zaw of Myitkyina Anti-Drug Special Squad together with witnesses, acting on tip-off, stopped the tuk-tuk leaving Waingmaw for Myitkyina near Nammyinkha Bridge at the entrance to Waingmaw on 25 April.

The policemen searched the leather bag of Daw Wa Shok

Hong and seized 436.33 grams of raw opium. Moreover, they seized 55.33 grams of opium from her underwear pants, totalling 491.66 grams worth K 688,324 and her citizenship scrutiny card.

Waingmaw Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against her under the law.

Myanma Alinn

About 40 grams of heroin seized on 58-down Myitkyina-Mandalay train

MYITKYINA, 29 April—A team led by IP Wah Wah Kywe of Myitkyina Anti-Drug Special Squad together with members of Myitkyina Railway Police Force, acting on tip-off, searched the utensils of passenger Daw Nge Nge from seat No. 23 at ordinary class coach No. 3 of No. 58-down Myitkyina-Mandalay train at 2 pm on 19 April.

They seized 39.1 grams of heroin from the soap boxes worth K 3,128,000.

Daw Nge Nge confessed that she took the heroin of Daw Moe Kyi, next to her village, at the Myitkyina Station on her way back to Mingon Village of Mogaung Township.

Myitkyina Police Station No. 2 opened a file of lawsuit against Daw Nge Nge of Mingon Village in Mogaung Township and Daw Moe Kyi (a) Daw Shwe Moe of Namna Village of Mogaung Township under the law.—Myanma Alinn

Yochar Village of Kyaukpadaung Tsp taps underground water



KYAUKPADAUNG, 29 April—With the assistance of the Union government and Region government, a

tube-well sunk in Yochar Village supplies water to the local people.

“The tube-well is four

Kutkai illuminated with electricity

KUTKAI, 29 April—Muse District Electrical Engineer UKyaw Kyaw Lwin and Township Electrical Engineer U Um Sha Mahn supervised installation of one 315/KVA transformer together with 400 volt 1.5 miles long power line and

one 11/KV 0.5 mile power line in Kutkai for supplying electricity to all the wards round the clock.

They started the works on 23 April and launched supply of electricity to the urban area.

Myanma Alinn

Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

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

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PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 30 April, 2013

The soul of the people

Both the twin sisters—Maykha and Malikha—rise on the snow-capped mountains in the northern tip of the Union or the land of Kachin people. But generally the current of Maykha river is strong all along its course. It flows through forests, mountainous regions and uneven territories forming a lot of rapids before joining with Malikha River. Maykha is a heaven for tourists who love whitewater adventure. On the other hand, Malikha is rough only in the upstream, and mostly gentle in the downstream. All in all, the twins have many differences.

But when they join one another at the famous place called “the confluence” they together form the mighty river “Ayeyawady” which is the mother of the Union or the main artery of the country. The mighty river flows from north to south in the centre of Myanmar serving as a transport corridor, the source of water and food supply for many people, and the natural heritage and the beauty of the Union. It also is a historic river witnessing a lot of important events that had much impact on the lives of the people throughout the different eras.

All along its course the great river is joined by a large number of natural watercourses originating in various places of the Union, thus further strengthening the force and might of Ayeyawady which always stands as the symbol and the heart of Myanmar. So we can say that Ayeyawady is formed by the waters from all parts of the Union. Likewise, the Union is formed by all the national races that have different beliefs, backgrounds, customs and cultures.

Myanmar cannot exist without Ayeyawady or Union spirit which is the willingness to stay in unity. As for Myanmar people, Ayeyawady is the lifeblood of the country and the Union is their sold.

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhyaya as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.

Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhyaya was born on 24 May 1956. He obtained B.A. (History) and M.A. (Sociology). He joined the Ministry of External Affairs of India in 1980. During his diplomatic career, he had served in various capacities in the Ministry of External Affairs as well as the diplomatic missions of India in Mexico City (1982-1984), Paris (1985-1986), Havana (1986-1989), New York (1996-2000), Kabul (2001-2002), Damascus (2005-2009). He also served as Joint Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs from 2009 to 2010. He has been serving as Ambassador of India to Afghanistan since July 2010.

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NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein meets Timor-Leste Premier, UN Deputy Secretary-General, ESCAP Executive Secretary



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Prime Minister of Timor-Leste Mr Xanana Gusmao.

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—President U Thein Sein separately met Prime Minister of Timor-Leste Mr Xanana Gusmao, UN Deputy Secretary-General Mr Jan Eliasson and ESCAP Executive Secretary Dr Noeleen Heyzer at ESCAP office in Thailand today in the sideline of 69th Meeting of UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The meeting with the Timor-Leste Premier focused on strengthening bilateral ties, prospects of cooperation in energy and agricultural sectors, and potential for Timor-Leste to participate more in regional efforts.

In meeting with UN Deputy Secretary-General Mr Jan Eliasson, President U Thein Sein thanked UN for recognition of Myanmar's reforms, saying Myanmar attaches great importance to relations with UN much.

He said UN assistances had a huge impact on Myanmar's reforms, inviting more UN assistance for ensuring social harmony, generation of job opportunities, and education and health sectors in conflict-hit Rakhine State.

