

Friendlier relations with world countries intend to ensure betterment of people, promote trade and to make them understand Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—The following is the translation of President U Thein Sein's speech through radio programmes to the entire people the length and breadth of the nation.



Esteemed people,

I would like to explain Myanmar's reforms during this April as I always give speech on our country's current affairs through the radio.

The previous month, I paid goodwill visits to New Zealand, Australia and European countries. Paying goodwill visits to these countries is to further cement relations with international community as well as to make cooperation in all sectors needed for our country. Here, I would like to give a message that I could make coordination with these countries on cooperation in technology, environmental conservation and political, economic and social sectors

during my visits.

To build friendlier relations with the world countries is meant to ensure the betterment of our people, promote trade and to make them understand Myanmar. Thanks to huge inflow of foreign investments, our people would enjoy the fruit of advanced technology transfer. We are making strenuous efforts for becoming international-standard businesses.

During April, establishment of better relations with world countries was an important milestone. On 22 April, EU lifted all sanctions against Myanmar except for arms embargo. Myanmar soon would be able to solve the political, economic and social conflicts which are the consequences of international sanctions thereby promoting socio-economic status of Myanmar people. On 29 April, I attended the summit held in Bangkok of Thailand and delivered a speech as to cooperation with UN ESCAP in regional economic and social affairs and unexpected natural disasters.

And I accepted UN ESCAP's honorary prize there. Reengagement with international community can help Myanmar rejoin with the global economy. It would be beneficial to development of our country. On the other hand, we are to make preparations for world economic crisis and its unexpected impacts.

Remarkable thing during my goodwill visit to China is that I attended economic forum in Hainan Island.

I would say this visit is a more memorable one for me because Hainan Island took a part in our country's road to independence and was also the place where the thirty comrades came to learn the arts of war. We need to see the fact that we are sharing border with China, the world's fastest-growing economic power, as a strong point and create opportunities for development of our country.

Our government has been focusing on economic development, poverty alleviation and improving socio-economic status, adopting related policies, objectives and projects. I would like to inform you that we have started electrification and low-cost housing projects out of those projects.

While our government is striving for better economic performance, we acknowledge that technology and human resources also known as the human capital are pivotal for sustainable development, especially the future generations take the main role in creation of competent human resources. As our government is undertaking education reforms, we have placed a special emphasis on production of all-round youths for State-building. Currently, we are rejuvenating the long-disappeared scouts in basic education schools. It is aimed to cultivate the democratic practice of coordination and teamwork in children since their tender age. By so doing, the younger generations will become duty-conscious, responsible and accountable leaders and citizens with magnanimity for the motherland.

I would also like to inform you that our government with the aim of ensuring national reconciliation has granted amnesty for a total of 93 inmates from prisons across the country, making them to reunion with their families.

This April 2013 marks a historic moment in Myanmar with certain success in politics, economy and international relations of the country and it also coincides with time-honoured New Year Water Festival. I in all seriousness would like to express my special thanks to all of you for I saw a traditional, love-drenched water festival with no discrimination against race or religion and any troubles, best representing the image of polite Myanmar society.

May you have a peace of mind and fit health.

Union Religious Affairs Minister meets Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint held talks with members of Federation for Japan-Myanmar Friendship, Tokyo

Metropolitan Assembly Mr Albert L. Cobetto and Ms Kaoru Watanabe, at the meeting hall of the ministry yesterday afternoon.

They discussed power

supply for monastic education schools, medicine and treatments for rural health care, potable water supply, and religious affairs.

MNA

USDP members observe Hluttaw Buildings

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Over 300 representatives of Union Solidarity and Development Party at region and state level led by Head of Department of Party Headquarters U Tin Htay who attended the youth

get-together and capacity Hluttaw Buildings, here, at building meeting visited 5 pm today.—MNA

Significant day temperatures (1-5-2013)

NyaungU	45°C
Chauk	44°C

Pansodan-Dalla ferry charges increased to K 100

Delta Division of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport increased ferry charges from K 50 to K 100 as of 28 April.

An official at Pansodaon jetty told Myanma Alinn news crew, "We've already informed the passengers about the increase of ferry charges to K 100 in advance. As from 28 April, one passenger will be charged K 100 and one-way ticket for a foreign passenger will cost 2 USD. The number of passengers today is at

the low because today is day off."

The ferries ply 46th routes a day between Pansodan jetty and Dalla jetty from 5.30 am to 9.30 pm.

Asked about the rise, an owner of a boat running the same route said, "We charge K 100 per passenger and K 1000 for hire. I can't say further about the future rise."

The Pansodan-Dalla ferries are now equipped with seats and TVs for passengers.

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A vessel
plying
between
Pansodan
jetty of
Yangon
and Dalla
seen in
Yangon
River.



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Photo shows globetrotters at Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image being kept on Mindhamma Hillock in East Gyogon ward of Insein Township on 24 April. Foreign tourists come in flocks to visit Myanmar where the country sees greater transparency ever than before.

KYEMON

Mandalay sees two self-immolation cases within a couple of days

YANGON, 1 May— Two self-immolation cases occurred at the separate places in Mandalay on 23 and 24 April.

A self-immolation case broke out at a house on Kannar lane between 19th street and 89th street in Minte Eikin ward of Aungmyaythasan Township in Mandalay at about 8.30pm on 24 April. While Maung Hla Bu, 38, had committed suicide by pouring petrol on his body to set alight himself, ward dwellers and fire crews tried to rescue the victim who was in flames. He had got severe burns on his both arms and chest and he was taken to Mandalay General

Hospital. According to ward dwellers, he is a drunkard and believed to have committed suicide by burning himself.

A similar case occurred at a house in a staff quarter in Kyweseikan ward of Pyigyidagun Township in Mandalay at about 7 am on 23 April. A woman by the name of Wah Wah Myint, 34, with severe burns on her body was taken to Mandalay General Hospital after she had committed a self-immolation by pouring petrol on her body. The victim with a history of mental illness died of severe burns at the hospital on that night.

Kyemon

Meiktila victims return home

MEIKTILA, 1 May— As Meiktila is filled with an atmosphere of peace and tranquility, families from seven relief camps whose houses were not damaged in the conflict were allowed to go back home on 25 April.

Officials concerned, security members and townselders escorted 168

households comprising 599 victims from Shante relief camp in the compound of BEHS No (5) and 31 households comprising 94 from Central Transport and Communication Training School back to their homes in Pyithaya North Ward.

Kyemon



Villages under water stress in Yedashe Township

YEDASHE, 1 May— As the region has experienced high day temperatures, drinking wells in Thedaw village of Yedashe Township are running dry and villagers are to depend on hand-scooped waterholes in Binbye creek.

“A well at my residence is going to dry up. We have to draw water from the well for household use since

early morning. All family members have to take a bath in the creek”, a local woman gave voices to her concerns about water scarcity.

There has been a little water in the creek and it is the only and one water resource for the Thedaw village with 600 households. Villagers rely on creek water for drinking water by boiling it.

Kyemon



Overtaken vehicle kill one, hurt 17 in Heho

HEHO, 1 May— A vehicle carrying 19 members— 14 men and five women — of Sai Bo Hein orchestra troupe (No.87, Thein Yadana street in Taunggyi) overturned after crashing into the stone wall on its left side on Pyidaungsu road in Heho of Shan State at about 2.30 pm on 23 April, leaving one dead and 17 wounded. on board the vehicle.

According to information that a vehicle overturned at a place between mile post Nos (87/4) and

(87/5) on Pyidaungsu road in Heho, Police Inspector Kyaw Thiha of Heho police station and members rushed there and made necessary investigations. They discovered that a six-wheeled vehicle driven by Tin Tun, 35, of Taunggyi from Aungban to Taunggyi skidded out of control and crashed into the stone wall on its left side at speed. The vehicle overturned, leaving 12 men and five women including the driver injured. The victims were taken to Heho hospital and Taunggyi

Minbu (Saku) hosts over 100-year-old standing Buddha Image

MINBU, 1 May— A standing Buddha Image that is more than 100 years old and other ancient artifacts are being kept at Kyaukhmaw monastery in Ywathayar village of Minbu (Saku) Township in Magway Region.

Although there were 100 teak posts, four chambers and two brick staircases at Kyaukhmaw monastery, two chambers were damaged by the worst of the weather as time went by. Now a standing Buddha Image built in the time of the first presiding Sayadaw of the monastery is being kept there.

“The Buddha Image is



nearly 150 years old. The Image with the posture of levitation was carved from hardwood. Records said it was the work of woodcarver Saya Cheint of Mandalay. The image

glittered with ancient gold is five feet tall. The Image is being preserved as a cultural heritage up to date”, says the present presiding Sayadaw U Paññajota.

Kyemon

Relief aids for fire victims in NyaungU Township

NYAUNGU, 1 May— With formation of relief committees comprising local authorities and townselders, relief supplies are being provided to 109 victims from 19 houses which were reduced to ashes in the fire in Yin Hsan village of NyaungU Township on 20 April.

A relief camp is being kept open in the compound of Hsutaungpyae Dhammayon monastery. Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Than Htay,

the deputy commissioner of NyaungU District and the NyaungU Township administrator and wellwishers provided fire victims with foodstuff and clothing worth K3.4 million. Social organizations in NyaungU and other wellwishers also made cash and kind donations.

So far various kinds of personal goods, 200 bags of rice and K 10 million have been presented to fire victims.

Kyemon

Seizure of stimulant tablets at checkpoint of Tachilek-Maesai Friendship Bridge

TACHILEK, 1 May— Stimulant tablets were seized at the checkpoint of Tachilek-Maesai No Sao San Tun hospital. Among the injured, Sai Bo Hein was pronounced dead at Taunggyi Sao San Tun hospital. While receiving treatment at the hospital, Tin Tun, driver, also died of severe injuries. Investigation is ongoing.

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(1) Friendship Bridge in Tachilek of Shan State (East) while conducting a search of a motorbike driving from Tachilek to Maesai by police at about 9.30 am on 27 April.

Police discovered 11 stimulant tablets in the hat of Cha Laung who drove the motorbike and arrested him. Tachilek police station filed a lawsuit against him and investigation is ongoing.

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WORLD

Japan's crown prince, princess attend coronation of new Dutch king

AMSTERDAM, 1 May — Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito and Crown Princess Masako attended on Tuesday the coronation of the new Dutch king at a historic church with members of other royal families. Prince Willem-Alexander became the Netherlands' first king in more than a century after his mother

Queen Beatrix abdicated following 33 years on the throne. For the ceremony, the 49-year-old Japanese crown princess, who has been struggling with a stress-induced illness for a long time, made her first official overseas trip in 11 years.

