

LET'S BUILD THE NATION THROUGH PEOPLE'S STRENGTH

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NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—President U Thein Sein delivered a remark on the Report of the Rakhine Investigation Commission today. The full text of the remark is as follows:-

The recent reforms carried out by the Government centres on three parallel processes: a peace process that strives to end all ethnic conflicts ongoing since independence and achieve lasting peace; the transformation from military rule to democratic administration; and the replacement of a centralized economic system with a market-oriented economy.

If the entire country works together to successfully implement these reforms, I am convinced—even in the face of many challenges and difficulties—that we will be able to create an open society where all citizens can enjoy equal opportunities to pursue their dreams. Whatever our prospects for a bright future may be, we are still at a sensitive stage in the reform process where there is little room for error; as such, senseless, irrational, reactionary and extremist behavior and action by some of our citizens may lead to the failure of the reform process itself. I would like to seriously

caution you that we, as citizens, must refrain from doing anything that will jeopardize our transition to a peaceful, democratic nation.

The Rakhine Investigation Commission was established in mid-2012 with the intention to systematically uncover the root causes of communal violence in Rakhine State. The Commission released its report to the public on April 29, 2013. The Commission's report has analyzed the issues surrounding communal violence in Rakhine State from various perspectives. The report is comprehensive, pragmatic and forward-looking. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the dedication and contribution of the Commission members in this effort.

My administration remains determined to resolve the on-going problems in Rakhine State in a systematic and pragmatic manner. It will also undertake all necessary measures to create a harmonious society where all com-

munities can live together peacefully.

In doing so, we must heed lessons from our own history, liberate ourselves from the shackles of past memories and historical mistrust, and look ahead to finding lasting solutions.

Because of our previous inability to institute proper democratic practices and establish an open society, our country has witnessed many armed conflicts, hardships, distrust between various ethnic groups, economic backwardness and underdevelopment.

We are undertaking democratic reforms to remedy these problems. In this democratization process, we must ensure that all citizens are able to enjoy freedom of religion and freedom of speech. In order for religious freedom to prevail, there must be tolerance and mutual respect among the members of different faiths. Only when there is tolerance and mutual respect, will it be possible to coexist peacefully. The government,

for its part, will respect and protect the right of all citizens to worship any religion freely. We are all citizens of our beloved Myanmar. As citizens we should take pride in the fact that we are a multiethnic, multireligious society. Diversity can be strength. As President I am determined to represent every citizen of my country, no matter their ethnicity, religion or social status. I ask all of you, my fellow countrymen, to stand up against hatred and to reach out to those of different belief and backgrounds than yourself. Find the similarities and values you share and build on them. A strong modern Myanmar depends on you and your willingness to let diversity be your strength. Not our weakness.

I also want to comment on the right to free speech, which is the essence of democracy. However, some people abuse this right with speech intended to provoke, cause fear and spread hatred, thereby exacerbating the conflict between different religious communities.



We must be mindful that the abuse of certain rights could jeopardize the enjoyment of many other rights.

In our country, Buddhist temples and pagodas, Christian churches, Islamic mosques and Hindu temples exist side by side with each other. Throughout history Myanmar has enjoyed

social harmony between members of different ethnic groups.

The failure to pay sufficient attention to the real and perceived root causes of the conflict—ranging from the explosive birth rate, the long shared border between Myanmar (See page 8)

Microfinance works to be promoted for poverty reduction

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan and the Korean delegation led by Administrative Officer Kwon Yeong-seok of Public Administration and Security Ministry of the Republic of Korea held talks on rural development project named as new village movement and cooperation in microfinance services, at the ministry here this morning.

Their discussions also focused on extension of new village movement project to other regions and states apart from ongoing ones in East Phaunggyi Village in Hlegu Township and Thanetpin Village in Thanlyin Township, and equip-

ment of such additional facilities as library, first aid and clinic in Saemaul Multi-Complex Center under construction in East Phaunggyi, Hlegu Township.

The Union Minister also held discussions with Financial Sector Economist Mr Thatha Hlla from Asian Development Bank in the noon, focusing on microfinance works being undertaken by the Cooperatives Ministry for poverty reduction, promotion of cooperative associations, potential for cooperation in production of the graduates specialized in cooperative economy from Cooperatives universities, colleges and training schools.

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Deedok waterfall, Yepyar spring attract visitors



Deedok waterfall and spring and Deedok cave which are located beside the road leading to Yeywa Hydropower Project site, about 25 miles south from

Byline: Aung Kyaw Tun
(Patheingyi)

Kyaukchaw Village of Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Region, are packed with pilgrims.

The natural cave, waterfall and spring were found by geological students on their excursion tour three years ago.

The water is blue and there are three waterfalls; and the stalagmites and stalactites can be found in the natural cave, said an older local person.

Especially, the natural beauty area is thronged with merry-makers, picnickers

and visitors on Sunday and fullmoon days.

The visitors have easy access to Deedok waterfall, spring and Deedok cave. They may go to the natural beauty area along the concrete road built by Yeywa Hydropower Project by motorbike all the year round.

The visitors may take a bath in the lake of the spring, enjoy scenic beauty and fresh air from the hill.

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Colonial era silver coins unearthed in Chauk

CHAUK, 6 May—Silver coins were unearthed while digging holes for construction of new building in the compound of Aung Zaytawun monastery in Kyaukye Village of Chauk Township in Magway Region on 26 April.

A total of 206 silver coins were discovered in a small earthen pot while

digging holes at a place, 50 feet from the monastery building. Silver coins that depict a peacock are thought to be from Yadanabon era. Fifteen silver coins depicting Victoria struck in 1840, 26 depicting King Victoria VII struck from 1903 to 1908, 10 depicting King George struck from

1903 to 1912, 153 depicting Queen Victoria struck from 1862 to 1900 were also found in the pot. One more pot was unearthed on 3 May in which there are 82 silver coins depicting King Victoria and Queen Victoria.

One silver coin depicting a peacock from Yadanabon era was donated to the Archaeological Department in Sale. Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Sobana said that the remaining silver coins will be used in the drive for promotion and propagation of the Sasana and preservation of religious edifices.

Kyemon



Overtaken car kills one, hurts six after crashing into iron railings of bridge

TAUNGUP, 6 May—A fatal car accident happened to a truck driving from Yanbye to Thandwe at Kyinchaung bridge near Kyaungkong Village, 28-mile and five-furlong from Taungup, at about 5.45 am on 26 April, leaving one dead and six injured.

The truck carrying eight men and nine women driven by Than Bo, 31, of Yanbye

Township crashed into the iron railings on the right side of the bridge at speed and overturned.

U Tin Hlaing, 35, of Yanbye died of severe injuries to his head and six others were wounded. The injured were taken to Shwe Hla station hospital. Driver Than Bo was charged with car accident.

Kyemon

Upgrading of road in progress in Myeik

MYEIK, 6 May—An earth road in Myeiktaung village-tract in Myeik District is being upgraded to a tarred one. With the cash contributions of ward dwellers and wellwishers, Aung Mingala road will be upgraded to the tarred one which is 30000 feet long and 12 feet wide. Provision of tar for upgrading work will be carried out by Myeik

Township Development Affairs Department. Upon completion, local people will have easy access to Myeik at any time.

Arrangements are being made to upgrade other streets linking the main road on a self-reliant basis. Moreover, plans are underway to grow flowery and shady plants along the road in rainy season. — Kyemon

Safe water supply for Lashio dwellers

LASHIO, 6 May—Water from Humon Dam is being distributed to Ward 12, Kaukkwe Dam to Ward 1, Namtkyun Dam to Wards 2,3,4,5 and Myowun spring to Wards 1 and 10 by using water pumps through rotation

system.