The UN Deputy Secretary-General said he was no stranger to Myanmar as he had to deal with Myanmar issues since his capacity as a Swedish Ambassador to UN in 1980s.

He welcomed the President's speech on Meiktila violence, stressing the need to balance the peace, development and respect for human rights. He promised to increase humanitarian and development aids to Myanmar. He also vowed to help Myanmar tackle challenges.

The meeting with ESCAP Executive Secretary Dr Noeleen Heyzer focused on five-year plan to provide ICT trainings to 100 outstanding Myanmar students each year and ESCAP's assistance for economic and social developments in Myanmar.

The President also received Myanmar families serving at ESCAP, UNHCR, UNAIDS, UNIAP, UNOPS, UNODS and FAO.

He called on them to

extend their helping hands to development bid of the country.

The meetings were also attended by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane and Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister U Ye Htut, Myanmar Ambassador U Tin Win and departmental heads.

The delegation led by the President arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

They were welcomed back by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union ministers, the commander and officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.

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President U Thein Sein shaking hands with UN Deputy Secretary-General Mr Jan Eliasson.—MNA



President U Thein Sein holding talks with UNESCAP Executive Secretary Dr Noeleen Heyzer.—MNA

NATIONAL

Australian Senate President visits monastic education school

YANGON, 29 April—President of the Australian Senate Senator Hon John Joseph Hogg visited monastic education primary school at Thonehtet Monastery under AUSAID funded education project on 3rd Bahan Street in Bahan Township this afternoon.

The Australia Senate

President and party met novices and had a conversation with them. They also presented books and souvenirs to the novices.

School In-Charge Ko Aung Ko Oo explained facts

about the school and the Australian Senate President clarified programmes to assist the monastic education schools across the nation.

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President of Australian Senate Senator Hon John Joseph Hogg at monastic education primary school in Bahan.—MNA



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turning an estimated 100,000 into internally displaced people (IDPs). The violence has affected not only the livelihoods and food security of these communities, but has also affected businesses throughout Rakhine State. Attacks and counter-attacks, killings and counter killings erupted between the Rakhines and Bengalis, leading to heightened fears, lack of physical security and the inability of communities to meet their basic essential needs. In particular, the violence has affected vulnerable groups such as women and children both physically and psychologically. The result was a breakdown in communication between the two sides. The earlier hatred and bitterness between the two sides—which had been created because of certain historical events—provided fertile ground for renewed tensions, mistrust and violence. Therefore, to address the root causes and problems, the Commission recommends the following:

- Agencies responsible for security should heighten cooperation and collaboration with one another.
- The number of security forces in Rakhine should not be withdrawn or reduced in any significant numbers.
- Border security must be increased. A skilled force especially trained and prepared in preventing and resolving conflicts needs to be put in place as a preventive measure. Such a force must be trained and equipped with modern and appropriate means of conflict resolution. A bomb squad also

needs to be established to guard against actions by extremist groups.

- In the event that intervention by the *Tatmadaw* (Armed Forces) is needed to prevent or stop sectarian violence, those forces must be adequately equipped with weapons for conflict resolution.
- The security forces to prevent the violence must be fully prepared and able to access all areas rapidly. To this end, they should be equipped with modern telecommunications systems, all-weather vehicles, speedboats and other suitable transport.
- The role of the Navy needs to be expanded and strengthened. To this end, coastal radar stations and patrol aircraft should be established. Close circuit television cameras and man-made barriers are needed for 24-hour surveillance along the border.
- To work closely with the Navy, a marine or coastal patrol force should be established and equipped with assault boats, in order to ensure effective patrolling of the Rakhine Coast.
- A Special Team comprising a civil-military mix needs to be established and made responsible for gathering intelligence on extremist organizations and violent groups.
- As a matter of priority, the organization of Immigration service personnel (*La-Wa-Ka*) in Rakhine State must be strengthened.
- The Border Immigration Headquarters personnel (BIHQ or *Na-Sa-Ka*) in Rakhine State has issued certain administrative orders pertaining to control of the territory. Such control must be continued.
- The authorities should

ensure that Rakhine State has an excellent transportation network.

- Bangladesh has scheduled general elections in December 2013. Spillover effects—such as unrest and infiltration by extremist groups—may affect the border regions in Rakhine State. Accordingly, security and other necessary arrangements should be made well in advance.
- The authorities need to set up systems for conflict resolution, for analysis and implementation of Myanmar laws and regulations, and for prevention of illegal immigration.
- The communities on both sides need to be educated on the relevant laws, regulations and policies and on the nature of sanctions for those who break the law. Rakhine State's civil service needs to be strengthened, in particular, the Office of General Administration and the Department of Religious Affairs.
- The authorities need to ensure that those who break the law are tried and punished swiftly following due process, without discrimination between different groups, who should all be equal before the law.
- All who live in Myanmar, including civil servants, are subject to the country's laws, regulations and legal procedures and should follow these rigorously. Those who break the law or act outside the procedures and regulations should be prosecuted according to the law.