In addition to government officials and key par-

liamentary figures, members of royal families from about 20 countries across Europe, the Middle East, Asia and elsewhere were among those attending the ceremony at the Nieuwe Kerk, a Protestant church which has been the site for Dutch royal inaugurations.

After the new Dutch king takes his vow at the Nieuwe Kerk, the royal families from across the globe were scheduled to pose for photos and then move to the Royal Palace nearby for a reception.

In Tokyo, Japan's Imperial Household Agency said Emperor Akihito has sent a congratulatory telegram to the new Dutch king. Ahead of the coronation, Crown Prince Naruhito attended a banquet on Monday organized by the Dutch queen but his wife skipped the banquet to reduce her workload.



Former Dutch Queen Beatrix (C), the country's new King Willem-Alexander (L) and new Queen Maxima wave to the assembled crowd from the balcony of the royal palace in Amsterdam on 30 April, 2013.— KYODO NEWS

Japan starts state-led sales promotion in Russia

MOSCOW, 1 May — Japan and Russia should seek a "win-win" relationship, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Tuesday, intensifying efforts to promote Japanese technology and culture that he said would lead to further development in Russia. The two countries are "neighbours who would cause great win-win benefits for each other," Abe said at a meeting of Japanese and Russian business leaders in Moscow. "I hope Japan's economic strength will lead to more fruitful bilateral relations."

He referred to the challenges facing Russia in improving the quality of its people's lives, such as enabling efficient and stable energy supply across the vast country, easing traffic congestion in urban areas, and upgrading waste-disposal and recycling systems. Involved in the sales

promotion by top government officials, the prime minister also touted the attractions of Japanese low calorie foods and advanced medical equipment, both of which he said have helped a lot in making Japan a country known for the longevity of its people.

Abe met with Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov ahead of the business meeting, with the two agreeing Japan and Russia will deepen their economic relations particularly in the areas of agri-

culture, medical services and urban development, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said.

Abe visited Russia with a delegation of over 100 businesspeople on the first leg of a four-nation trip that will also take him to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Turkey, where he will also seek to increase exports of Japanese products and infrastructure while benefiting from the rapid growth in those emerging economies.

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Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (front R) attends a Japanese cuisine event at the Japanese Embassy in Moscow, Russia, on 30 April, 2013.

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Gunmen surround Libyan justice ministry

TRIPOLI, 1 May — Gunmen in pick-up trucks surrounded Libya's justice ministry on Tuesday to step up demands for former aides to deposed dictator Muammar Gaddafi to be barred from senior government posts, Reuters witnesses said. Tension between the government and armed militias has been rising since authorities began a campaign to dislodge the gunmen from strongholds in the capital Tripoli to help

curb lawlessness afflicting the oil-producing state since Gaddafi's demise. Militiamen first ringed the foreign ministry on Sunday and have targeted other state buildings to push for a law to be passed to ban former aides to Gaddafi, who was overthrown and killed in a 2011 uprising, from government service.

The unrest prompted the General National Congress to postpone its next sitting,

scheduled for Tuesday, to Sunday. A spokesman said this would give lawmakers time to consider legislation that protesters are calling for. "This is definitely an attempt to impose their agenda on the political process. It's not massively out of character — we have seen this before — but it is definitely a worrying trend," said a Western diplomat in Tripoli. The justice ministry was surrounded by gunmen occupying the roads



Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito (R), Swedish Crown Princess Victoria (C) and her husband, Prince Daniel, pose for group photos after their arrival at a national museum in Amsterdam on 29 April, 2013, before attending a banquet organized by Dutch Queen Beatrix there.

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The crown prince went to the banquet held at a national museum with Swedish Crown Princess Victoria. The crown prince and princess are expected to leave the Netherlands on 2 May and return home the following day.—Kyodo News

Japanese firms improve earnings on back of yen's decline

TOKYO, 1 May — Major Japanese companies' earnings reports for fiscal 2012 indicated their earnings improved thanks to the yen's downturn against other major currencies since late last year, SMBC Nikko Securities Inc said on Tuesday.

For 186 nonfinancial companies that are listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and have released earnings for the year to March, consolidated pretax profit rose 14.0 percent from the previous year to 5.62 trillion yen, the securities firm said.

Improvements were conspicuous for export-oriented companies benefiting from the yen's depreciation, despite a sluggish European economy under the sovereign debt crisis

and a Chinese boycott of Japanese products due to a bilateral territorial row, the firm said. Group pretax profit for export-oriented transportation equipment manufacturers scored a 51.4 percent jump from the previous year.

Electrical appliance manufacturers, which also depend heavily on exports, also saw their pretax profit increase 16.3 percent. Among domestic demand-backed companies, retailers including restaurant chains improved their earnings due to a rebound in private consumption.

But steelmakers posted a substantial profit decline due to rising resources prices. Power and gas utilities expanded their losses because of rising fuel import costs.

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Tokyo Governor Inose backtracks, apologizes for remarks on Istanbul



Tokyo Gov Naoki Inose (2nd from R) arrives at the Tokyo metropolitan government offices in Tokyo on 30 April, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 1 May — Tokyo Gov Naoki Inose apologized on Tuesday for remarks he admitted were "inappropriate" about rival 2020 Olympic bidder Istanbul during a recent interview with *The New York Times*, just a day after claiming his words were taken out of context by the newspaper. "I'd like to apologize for comments

that were inappropriate," said Inose, who also chairs the Tokyo bid committee. "I'm sorry what I said may have provoked any kind of misunderstanding among the Islamic community."

"I'd have to admit I was naive. We'd like to continue with our bidding, and we'll respect the other bidding countries while we do it," he told reporters. In-

ose also said he would not file a complaint with *The New York Times*, which has stood by its story. Late Monday, Inose said in a statement that the paper "accused me of criticizing a rival city but what I intended to convey was not accurately reflected in the article." Inose's apology came right in time for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's two-day visit to Turkey starting on Thursday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said during his scheduled afternoon Press conference that he does not expect the controversy to affect Abe's visit, although Turkish sports minister Suat Kilic was upset by Inose's remarks. "We don't think there will be (any issues)," Suga said. "Whatever the case, Turkey remains a critically important nation to Japan."

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Members of armed revolutionaries stage a protest in front of the Libyan Justice Ministry in Tripoli on 30 April, 2013.—REUTERS

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Scientists present novel investigation of gravity effect on antimatter



GENEVA, 1 May—Researchers at CERN in Switzerland have on Tuesday published a paper in Nature Communications, describing the first direct analysis of how antimatter is affected by gravity.

“This is the first demonstrated experimental method to directly address the question of the gravitational nature of antimatter,” said Jeffrey Hangst, spokesperson for the Antihydrogen Laser Physics Apparatus (ALPHA) collaboration.

Antimatter particles are the “mirror image” of

normal matter, but with opposite electric charge. One significant difference between the two may be the way they interact with gravity—antimatter may be repelled by matter and “fall upwards” rather than being attracted to it.

“In the unlikely event that antimatter falls upwards, we would have to revise our view of the way the universe works,” said Joel Fajans, a member of ALPHA.

But in order to study it, scientists must find a way to trap the antimatter long enough before they meet

normal matter and destroy each other in what is called annihilation.

ALPHA was the first experiment to trap atoms of antihydrogen—neutral antimatter atoms held in place with a strong magnetic field for up to 1,000 seconds. “We used our position-sensitive annihilation detector to see if we could observe the influence of gravity on the released atoms,” said Hangst. The experiment will come back on line in 2014 with an upgraded antimatter trap called ALPHA-2.

Xinhua

Sharp to post worse-than-forecast annual loss: sources

TOKYO, 1 May—Sharp Corp, which supplies Apple Inc with screens for its iPhone and iPad, will post a bigger-than-forecast net loss for the year that ended on 31 March in part because low output at its factories forced it to write off excess capacity, two sources with knowledge of the result said.

Japan’s leading maker of liquid crystal displays had a 500 billion yen (\$5.1 billion) net loss for the year, worse than the 450 billion yen deficit it forecast in November, the sources said on condition that they not be identified.

Its operating profit for the second half of its business year was 20 billion yen, compared with the company’s forecast for 13.8 billion yen, the sources added.

The company needed a second-half operating profit to allow its lenders to justify a bail-out that rescued it from failing last year.

The write-off of excess capacity, however, highlights softer demand from Apple, which has seen its profit growth slow dramatically from more than 60

percent over the past five years to a projected rate of less than 5 percent for the next decade.

At the start of the year, Sharp was forced to curtail production of 9.7-inch screens for Apple’s iPad, sources told Reuters in January.

That has stepped up the urgency for Sharp to find new customers and uses for its leading-technology displays and may make it harder for the company to convince investors and lenders it remains a viable company.

Sharp, which will announce its results for latest business year on 14 May, said in statement through the Tokyo Stock Exchange that it had not released the earnings number, without commenting directly on whether it would report a bigger loss than forecast.

In addition to the write-offs, the company is also taking a charge to put aside cash for possible fines from a display price-fixing investigation in Europe, the sources said.

The expanded net loss was first reported in the Nikkei business daily.

The news sent Sharp’s shares falling as much as 5.6 percent on Wednesday to 319 yen, their lowest in nearly three weeks, compared with a 0.2 percent drop in the benchmark Nikkei average. The shares have lost more than half their value since the start of last year as the company’s troubles mounted, while the benchmark has risen 63 percent.

Sharp in October received a \$4.4 billion bailout from banks including Mizuho Financial Group and Mitsubishi Financial Group in return for mortgaging nearly all its factories and offices in Japan and pledging to cut 10,000 jobs.

It has since raised addi-

SANTA BARBARA, 1 May—Some of the most important scientific breakthroughs ever made by scientists including Einstein and Newton came about as the geniuses allowed their minds to wander, researchers say.

According to a new study by the University of California, Santa Barbara, doing simple tasks that allow us to daydream is key to solving trickier questions playing on our minds, scientists find.

They found that some of the most important discoveries made by scientists like Albert Einstein and Isaac Newton came about as the geniuses behind them allowed their minds to wander, the Telegraph reported.

The study showed that people who returned to a difficult task after taking a break and doing an easy task boosted their performance by around 40 percent. However, there was little or no improvement for people who did another demanding task during the break, used it to rest or did not have a break at all.

Daydreaming behind Einstein and Newton’s genius

The results indicate that doing simple tasks that allow us to daydream is key to solving trickier questions playing on our minds.