In 2010-2011 financial year, thirteen four inches tubewells and one six inches tubewell have been sunk in the wards under the supervision of the North-East Command Commander

of ward-11 in the township were brought down and roofs blown off. At the residence of U Htay Myint in ward-14, a coconut palm was struck by lightning and palm leaves were ablaze. Although downpours eased the fire, fire engines rushed there and put it out.

Wind gusts cut power lines and landlines and

Wind gusts topple down trees, destroy houses and buildings in Pakokku, Wundwin, Nawnhkio Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Heavy downpours with high speed winds pounded at Pakokku of Magway Region at about 6 pm on 3 May.

Due to intense rainfall and strong winds, branches of trees along Myaing street

toppled down trees and branches, causing blackouts in the township. Electricity supply resumed on 3 May evening.

Wind gusts and hailstones destroyed houses in some villages of Wundwin Township in

Hsu Pann Village. Besides, Thayatkan and Myin Kya Kan villages saw property damage caused by wind gusts", says a departmental personnel in Wundwin.

Meiktila, Mahlaing and Thazi in Meiktila District except Wundwin were



Meiktila District on 2 May. A buffalo was killed by lightning strike.

"Due to strong winds with hailstones for about 30 minutes on 2 May, houses collapsed in some villages and a buffalo was struck by lightning. Hailstones the size of a green tea cup had fallen on the houses in Gon village, destroying four two-storey RC buildings, four two-storey bamboo houses roofed CI sheets, one monastery building and some huts. A buffalo owned by U Tun Tin was killed by lightning strike. Moreover, high winds with hailstones caused damage to seven houses and primary school building collapsed in

spared from property damage caused by squalls of rain with hailstones on 2 May evening.

Strong winds battered Nawnhkio of Shan State (North) at about 1.15 pm on 2 May, blowing roofs out of 50 houses in Taungshae Village. Roofs of 12 houses and one monastery in Pintee Village were blown off and eucalyptus trees in front of the township Myanma Agriculture Service in Zay ward uprooted. Houses and one school building in South Nyaungtauk, upper Kyuinn and Bantbwaykone and six urban wards were also hit by strong winds. But no casualties were reported.

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Drinking water supplied to victims at relief camps in Meiktila



MEIKTILA, 6 May—Meiktila District Red Cross Society is daily distributing over 30000 liters of drinking

water to victim families at relief camps in Meiktila.

The drinking water is distributed to the

victim families from relief camps at district sports ground, Central Institute of Transport and Communications, Water Resources Utilization Department, No (2) BEMS and No (16) BEPS. The water purifier is being installed at district sports ground with the assistance of International Committee of the Red Cross and Myanmar Red Cross Society.

The water for purifying is supplied from the waterworks at Mahasi Ward. Having been purified, it distributed to the relief camps with the help of water tanker from Irrigation Department, said Staff Officer (Grade-II) U Nay Oo of District Red Cross Society.

Water tanks are being built at the relief camps and distributions of drinking water are carried out by Staff Officer of District Red Cross Society drinking water expert U Naing Lin Tun and members.—Kyemon

Seizures of heroin, raw opium and stimulant tablets in Myitkyina, Tachilek

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—According to a tip-off, police members led by Police Sub-inspector Khin Zaw of Myitkyina special anti-narcotic squad carried out of a search of a hire car on Waingmaw-Myitkyina motorway on 30 April.

They seized 10 grams of heroin worth K 800,000 nine grams of raw opium worth K 12600 and 15 WY stimulant tablets from Daw Myint Khaing, one of the passengers.

Likewise, a combined force comprising police members of Tachilek special anti-narcotic squad seized stimulant tablets while conducting a search of the motorbike driven by Aik Tun from Wan Ton Village to Tachilek at Whay Lay Lan checkpoint in Tachilek if Shan State (East) on 29 April. They discovered 145 WY stimulant tablets worth K 290,000 from him.

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WORLD

Malaysia's ruling party wins knife-edge general election

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 May—Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's ruling party won the country's hard fought general election on Sunday, with the opposition coalition vowing to contest the results.

The ruling 13-party National Front coalition secured 133 of Malaysia's 222 parliamentary seats, extending its 56-year rule for another five years. The opposition obtained 89 seats in parliament, up from 82 in the 2008 election. State-level election results showed that the Na-

tional Front won back the northern Kedah and Perak states, which it had lost to the opposition in the 2008 election.

The ruling coalition now controls 10 of Malaysia's 13 states. The states of Penang, Kelantan and Selangor remain under the control of the opposition. While Prime Minister Najib Razak called on all parties to accept the outcome of the election, opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim refused to concede defeat, claiming massive vote rigging.

"It is unfair to expect

us to form a decision based primarily on the results of an election that is considered fraudulent. We are not accepting it," Anwar said at a Press conference early on Monday morning.

Prime Minister Razak praised, however, the electoral process as true, fair and transparent, saying, "It's been a long and hard-fought election.

Now it's time to move toward national reconciliation." He asked Malaysians to accept the poll outcome and "show the world we are a mature democracy." Sunday's election result

was, however, the worst in the history of the National Front, with the prime minister blaming it on the so called "Chinese tsunami," the abandonment by the Chinese community.

The minority ethnic Chinese, disgruntled with the government's pro-Malay policies and rampant corruption, remained solidly with the opposition. Ethnic Chinese make up nearly one third of Malaysia's 29 million people.

Prime Minister Razak and opposition leader Anwar conducted an acrimonious election cam-



A voter casts her ballot in Kuala Lumpur on 5 May, 2013, in Malaysia's general election.—KYODO NEWS

paign marked by dozens of acts of violence across the country. There were reports of operation centres being petrol-bombed,

scuffles between supporters and various acts of vandalism in the run-up to the election.

Kyodo News

French M51 missile self-destructs shortly after launch



PARIS, 6 May—A French M51 ballistic missile self-destructed off the coast of Brittany during a test on Sunday, according to media reports.

The missile "self-destructed during its first propulsion phase... for an unknown reason," Lieutenant Commander Lionel Delort, a spokesman for the Atlantic Naval Prefecture, was quoted by AFP as saying. "It was a failure, the reasons will be determined by

an investigation," said the spokesman.

The test-fire was carried out from the Vigilant strategic nuclear submarine in the Bay of Audierne at 0730 GMT. The missile was not carrying a nuclear warhead and landed in the ocean after its destruction. The M51 was put into operation in 2010 after five successful test launches and has a range of 8,000-10,000 km.

Xinhua

Alaska volcano spews ash plume near air traffic route

ANCHORAGE, (Alaska), 6 May—A remote but long-restless Alaska volcano rumbled to life on Saturday with three explosions and started emitting a continuous plume of ash, steam and gas in an area important to air traffic, scientists said. The low-level explosions at Cleveland Volcano, which lies below a major air-traffic route between North America and Asia, were not severe enough to cause a significant threat to planes, said experts.

But the incident did prompt federal aviation authorities to divert some traffic north of the volcano as a precaution, said Rick Wessels, a US Geological Survey geophysicist at the Alaska Volcano Observatory. "Based on the signals we can see, we think it's continuously in an eruption

right now," Wessels said of the volcano, located 940 miles southwest of Anchorage. Cleveland Volcano, which has been restless since mid-2011, is on an uninhabited island in one of the most sparsely populated regions of the world, although major eruptions could cause potential aviation threats.

Federal Aviation Administration officials could not immediately be reached for comment. The 5,676-foot volcano began oozing lava in the summer of 2011, causing lava domes to form at the crater and allowing pressure to build inside the peak.