The Government and various organizations are now implementing emergency relief and recovery/rehabilitation programmes that provide food, shelter, health and education services, and livelihood opportunities. Although there have been

some modest achievements, the response still has many gaps. An estimated 15% of food needs are still unmet. Some 90% of needs are unmet in the construction and provision of shelter. The need for shelter is all the more urgent because of the imminent arrival of the rainy season. Basic and preventive health measures need to be improved and expanded. In the education sector, teachers are urgently needed, as are other measures to reopen schools and provide a safe learning environment for children. To address the above problems, the Commission recommends the following measures as urgent priorities:

- The authorities need to assess and address child malnutrition in Rakhine State.
- Livelihood opportunities for families need to be urgently created and expanded.
- Before the arrival of the monsoon seasons, the IDPs who are in inadequate temporary shelters must be moved into more secure buildings, and the overcrowding in IDP camps must be reduced.
- The authorities need to ensure safe water and adequate numbers of sanitation facilities in IDP camps and amongst the IDP population.
- The frustration, trauma and anxiety experienced by communities need to be addressed, including through psychosocial support and counselling.
- Concrete measures must be undertaken to reopen schools and to ensure that children are able to go to school.
- Civic education needs to be implemented to counter extremist teachings, especially in religious schools for the Muslim communities in Rakhine State. As well, Muslim communities must be able

to function in the Myanmar language; to this end literacy courses³ need to be implemented amongst these communities.

- A local FM radio station broadcasting in local languages should be established, followed by a TV channel.

Rakhine State's economy and business environment need to be enhanced, so that livelihood and employment opportunities are created and expanded.

However, this will happen only if the two groups are able to live side-by-side without conflict and tension.

Accordingly, to promote peaceful coexistence, the Commission recommends the following measures:

- All groups must be able to speak the Myanmar language, and understand Myanmar's traditional cultures. Measures to promote such learning need to be implemented.
- Communication and interaction should be promoted between the Rakhine people and Bengali people.
- Measures need to be taken to instil a sense of loyalty and allegiance to the Union of Myanmar.
- The human rights of all groups must be protected.
- In dealing with illegal immigrants, the government should ensure adherence to human rights principles, taking into account the international conventions and human rights laws ratified or acceded to by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- The government needs to urgently initiate a process for examining the citizenship status of people in Rakhine State, implementing the provisions of the current 1982 Citizenship Law.
- The authorities need to ensure that justice and the rule of law prevail in resolving problems.

- Authorities will need to convene a Task Force comprising moderate leaders from both sides of the divide, to oversee the implementation of the recommended measures.
- The Government needs to ban the use of hate language by against any religion. In particular, it needs to ban extremist teachings and activities.

News media influence public opinion and have a special responsibility not to incite further hatred and violence. Consequently, the Commission recommends the following:

- The responsible authorities need to ban language and actions that inflame tensions and create conflict.
- The government needs to issue accurate and fact-based news to ensure openness and transparency and to counter rumours and falsehoods.
- All villages and communities should be able to receive correct and factual news via radio programmes, news bulletins, and public address systems.

(Footnotes)

1 Translation note: *Taing-Yin-Tha* and *Myo Nwe Su* are those who are part of the 135 indigenous ethnic groups of Myanmar, according to the country's laws and official documents.

2 Translation note: *Those who are not of the 135 indigenous ethnic groups of Myanmar, according to the country's laws and official documents, have always been classified as "Bengali", "Indian", "Chinese," etc., according to their ethnic root. For example, the race and citizenship of Chinese citizens of Myanmar are written on their identification cards as "Chinese/ Myanmar."*

3 Called *Ah-thon-Lon* in the Burmese language.

NATIONAL

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann addresses meeting to review laws

YANGON, 29 April—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann addressed the meeting to revoke and revamp outdated laws at the Hluttaw Office Branch (Yangon) this morning.

The meeting was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Vice-Chairs and members of Pyithu Hluttaw Commission, vice-chairs, secretaries and members of Pyithu Hluttaw committees, departmental heads, the President and CEC members of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and presidents and members of sister organizations.

The Speaker called for united efforts in shaping multi-party democracy and market economy.

He urged law enforcement mechanisms to ensure the rule of law and order, stressing the need to draft 'democratic' laws.

He said the existing laws should be reviewed, revoked and replaced with new ones while calling for the flexibility of the new pieces of legislation.

He said the new laws prescribed by the parliament shall serve the public, rather than the parliament or the government. If they go contrary with the interests of the people, it would be revoked, he said.

He set the end of May as the deadline to recommend and draft new laws by respective ministries and legal practitioners.

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment



Commission members participated in discussion.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding

remarks by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann addresses the meeting to revoke and revamp outdated laws at Hluttaw Office Branch (Yangon).

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WORLD

Russian soldiers attend the welcoming ceremony for the remains of deceased Russian soldier Affanasi Lenkov who died during the World War II at the border town of Ivangorod between Russia and Estonia in western Russia, on 27 April, 2013.

XINHUA



Iran, India to discuss gas pipeline extension

TEHRAN, 29 April — Iranian and Indian officials will discuss here the extension of Iran-Pakistan natural gas pipeline to India next week, semi-official *Fars* news agency reported on Sunday. The extension project will top the agenda of the talks between two countries at an economic commission meeting, Tehran's envoy in New Delhi Gholamreza Ansari was quoted as saying.