“Many influential scientific thinkers claim to have had their moments of inspiration while engaged in thoughts or activities not directly aimed at solving the problem they were trying to solve,” said lead author Benjamin Baird.

“This study demonstrated that taking a break involving an undemanding task improved performance on a classic creativity task far more than taking a break involving a demanding task resting or taking no break.

“The findings arguably provide the most direct evidence to date that conditions that favour mind wandering also enhance creativity,” said Baird. Researchers said the findings are likely to please school pupils and bored office workers who enjoy gazing out of the window but may not go down less well with teachers and bosses.

Einstein is believed to have begun his theory of relativity while he daydreamed about riding or running beside a sunbeam to the edge of the universe - after he was expelled from school for rebelling against rote learning.—Reuters



Photo taken on 29 April, 2013 shows solar haloes over the sky of Shuangta Temple in Taiyuan City, capital of north China’s Shanxi Province. —XINHUA

Scientists help older adults boost their memory

TORONTO, 1 May—Distraction can actually help older adults overcome age-related forgetfulness and boost their memory to that of younger adults, according to a new study. Scientists at Baycrest Health Sciences’ Rotman Research Institute (RRI) and the University of Toronto’s Psychology Department have found compelling evidence that older adults can eliminate forgetfulness and perform as well as younger adults on memory tests.

“Older brains may be doing something very adaptive with distraction to compensate for weakening memory,” said Rene Biss, lead investigator said. “In our study we asked whether distraction can be used to foster memory-boosting rehearsal for older adults. The answer is yes!”

“To eliminate age-related forgetfulness across three consecutive memory experiments and help older adults perform like younger adults

is dramatic and to our knowledge a totally unique finding,” lead author Lynn Hasher said. “Poor regulation of attention by older adults may actually have some benefits for memory.”

The findings, published online in Psychological Science, have intriguing implications for designing learning strategies for the mature, older student and equipping senior-housing with relevant visual distraction cues throughout the living environment that would serve as rehearsal opportunities to remember things like an upcoming appointment or medications to take, even if the cues aren’t consciously paid attention to. In three experiments, healthy younger adults recruited from the University of Toronto, aged between 17 to 27, and healthy older adults from the community, aged 60 and 78, were asked to study and recall a list of words after a short delay and again, on a surprise test, after a 15-minute delay.—PTI



A woman walks past the Sharp Corp’s Logo at a train station in Tokyo on 6 March, 2013.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

NICU treatments linked to intellectual disabilities

NEW YORK, 1 May—Neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) interventions for babies born very small and early have drastically reduced infant deaths in the United States, but in doing so they've contributed to more intellectual disabilities, according to a new study.

But disability rates may also be rising due to procedures that save the lives of children who go on to have limitations in social and practical skills, according to researchers led by Dr Jeffrey Brosco.

"We actually through medical interventions, in some sense, cause a fair amount of intellectual disability as well (as preventing it)," said Brosco, from the University of Miami Miller

School of Medicine.

Of course, that doesn't mean doctors should stop performing life-saving procedures in the NICU and elsewhere, Brosco told *Reuters Health*.

But the findings are part of a larger trend suggesting researchers and policymakers not focus all of their attention on new medical interventions as the best way to prevent disabilities, but start looking toward public health efforts, he added.

"There's a great debate regarding the value of medical versus public health and social interventions in improving child health," said Dr Jeffrey Baker, a medical historian who studies medical technology, ethics and child health and the Duke

University School of Medicine in Durham.

"What this study does is to show that medical intervention has been a two-edged sword," he said.

For their report, Brosco and his colleagues reviewed studies published between 1950 and 2000 to look at what conditions contribute to intellectual disabilities and how or why the prevalence of those conditions may have changed over time. They found babies being born at a low birth weight — less than 2,500 grams or 5 pounds, 8 ounces — and surviving is responsible for 10 to 15 percent of all intellectual disabilities. That could have to do with periods of lack of oxygen or blood flow in those newborns, for example.

However, the study team could not pinpoint any single specific medical intervention introduced during those 50 years that caused disabilities to increase, it wrote in *JAMA Pediatrics*.

Reductions in intellectual disabilities tied to vaccines and screening have been in the 10-to 15-percent range, according to Baker — meaning the negative effects of medical interventions at least partially cancel out the gains when it comes to disability.

"Americans in general, I think, are infatuated with the role of medical technology and almost tend to see it as synonymous with good health. It is really just part of a much bigger picture," he said.—*Reuters*



An Ora Quick Advance Rapid HIV-1/2 Antibody test kit is seen at the AIDS Service Centre of New York City (ASC/NYC) lower Manhattan headquarters in New York on 3 July, 2012.—*Reuters*

FDA approves Plan B for girls as young as 15

WASHINGTON, 1 May—The US Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday said it would allow the Plan B One-Step contraceptive to be sold without a prescription to girls as young as 15 years of age.

The announcement partially reverses a December 2011 decision that prevented the sale of the emergency contraceptive to all females of reproductive age, which was also overturned by a US district judge in New York on 5 April. The FDA said its approval was not related to the judge's ruling.

Instead, the agency said it was responding to an amended marketing application from Teva Women's Health Inc, a unit of Plan B maker Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd. Teva originally applied to sell Plan B to all females of reproductive age, but changed its latest bid to those 15

and older after 2011. The amended application was pending when Judge Edward Korman handed down his ruling, the FDA said.

The pill known as "Plan B" has long been at the centre of political and religious battles. The FDA initially approved sale of the drug to all reproductive age females, but was ordered to bar girls under 17 by US Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, who came under fire from women's activists who accused her of bowing to political pressure from social conservatives.

"Research has shown that access to emergency contraceptive products has the potential to further decrease the rate of unintended pregnancies," FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said in a statement.

"The data reviewed by the agency demonstrated that women 15 years of age and older were able to understand how Plan B One-Step works, how to use it properly and that it does not prevent the transmission of a sexually transmitted disease."

The FDA said the product will now be labeled "not for sale to those under 15 years of age 'proof of age required' not for sale where age cannot be verified." Product coding is designed to prompt cashiers to request and verify the customer's age. Teva has also arranged to have a security tag placed on all product cartons to prevent theft. The US Justice Department is considering the administration's next steps in the New York court case.

Reuters

Dollar pressured before Fed policy outcome



Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) employees work at the bourse at TSE in Tokyo on 24 April, 2013.—*Reuters*

TOKYO, 1 May—The dollar eased on Wednesday as investors warily awaited the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's two-day policy meeting later, while the euro drifted on expectations for a rate cut when the European Central Bank meets later in the week.

Optimism over the US

recovery was the main driver behind this year's rallies in riskier investments, especially US stocks, overshadowing weak spots emerging in China and the euro zone's deteriorating economy.

A report on Wednesday showed that growth in China's manufacturing sector unexpectedly slowed in

April, with the official purchasing managers' index (PMI) falling to 50.6 from March's 11-month high of 50.9 as new export orders and input prices contracted.

The PMI was also below the 51 forecast, but stayed above the watershed mark of 50 for seven straight months. The 50 level separates expansion from contraction.

The Australian dollar hit a session low of \$1.0365, but reaction was generally muted, largely as many Asian markets were closed for the Labour Day holiday and trading was thin.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan <.miapj-0000pus> inched down 0.1 percent, retreating from Tuesday's seven-week high, and dragged down by

a 0.3 percent fall in Australian shares (.AXJO) which reached their highest in nearly five years in the previous session. "It looks like China is in a situation where sluggish growth is going to continue for longer, which is not great from a commodities point-of-view," said Damien Boey, an equity strategist at Credit Suisse in Sydney. Australian markets are sensitive to data from China, its biggest trading partner. Japan's Nikkei stock average (.N225) eased 0.2 percent on some disappointing earnings guidance. The Nikkei posted its best April in 20 years, reflecting a sharp improvement in investor sentiment as Japan promotes aggressive policies to end its stubborn deflation and bolster growth. (T)—*Reuters*

Kodak expects to exit bankruptcy as soon as July

SAN DIEGO, 1 May—Eastman Kodak Co (EK-DKQ.PK) said on Tuesday it expects to emerge from bankruptcy as soon as July as a commercial imaging business under the control of its creditors.

It said in court documents filed with the US bankruptcy court in Manhattan that it expects to issue new stock with the majority of it going to its second-lien note holders.

The holders of the second-lien notes include investment funds P. Schoenfeld Asset Management, DE Shaw Group and Bennett Management Corp.

A new board will be appointed and the company said the new directors will

be identified later.

The company did not say how much it expects to pay its unsecured creditors, who are owed as much as \$2.2 billion, but they would also receive some shares in the reconstituted Kodak.

Kodak's bankruptcy plan is subject to a vote of creditors and court approval. Kodak must first gain court approval for its disclosure statement which describes its bankruptcy plan and the risks associated with it and is meant to help guide creditors in their voting on the plan. A hearing on the disclosure statement is expected in June.

Kodak sought protection from creditors in January 2012 after it failed to

embrace modern technology and became one of the biggest corporate casualties of the digital age. The company said it had \$6.75 billion of liabilities when it entered Chapter 11 reorganization.

Kodak's bankruptcy exit plan comes a day after it clinched a key deal to sell its personalized imaging and document imaging businesses to its UK pension fund for \$650 million. The pension fund also agreed to give up a \$2.8 billion claim against Kodak, resolving the biggest unsecured claim in the bankruptcy. Rochester, New York-based Kodak launched its first camera in 1888 and grew to dominate the market for pho-

tographic film. Although Kodak invented the digital camera, it put the project on



the back-burner and spent years watching rivals stake a claim to the market while physical film sales plummeted. The company hopes

DVD's by Eastman Kodak Co are displayed in a retail store in San Diego, California, on 22 April, 2013.—*Reuters*

to put all that behind it once it exits bankruptcy and focuses on selling printing equipment and services to businesses.—*Reuters*

WORLD

Bomb in Damascus kills 13 day after attack on prime minister



People walk on a street lined with a damaged building and destroyed cars after a blast at Marjeh Square in Damascus on 30 April, 2013.—REUTERS

BEIRUT, 1 May—A bomb killed 13 people in central Damascus on Tuesday, state television said, a day after Prime Minister Wael al-Halki survived an attack on his convoy in the Syrian capital. State-run Suriya television said 70 people were wounded, several critically. The British-based Syrian Observatory reported nine dead civilians

and three security personnel but said the toll was likely to rise. Pro-government Al-Ikhbariya television showed firefighters running through thick smoke after the blast in Marjeh Square. Two bodies could be seen on the ground. The target of the attack was not immediately clear. Footage showed the former Interior Ministry building near the

site of the blast on one of the capital's main roads. Interior Minister Mohammed al-Shaar said the bombing was a "bankrupt response" to recent gains by the Syrian army against rebels in the areas surrounding the city centre.