There have since been 20 to 25 explosions at sporadic intervals, he said. But Saturday's trio of explosions was a new turn of events, he said. "We

Bangladesh building owner faces murder complaint over collapse

DHAKA, 6 May—The wife of a Bangladeshi garment worker who was killed when a building collapsed filed a murder complaint against the building's owner on Sunday as the death toll from the country's worst industrial disaster climbed to 622.

Murder complaints were also filed against the owner of one of the garment factories inside the building and a municipal engineer in the suburb of the capital, Dhaka, where the factory was located.

The owner of the Rana Plaza building, Mohammed Soheli Rana, was arrested after a four-day hunt as he appeared to be trying to flee across the border to India. He is one of nine people being held in connection with the 24 April disaster, which the government has blamed on the building's faulty, illegal construction. Rana

and the others in police custody could face the death penalty if found guilty of murder or mass manslaughter.



Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) present Mohammed Soheli Rana to the media after his arrest in Jessore, in Dhaka, in this file picture taken on 28 April, 2013.—REUTERS

ter. None of the accused has commented publicly on the accusation that they were to blame.

Hundreds of relatives gathered at the site of the disaster on Sunday, some holding up photographs of family members. A teenage girl broke down in tears when she recognized the body of her mother by her dress, after she was brought from the ruins.

In all, 53 bodies were recovered on Sunday and rescue workers said they could see more trapped in the rubble. The smell of decomposing bodies hung in the air. Authorities have found it increasingly difficult to identify bodies and are using ID cards found on them or even their mobile phones to do so.

Reuters

ADB pledges to maintain lending level to support Asia's growth

GREATER NOIDA, 6 May—The Asian Development Bank on Sunday vowed to maintain its current lending level to support economic development in Asia, a region expected to continue to see robust growth. "We will maintain the lending level of around \$10 billion a year, and maintain approximately \$2 billion a year over the next three years for India," the ADB's largest borrower, ADB President Takehiko Nakao said at a Press conference as the ADB wrapped up its two-day annual meeting in Greater Noida on the outskirts of New Delhi.

Finance leaders and

delegates from the 67 ADB member countries gathered for the meeting and explored ways to deal with issues such as poverty reduction, education and gender equity in the region. Nakao also stressed the need to accelerate infrastructure building and regional integration to boost economic growth. The ADB president also said he was "impressed" by the fact that some regions in Asia are seeking to develop sustainable, green energy systems, and vowed the Manila-based financial institution will offer more support for improving the energy situation in Asia.

The ADB tripled its capital base from \$55 billion to \$165 billion in 2009, giving it much-needed resources to respond to the global financial crisis triggered by the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc in September 2008. Asked about the possibility of a capital resource increase down the road, Nakao suggested that there would not be an imminent capital increase, saying that many shareholders face severe fiscal situations.

Nakao, who took the helm of the institution on 28 April as the ADB's ninth president, also reiterated that negative spillover effects stemming from aggressive credit easing by developed countries would be limited, and such monetary policies would be positive for the global economy. "I don't think QEs (quantitative easing) are really problematic" for emerging Asian countries, Nakao said.

Kyodo News



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Solar-powered plane wraps first leg of flight across United States

LONDON, 6 May — The flight from San Francisco to Phoenix took 18 hours and 18 minutes on Saturday — and didn't use a drop of fuel.

A solar-powered airplane that developers hope eventually to pilot around the world landed safely in Phoenix on the first leg of an attempt to fly across the United States using only the sun's energy, project organizers said.

The plane, dubbed the Solar Impulse, took 18 hours and 18 minutes to reach Phoenix on the slow-speed flight, completing the first of five legs with planned stops in Dallas, St Louis and Washington on the way to a final stop in New York.

The spindly-looking plane barely hummed as it took off Friday morning from Moffett Field, a joint civil-military airport near San Francisco.

It landed in predawn darkness at Sky Harbour



Swiss pioneers Andre Borschberg (L) and Bertrand Piccard celebrate completing the first leg of the Solar Impulse flight across the United States after arriving in Phoenix on 4 May, 2013.—REUTERS

International Airport in Phoenix, according to a statement on the Solar Impulse's website.

The flight crew plans pauses at each stop to wait for favourable weather. It hopes to reach John F Kennedy International Airport in New York in about two months.

Swiss pilots and co-founders of the project, Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg, will take turns

flying the plane, built with a single-seat cockpit. Piccard was at the controls for the first flight to Arizona.

The lightweight carbon fiber Solar Impulse has a wingspan of a jumbo jet and the weight of a small car and from a distance resembles a giant floating insect. The plane was designed for flights of up to 24 hours at a time and is a test model for a more advanced aircraft the team plans to

build to circumnavigate the globe in 2015. It made its first intercontinental flight, from Spain to Morocco, last June.

The aircraft is propelled by energy collected from 12,000 solar cells built into the wings that simultaneously recharge four large batteries with a storage capacity equivalent to a Tesla electric car that allow it to fly after dark.

The lightweight design and wingspan allow the plane to conserve energy, but make it vulnerable. It cannot fly in strong wind, fog, rain or clouds.

The plane can climb to 28,000 feet and flies at an average of 43 miles per hour (69 km per hour).

The project began in 2003 with a 10-year budget of 90 million euros (\$112 million) and has involved engineers from Swiss escalator maker Schindler and research aid from Belgian chemicals group Solvay.

Reuters

Apps convert smartphones into home monitoring system

TORONTO, 6 May — Worried about what your dog is chewing on when you're at work, or whether your home is secure while on vacation? New apps can transform old smartphones into remote security cameras for home monitoring systems. Presence, which was launched late last month, converts a spare Internet-connected iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch into a free video camera with real-time video and audio streaming, and motion detection and notifications. "Essentially we give you an inexpensive

downloading and configuring the app.

To use it consumers install and login to their account on two devices — for example two iPhones. Then they can start the camera within the app on one of the devices and it can be viewed from the app on the other.

Triggers can also be set to record when motion is detected and to send alerts. The app can help to avoid false alarms, according to Wang, because it sends a video clip in an email to the user showing the motion



Women use their iPhones during Milan Fashion Week on 20 Sept, 2012. Picture taken 20 September, 2012. REUTERS

security system that you can use to monitor your house, or help you watch your kids, cats, elderly relatives or act as a baby or nanny cam," said Gene Wang, chief executive of the Palo Alto, California-based company People Power.

Unlike traditional monitoring systems that can be expensive and need technical knowledge to install and use, Wang said Presence is a free do-it-yourself system that can be set up simply by

that triggered the alert.

"With these high-end security systems, you have a lot of false positives and then the security company and police come out and it turns out it was your cat knocking over a broom or something like that," Wang explained. He added that many people have replaced their old smartphones with new ones and a monitoring system would be a good way to make use of the old devices.—Reuters

Amazon launches Android app store in China

SHANGHAI, 6 May — Amazon.com Inc launched an Android application store that offers paid apps in China, beating Google Inc, as the online retailer seeks to increase the amount of digital content it offers in the world's largest mobile phone market. Amazon, which opened its Kindle e-book store in China in December, launched its Android app store over the weekend for China users to download both free and paid apps, Amazon China spokesman Billy Huang

users often worry about malware when downloading from these sites.

Amazon is the first Western technology company to offer a platform for paid Android apps in China and Huang said the company was working with software developers to increase the number of apps on offer. Amazon China cornered less than three percent of China's booming 169 billion yuan (\$27 billion) business-to-consumer e-commerce market in the fourth quarter last year.



A box from Amazon.com is pictured on the porch of a house in Golden, Colorado on 23 July, 2008. REUTERS

said on Monday.