Ansari said Iranian Foreign Minister Ali-Akbar Salehi would head the Iranian side while his Indian counterpart Salman Khurshid would lead the Indian delegation. "About six memoranda of understanding in various economic sectors are being drawn up and we hope they will be

signed by both sides during the joint commission," said the Iranian diplomat.

On 11 March, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his Pakistani counterpart Asif Ali Zardari inaugurated a gas pipeline project in Iran's southeastern Chabahar city, which is projected to link Iran's gas pipeline to that of Pakistan.

Iran has constructed 900 km of the 1,600-km pipeline on its soil and both Iranian and Pakistani firms have undertaken the construction of the remaining part in Pakistan. When the project is completed by mid-2014, as scheduled, Iran is expected to export some 21.5 million cubic meters of natural gas to Pakistan on a daily basis.

Xinhua

Building collapses in northern France, two dead

PARIS, 29 April — Part of a five-storey residential building collapsed in the centre of the northeastern French city of Reims on Sunday, killing two people and injuring at least 10, officials said.

The collapse, which left several apartments dangling in open air, may have been caused by a gas explosion and investigations were continuing, regional official Michel Bernard told BFM-TV.

The casualty toll was provisional and could rise, he said. Around 10 of the 40 apartments in the 1960s-era building were affected by the 11.15 am (5:15 am EDT) collapse. "There is a lot of rubble to clear," he said.

Reuters

US identifies four American victims in Afghan crash

WASHINGTON, 29 April — The Pentagon identified four US victims in Saturday's crash of a surveillance aircraft in southern Afghanistan and said the incident appeared unrelated to Taliban violence. The police chief in Zabul Province, Rogh Lewanai, told *Reuters* on Saturday that bad weather caused the plane to crash, in the district of Shahjoi. At the time, NATO did not identify the

nationality of the victims but said they were part of NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

The Pentagon said on Sunday the crash of the MC-12 was under investigation. Zabul, wedged between Kandahar and Ghazni, has seen much violence in recent weeks, including a suicide bomb attack in early April that killed a young US diplomat, several US soldiers and an unnamed US

civilian. Dozens of Afghan civilians also have been killed there this month.

The Pentagon said all four victims were airmen: Captain Brandon Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, Virginia; Captain Reid Nishizuka, 30, of Kailua, Hawaii; Staff Sergeant Daniel Fannin, 30, of Morehead, Kentucky; and Staff Sergeant Richard Dickson, 24, of Rancho Cordova, California.

Reuters

Mexico detains 108 in immigration sweep; most from Central America

MEXICO CITY, 29 April — Mexican authorities said on Saturday they detained 108 undocumented immigrants along highways, at bus stations and on a cargo train route that thousands of Central Americans use every year to cross Mexico and enter the United States illegally. Ninety five Central Americans, mostly from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, were detained in the southern states of Oaxaca and Tabasco during sweeps by federal police in the last 24 hours, Mexico's migration institute said in a statement. Seven of the Central Americans were children, the institute said. An increasing number of Central Americans are sneaking across Mexico's largely unpoliced southern

border en route to the United States. Migrants have been spurred on by rampant poverty and rising drug gang violence in their home countries. Citizens of other countries are also risking the dangerous route across southern Mexico. Eight people from India and five from Bangladesh were also detained in the southern Mexican police sweeps.

President Barack Obama will travel to Mexico and Central America later this week, and his talks with leaders will likely include prospects for a sweeping reform of US immigration laws and efforts to reduce the tide of undocumented immigrants. The US Senate, which is controlled by Obama's Democrats, is pushing ahead on a bi-partisan bill

that would bolster border security and put 11 million people living illegally in the United States on a 13-year path to citizenship.

The legislation, however, faces a challenge in the Republican-controlled US House of Representatives. The number of undocumented Central Americans deported from the United States has risen in recent years. Nearly 95,000 people from the region were deported from the United States last year compared to about 78,500 in 2011, according to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement data. Most of the migrants were from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala where gang violence has increased in recent years.

Reuters

REGIONAL

China issues alert ahead of rainstorms

BEIJING, 29 April — Rainstorms are expected to hit China's southern regions late on Sunday, with the country's meteorological authorities issuing a blue alert, the lowest level in the warning system.

The National Meteorological Centre said that some parts of Gansu, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Anhui, Guizhou, Guangxi, as well as Chongqing municipality will see heavy rain or rainstorms from late Sunday to Tuesday.

As well as rain, strong winds or hail could affect those regions, the centre forecast, warning people there to be on high alert. Meanwhile, the centre asked residents and relief teams in the quake-hit Lushan County in Ya'an City of Sichuan Province to watch out for possible geological disasters as moderate rain will hit the area. Lushan will experience precipitation of 10 to 45 mm on Sunday evening and of 3 to 8 mm on Monday, the centre said. China has a four-color coded warning system, with the red being the most serious, followed by orange, yellow and blue. — *Xinhua*

Cambodian Deputy PM lauds good ties with China

PHNOM PENH, 29 April — Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet Minister Sok An on Sunday hailed good relations and cooperation between Cambodia and China, envisaging that the ties will be stronger from generation to generation.