Shaar, who was wounded by a car bomb blast in December, said the United States, the West and Israel were directing the group that carried out the bombing. Monday's attack on the prime minister's convoy killed six people in what has become a common tactic by rebels. A resident of Damascus, who lives one mile from the blast site, said the explosion shook the doors of her house.

"It must be huge for me to hear it like that. Casualties must be horrific because it is a super busy square at this time of day," she said over Skype.—Reuters

Saudi-US relations to withstand North American oil boom

WASHINGTON, 1 May—Experts say Asia and Iran are the keys to maintaining a strong—but evolving—US-Saudi Arabia energy relationship. Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi is expected to share his optimistic view on the future of Asian oil demand on Tuesday when he gives a major energy speech, billed as the first in the United States in four years. As the United States produces oil at the highest levels in 20 years thanks to the shale boom, Saudi Arabia's confidence in Asian markets could help keep relations between the two countries on track. "The Saudis don't see the North American oil boom as a threat, not in the context of the global oil market," said a Washington-based energy consultant to governments and businesses, who did not want to be named.

Naimi said in a speech early this month in Doha that nobody should fear new

oil supplies when global demand is rising, adding that Asia's population growth should be a driver for future oil demand. He is expected to repeat that message during his speech at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington on Tuesday.

Saudi Arabia, the main source of global spare oil

production capacity, will be one of the few places with the ability to supply China and other Asian countries. In contrast, extra barrels from North Dakota and Texas will be consumed in the United States, at least until laws are changed to allow the country's producers to export substantial amounts of crude. —Reuters



Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi listens to journalist during an OPEC meeting in Vienna on 12 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

Cargo plane crashes in E Afghanistan, killing seven

KABUL, 1 May—Monday's cargo plane crash which took place in Bagram District, eastern Afghan Province of Parwan claimed the lives of all seven people aboard, a provincial source said on Tuesday. Bagram, lying some 50 km north of Afghan capital Kabul, is the main military base of US troops in Afghanistan.

The sources also said

that five of the victims were Americans.

Police chief of Parwan Province Abdul Rahman Sarjang told Xinhua on Monday that the accident took place on the runway of Bagram airfield due to technical problems shortly after the plane took off. The type of the aircraft and the name of the company owning it were not clear yet. Follow-

ing the incident, Taleban insurgent group, fighting an insurgency of more than one decade, claimed responsibility for the plane crash. The armed outfit in a statement sent to media claimed that Taleban fighters targeted a cargo plane of the US forces next to the Bagram airbase at 04:00 pm local time on Monday. The plane caught fire and

all aboard was killed. US military has yet to make comment. Without giving details on the modalities of attack or type of weapons used in the attack, the Taleban statement stressed that targeting and crashing the plane is part of the Taleban spring offensive codenamed "Khalid Bin Waleed" which was announced on Saturday.—Xinhua

Italian police arrest four suspected Islamist militants

BARI, (Italy), 1 May—Italian police on Tuesday arrested four of six men they suspect are members of an Islamist militant cell which was planning attacks in the United States, Israel and Italy, though no specific targets were named by police. The men aimed to train militants and send them abroad, para-military police said, and are suspected of conspiracy to commit international terrorism and

inciting racial hatred.

They were arrested in Andria in the southern Italian region of Puglia, where police say the group was based, and in Milan, Brussels and Catania, Sicily, and include a Tunisian who was the former imam at a mosque in Andria, police said. Italian police are still looking for two other Tunisian men who they believe have returned to their home country. No international

arrest warrant has been issued for them. Investigators believe the six men tried to recruit among illegal immigrants in Italy, who then went on to training camps in Afghanistan, Chechnya, Iraq and Yemen. In some cases the new recruits carried out attacks in Iraq, sentiment" and aversion to states viewed as enemies in the context of religious war, a police statement said.

Reuters



A visitor looks at a painting in the preview of "Hong Kong Eye" exhibition in Hong Kong, south China, on 30 April, 2013. A contemporary art show "Hong Kong Eye" is scheduled to open on 1 May in Hong Kong. The art show will exhibit more than 60 works by 24 artists, including paintings, sculptures and installations.—XINHUA

A-bomb survivors bring "no nukes" message to New York school

NEW YORK, 1 May—A Japanese-born Korean and a "Hiroshima Maiden" who both lived through the 6 August atomic bombing of their city in the closing days of World War II recalled their experiences as guest speakers at a Brooklyn school on Monday and promoted their messages of peace.

Clifton Truman Daniel, the grandson of former President Harry S Truman who ordered the bombs dropped over Hiroshima and three days later in Nagasaki, also joined the survivors in the programme.

"If you have not started yet, be aware, become more aware of what nuclear means and have an awareness towards abolition of nuclear weapons and wars and also the disarmament of nuclear weapons," Lee Jongkeum, 85, told students at a packed auditorium

at the Brooklyn Friends School. Lee was sixteen in 1945 when the bomb exploded over Hiroshima. After hearing a "loud explosion" and seeing a "golden yellow" flash he fell face first onto the ground. He awoke in complete darkness, but later began witnessing horrific sights of people "who had their skin dropping off," and heard haunting pleas for help, but could not assist them.

After zigzagging his way home through the blazing city, he arrived after walking for 16 kilometres where he recovered under his family's care. Shigeo Sasamori, 81, was one of 25 "Hiroshima Maidens" who were invited to the United States in 1955 for reconstructive surgery.

After the blast she was badly burned and eventually went through 35 operations. She was adopted by an American family and now lives in California.

"As long as I live I will speak all over the world to many people because I feel we went through such a horrible life, we should not have anybody go through experiences like we did," she said, adding that the world was dangerous because of the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Daniel, who was visiting schools in the area with atomic bomb survivors, called hibakusha, for the second time, emphasized the importance of hearing their accounts first hand.

Kyodo News



German Chancellor Angela Merkel (L) reviews an honour guard with visiting Italian new Prime Minister Enrico Letta in Berlin, on 30 April, 2013. Merkel paid tribute to Italy's efforts on fighting the debt crisis as she met Italy's new Prime Minister Enrico Letta on Tuesday.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

International Certified Basketball Referee Course conducted

YANGON, 1 May—The opening ceremony of International Certified Basketball Referee Course was held at the hall of Myanmar Basketball Federation at Aung San Stadium, here, at 27 April morning.

Vice-President of Myanmar Basketball Federation U Myint Thein spoke on the occasion. Sports Director Mr Lubomir Kotleba explained the purpose of opening the course.

The course was conducted for the first time in Myanmar. The two-day



course run on 27 and 28 April.

The certificate holders basketball referee will discharge referee duty in the XXVII SEA Games to be

hosted in Myanmar in 2013.

A total of 17 trainees from Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar attended the course.

Myanma Alinn

Korean-Myanmar entrepreneurs discuss joint venture works

YANGON, 1 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) U Win Aung held talks with Mr. Yoon Heul-Ro, Director-General for Asia Region from Korea Trade Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) and Commercial Attaché Dr. Park Choulbo from Korean Embassy at UMFCCI

Headquarters, here, on 25 April.

They discussed matters related to economic promotion between the two countries, jointly holding of Korea-Myanmar Business Forum and CEO Summit in mid-June in Korea and joint venture for economic development between Korean and Myanmar entrepreneurs.

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CCA knowledge for primary teachers

DAWEI, 1 May—With a view to teaching children at the primary level through child-centred approach method, the instructor course for CCA at regional level was opened at Pyinnya Beikman Hall of No. 3 Basic Education High School in Dawei on 22 April morning, with an address by Deputy Director (Admin/Finance) U Tun Yi of Region Education Officer Office.

U Soe Naing of CCA Technical Team explained

matters related to the training course. A total of 114 trainees from Myeik, Kyunsu and Taninthayi Townships are attending the training course that runs from 22 April to 5 May.

Myanma Alinn



NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye held a meeting with Director Dr Phone Win of Mingala Myanmar at his office, here, on 29 April

morning.

They focused on setting up the Fund Management Board with local scholars to accept donations from US-based companies, local

and international companies for International Centre of Excellence that is now in motion at the University of Yangon.

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Basic fire fighting course commences

TATKON, 1 May—The basic fire fighting course, conducted by Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, was opened at the fire station of Tatkon Township on 23

April.

Chairman of the Township Fire Preventive Supervisory Committee Township Administrator U Aye Lu made a speech.

Staff Officer of the Township Fire Services

Department U Kyaw Lwin explained disciplines of the course.

A total of 50 trainees from six wards are attending the training course from 23 April to 5 May.

Myanma Alinn

Reckless driving kills motorcyclist in Pale Tsp

PALE, 1 May—A Kenbo motorcycle driven by Ma Yi Myint, 23 of Taungyathit Village in Pale Township together with Ma Darli, 19 of her sister on pillion seat plunged into the left side of

Pale-Gangaw road at mile post 52/7 on 24 April.

In the incident, motorcyclist Ma Yi Myint was injured to protuberance, mouth, nose, and knee and died on the spot, and her sister

Ma Darli had no injury.

Lekan Police Station of Pale Township opened a file of lawsuit against reckless driver Ma Yi Myint under the law.

Myanma Alinn

Myanaung oil tanker sinks in Hlaing River

YANGON, 1 May—Myanaung oil tanker of the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy sank at Chokey Shoal (near Thilawa Port) in the Hlaing River without oil pollution at 4:20 pm on 29 April. But no one was dead in the incident.

The mishap started at 4:20 pm yesterday when Myanaung vessel steered by Senior Navigator U San Tin hit MV. MALACCA

highway steered by Senior Navigator U Myat Soe (Pilot 39), that was heading for the mouth of Yangon River after unloading automobiles at Thilawa MIPL Port.

On 27 morning, Myannaung vessel unloaded oil at Mawlamyine Port and left for Yangon Port to inform the Pilot Vessel.

The incident occurred at North Latitude 16 39.967 min and East Latitude 96 14.506 min.

The vessel with 3-meter deep draught is 63.5 meter long, 13 meter wide and, and weighs 498.09 tons carrying 1125 tons of loads.

Vessel warnings would be issued and a signal light is put at the place where the vessel sank.

The place is not on the path of huge vessels, it was learnt.

Action will be taken in line with the law.