Google's official app store only offers free apps in China. Google China declined to comment for this story. Android is Google's open source mobile operating system. Amazon's app store must compete with hundreds of local rivals offering paid and free apps, some of them pirated, and

The launch of the app store and the Kindle e-book store in China paves the way for Amazon to offer a range of devices including the standard Kindle e-reader and the Kindle Fire.

Huang declined to comment on the Kindle's release date in China. (\$1 = 6.1556 Chinese yuan)

Reuters

Samsung Galaxy Core smartphone with dual-SIM option officially announced

ANUPAM SAXENA, 6 May — Samsung has officially taken wraps of its new mid-range Android smartphone, Galaxy Core. The phone, which was leaked online, last week, sports a 4.3-inch screen with a 480x800 pixels resolution. Powered by a 1.2GHz dual-core processor, the smartphone has 1GB of RAM and runs Android 4.1 Jelly Bean and feature Samsung's Touch-Wiz interface layer on top.

The phone sports a 5-megapixel rear camera and a VGA front facing camera. It offers 8GB of internal storage which can be expanded through a microSD card. It also offers Wi-Fi, Bluetooth 3.0 and GPS connectivity options. The phone comes with an 1800 mAh battery.



Samsung has announced that the Galaxy Core will be available in two different versions - a single-SIM version which would be available from July and a dual-SIM version that would start selling from May, depending on the market. There's no specific information about availability and pricing in India.

The phone will offer some new smart features borrowed from some of its high-end sibling including Smart Stay that recognizes when a user is looking at the phone, and saves battery life when a user looks away by dimming the screen and powering down using advanced facial recognition, Smart Alert that alerts the user to missed calls and messages when the device is picked up, Motion UI that activates common functions such as refresh or mute with simple motion commands and S Voice, Samsung's own voice assistant.

Unlike Samsung's flagship Galaxy S4, the phone will come with FM Radio functionality.—PTI

Sharp considers chairman's retirement, to scrap posts



Sharp Corp chairman Mikio Katayama looks on during a news conference in Tokyo on 3 June, 2011.—REUTERS

TOKYO, 6 May — Japan's Sharp Corp is considering having its chairman, Mikio Katayama, retire and also scrapping advisory posts as part of efforts to speed up a business revival under its president, Takashi Okuda, Kyodo news agency reported on Sunday.

Sharp, Japan's leading maker of liquid crystal displays, is expected to reveal a medium-term business management plan on 14 May. It wants a new management structure for a business rebuilding with authority concentrated with Okuda, the news agency said.

The company's main creditor banks, Mizuho Corporate Bank and the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, have been seeking Katayama's retirement because his presence caused uncertainty in the decision-

making process and his retirement was considered unavoidable, Kyodo said.

Company spokesmen were not available for comment. The Yomiuri newspaper said Katayama has already notified creditors of his intention to step down.

Kyodo also said a company adviser, Katsuhiko Machida, and a special adviser, Haruo Tsuji, were expected to retire and the company would probably abolish those posts.

This month, two sources with knowledge of Sharp's earnings told Reuters that it posted a worse than forecast 500 billion yen (\$5.1 billion) net loss in the year that ended on 31 March as panel plants asset write offs crimped its bottom line.

The company will announce its business results on 14 May.—Kyodo News

BUSINESS & HEALTH

China services growth slows sharply



A food vendor waits for customers at a shopping district in Beijing on 6 May, 2013.—REUTERS

BEIJING, 6 May—Growth in China's services sector slowed sharply in April to its lowest point since August 2011, a private sector survey showed on Monday—fresh evidence of rising risks to a revival in the world's No 2 economy.

The HSBC services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell to 51.1 in April from 54.3 in March,

Egypt reports another 350 cases of food poisoning

CAIRO, 6 May—Egypt announced on Sunday suspicion of another 350 food poisoning cases in three governorates across the country, a health ministry official told *Xinhua*. "There is suspicion of 38 food poisoning cases in North Sinai governorate, 309 in Ismailia governorate and 3 in Port Said governorate," Health Ministry's spokesman Yahya said.

The official told *Xinhua* that all the patients have been sent to nearby hospitals and 231 of them have been treated and discharged while 119 patients are still under treatment. "The patients have been suffering diarrhea, colic, vomiting and slightly high temperatures," Moussa said, adding that the ministry raised degree of alert at the government hospitals in North Sinai, Ismailia, Port Said, Sharqiya and Suez.

The incident came one day after 25 students were "suspectedly" poisoned at the hostel of the Islamic-oriented Al-Azhar University, which has been hit twice by such incidents last month.

On 1 April, over 500 students of Al-Azhar University fell ill after eating rotten chicken, while at least 179 others got sick after having lunch including bad tuna at the same university on 29 April. The first incident on 1 April ended up with the sacking of Al-Azhar University's chief Osama al-Abd.

Xinhua

with new order expansion the slowest in 20 months and staffing levels in the service sector decreasing for the first time since January 2009.

Two separate PMIs last week had already shown that China's manufacturing sector growth slowed [ID:nL3N0D5569]. With the weakness spreading to services, which make up almost half of gross domestic product, the risk to the recovery may be increasing.

"The weak HSBC service PMI figure provides further evidence of a slowdown not only in the factory sector but also in the service sector," said Zhang Zhiwei, chief China economist at Nomura Securities in Hong Kong. "This confirms our

worries about insufficient growth momentum in the economy, which we expect to slow to 7.5 percent in the second quarter."

The HSBC services PMI follows a similar survey by China's National Bureau of Statistics, which found non-manufacturing activity eased to 54.5 from 55. Readings above 50 indicate activity in the sector is growing, while those below 50 indicate it is contracting.

The HSBC survey showed that the sub-index measuring new business orders dropped sharply to a 20-month low of 51.5 in April, with only 15 percent of survey respondents reporting an increased volume of new orders that month, HSBC said.

"This started to bite employment growth. All these are likely to add some risk to China's growth in 2Q, as there's still a bumpy road towards sustaining growth recovery," said HSBC's China chief economist Qu Hongbin.

The employment sub-index decreased to 49.6 in April, the first net reduction in staff numbers since January 2009, although HSBC

said job losses were marginal, partially caused by firms down-sizing and employee resignations.

Employment is a decisive factor shaping government thinking because it is crucial for social stability. The services sector accounted for 46 percent of China's gross domestic product in 2012, as big as the country's better-known manufacturing industry.

China's economic growth unexpectedly stumbled in the first quarter, slipping to 7.7 percent versus 7.9 percent in the previous three month period, as factory output and investment slowed.

The government has set a 2013 growth target of 7.5 percent, a level Beijing deems sufficient for job creation while providing some room to reform to the economy. Any more weak data could spark a policy response. "The risk of slower growth is rising, the Chinese government will probably take actions after April data come out," said Jianguang Shen, chief China economist of Mizuho Securities Asia in Hong Kong.—Reuters

Euro zone set for deeper recession in Q2—PMI

LONDON, 6 May—The euro zone's business downturn dragged on in April, suggesting the region may be falling deeper into recession this quarter, business surveys showed on Monday.

The purchasing managers indexes (PMIs) also showed that Germany is now suffering a contraction in business activity that has long dogged France, Italy and Spain. Markit's Eurozone Composite PMI, which gauges activity across thousands of companies and is seen as a good gauge of economic conditions, edged up in April to

46.9 from 46.5 in March, marking an improvement on an initial reading of 46.5.

But the index has now been below the watershed 50 level that divides growth from contraction for over a year, and April's reading was far lower than those seen in January and February.

"The PMI suggests that, having eased in the first quarter of the year, the euro zone's economic downturn is likely to have gathered momentum again in the second quarter," said Chris Williamson, chief economist at Markit.

"The PMI is broadly

consistent with GDP falling at a quarterly rate of 0.4-0.5 percent in April."