"Cambodia and China have had traditional and long-standing friendship relations, and the relations have been constantly fostered by leaders of both sides," he said during the



Visitors watch cars displayed in the Beijing Auto Museum in Beijing, capital of China. Beijing Auto Museum, a museum aimed at the promotion of auto culture, was awarded the National 4A tourist attraction on Sunday. — *XINHUA*

Leftist rebels stop governor's convoy, seize policeman in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 29 April — Leftist rebels have seized a policeman as they blocked a convoy of a local politician in southern Philippines late on Sunday, police said.

Alan Pansoy, a senior police officer, was taken by New People's Army (NPA) guerrillas at a rebel checkpoint in Malamodao Village, Maco Town in Mindanao's Compostela Valley Province past 5 pm, according to Camilo Cascolan, Compostela Valley police chief. Cascolan said that an undetermined number

of NPA guerrillas stopped the convoy of Compostela Valley governor Arturo Uy on their way back from a political rally in neighbouring Anitapan village and grabbed his police escort at gunpoint.

"The governor was with six provincial board members and supporters when the incident happened," said Cascolan, adding that police and soldiers were now being dispatched to go after the rebels.

The latest kidnapping brought the number of leftist-held government troops to two in

this insurgency-plagued province days after a series of clashes, killing at least two guerrillas. Philippine President Benigno Aquino III early last week has ordered police and the Philippine armed forces to crush checkpoints mounted by the NPA against political candidates in the run-up to next month's mid-term elections.

The 4,000-strong NPA, armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, is fighting a leftist insurgency in 60 Philippine provinces since 1969.

Xinhua

cial development.

He also appreciated the CHKMEBA for its efforts to attract Chinese investors to Cambodia, saying that investments from the Chinese mainland, China's Hong Kong and Macao have hugely contributed to Cambodia's economic development. "The association has been actively participating with the government of China in strengthening and expanding Sino-Cambodian ties for mutual benefits," he said.

celebration of the 15th anniversary of the China Hong Kong and Macao Expatriate and Business Association in Cambodia (CHKMEBA).

"Ties between the two countries would be stronger from generation to generation," he said. Some 200 Chinese and Cambodian business people attended the event. Meanwhile, Sok An expressed his gratitude to the government and people of China for steadily providing support to Cambodia for economic and so-

Man detained over E China bomb hoax

JINAN, 29 April — Police in east China's Shandong Province detained a bus terminal employee on Sunday, one day after the disgruntled employee fabricated and spread an online rumor regarding a possible bombing at the terminal.

The man, whose surname was given as Zhu, will be put under 10-day administrative detention in the provincial capital of Jinan for disrupting pub-

lic order with fabricated information, according to a statement issued by the Tianqiao District branch of Jinan's municipal public security bureau.

The statement said Zhu posted an online threat Saturday night saying that a bomb would go off at the terminal on 30 April. Police officers said the rumor caused panic among local residents.

After being detained,

Zhu confessed that he made up the rumor after experiencing great stress at work, as the upcoming May Day holiday has increased traffic at the terminal.

Zhu said he hoped the rumour would reduce the number of people traveling through the terminal. Zhu said his dissatisfaction with the terminal's management also led him to concoct the rumour.

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Actors participate in a cartoon and animation floats parade during the ninth China International Cartoon & Animation Festival in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 28 April, 2013.

XINHUA

Philippines hopes to sustain exporting rice

MANILA, 29 April — The Philippine government expressed hope on Sunday that it could sustain rice export that will start next month.

Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said that Malacanang, the seat of presidential palace, welcomes the statement of the Department of Agriculture (DA) that local rice producers and traders will export the agricultural product in May, the first time in 40 years that huge amount of the commodity will be exported.

"It's a good news... hopefully it (exporting rice)

will continue," she said in an interview over state-run radio station.

The agriculture department said that Indonesia and Dubai will receive 15 metric tons of black rice, 20 tons of japonica rice and 30 tons of long grain aromatic rice early next month.

The Philippines used to be a major rice importer in the world until 2010. DA Secretary Proceso Alcala said recently that the country is already approaching rice self-sufficiency with only 187, 000 metric tons of imports this year.

Xinhua

Malaysia to see 5 to 6 pct GDP growth this year

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 April — Malaysia is expected to achieve a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of five to six percent this year, driven by strong domestic demand and investment inflows, the country's central bank governor said here Monday.

Zeti Akhtar Aziz, governor of Bank Negara Malaysia, said the risk from global slowdown and the current slowdown in China will not affect Malaysia's

GDP target for the whole year.

"These (global risks) are already priced into our forecast, but, if it deteriorates further, of course it will affect us," she told reporters.

However, she said should the global economy slow down significantly, the effect would not be as bad as previously due to the strength of the domestic demand and a strong growth in investment.

Zeti said the country's economy was still strong as investment was still taking place and consumption was steady at six to seven percent.

"We face a lot of challenges that are happening in the global economy, in Europe, the US, UK and Japan, which are important trading partners but it is important for us to stay focus on the economy and keep going," she said.