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PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 2 May, 2013

People's Power

At Tuesday Excellence Award Ceremony, President U Thein Sein concluded his speech with the resounding call, "Let's build the nation through the people's strength." In his over-two-year presidency, he has already been lauded for his much-touted reforms. While the country was in democratic transition two years ago, he came up with people-centred approach and obviously listened to the voices of the people. The President has recognized the power of the people in ruling the country and spoke up for it.

He said the reason why the government is formulating people-centred policies is that the country we live in is a multi-ethnic and multi-religion country and we need inclusiveness in the reform processes in the country's committed bid for development.

Democracy embodies the power of the people in various aspects. With democracy in its infancy, we the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar have started to learn how to best utilize our democratic rights to shape our government, our country and our future. But we still need to understand well the extent of the power in our hands, and where, when and how to use it.

Many humble people used to say the people of our country are not mature enough for democracy. That's wrong. Democracy is a political system that respect human rights and grant fundamental rights to each and every citizen of a country with utmost respect to human dignity. There is no single human being in this planet whose rights should be neglected and dignity disrespected. It may take time to get used to a new system. The transition especially calls for tolerance of all parties.

In the very distant future, the people of our country will surely learn how to steer the country well to development, utilizing the power of people in a smarter manner.

Respect paying of E-Major alumni of Dagon University

YANGON, 1 May—The seventh respect-paying ceremony of English Major alumni of Dagon University was held at Royal Rose Restaurant in Shwegondine, here, today.

Retd Rector Daw Sein Sein Myint and Rector Daw

Swe Swe Pwint of English Department of Dagon University spoke words of advice.

Then, the old students paid respects to the faculty members and presented gifts to them.

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ARTICLE

The State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

In accordance with the resolutions passed and adopted by the very First Successful Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of 1980 which could reconstruct the unity of the Sangha of All Orders within one hundred years in the history of Buddhism of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the different levels of the Sangha Organizations throughout the country could be formed thoroughly. The different levels of the Sangha Organizations in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are as follows:-

1. State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee
2. State Sanghamahanayaka Committee
3. State Central Working Committee of the Sangha
4. State and Regional Sanghanayaka Committees
5. Township Sanghanayaka Committees
6. Ward/Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees

According to the principles of the Sangha Organizations adopted by the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, all members at the different levels of the Sangha Organizations shall be elected after the duration of five years' term is terminated.

Members of State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee, State Sanghamahanayaka Committee and State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of Myanmar attended by Sanghasamutirepresentatives who represent over five hundred thousand members of the Sangha in the Republic

of the Union of Myanmar. They shall elected only by majority of Sanghasamuti representatives.

Members of Region and State and Sanghanayaka Committees, Township Sanghanayaka Committees and Ward/Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees shall be elected by majority of the members of the Sangha at their respective meetings. The main aims and objectives of those various Sangha Organizations are to carry out the noble tasks of the

of Myanmar to reconstruct the unity of the Sangha, the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders for the purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Buddha Sasana which was attended by 1500 representatives of the Sangha throughout the country was successfully held in 1980.

As a result of the unity of the Sangha of All Orders, the Nine Sects (Ganas) of the Sangha of All Orders throughout the country were officially recognized by the

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Buddha Sasana throughout the world. We all Buddhists know that altogether six Buddhist Synods had been held in order to purify, perpetuate and propagate the Buddha Sasana after the noble demise of the Buddha over 2557 years ago.

The Six Buddhist Synod was held in the Union of Myanmar in 1954 and attended by the learned and chief monks (Maha Theras) from the Five Theravada Buddhist Nations—Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. Although the Buddhist Synod has been held, it was still found that some isms and views which were incompatible with and contradictory to the essence of the real teachings of the Buddha. And also, different sects and schools of the Sangha Orders appeared in the country. They were not united and parted from each other.

According to the strong wish of multifarious Buddhist people and the Government of the Union

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They are as follows:-

1. Suddhamma Gana (Sect)
2. Shwekyin Gana (Sect)
3. Dhammanu Dhamma Mahadwara Nikaya Gana (Sect)
4. Dhamma Vinaya Nulomamuladwara Nikaya Gana (Sect)
5. Anaukchaung Dwara Gana (Sect)
6. Veluvan Nikaya Gana (Sect)
7. Catubonmika Mahasatipathana Hngetwin Gana (Sect)
8. Gannavimotti Kuto Gana (Sect)
9. Dhammayotti Nikaya Mahayin Gana (Sect)

The different levels of Sangha Organizations throughout the country represent these nine Ganas (Sects) of the Sangha of All Orders.

The State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders is one of the different levels of the Sangha Organizations and comprises (111) chief and learned Maha Theras of advanced age who are elected by majority of

Sangha representatives at the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders.

Functions and duties of the State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders

1. Members of the State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee in group or in individual may give admonitions (Ovadakathas) to the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee relating to the Sangha affairs
2. Members of the State Ovadacariya Committee, themselves may go to give admonitions or may send the written statement.
3. Any member of the State Ovadacariya Committee may attend the meeting of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders if he wishes, and if he is requested to act as the Patron Maha Thera (Ovadacariya) at the meeting, he may act.

The members of the State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders represent the Nine Sects of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and carry out the noble tasks of the purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Theravada Buddha Sasana by giving admonitions to the members of the Sangha relating to the Sasana affairs and preaching the teachings of the Buddha to the people. We heartily wish that may the members of the State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders be healthy and longevity, and peacefully carry out the benefits of the Buddha Sasana.



Taninthayi Region Chief Minister's Cup 6-10 May

DAWEI, 1 May—A coordination meeting to hold Taninthayi Region Chief Minister's Cup (three

Respect paying ceremony of English major students from Dagon University in progress.—NLM

districts) women's football tournament was held at the region government office on 29 April with an address by Chairman of Leading Committee for organizing the tournament Region Chief Minister for Forestry and Mines U Tin Soe.

An official from region Sports and Physical

Education Department explained the purposes of holding the tournament followed by discussion.

The soccer tourney will be held from 6 to 10 May and women's teams from Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung Districts are to participate in it.

Kyemon

NATIONAL

Worker's Day observed in Yangon

YANGON, 1 May— Worker's Day was observed at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) on Mindhammaroad in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint read out the message sent by President U Thein Sein and Deputy Director-General of International Labour Organization (ILO) Mr Gregory Vines, the message by the Director-General of ILO.

Employees and employers representatives also took part in the discussion.

After that, the Union minister and guests viewed documentary photos and journals on workers affairs. It was also attended by the deputy minister, Region/State ministers, directors-general from the ministry and officials, diplomats, officials from ILO, ITUC-AP, INGOs, UN, labour unions and employee and employer associations.

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Worker's Day being observed at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) in Yangon.

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Australian Senate President visits Yangon war cemetery

YANGON, 1 May— President of Australian Senate Senator Hon John Joseph Hogg and party visited Commonwealth War Cemetery in

Htaukkyant here, paid a floral tribute and signed the visitors' book this morning.

The delegation was seen off by Yangon Region

Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and wife, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and wife, Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Nadine Moules and officials of Hluttaw Office at Yangon International Airport as they left for Australia.

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President of Australian Senate Senator Hon

John Joseph Hogg at Commonwealth War

Cemetery in Htaukkyant.—MNA



18 suspects charged with Okkan arson attacks



Security forces in action in Okkan on 30 April.

YANGON, 1 May— Crowd set fire to seven houses in Yadanakon Village of Kyokyarkon

Village-tract, about two furlongs west of Okkan, Taikkyi Township, here, at 4:30 pm yesterday.

Similarly, six houses in Panipin Village were set on fire by a mob at 5 pm yesterday. At 6 pm

yesterday, 15 houses of Chaukthe Village, 49 houses of Kyweponlay Village, a religious building, two schools, one cowshed and one fuel station along Yangon-Pyay Road were set ablaze.

A total of 130

houses—53 in Okkan, 77 in Yadanakon, Panipin, Chaukthe, Thekon Villages—and 15 shops in Okkan and 9 along Yangon-Pyay Road, totaling 24 were destroyed by arson fire, it was learnt.

About 18 persons are

being investigated by the police over the riot.

According to Myanmar Police Force, of the ten injured persons from yesterday's riot, Zaw Naing (a) Zaw Zaw Tun, aged 29, died at 1 am today.

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Destroyed shops in violence in Okkan on 30 April.

Law and order restored in Okkan...

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Ten persons were injured in violence. Six

were admitted to Okkan station hospital, one to Taikkyi People's Hospital

and Ko Zaw Zaw Naing and U Eismai to Yangon People's Hospital. Ko Zaw Zaw Naing died at about 1 am this morning."

He said lawsuits had been filed against those

involved in violence and arson attacks. The police have arrested 18 suspects.

"What I would like to inform to the public is that we need to have self discipline, avoid the trap,

cooperate with police force and to be united. We need the unity of both communities. Regardless of race, every citizen should fully enjoy the rights embodied in the

constitution. We will bring those who had committed crimes to justice," police Lt-Col Thet Lwin said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mandalay receiving more foreign tourists



MANDALAY, 1 May—Mandalay is seeing an increase in airport arrivals of foreign tourists via the flights of Thai Airways. The tourist destinations in Mandalay such as Myanansankyaw Palace, Mandalay Hill, the moat and the city wall of Mandalay, Sanda Muni Pagoda, Kyauktawgyi Pagoda are

packed with globetrotters who visit those sites with cars, sidecars and bicycles either in group or alone.

Tourists also love to discover pagodas and stupas in Amarapura, U Pein Bridge, Sagaing, Pyin Oo Lwin and Bagan-Nyaung U with strong taste for archaeological cultural heritage and unexploited nature. Tourists from China, Thailand, France, Italy, Spain, US, Australia and Japan are said to top the tourist arrivals.—Kyemon

Midwifery course concludes in Katha

KATHA, 1 May—Under the rural development and poverty alleviation programme, the concluding ceremony of midwifery course (2012-2013) which started on 1 November 2012 with the assistance of Sagaing Region Government was held at the meeting hall of Katha District Hospital yesterday.

At the ceremony, Katha Township Administrator

U Zaw Min Htaik gave conclusion remarks and District Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr Sein Aye explained the purpose of the course. Then, the Township Administrator and Chairperson of District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Dr Daw Htay Htay Win presented certificates to the trainees. Ma Kay Thi Nwe spoke words of thanks on

behalf of the trainees.

It was attended by district-level departmental personnel, township-level departmental personnel, members of social organizations, trainers, Health Department staff and trainees. A total of 10 trainees take six-month course. Similar courses were opened in Kawlin, Htigyaing, Wuntho, Indaw and Pinlebu townships of Katha District.