The euro zone economy chalked up its fifth straight quarter of contraction in the last three months of 2012, and a further downturn is predicted for the first quarter of 2013.

Economists expect only negligible growth this quarter, but the PMIs suggest even that view may be too optimistic.

Private industry makes up nearly two-thirds of the euro zone's economy.

The European Central Bank cut its benchmark interest rate to a record low of 0.5 percent last week in its latest effort to support growth.

The central bank held out the possibility of further policy action to support the recession-hit bloc, something they may have to do.

"The ECB has responded to the crisis by cutting interest rates to their lowest ever, but it seems difficult to believe that a mere 25 basis point cut from an already low level will have a material impact on an economy that is contracting so sharply," Williamson said.

Reuters

Dollar firmer, stock rally pauses after US data

LONDON, 6 May—The dollar edged up against the yen on Monday and stocks held near last week's multi-year highs as the global economic outlook, brightened by strong US jobs data, buoyed sentiment.

Brent crude oil futures hit their highest level in nearly a month after Israeli air strikes on a Syrian military facility over the weekend stoked worries about the risk of disruption to Middle East supplies.

outperforming all the rest of the major (developed) economies globally, and that can't be ignored," said Greg Matwejev, director of FX, Hedge Fund Sales and Trading for Newedge.

"We've probably got a better chance at making a crack at 100 now and I wouldn't be surprised in the coming sessions that we do see that happen."

US employment rose more than expected in April, with 165,000 jobs created,

Office workers are reflected on a screen displaying share prices as they walk past the Australian Securities Exchange building in central Sydney on 23 Sept, 2011.

REUTERS



However, with Japanese and British markets closed for public holidays, trading volumes were thin across all major asset classes.

The main moves were in the dollar against the yen where Friday's US jobs report eased fears of a slowdown in the world's largest economy, setting the stage for the greenback to re-test the 100 yen level.

"The US does seem to be in a cyclical recovery. It is

and hiring was much stronger than previously thought in the previous two months. This eased concerns raised by other data which had pointed to the economy losing steam.

The dollar was up 0.4 percent at 99.39 yen, extending Friday's 1 percent gain. The yen has fallen steadily since the Bank of Japan announced a massive plan last month to boost the economy.

Reuters

April jobless figures make grim reading for Spain's unemployed

MADRID, 6 May—Almost 5 million Spaniards were registered as unemployed in April, data showed, as their prospects of finding work in the country with the European Union's second highest jobless

second quarter of the year," Jose Luis Martinez, a strategist at Citi in Madrid, said.

Last month's quarterly National Statistics Institute survey, which polls registered and non-registered unemployed, showed that

People enter a government-run employment office in Madrid on 6 May, 2013.

REUTERS



rate deteriorated further.

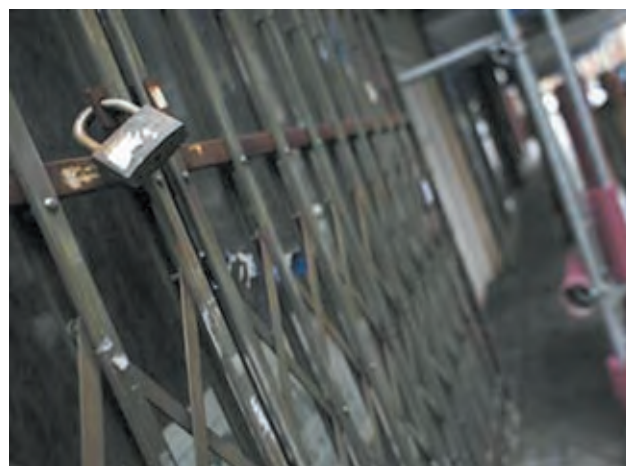
The number of registered jobless fell by 0.91 percent, or 46,050 people. But those gains were mainly down to restaurants and hotels gearing up for the holiday season, and in seasonally adjusted terms the number rose by 17,663 from March, Monday's labour ministry data showed.

"The figure shows the continued weakness of the labour market and of the Spanish economy. It's not compatible with the (government's forecast) of a stronger economy in the

27 percent, or 6.2 million people, were out of work in the first quarter.

Spain's jobless rate—the second highest in the EU behind Greece—has risen every quarter since mid-2011 as the economy struggles to exit its second recession since the end of 2009.

April's figures show the biggest falls in registered unemployed were in the services sector and in construction, from which millions have already lost their jobs after the bubble burst in 2008.—Reuters



A view shows the locked grate of a food store that has gone out of business in Madrid on 27 March, 2013.

REUTERS

WORLD

No early warning for US on Israeli strikes in Syria

Israel strikes Syria

Israeli warplanes bombed a military facility on Sunday, a Western intelligence source said, apparently targeting weapons destined for Hezbollah.

- Syria accused the Jewish state of striking the same objective which its jets first targeted three months ago.
- The intelligence source said what was attacked were stores of missiles destined to Hezbollah.

Source: Reuters

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WASHINGTON, 6 May — The United States was not given any warning before air strikes in Syria against what Western and Israeli officials say were weapons headed for Hezbollah militants, a US intelligence official said on Sunday. Without confirming that Israel was behind the attacks, the intelligence official said

that the United States was essentially told of the air raids “after the fact” and was notified as the bombs went off.

Israeli jets bombed Syria on Sunday for the second time in 48 hours. Israel does not confirm such missions explicitly — a policy it says is intended to avoid provoking reprisals. But an Israeli of-

ficial acknowledged that the strikes were carried out by its forces.”

It would not be unusual for them to take aggressive steps when there was some chance that some sophisticated weapons system would fall into the hands of people like Hezbollah,” the US intelligence official told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

While the air raids raised fears that America’s main ally in the Middle East could be sucked into the Syrian conflict, Israel typically does not feel it has to ask for a green light from Washington for such attacks.

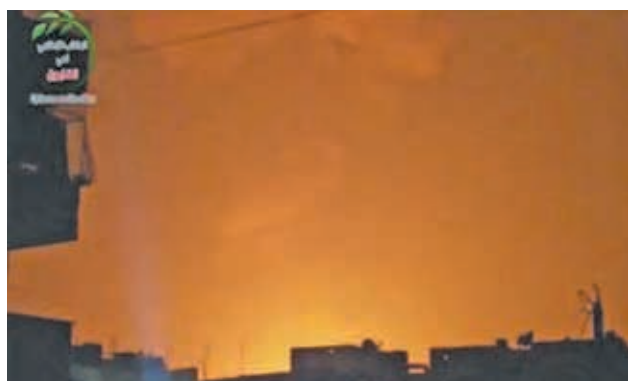
Officials have indicated in the past that Israel sees a need only to inform the United States once such a mission is under way. US President Barack Obama said on Saturday that Israel has the right to guard against the transfer of advanced weapons to Hezbollah, an ally of both Syria and Iran.

Reuters

Israel strikes Syria, targeting missiles

BEIRUT, 6 May — Israel carried out its second air strike in days on Syria early on Sunday, a Western intelligence source said, in an attack that shook Damascus with a series of powerful blasts and drove columns of fire into the night sky. Israel declined to comment, but Syria accused the Jewish state of carrying out a raid on a military facility just north of the capital. The explosions came soon after an Israeli official said his country had carried out an air strike earlier in the week targeting missiles in Syria intended for the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

The target of Sunday’s attack, according to Syrian media, was the same Jamraya military research centre which was hit by Israel in



The sky is lit up after an explosion at what Syrian state television reported was a military research centre in Damascus, in this still image taken from video obtained from a social media website by Reuters on 5 May, 2013.—REUTERS

another assault in January. Jamraya, on the northern approaches to Damascus, is just 15 km (10 miles) from the Lebanese border. Video footage uploaded onto the Internet by activists showed a series of explosions. One

lit up the skyline over the city, while another sent up a tower of flames and secondary blasts. The Western intelligence source told Reuters Israel carried out the attack and the operation hit Iranian-supplied missiles which were

en route to Hezbollah.