Xinhua



A herd of buffalos swim in the Jialing River to forage for food in Youfanggou Village of Peng'an County, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 27 April, 2013. Every year from late spring to early autumn, buffalos here usually swim to an island amid the Jialing River for fresh grass. — *XINHUA*



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Cuban resort ready to hold int'l tourism fair

HAVANA, 29 April—The emblematic beach of Varadero, a major Cuban tourism destination about 140 km east of Havana in the province of Matanzas, will host the 33rd International Tourism Fair from 7 to 11 May.

At a Press conference on Sunday, Ivis Fernandez, representative of the Cuban Tourism Ministry (Mintur) in Matanzas, said Varadero is ready for the

fair, adding that the 2013 edition will be attended by delegations from 17 countries.

Fernandez said on May 7 there will be a speech by Cuban Tourism Minister Manuel Marrero on the island's tourism development and perspectives.

The official mentioned other activities such as a Drum Party, where members of the Varadero Academy of Dance will share the

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A participant poses with a Panda mascot before the WWF Canada's 23rd Annual CN Tower Climb event in Toronto, Canada, on 25 April, 2013. While climbing 1,776 steps to the top of the CN Tower, about 6,000 participants are expected to raise over one million Canadian dollars for WWF in the two-day event.—XINHUA

SPORTS

English Premier League Results

Arsenal 1-1 Man Utd
Chelsea 2-0 Swansea
Reading 0-0 QPR

Van Persie penalty earns a point on his Emirates return



Tottenham's Bale named English PFA player of the year

LONDON, 29 April—Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Gareth Bale became only the third man to be named the English Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) player of the year and

young player of the year in the same season on Sunday.

The 23-year-old Wales international, who also won the main award in 2011, has scored 19 Premier League goals this season—a tally

bettered only by Manchester United striker Robin van Persie with 25 and

controversial Liverpool forward Luis Suarez (23).

"It's a massive honour. To be voted by your peers is one of the

biggest things in the game. It's great to win it and I am delighted," Bale said.

Reuters

Tottenham Hotspur's Gareth Bale



Nadal beats Almagro for eighth Barcelona Open title

BARCELONA, 29 April—Rafa Nadal won his eighth Barcelona Open title in nine years with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over fellow Spaniard and fourth seed Nicolas Almagro on Sunday. The world number five and second seed survived a whirlwind start from Almagro, who broke his first two service games in cloudy, drizzly conditions on the clay

of the Real Club de Tennis.

Nadal battled back with three breaks of serve to take the first set and ran away with it in the second, to notch a 10th straight victory over his compatriot. The French Open champion's 39th consecutive win in Barcelona secured his fourth title of the year since returning from a seven-month injury lay-off.

Reuters



Spain's Rafael Nadal bites the trophy after defeating compatriot Nicolas Almagro in the men's singles final match of the Barcelona Open tennis tournament in Barcelona on 28 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Sharapova makes easy work of Stuttgart title defence

off her clay-court season in style.



Russia's top seed and holder Maria Sharapova returns the ball to win against China's Li Na in the final of the Stuttgart tennis Grand Prix on 28 April, 2013.—REUTERS

STUTTGART, 29 April—World number two Maria Sharapova saved her best performance of the week for last when she successfully defended her Stuttgart Grand Prix title with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over second seed Li Na of China to kick

at the start, with a sizzling backhand down the line that left Li stranded.

Li sent a crosscourt backhand into the net to give the Russian another break and allow her to go 4-1 up. The Australian Open finalist bounced

back in the next game and grabbed her own first break when Sharapova sent a forehand long after a long rally.

Sharapova was in no mood for adventures, however, and quickly established a double break cushion, then served out the first set on her first opportunity when Li sank a return into the net after another well-placed serve.

The pair traded blows until Sharapova earned another break point and went 4-3 up.

With a superb first-serve figure of 76 percent throughout the game, she kept her opponent pinned

to the back and earned her second title of the year when Li double-faulted on the first match point.

Reuters

Russia's top seed and holder Maria Sharapova celebrates her victory against China's Li Na in the final of the Stuttgart tennis Grand Prix 28 April, 2013.

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Schiavone returns to winning ways with Marrakech title

NEW YORK, 29 April—Former world number four Francesca Schiavone won her sixth career title on Sunday with a comfortable 6-1, 6-3 victory over Lourdes Dominguez Lino in the final of the Marrakech Grand Prix.

The Italian, now languishing just inside the world top 50 at 48, has struggled in 2013, losing in the first round of five of the nine previous events she had played. The 2010 French

Open champion, who had failed to progress past the quarter-finals of a WTA tournament since her

last piece of silverware in Strasbourg last May, was in dominant form on Moroccan clay and did not drop a set on her way to the title.

Schiavone eased through the first set of the final, breaking Dominguez Lino twice.—Reuters

Francesca Schiavone of Italy picks up her hat as she plays a point after it fell off running down a ball against Maria Sharapova of Russia during their match at the BNP Paribas Open WTA tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 8 March, 2013.—REUTERS



Former heavyweight champion Haye to fight Charr in June

LONDON, 29 April—Former world heavyweight champion David Haye will fight German Manuel Charr on 29 June in Manchester, the Briton's promotion team said on Sunday.