Kyemon

Mandalay marks World Veterinary Day

MANDALAY, 1 May—Myanmar Veterinarians Association and Mandalay Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department organized an educative in commemoration of World Veterinary Day at the department's office in Pyigyidagun Township here on 2 April.

It was attended by the Mandalay Region Livestock Breeding Federation

chairman and members, heads of region, district and township livestock breeding and veterinary departments and breeders.

Professor of Medical Department of University of Veterinarian Science Dr Ye Htut Aung delivered talks on vaccination. Pet dogs and cats in Mandalay were vaccinated against rabies at the office free of charge.

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Traffic accident leaves one dead

YANGON, 1 May—A Super Custom on Pyay Road in Mayangon Township collided with Mark II in front of Konemyintha, at about 2 am on 30 April.

U Aung Khaing Win, U Nyan Soe and Maung Nyan Win Tun in Mark II

were severely injured in the accident. They were hospitalized and U Aung Khaing Win was pronounced dead at the hospital at 8.05 am. Mayangon Township Police Station filed a lawsuit against the drivers.

Kyemon



injection, no diagnosis and even no remarks," a local

who visited the child in the hospital said.—Kyemon

Self-reliant concrete street being paved in Myeik



MYEIK, 1 May—Works for paving self-reliant concrete is being carried out on Thiri Mingala (3rd) Street by local people from Parami (1) Ward in Aleygun Region in Myeik of Taninthayi Region starting from 18

April.

The earthen street is under flood in rainy season. The 15 feet and 6 inches wide and 520 feet long concrete street is under construction by spending over K 8 million.—Kyemon

Electricity available at Kyonkadon village in Pyapon Township

PYAPON, 1 May—Kyonkadon village in Pyapon Township of Pyapon District held a ceremony to mark the successful implementation of self-reliant village electrification program at ward-9 of the village on 29 April as construction of a 11/0.4 KV (160) KVA sub-power station and installation of service line have been completed.

Pyapon Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi Lin, Pyapon Township Electrical Engineer U Aung Khaing Soe and the head of Kyonkadon Police Station formally opened the ceremony.

Of 300 in the ward, 48 houses and three school buildings have been provided with electricity and the remaining houses are going to be supplied with electricity soon. A villager said that he was very glad to see electrification at his ward which was without electricity many years ago while electricity is available at other wards.

Following the successful story of Kyonkadon village, self-reliant village electrification committees are being formed in other villages of the township to follow suit.

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Gambler detained

YANGON, 1 May—Based on a tip-off, police raided the house of U Win Htay on Aung Myitta Street in No. 1 Ward, Mayangon Township on 20 April evening.

Twenty-four sheets of two-digit-gambling-related notes, 95 sheets of vouchers,

8 sheets of carbon paper, winning number forecast, a stapler, a calculator, four ball-point pens, and the bet of K 52800 were seized from the house of U Win Htay who was detained by the police for trial.

Kyemon

US technology giant to help Myanmar boost IT in education

YANGON, 1 May—Myanmar Computer Federation will team up with US chipmaker Intel to organize a workshop on boosting the use of technology for educational purposes. The chief of Intel's World Ahead will attend World Economic Forum in Myanmar in coming June.

MCF President U Khun Oo welcomed the support of

one of the world's largest IT companies at MCF & Intel's World Learning seminar at Myanmar ICT Park in Yangon on 29 April.

The seminar was also attended by Mr Chris S Thomas, Chief Strategist of Intel Headquarters and Director of Architecture of Intel World Ahead, Mr Bernd Nordhausen, Senior Solutions Architect, and an official of USAID.—Kyemon



Intel representatives observe teaching aid programmes by MCF's ICT award winning basic education teachers.

Four legged kid in Loilem receives 'nothing' from hospital

LOILEM, 1 May—Parents of a four legged child brought their girl to General Hospital of Loilem District on 30 April for surgery only to return to their mountain home after a few hours at the hospital which is accused of leaving the child uncared for.

The child with four legs, two female reproductive

organs and two anuses was born to farmer parents in Lwemut village in Pantmot village-tract in Panglong Subtownship three months ago.

The parents Khun San Dwe and Nan Hnaung Hnaung said they want their kid to be an 'ordinary' girl.

"Doctors and nurses of the hospital did nothing, no

REGIONAL

Rise of young voters shifts Malaysia election balance

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 May —Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak escaped a direct showdown with youth when a 23-year-old student gave up his bid to challenge him in his home constituency in the 5 May general election. But Mohammed Bukhairy Mohammed Sofian's quixotic plan to run against Najib—which he dropped to avoid diverting votes from the main opposition candidate—was a reminder of how young voters are shaping politics in the Southeast Asian nation as never before and unnerving the long-ruling coalition.

He is one of 2.6 million Malaysians registered to cast their ballots for the first time, making up roughly a fifth of Malaysia's 13.3 million eligible voters. That is much higher than the 638,000 new voters five years ago. Analysts say an upsurge in interest in politics following the opposition's best-ever election showing in 2008 has driven more young people to register. Their numbers make young Malaysians a crucial, possibly decisive, source of support in an election that promises to be the closest since independence. They are also a force that could

blur the traditional race-based faultlines that have shaped the political landscape in the multi-ethnic country.

An unbroken 56-year grip on power has given the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition control over mainstream media and the ability to spend freely in the election campaign as they preside over a period of strong economic growth. Although a coalition win with a reduced parliamentary majority is seen as the most likely outcome, the opposition says that the new voters are the "X Factor" that could create Malaysia's biggest electoral shock since independence in 1957.

"I know what young people want. They want a voice and that means change," Bukhairy, a third-year Islamic political science student at Universiti Malaya, told *Reuters*. An opposition win would bring unprecedented uncertainty to politics in Malaysia, whose government is the longest serving in the democratic world, and herald a major shake-up in five decades of cozy relations between government and business.—*Reuters*



Malaysian Izzati Zaidi (R), 24, and her friends show placards in support of Malaysia's Prime Minister Najib Razak during the launch of the "Voices of My Generation" youth programme in Kuala Lumpur on 12 April, 2013.—*REUTERS*

Singapore commissions second Archer-class submarine

SINGAPORE, 1 May — Singapore's Ministry of Defence said on Tuesday at Changi Naval Base that the RSS *Swordsman*, the city-state's second Archer-class submarine, officially entered into service. RSS *Archer* was firstly commissioned by the Republic of Singapore Navy at the end of 2011.

After its launch in Sweden's Karlskrona in October 2010, the RSS *Swordsman* "underwent various comprehensive and extensive sea trials in Sweden before returning to Singapore on 31 Dec, 2012", the ministry said in a statement. It has undergone extensive refurbishment, upgrades, and tropicalisation to adapt it for operations in Singapore's local conditions.

"Its combat and sensor suites have been upgraded and an Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system was added to give the submarine greater stealth, extended reach and expanded operational capabilities," the

ministry said, adding that the submarine will join RSS *Archer* and operate alongside the Challenger-class submarines under the navy's 171 Squadron.

The ministry added that the pioneer crew of the submarine had undergone a comprehensive training programme, including a Submarine System Training Phase, where they were taught to operate the various submarine systems, and a Team Training Phase, where the crew conducted mission-oriented trainings.

Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam said at the commissioning ceremony that the two Archer-class submarines, together with the Challenger-class submarines as well as the country's stealth frigates, naval helicopters, missile corvettes and mine-countermeasure vessels will safeguard Singapore's maritime interests and protect their territorial integrity.—*Xinhua*



Villagers of Zhuang ethnic group stage a dance during a performance held for tourists in Bamei Village, Guangnan County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 30 April, 2013. The county arranged the performance in the hope of displaying local cultural and landscape, and drawing tourists during the three-day May Day holiday.—*XINHUA*

Japan, Taiwan to meet on establishment of joint fishing committee

TAIPEI, 1 May—Japanese and Taiwanese officials will hold a two-day meeting in Tokyo on Wednesday to prepare for the formation of a joint fishing committee.

The move comes after the two sides signed a bilateral fisheries pact last month on fishing rights, Taiwan's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

The ministry said in a statement that the two sides will discuss details of the committee's establish-

ment and operations as well as implementation of the agreement.

Under the deal, Japan and Taiwan will designate an area in Japan's exclusive economic zone as jointly managed waters, where reciprocal fishing is allowed.

The pact also states that neither party can manage or take measures against fishing vessels of the other side.

The jointly controlled zone excludes, however, what Japan regards as its

12-nautical-mile "territorial waters".

Tokyo and Taipei also agreed to establish a "special cooperation zone" where each party applies laws and regulations to its own nationals and fishing vessels.

Under the agreement Taiwan now has 4,530 square kilometres of waters to use, including three other areas outside of Taiwan's "temporary law enforcement line."

Kyodo News

India's total population is now 1.21 billion

NEW DELHI, 1 May—India's total population stands at 1.21 billion, which is 17.7 per cent more than the last decade, and growth of females was higher than that of males.

According to the final census released by Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde today, India's total population as on 1 March, 2011 is 1,210,726,932 or 1.21 billion—an increase of 181.96 million persons in absolute number of population during 2001-11. There was an increase of 90.—*PTI*

Mt Fuji to become World Heritage site

TOKYO, 1 May—Japan's iconic Mt Fuji has been recommended for registration as a World Heritage site by an advisory panel to UNESCO, the government said on Tuesday.

The highest peak in Japan is expected to be formally listed in June when the World Heritage Committee of the UN Educational, Scientific



and Cultural Organization meets in Cambodia.

The advisory panel, known as the International Council on Monuments and Sites, or ICOMOS, rejected a request from the Japanese government to add a group

of cultural assets in the ancient city of Kamakura to the World Heritage list, citing scarce assets directly linked to the medieval shogunate rule, according to Japanese officials.

Kyodo News

Japan's FY 2012 housing starts up 6.2%

TOKYO, 1 May—Housing starts in Japan rose 6.2 percent in fiscal 2012 from the previous year to 893,002 units, the third consecutive year-on-year increase, a government report said on Tuesday.

Low lending rates and strong demand related to reconstruction from the March 2011 earthquake-tsunami disaster helped increase the figure for the year ended on 31 March, ac-

cording to the data released by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. "Consumer sentiment also improved as the yen weakened and Japanese stocks rose after the turn of the year as a result of Prime Minister (Shinzo) Abe's economic policy," the ministry said. Among the disaster-hit prefectures, housing starts surged 48.1 percent in Miyagi, 53.5 percent in Fukushima and 56.8

percent in Iwate. By region, starts rose 3.1 percent in the Tokyo metropolitan area, 3.5 percent in the Kinki area surrounding Osaka and 3.0 percent in the Chubu area centering on Nagoya. In March alone, housing starts in Japan rose 7.3 percent from a year earlier to 71,456 units, the seventh straight month of increase.