“In last night’s attack, as in the previous one, what was attacked were stores of Fateh-110 missiles that were in transit from Iran to Hezbollah,” the source said. The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the scale of the attack meant it was beyond the military capability of Syrian rebels, and quoted eyewitnesses in the area as saying they saw jets in the sky at the time of the blasts. The Observatory said the blasts hit Jamraya as well as a nearby ammunition depot. Other activists said a missile brigade and two Republican Guard battalions may also have been targeted in the heavily militarized area just north of Damascus.

Reuters

Six Nepali brothers attempt to set unique Mt Everest record

KATHMANDU, 6 May — Six Nepali brothers, all of them experienced Sherpa guides, are attempting to climb Mt Everest together this month to set a world record for joint conquest of the world’s highest mountain by all male siblings of a family, one of the brothers said on Sunday. Mingma Sherpa, 35, who has climbed all 14 8,000-metre peaks in the world, said he and his five brothers will launch their final assault on the 8,848-metre peak on 21 or 22 May, depending on the weather.

“My four brothers are already acclimatizing at Camp 2 located at 6,600 metres. Two of us will join them next week,” Mingma told Kyodo News in Kathmandu. Two of the siblings have already clinched climbing achievements in the past. Mingma has been officially recognized by the Nepali government as the youngest man to have climbed all 14 so-called “8,000ers” in the world. Mingma achieved the feat

at the age of 33, according to Dipendra Poudel, an official at the government’s Mountaineering Division.

“But last week, his younger brother Changdawa achieved the same at the age of 31, and we are awaiting documents from him to transfer the recognition to him,” Poudel said. Of the 14 mountains taller than 8,000 metres, eight are in Nepal. Mingma and his brothers were born in the mountainous Sankhuwasabha district in eastern Nepal. Three of the siblings have climbed Mt Everest 11 times between them. But the remaining three have not climbed an 8,000er so

far.

Nepal’s Sherpas are famous for being highly skilled climbers, an attribute they are believed to possess because of being born and raised in tough mountainous areas. The Sherpas are also famous for their climbing achievements, ranging from the most number of climbs of Mt Everest and fastest climb of the mountain to repeat climbs of the mountain in the same season. Nepal’s Apa Sherpa holds the record for the most climbs of Mt Everest. He scaled the mountain for the 21st time in 2011.—Kyodo News



Mt Everest in Nepal

Rocket interceptors deployed in northern Israel

JERUSALEM, 6 May — The Israeli military deployed two batteries of the Iron Dome anti-rocket defence system to northern Israel following an escalation in tensions with Syria, local media reported on Sunday.

One battery was positioned on Saturday night near Haifa, and another on the outskirts of Safed, Israel’s Channel 2 Television said on its website.

“Two Iron Dome batteries were positioned in the north as part of routine operational deployment and in line with operational assessments,” a military spokeswoman told

Xinhua.

She declined to comment on whether the deployment was linked to reports of two alleged Israeli air strikes on Syria in recent days that reportedly targeted Iranian shipments of advanced Fateh-110 missiles for Hezbollah.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday remained silent on his country’s alleged involvement in the strikes, but he postponed by several hours a trip to China, in order to convene his security cabinet for consultations on recent developments, Israel Radio reported.

Xinhua



Poor transmission facilities block new energy use

BEIJING, 6 May — The lagging construction of power transmission lines has constrained the use of electricity generated from new energy resources in China, an expert said. Twenty billion kilowatt-hours of wind-generated electricity were wasted last year, mainly due to underdeveloped transmission facilities, said Zhang Guobao, director of the Expert Advi-

sory Committee under the National Energy Administration.

China has abundant wind resources in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and other northern areas. It had the greatest installed wind power capacity of any country in the world as of last year. The infrastructure problem is likely to lead to the waste of some 20 billion kilowatt-hours of

electricity generated at the Luoxidu and Xiangjiaba hydropower stations on the Jinshajiang River this year, Zhang estimated.

China has been striving to boost its share of new energy resources used in primary energy consumption in a bid to reduce emissions amid rising public complaints regarding environmental issues. Non-fossil fuels contributed to

21.4 percent of the country’s total power generation last year, with hydropower taking up 17.4 percent and wind power taking up 2 percent, according to Zhang. The government should prioritize and hasten approvals for construction projects on ultra-high-voltage lines to facilitate electricity transmission to major power-consuming regions, Zhang suggested.—Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Myanmar education delegates visit UK



YANGON, 6 May—A Myanmar higher education delegation visited universities in the United Kingdom in May to observe educational institutions there.

The delegation which consists of Deputy Education Minister Dr Myo Myint, MPs and a director-general of Science and Technology Ministry left Myanmar on 1 May for UK. Mr Kavin Mackenzie,

director of British Council in Myanmar, also accompanied the delegation.

They observed universities in Edinburgh of Scotland on 1-3 May and are due to visit campuses in London on 7 and 8 May. They will attend a Myanmar-UK policy dialogue “Myanmar—a new future through higher education?” jointly organized by University of London and British Council

on 9 May.

The trip is aimed at fostering cooperation between Myanmar and British educational institutions in reforming Myanmar’s higher education sector and enabling British education experts consult in Myanmar’s educational reforms.

It would also be helpful to give a new life to once-prestigious Yangon University—*Myanma Alinn*

Foreign visits planned for outstanding students

YANGON, 6 May—Outstanding students have chances of foreign visits as they wrapped the around-the-country tour recently, according to an education official at basic education promotion seminar.

A total of 500 outstanding students visited

Chaungtha Beach, Inlay Lake and Bagan during summer holiday in three batches.

The Ministry of Education this year resumed the outstanding students programme ceased since 1988.

Myanma Alinn

Road Transport Directorate discusses JV with 13 companies

YANGON, 6 May—Ministry of Rail Transportation’s investment assessment committee members and Road Transport Directorate officials met 13 companies which had proposed road transportation joint ventures on 23 and 25 April.

They include eight local companies and five foreign firms.

Ten companies have

proposed joint ventures with the Road Transport Directorate while two others had their bids for BOT operations.

The possible joint ventures will cover passenger transportation, repair workshops and advanced driving trainings.

The meetings also focused on employment issues.

Myanma Alinn

Road Transport Directorate opens basic driving course in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 6 May—Logistics division under Road Transport Directorate of the Ministry of Rail Transportation will conduct a basic driving course each month.

The first batch of the training course which lasts 18 days will start on 11 May.

Instructors, veteran drivers and engineers from Yangon and Mandalay will provide the training with the use of necessary equipment.

The course will also

cover maintenance essentials and traffic rules.

Upon completion, the division will help graduating trainees search driving jobs and applying for driving licenses.

The courses of which fee is K 62,000 are being conducted in such major cities as Yangon, Mandalay, Magway, Pakokku, Taunggyi, Lashio, Mawlamyine, Pyay, Loikaw and Hinthada.

Myanma Alinn

Two dies in gold mine collapse

KAWLIN, 6 May—Two female workers died on the spot in a landslide in Shwenyaungmyay gold mine in Kawlin Township in Sagaing Region on 29 April.

The incident took place while the block owned by U Kan Aung was operating gold exploration works.

Kawlin Police Station is investigating into the deaths.

Myanma Alinn

Unidentified body found in Myinmu

MYINMU, 6 May—An unidentified man’s body was found in a farm owned by farmer U Maung Oh in Htisaung village in Myinmu Township on 4 May.