Haye, who lost his WBA belt in July 2011 to Ukrainian Vladimir Klitschko before beating Dereck Chisora 12 months later, faces Charr who has won all but one of his 24 professional bouts.

His only defeat came against Klitschko's older brother Vitaly last September when the Ukrainian retained his WBC title when the referee stopped the contest in the fourth round after Charr sustained a deep cut above his right eye.

Haye, who wants one

of the Klitschko brothers to give him a world title shot, has a professional record of 26 wins and two defeats.

"(Haye) is determined to add another world title

to his collection and sees his 29 June opponent as the next step towards doing just that," Haye's promoters said in a statement.

Reuters



British Boxer and WBA champion David Haye poses during his weigh-in in Hamburg on 1 July, 2011.

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GENERAL

Judo: Anai to hang up judo-gi and retire

TOKYO, 29 April—Former world champion Takamasa Anai said on Sunday he will draw the curtain on his career after competing in the men's under 100-kilogram category in Monday's All



Japanese judoka Takamasa Anai speaks at a Press conference in Tokyo on 28 April, 2013.
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Japan Judo Championship at Tokyo's Nippon Budokan. Anai, who crashed out in a second-round match to see his bid for gold end in heartbreak at the 2012 London Olympics, said that he had been mentally and physically worn down in the build-up to London in explaining his reasons for calling it quits.

"I became totally engrossed in training for the Olympics. It was mentally and physically exhausting. I need to bring an end to this," said Anai.

The 28-year-old, winner of the 2010 world championship, took a position as an assistant judo coach at his alma mater Tenri University earlier this month and has been studying in the graduate

program at Nara University of Education to become an instructor.

"I want to bet everything I have as I make my determination to compete on the mat in my last fight in judo," said Anai. After his disappointment in London, the Oita native withdrew his designation as a top athlete for the All Japan Judo Federation last fall and has not competed on the world stage since.

"This tournament is a very emotional one for me," said Anai, referring to the All Japan Judo Championship he won in 2009.

"This will be the place where I can really show my gratitude for all the support people have given me over the years."

Kyodo News

Eight killed in clashes between Algerian army, militants near border

ALGIERS, 29 April — At least eight people were killed in clashes between the Algerian army and militants trying to sneak into the country across the Libyan border, local media reported on Sunday.

A reconnaissance aircraft spotted a convoy of four vehicles carrying armed militants attempt to

enter Algeria across a river on the border, the local Echourouk daily reported, citing a security source. Clashes erupted between the Algerian army and the militants, killing five militants and three soldiers, the report said.

A manhunt has been launched in a bid to track down 10 other militants,

the report added, adding the majority of the infiltrators are Algerians and some of them are Tunisians. The militants' operation was the largest of its kind since January's terror attack targeting the gas field of Tiguentourine in Illizi province, where at least 37 foreign workers and one Algerian were killed.

Xinhua

Storms flood streets, cause power outage in Houston

HOUSTON, 29 April—Storms dumped rains and hail on the Greater Houston area in the US state of Texas on Saturday, flooding streets and causing power outage, local media reported. Flood Control District officials reported as much as six inches (15 centimetres) of rainfall in some parts of Harris County, where the city of Houston is located, in three hours, according to newspaper the Houston Chronicle.

There were also reports

of golf ball-sized hail in parts of the Houston metro area. Drivers were stranded by floodwater in many areas of south and southwest Houston. Local firefighters responded to at least 50 calls for water rescue Saturday, the Houston Chronicle quoted Houston Fire Department spokesman Jay Evans as reporting. Several roads were closed due to flooding in parts of west and southwest Harris County and Fort Bent County.

Xinhua

Car collision kills five, injures one in Canada

VANCOUVER, 29 April—Five people, including two children, were killed and another was seriously injured in a car collision accident in Vancouver's suburb city of Surrey on Sunday morning, Canadian police have confirmed. Local police said that two cars collided near the intersection of 176 Street and 32 Avenue, which

is about 6 kilometres away from the US border, at about 11 am Pacific Time (1800 GMT).

The man who was seriously injured has been airlifted to a local hospital, police said. The victims have not been identified. Investigation into the accident is underway.

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Beckham gets red card as PSG march on with Evian win

PARIS, 29 April—David Beckham picked up a straight red card and Paris St Germain finished with nine men but they continued their march towards a first French league title in 19 years with a chaotic 1-0 win at Evian Thonon Gaillard on Sunday.

Javier Pastore scored the only goal five minutes into the second half to put leaders PSG on 73 points, nine ahead of second-placed Olympique Marseille with four matches left.

Beckham, who came on as a second-half substitute, was shown a straight red for a foul on Youssef Adnane two minutes into stoppage time after Marco Verratti had been sent off in the 80th when he picked up his second yellow card.

A mass brawl erupted after the final whistle and Evian's Saber Khlifa was shown a straight red card by referee Olivier Thual, who also asked for PSG keeper Salvatore Sirigu to join him back on the pitch.

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Christophe Jallet told French television Canal Plus.

PSG, however, will be crowned champions for the first time since 1994 next Sunday if they get more points against Valenciennes at home than OM pick up against Bastia at the Stade Velodrome.