Starts on owner-occupied houses grew 11.4 percent, while those on

homes for sale by developers inched down 0.3 percent. Rental housing starts gained 10.7 percent. The ministry said housing construction has been gradually picking up in Japan. The ministry also said it will continue to closely monitor how employment and income conditions as well as the pace of reconstruction from the 2011 disaster affect housing construction.

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British actress Helen Mirren

Helen Mirren crowned top actress
at top UK theatre awards

LONDON, 1 May—Helen Mirren was crowned best actress at Britain's top theatre awards on Sunday for reprising her Oscar-winning portrayal of the queen, while a stage version of a novel about a boy with autism was on track to be the top winner of the Olivier awards.

Mirren, 67, has won stellar reviews for starring in "The Audience", Peter Mor-

gan's play about the private weekly meetings between Queen Elizabeth and the 12 British prime ministers during the six decades of her reign.

Mirren is no stranger to royalty having won an Academy award for the same role in the 2006 film "The Queen". The actress said the queen certainly deserved an

Olivier award after receiving one of Britain's most prestigious entertainment honours, a BAFTA, earlier this month for her support for the film and television industry.

"I think she deserves one for the most committed and consistent performance of the 20th century and probably the 21st century," said Mirren on accepting the award from Harry Potter actor Daniel Radcliffe.

Her co-star, Richard McCabe, won the award for best supporting actor for playing the prime minister Howard Wilson.

But the biggest winner of the 37th Olivier awards looked set to be "The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time" that opened at the National Theatre in London in 2012 and transferred to London's West End theatre District this year.

The play, based on Mark Haddon's 2003 award-winning novel, was nominated for eight awards and picked up several in the first half of the glitzy awards ceremony at London's Royal Opera House. Luke Treadaway won the best actor award for playing 15-year-old Christopher, a maths prodigy with autism who sets out to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbour's dog.

Reuters



Scottish singer Emeli Sande

Singer Emeli Sande eyes US market
after setting UK chart record

LONDON, 1 May—Scottish singer-songwriter Emeli Sande scored a new chart record on Sunday with her debut album after a stellar year in Britain that has paved the way for her next challenge - the US market.

Sande smashed a record held for nearly 50 years by The Beatles when her debut album, "Our Version of Events", hit its 63rd week in the top 10 of the UK album charts, according to the Official Charts Company.

The Beatles previously held the record for the debut

album spending the most consecutive weeks in the top 10 with "Please Please Me" racking up 62 weeks in 1963 and 1964.

"It feels quite surreal to even have your name mentioned in the same sentence as The Beatles," Sande, 26, told Reuters television. "For a record to stay there for so long it means that people have connected with it so that's how I'm enjoying celebrating this record." The release of "Our Version Of Events" in February 2012 kicked off a year of suc-

cesses for Sande who sang at the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2012 London Olympics and won best British female artist and best album at the BRIT Awards. Sande also notched up three No 1 singles in the UK with "Read All About It" with Professor Green, "Next to Me", and "Beneath Your Beautiful", a collaboration with Labrinth. Now the former medical student has set herself a new challenge, tackling the US market, where she has yet to make a name for herself.

Her single "Next To Me" is currently 46th in the Billboard Hot 100 chart and she is in the United States this month to promote her album. "I'm really excited about taking music over to the States because it's a brand new challenge," she said. "There's different formats over there so you have to understand the market, the people, you really have to take into account how massive the place is .. It's a brand new adventure and it's chapter two of this whole big thing."—Reuters

Wahlberg's "Pain & Gain" knocks Cruise
from box office lead

NEW YORK, 1 May—Mark Wahlberg's dark comedy "Pain & Gain" brought enough box office muscle to knock Tom Cruise out of the No 1 spot on movie charts in the United States and Canada.

Another box office heavyweight, Robert Downey Jr, scored big overseas with the international debut of Marvel superhero sequel "Iron Man 3."

"Pain & Gain" took in \$20 million at US and Canadian theaters over its first three days, according to studio estimates released on Sunday. Cruise's sci-fi thriller, "Oblivion," slipped to second place with \$17.4 million.

"Iron Man 3" hauled in \$195.3 million in 42 international markets, distributor Walt Disney Co said, a total that surpassed the international opening of "The Avengers." The movie arrives in the United States and Canada on Friday to kick off Hollywood's lucrative summer blockbuster season.

Receipts for "Pain & Gain" beat pre-weekend forecasts for a debut of at least \$15 million. The film is based on the real-life story of Miami bodybuilders who kidnap a wealthy deli owner and plan to steal his fortune. When their plot goes awry, the criminals scramble to escape being caught. "We were estimating high teens, so anything with a two in front is good," said Don Harris, president of domestic theatrical distribution at Paramount Pictures, the Viacom Inc unit that released the movie.—Reuters



Actor Mark Wahlberg and his wife Rhea Durham arrive at the premiere of his new film "Pain & Gain" in Hollywood on 22 April, 2013.
REUTERS

SPORTS

Relieved Dortmund survive at Real to reach final

MADRID, 1 May— Borussia Dortmund held on by their fingernails to clinch a place in the Champions League final on Tuesday with a 4-3 aggregate win despite losing 2-0 after conceding late goals in a nerve-shredding finish at the Bernabeu.

The German side, who will play in their second final after winning the competition in 1997, survived early pressure from a fired-up Real in the last-four second leg clash before wasting several chances to kill off the home team.

Real, chasing the 10th

European crown that has eluded them since 2002, looked down and out before substitute Karim Benzema struck in the 83rd minute and Sergio Ramos smashed in a second goal five minutes later to given Jose Mourinho's side hope.

With the raucous crowd

on its feet and willing their team on, the Real players desperately sought the goal that would have taken them through but Dortmund held out to set up a clash with Bundesliga rivals Bayern Munich or Barcelona.

Bayern have a 4-0 advantage over the La Liga leaders after their stunning victory in Munich last week. Dortmund's success put them into their first European final since the 2001/02 season, when they lost the UEFA Cup showpiece to Feyenoord, while Real are the only team to be eliminated in the Champions League semi-finals for three years in a row.

"It was tight at the end," Dortmund coach Juergen Klopp said in a television interview. "We had our huge chances before that. Had we scored then it would have been over. Overall we played too little football but we won 4-3 over two games and deserve to be in the final."—Reuters



Borussia Dortmund's Robert Lewandowski (center L) is challenged by Real Madrid's Luka Modric (centre R) as team mates Raphael Varane, Karim Benzema, Sami Khedira and Sergio Ramos (L to R) look on during their Champions League semi-final second leg soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 30 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Golf-Singh cleared of doping after deer antler spray admission

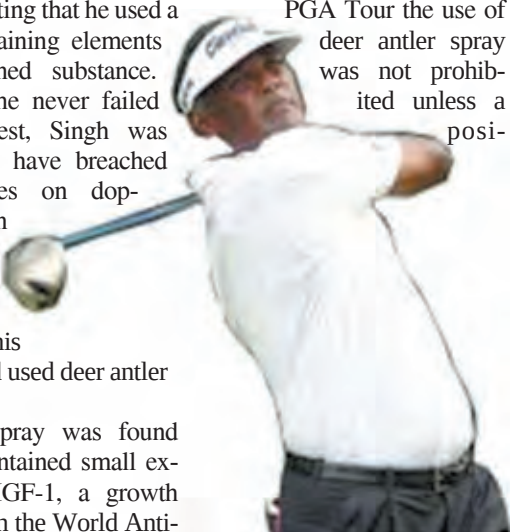
NEW YORK, 1 May—Vijay Singh has been cleared of doping by the PGA Tour despite admitting that he used a spray containing elements of a banned substance. Although he never failed a drugs test, Singh was deemed to have breached golf's rules on doping when he told Sports Illustrated earlier this year he had used deer antler spray.

The spray was found to have contained small extracts of IGF-1, a growth hormone on the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) list of prohibited substances.

The PGA Tour imposed a sanction on Singh following his admission but the Fijian appealed, saying he was unaware the spray contained any banned sub-

stances.

He was later cleared when WADA informed the PGA Tour the use of deer antler spray was not prohibited unless a posi-



Vijay Singh

tive test resulted.

"Based on this new information, and given WADA's lead role in interpreting the Prohibited List, the Tour deemed it only fair to

no longer treat Mr Singh's use of deer antler spray as a violation of the Tour's anti-doping program," the PGA said in a statement released on Tuesday.

"Since his initial quote was made public, Mr. Singh has cooperated with the Tour investigation and has been completely forthcoming and honest.

"While there was no reason to believe that Mr Singh knowingly took a prohibited substance, the PGA Tour Anti-Doping Programme clearly states that players are responsible for use of a prohibited substance regardless of intent."

Singh, 50, was ranked number one in the world on three separate occasions between 2004 and 2005. He also won three majors: the 2000 Masters and the 1998 and 2004 PGA Championship. —Reuters

Mourinho not sure his future is at Real Madrid

MADRID, 1 May—Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho dropped another hint he was considering his future by saying he might not be with the Spanish giants next season after they lost in the Champions League semi-finals on Tuesday.

Following Real's 4-3 aggregate defeat by Borussia Dortmund, the former Chelsea manager was asked if he would remain in Madrid next term and he told ITV Sport:

"Maybe not. I don't know but I want to be where people love me to be."

Real came within a whisker of pulling off a remarkable comeback after losing their semi-final first leg 4-1 away to Dortmund last week but came up just short with a 2-0 win at the Bernabeu to go out of the competition.

A third exit in succession at the last-four stage prompted further questions on Mour-

Rafael Nadal to play Swiss Indoors at Roger Federer's hometown



Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer.

BASEL, (Switzerland) 1 May— Rafael Nadal is scheduled to play at Roger Federer's hometown tournament for the first time in nine years.

Organizers of the Swiss Indoors announced their star attractions for the Oct. 19-27 event in Basel. The field is headed by five-time champion Federer, Nadal and defending champion Juan Martin del Potro.

Nadal last played in Ba-

sel in 2004, losing in the first round to Rainer Schuettler of Germany.

The Spaniard also lost early to compatriot Feliciano Lopez in 2003, the only year he and Federer both played at Basel. The Swiss Indoors, played on carpet then, is now a hard-court tournament.

Nadal has a 19-10 career record against Federer, including a quarterfinal win last month at Indian Wells.