Acting on a tip-off by village administrator U Myint, Myinmu police station opened a case and conducted the forensic study.

Myanma Alinn

Kawlin police seize drugs

KAWLIN, 6 May—Kawlin policemen searched a house in a Lakah Village in the township and seized powder suspected to be opium before witnesses.

The police has charged villager Maung Tint, 39, with drug related charges.

The seized drug is worth about K 60,000.

Myanma Alinn

Two cows die in electric shock

NATMAUK, 6 May—Two cows died in an electric shock in Theebin Village in Myothit Township in Magway Region as they hit electric cable just about two feet off the ground on their way to pasture on 3 May.

They are owned by farmer Maung Nan Win of the village.

Authorities who investigated the case attributed the electric shock to the dilapidated lamp posts. The lamp posts were repaired about half an hour after the accident.

Myanma Alinn

Summer vocational courses conclude



The new routine courses started 2 May and weekend courses on 4 May.

Myanma Alinn

The principal of the school presents certificate of completion to a trainee.

YANGON, 6 May—A domestic vocational educational course conducted by Vocational Training School under Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement concluded on 30 April.

The course concluding ceremony was held at the school in Dhammazedi Street in Bahan Township in Yangon and attended by lecturers and trainees.

The headmistress presented certificates of completion to graduating trainees.

The courses include tailoring, bakery and floral arts.

New Ever Light to supply electricity to Singu, Madaya, Thabeikkyin Tsps

SINGU, 6 May—New Ever Light Co Ltd introduced its electricity supply services to local residents at Singu town hall on 1 May as the government is privatizing state-owned electricity supply services.

Township administrator U Aung Kyaw Than, Township electrical engineer U Nay Myo Aung, departmental officials, company’s director U Kyaw Zan and consumers attended the launch.

U Kyaw Zan gave a speech and the company’s consultant U Hla Shwe

elaborated on the electricity supply plans.

The company will supply electricity to Madaya, Singu and Thabeikkyin Townships with charges unchanged.

The company will sign contracts with Myanmar Electricity Supply Enterprise soon.

Myanma Alinn

One house and nine tents were burnt to the ground in a fire outbreak in Shwepyitha Township on 3 May.

One house, nine tents burnt down in Shwepyitha fire

YANGON, 6 May—One house and nine tents were reduced to ashes in a fire outbreak in Zeegon village of Shwepyitha Township in Yangon Region on 3 May.

Acting on a tip-off, 43 firefighters and local residents put out the fire with three fire engines 40 minutes after fire outbreak.

It was started by the candle fire. The loss is said

to amount to K 320,000.

The township administrator, officials and social welfare groups visited the scene and provided necessary assistance.

Myanma Alinn



PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 7 May, 2013

The most powerful force

In the diplomatic field we are making headways more and more finding new friends all over the globe some of them with packages of ideas, suggestions, and proposals to help us accelerate development of our country in numerous sectors including human resources development.

When it comes to human resources development, we are far behind when compared even with our neighbours resulting from various causes including self-isolation in the early periods under socialist system, and international economic sanctions and ostracizes in the past.

But now everything has changed thanks to the reforms in various sectors which are the outcome of the adoption of democracy after the historic multiparty democracy general elections. These changes also pave the way for venturing into the new areas of international relations, establishing new cordial ties and promoting the existing friendship with many countries and global organizations through proper diplomatic channels.

The good news is that many of the friends—states as well as global institutions – are eager to help us in various fields. The consequence is that we are now receiving invitations and proposals for financial, technical, technological, intellectual and material aid programs from them.

However, whatever international assistance we are receiving, the most important requirement is the capacity development of our own people. And the encouraging sign is there are a lot of offers for human resources development involving technical courses at home and abroad through short-term and long-term programs, in-house trainings and workshops.

It is now high time for our people, especially the young to make efforts in all seriousness for acquiring valuable knowledge to the most possible degree from the internationally sponsored courses and workshops they have taken part in the motherland or abroad.

Only when the capacity of our people is high, will the country has the most important force and strength that come from qualified human resources.

Trademark law under draft to protect business trademarks

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Jointly organized by Ministry of Science and Technology and WIPO, a coordination meeting on trademark draft law (tenth edition) took place at the ministry, this morning with an address by Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Min Aung.

Legal experts from WIPO, personnel from Japan Patent Office (JPO), lawmakers from Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee and Business and Trade Development Committee and Amyotha Hluttaw Bill

Committee are taking part in the meeting which ends on 8 May.

Since Myanmar joined the WIPO in 2001, the Science and Technology has acted as a focal ministry for matters related to intellectual properties, having taken a leading role in drafting patent laws seeking advice from related ministries including the Union Attorney-General's Office, local and international INGOs and experts. The intellectual properties patent laws

Whatever our prospects ...

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and Bangladesh, negative colonial legacy, the economic backwardness in both the Rakhine and Muslim communities—and mis-portrayal of the conflict in Rakhine State as religious violence between Rakhine and Muslims have made it more difficult to resolve the problems we are facing. Concomitantly, we can also see the negative effect of the mis-portrayal of communal violence as religious conflict in the outbreak of violence in places like Meiktila and Oakkan.

If we look at the main recommendations put forward by the Rakhine Investigation Commission, the actions that should be taken immediately are the restoration of law and order and the enforcement of rule of law. I, as the president of the country, will do everything in my power to make sure that all security apparatus will cooperate and coordinate with each other to effectively perform the law enforcement duty entrusted to them. I have instructed all security forces to perform the duties entrusted to them without any bias and in accordance with law and public servant code of conduct. Anyone who breaks the law and carries out violence will be prosecuted in accordance with the law in a transparent and accountable

manner.

We are also undertaking relief activities to help people who lost their homes and other property during the violence. We will also do everything in our power to provide secure temporary shelters for the internally displaced before the rainy season, to remedy malnutrition among children, to help those traumatized by violence, to prevent epidemics, and to create job opportunities for the people of Rakhine State. We will also swiftly undertake economic development programs in the state. In so doing, we will also be seeking assistance from our international partners.

The government will provide the international aid agencies and international organizations that are engaging in relief activities with the necessary assistance. I want to note that some of the activities undertaken by international relief agencies may have worsened the situation in the conflict-affected areas in Rakhine State.

I therefore would like to urge all relief agencies to take into account local sensitivities when planning activities and to try and win the trust and support of both communities. Furthermore, in line with the recommendations of the Rakhine Investigation Commission, the Government will take all necessary security

measures to deter illegal immigration. In addition, the Government will deal with the citizenship-related issues by adopting short-, medium- and long-term strategies.

The Government will also adopt and implement short-, medium- and long-term plans to create a harmonious society and achieve economic development in Rakhine State. In so doing, the Government will adopt the recommendations of the Rakhine Investigation Commission as the basis for these plans.

However, the Government will also continue to welcome suggestions from civil society and other community groups.

This is a situation that requires time and careful handling. We have to ensure that we do not inadvertently create additional difficulties when we address it. We ask everyone to recognize that this is a complex and sensitive issue that requires wise, careful as well as decisive action.

In order to end conflict and implement reconstruction activities swiftly, the Government has established a Central Committee for Implementation of Stability and Development in Rakhine State (CCISD) on March 23, 2013. In order to implement the policies adopted by the CCISD,

the recommendations of the Rakhine Investigation Commission and other necessary actions, the Government has also established seven sub-committees on rule of law, security and law enforcement, immigration and review of citizenship, temporary resettlement and reconstruction, social and economic development and strategic planning on March 29, 2013. I also want to inform you that the Government will provide genuine and decisive leadership in resolving the conflict in Rakhine State in ways that will ensure national security, promote rule of law and protect human rights.