Olympique Lyon

stayed third on 60 points after Yoann Gourcuff's second-half strike salvaged a 1-1 home draw against arch rivals St Etienne earlier on Sunday.

Evian, who eliminated PSG from the French Cup quarter-finals last week, were not that lucky this time.

Reuters



David Beckham (L) of Paris St-Germain gestures after receiving a red card during their French Ligue 1 soccer match against Evian Thonon Gaillard in Annecy, on 28 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Central Committee for Implementation of Stability and Development in Rakhine State meets



Chairman of Central Committee for Implementation of Stability and Development in Rakhine State Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses the committee meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—Chairman of Central Committee for Implementation of Stability and Development in Rakhine State Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the committee meeting at the President Office here this afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Vice-Chairman

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Soe Maung, U Tin Naing Thein, U Myint Hlaing, U Khin Yi, U Aye Myint and Dr Mya Aye, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, deputy ministers, departmental heads and invited guests.

The chairman in his

speech said that sheltering tens of thousands victims should be given top priority within two months ahead of monsoon and the resettlement at quarters would be an answer.

He called on citizenship scrutiny committee to finalize the scrutiny over whether residents are legally citizen or not in witness of town selders from two communities, UN agencies and international agencies.

He pushed work committees to make field trips as necessary.

He stressed the needs to form supervisory teams which base in Rakhine State to provide necessary aids for agriculture, livestock breeding and fishery, and promote access to drinking water, education, health, job opportunities and other social requirements.

The vice-chairman elaborated on short-term and long-term plans.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin reported on progress

of stability, temporary resettlement and rehabilitation tasks.

Chairs of work committees Union ministers and officials then participated in discussion.

Committee Secretary Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win discussed works to be completed by respective work committees.

Then, the Union

ministers and deputy ministers made discussions on socio-economic development, security and the rule of law, education, health, agriculture and economic sectors.

Committee Chairman Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in his concluding remarks said there are conflicting figures and weaknesses in implementation.

He underscored the need to grant authority to deputy ministers and departmental heads in the committee in getting the plans off the ground.

The committee was formed on 13 March, 2013, to ensure stability and development in the conflict-torn western state and seven work committees were formed on 29 March, 2013.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win submits report.

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Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win presents report in the meeting.—MNA



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin takes part in discussion.

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Rakhine Commission interviewed over 2000 individuals to compile report



YANGON, 29 April—Rakhine State Conflict Investigation Commission interviewed more than 2000 individuals from both communities on their field trips to the region to compile the 183-page report with 15 chapters, commission secretary Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing said in a press conference at Myanmar Peace Centre here this afternoon.

He said the commission took time to compile accurate data as the conflict was “complicated”. U Ko Ko Gyi, a commission

member, said the conflict was one of the issues that a country in democratic transition had to embrace, calling for cooperation to ensure social harmony.

Commission secretary Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, commission members U Aung Naing Oo, U Ko Ko Gyi, Daw Yin Yin Nwe and U Thura (a) Zarganar answered questions raised by local and foreign reporters, officials of political parties and representatives of UN agencies.

The press conference

was also attended by ambassadors from foreign missions in Myanmar, resident representatives of UN agencies, local and foreign reporters and officials of political parties.

The commission distributed CDs of detail report in English and Myanmar.

The report feature the brief history of the state, the brief history of conflicts, causes of 2012 conflicts, losses caused by violence, current social and economic conditions, efforts for the rule of law, operations of international organizations, recommendations for social harmony and press releases and other recommendations.—MNA

Rakhine State Conflict Investigation Commission members meet press at Myanmar Convention Centre.—MNA

British bring in large numbers of Bengali from neighbouring country

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—The Rakhine State Conflicts Investigation Commission released its report. The executive summary of the report is as follows:-

Executive Summary

Rakhine State, situated in the western part of Myanmar, comprises 4 districts, 17 townships and 3 sub-townships. The Rakhine people and related indigenous ethnic groups (“Taing-Yin-Tha”)¹ such as the Rakhine, Thet, Daing-Net, Mro, Khamee, Kaman and Mramargyi peoples. Apart from these, Bengali

peoples² also live in Rakhine State. The total population is over 3.3 million and the State’s population density is 235 persons per square mile (90.78 per square kilometre).

The British colonial forces took over Rakhine State in the earlier part of the 19th century, subsequently expanding the land under cultivation. The British

brought in large numbers of Bengali from the neighbouring country as seasonal workers. From then on, Myanmar saw increasing numbers of Bengali settlers. The Bengalis had high population growth rates, gradually making them become today’s second largest population group in Rakhine State. The high

population growth has contributed to the tensions between the different groups that were caused primarily by the struggle for control of socio-economic assets and other resources.

The conflict and tension between the Rakhine people and the Bengali people go a long way back. Major differences between the two

groups in religion, traditional practices, culture and social norms meant that each group did not easily accept the other. Relations between the two groups have seen attacks and killings, heightened feelings about racial identity, desire for political control, accusations and counter-accusations. The bitterness and tensions have passed

down from one generation to the next. Amongst the many episodes of violence, the sectarian violence that erupted in June and October of 2012 was particularly prominent.

The 2012 sectarian conflicts led to the 192 deaths, 265 injured, and the destruction of 8,614 houses, (See page 9)