PTI

Injured Bolt to skip Jamaica meeting

KINGSTON, 1 May—Six-time Olympic gold medallist Usain Bolt has been ruled out of Saturday's Jamaica International Invitational meeting because of a slight hamstring strain, his agent said on Tuesday.



Jamaica's Olympic gold medallist Usain Bolt

100 and 200 metres world record holder felt tightness in training over the weekend and in consultation with Coach Glen Mills decided not to risk anything at this early stage of the season, agent Ricky Simms told Reuters.

"It's a small strain and he's hoping to be OK for next week but you know it's day by day ... maybe for the two or three days. It just a problem of sprinting,"

Simms said in a telephone interview. Asked if the injury was serious, Simms replied:

"No. He hopes to be running in Cayman by next week, so it's what you call a grade one strain, which is you can't sprint, but you can walk OK. He's not limping or anything."

Bolt was scheduled to run his first 200 metres of the season against Jamaican Olympic bronze medallist Warren Weir and American Wallace Spearmon in the meeting.

His next scheduled race is a 100 metres in the 8 May Cayman Islands meeting.

"I am disappointed to miss the Kingston meet as I love running in front of my home crowd in Jamaica," Bolt said in a statement.

"I'm told it is only a grade one strain so hopefully I will be OK soon." Bolt started his season in style on 31 March on Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana Beach with a 14.42 seconds clocking over 150 metres on the purpose-built track.—Reuters



Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho hands back the ball to a Borussia Dortmund player during the Champions League semi-final second leg soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 30 April, 2013.—REUTERS

inho's future at Real.

The former boss of Porto and Inter Milan, who won the Champions League with both clubs, has been surrounded by rumours he might leave Madrid after this campaign with England his most likely destination despite having a contract until 2016.

"I know I am loved in England, I am loved by the fans and the media," Mourinho told a news conference.

"They treat me fairly.

They give me credit when it is due and criticise when it is deserved. "I am loved by some clubs, especially one," he added referring to Chelsea. "In Spain it is different, some people hate me, many of you in this room.

"It is a difficult decision. I like the club (Real) the president, we have a good team. I need to be honest and fair. "We will sit down and talk at the end of the season."

Reuters

GENERAL



Israeli border police inspect the area of Zatera checkpoint in southern Nablus, the West Bank, on 30 April, 2013. Palestinian Salm Alzogl from Tulkarem town stabbed an Israeli settler to death at Zatera checkpoint on Tuesday morning. Israeli soldiers took him into custody.

XINHUA

Heavy rain kills six in S China

NANNING, 1 May — Floods and landslides triggered by heavy rain have claimed six lives while affecting more than 420,000 people in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the local government said on Monday.

The rain, which started Monday morning, has hit multiple counties, according to a statement from the regional department of civil affairs. The statement said landslides and building collapses triggered by the

rain had killed six people and injured another 14 as of 7 pm Monday. The rain has displaced 17,200 people, the statement added.

Over 12,000 hectares of farmland were affected and a total of 270 houses collapsed, it said. An initial investigation showed that direct economic losses caused by the rain have amounted to over 69 million yuan (11 million US dollars). Local authorities are carrying out disaster relief work and relocating residents. —Xinhua

Chechen linesman gets life ban, \$16,200 fine for assault

MOSCOW, 1 May — The Russian FA (RFU) upheld a life ban for Chechen linesman Musa Kadyrov on Tuesday and fined him \$16,200 for assaulting a player in a league match.

The incident occurred at the end of Sunday's reserve game in Grozny between local side Terek and Amkar Perm when a raging Kadyrov dropped his flag and ran on to the pitch, attacking Amkar defender Ilya Krichmar.

Kadyrov, seen on video pushing 18-year-old Krichmar to the ground, then kicking and punching him, was banned for life by the Chechen soccer association on Monday.

The RFU's disciplinary committee upheld the decision, banning Kadyrov from any involvement in the game, and fined him 500,000 roubles (\$16,200) for a "direct attack on players which could have caused a real risk to their health".

"Kadyrov must pay the

fine out of his own pocket," committee head Artur Grigoryants told reporters. Kadyrov told local media that he would not appeal against the ban.

Krichmar was suspended for four matches and fined \$490 for 'unsportsmanlike conduct', effectively banning him for the rest of the season with only four games left.

Reuters



A rider pushes his bike in flood water in Guilin City, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 30 April, 2013. Heavy rainfall hit Guangxi on April 29, making house damaged and causing floods and road cave-ins as well.

XINHUA

Armenia, Iran sign legal cooperation deal

YEREVAN, (Armenia), 1 May — Prosecutor generals of Armenia and Iran signed a cooperation agreement on Tuesday, the Armenpress news agency reported.

According to Armenian Prosecutor General Aghvan Hovsepyan, the development of economic relations had facilitated the growth of trade and flow of tourists between the two countries.

"This has created a need to regulate these relations on the legal level as well," Hovsepyan told a joint press conference with his Iranian counterpart Gholam Hossein Mohseni Eje'i.

Gholam Hossein also noted that political and economic ties were not complete without judicial and legal partnership. The agreement would become a basis for further development and expansion of legal cooperation between the two countries. The Iranian delegation arrived in Armenia on Monday.

Xinhua

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Don't write Rafa off the No 1 spot, says Gilbert

a knee injury that sidelined him for seven months.

The Spaniard has won four titles in six tournaments since returning in Chile in February, finishing runner-up in the other two, yet remains in unfamiliar territory outside the world's top four.

Starting in Madrid next week, however, where he suffered a surprise third-round exit last year to compatriot Fernando Verdasco, fifth-ranked Nadal can start making inroads. While the Mallorcan must defend 3,000 points at the Rome Masters and then at Roland Garros, where he will be chasing an eighth French Open title, the second half of the year looks like being a win-win situation for the 11-times grand slam champion.

A stunning second-round defeat by Czech Lukas Rosol at Wimbledon last year proved to be his final match of 2012, meaning the Spaniard will have six months to harvest ranking points and close the gap on those above him.



Spain's Rafael Nadal drinks during a break in play in his men's singles final match against compatriot Nicolas Almagro in the Barcelona Open tennis tournament, as trophies are covered with plastic sheets to keep them dry from the rain, in Barcelona on 28 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Djokovic is hoping to finish a third successive season as world No 1 but Brad Gilbert, former world number four and coach to Andre Agassi, believes Nadal has will be breathing down the Serb's neck later this year.

"To me this is the meatiest part of the season," Gilbert told ATPWorldTour.com "You've got two Masters 1000s back-to-back and then the French and Wimbledon. That's 6,000 points up for grabs over a short stretch,

and what happens during this time will set the tone as to who has a shot of finishing No 1. "Djokovic is in good position now but it still could be a very tight race."

Djokovic, world number two Roger Federer and number three Andy Murray will all be defending sackloads of points after the French Open, and providing Nadal suffers no injury setbacks he will be relishing a pressure-free second half of the year.—Reuters

Ywama Tyre Industry commissioned into service



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views raw materials for production of Tyre Industry (Ywama) of Myanmar Economic Corporation.—MNA

YANGON, 1 May— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

addressed opening of Tyre Industry (Ywama) of Myanmar Economic Corporation in Insein

Township, here, this morning.

Afterwards, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

pressed the button to launch the industry.

The opening was attended by senior military

officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, officials of MEC, businessmen, Vice-Chairman of Mesnac Company and officials concerned and invited persons.

The newly-opened industry is the 35th facility of Myanmar Economic Corporation. An MoU on purchase of materials for tyre production was signed with Mesnac Company of China on 22 June, 2010. The facility's construction started on 17 February, 2011. It has 18 buildings.

Chairman of Myanmar Economic Corporation Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, Commander Maj-Gen Hsan Oo and Mesnac Company Chairman Mr. Li Zhao Feng unveiled the signboard of the industry.

Next, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing unveiled the stone inscription and then put his signature to the first tyre produced by the Ywama Tyre Industry.

Afterwards, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and distinguished guests also wrote their signatures on the first tyre.

They observed tyre production process of the industry.

The industry with 803 tyre making machines produces Tristar brand tyres that would be put in place of current imported tyres. It will proximately produce 200000 TBB Tyres (Truck & Bus Bias Tyre), 250000 TBR Tyres (Truck & Bus radial Tyre), 400000 PCR Tyres (Passenger Car Radial Tyre), 5000 Special Tyres, totaling 855000 tyres per year.

The industry fulfills 25 per cent of the needs of tyres in the country.

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Law and order restored in Okkan MPF, security forces join hands to provide security

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Photo shows an interview with Police Lt-Col Thet Lwin on violence in Okkan.

Newscrew of Myanmar News Agency (MNA) went to Okkan in Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region after a violence broke out there 30 April evening with mobs throwing stones to religious buildings and ransacking the shops.

We there met Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein who was there to give clothes, blankets, towels, cooking utensils and soaps provided by the Relief and Resettlement Department

of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to victims. Yangon Region government has also presented rice, oil and drinking water for the victims.

Taikkyi Township Administrator U Zaw Soe said, "Yangon Region government provides the sufferers with rice and oil and the wellwishers also taken drinking water and foodstuffs for them. There are 90 households of victims in total. Myanmar

Police Force and security forces are providing security and law and order has been restored now. Local order section 188 (partial curfew) has been in force since the April."

In an interview, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Myint Aung from Taikkyi Township Constituency (2) said, "Order has been restored now. Plans are under way for resettlement of the burnt houses and the township development

affairs committee, firefighters, Red Cross members and NGOs are clearing the wreckage. We have also returned the parts of damaged houses to owners. And those whose ownership has been still unclear are being kept at the hands of respective 100-household administrators. The afflicted are being provided with health care, clean drinking water and security."

Officer (second class) of Yangon Region Red

Cross and First Aid Unit U Kyaw Zaw told us that Yangon Region Red Cross Supervisory Committee under the instruction of Yangon Region government has dispatched two ambulances and 13 Red Cross members who arrived Okkan around 6 pm yesterday.

Now calm has been restored in Okkan. Based at Okkan station hospital, we are clearing debris."

Ko Pyae Sone Aung, chewing betel seller in Okkan, said, "Stability has

been restored. Trading resumes as usual."

Deputy Commander of Yangon Region Police Force Police Lt-Col Thet Lwin, stationed in the town to command security forces, said, "A troop of more than 400 from Yangon Region Police Force and Police Battalion has provided security in cooperation with local security forces. Security covers both urban and rural areas.

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An interview with local people in Okkan after restoring peace and tranquillity.