One of the lessons we can take from the Rakhine Investigation Commission is that the defective policies adopted by previous governments have led to human rights violations within our society. Therefore, in resolving all the problems we are facing now, it is time for us to stop casting blame on each other and adopt pragmatic approaches that will help us create a peaceful and harmonious society in Rakhine State.

I would like to conclude by saying that the Government will take all necessary actions to ensure the basic human rights of Muslims in the Rakhine State and to accommodate the needs and expectations of the Rakhine people.

Union Attorney-General discusses legal affairs in Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—At the invitation of Singaporean counterpart, a Myanmar delegation led by Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin visited the island State from 29 April to 3 May. On 29 April, the Union Attorney-General met his counterpart Mr. Steven Chong, SC, Solicitor-General Mrs. Koh and Deputy Solicitor-General Mr. Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck, SC and discussed matters related to accepting

the ministry is drafting are invention patent law, industrial design patent law, trademark law and copyright law.

The trademark law can effectively protect the trademarks of local and foreign businessmen, inviting more foreign investments and creating more jobs, thereby contributing to economic development of the country, it is learnt.—MNA



Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin sharing knowledge on Myanmar Legal System and Rule of Law.—MNA

assistance for legal affairs of the two countries.

The Union attorney-general met the Singaporean chief justice and justices, the solicitor-general, the deputy solicitor-general from the office of Attorney-General and legal officers, law professors and lectures at the Supreme Court on 30 April. The Union

attorney-general clarified the Myanmar Legal System and the Rule of Law and discussed undertakings for legal affairs. The Myanmar delegation met Chief Justice Mr. Sundaresh Menon of Singapore and held talks on legal affairs. They also met officials from Singapore Academy of Law and the Law Society of Singapore

and discussed practical undertakings of economic laws in market economic system.

They paid a call on Singaporean Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law Mr. K Shanmugam, SC on 2 May. They exchanged views on cooperation in legal affairs of the two countries.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Free medical treatment for locals in Myeik



MYEIK, 6 May—A specialist team led by Sayadaw Maha Saddhama Jotika daja Bhaddhanta Thuzata of Thanthayar Aye Monastic Education School in Myeik and Myeik District Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo provided free medical treatment to local people in Chanmyae Thai of Kyweku Village in Myeik

yesterday morning.

The team comprising senior surgeon, general practitioner, eye specialist, dentist and child specialist provided medical checkup and free medical treatment to 181 patients from Kyweku Village and its nearby villages.

Kyweku Village is about nine miles from Myeik

and Kunthichaung rural health center is situated in Sandawit Village-Tract. It is about 30 minutes drive for emergency patients to receive medical treatment at the hospitals in Myeik. Local people are appreciated with the contribution of effective free medical treatment by the specialists.

Kyemon

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Ahlon Tsp

YANGON, 6 May—Officials from Immigration and National Registration Department of Ahlon Township, according to

Moe Pwint (5) plan, this morning served the public making renewal of their lost citizenship scrutiny cards and issuing citizenship

scrutiny cards for those who have turned 10 and 18 years in Kayinchon Ward of the township.

Kyemon



Myawady Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Kan presents certificate of honour to Auxiliary Fire Brigade member U Shwe Nyan at 67th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day Ceremony.

KYEMON

67th Anniversary of Fire Brigade Day marked

YESAGYO, 6 May—A ceremony to hail the 67th Anniversary of Fire Brigade Day was held at Fire Station in Yesagyo, at 8 am yesterday with an address by Township Administrator U Khaing Tun.

The township administrator, Commander

of Township Police Force Police Major Tint Swe and Head of Township Fire Services Department U Nyi Nyi Aung gave certificates of honour to members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade members who performed their duty efficiently.

Kyemon

Buddhist cultural, English proficiency courses in Hpa-an

HPA-AN, 6 May—Buddhist cultural course and English proficiency course have been opened at Gyang Basic Education High School (branch) in Gyang-Yomaha-Khaye Village in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, since 24 April, with an aim of turning out the youths with good characters.

The 15-day courses' instructors are U Nandasiri,

U Neminda, U Kosalla and U Khemâcara from International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and Daw Aye Aye Than (Kammathanaçaria-Ledi) and Daw Phyu Mar Win (NGOS).

The trainees are presented completion certificates.

The courses finish on 9 May.

Kyemon

Free medical treatment given to patients with eye complaint in Ponnagyun

RAKHINE, 6 May—Under the supervision of Tipitakadhara Dhamma-bhandagarika Ashin Indapala (Rakhine Sayadaw), eye specialists gave medical treatment to eye patients at People's Hospital in Ponnagyun Township in Rakhine State from 1 to 4 May.

Eye specialists were Dr Aye Tun, Professors Dr U Thein Aung, Dr Daw Myint Khaing, Dr U Zaw Tun, Dr

Hla Maung Din, Dr Tin Tin Linn, Dr Daw Saw Thein, Dr U Moe Kyaw, Dr Daw Ohnma Zin, Dr Daw Moe Aye Latt, Dermatologist Dr Daw Khin Mya Lwin, Dr Daw Phyu Phyu Hlaing, Dr Daw Shwe Win Myint and Dr Myintzu.

U Maung Tha Tun and wife Ma Khin Nyunt of Pyinsharshe Village in Ponnagyun Township donated K 50 million to the eye patients.—Kyemon

Plan underway to expand platform of Shwehsandaw Pagoda

PYAY, 6 May—A coordination meeting on expansion of the platform of Pyay Shwehsandaw Pagoda and repairing of Kyarbyan Makauk Dhammayon was held at the Dhammayon on the platform of the pagoda in Pyay yesterday morning.

At first, the Deputy

Commissioner of Pyay District General Administration Department made a speech. On behalf of the pagoda board of trustees, member U Mya Win explained expansion of the platform of Shwehsandaw Pagoda and repairing of Kyarbyan Makauk

Dhammayon.

Those present took part in the discussions. Deputy Commissioner U Arnt Maw attended to the needs.

The meeting was also attended by district and township level departmental officials, townselders and media persons.—Kyemon

New self-reliant library being constructed in Kyweku Village of Myeik

MYEIK, 6 May—Stake driven for construction of self-reliant library was held on 25 March in Kyweku Village in Myeik of Taninthayi Region with a view to broadening horizons

of people and ensuring durability of the library.

The townselders and wellwishers are donating sand, cement and cash to construction of the new library.

The RC concrete building measuring 36 ft long, 20 ft wide and 20 ft high will be built at a cost of over K 8 million contributed by wellwishers.

Kyemon



Two villages of Twantay hit by heavy rains, strong winds

TWANTAY, 6 May—Houses were damaged and one died due to heavy rains, strong winds and lightning in Kayin Chaung and Khanaunghtein Tabin Village-Tracts in Twantay Township yesterday.

While Kayin Chaung villager Ko Thein Tun aged 32, son of U Chan Aye, was harvesting in the field at 1 pm yesterday, he was struck by lightning during the strong winds. Therefore, he was

dead on the spot.

Besides, the heavy rains and strong winds flattened six houses in Kayin Chaung Village-Tract, and one house collapsed and five damaged in Khanaunghtein Tabin Village-Tract.

The houseless victims are receiving a helping hand from Township Administrator U Than Zaw Han and Village-Tract Administrators U Than Zaw and U Aye Naing.—Kyemon



U Maung Maung and Daw Shu Kyi (Gamonpwint Store) of Mayangon Township, Yangon on 2 May donated Defibrillator GE Health Care costly K 6,512,000 to North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital.

KYEMON

Three new coronavirus cases found in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, 6 May—Three new coronavirus carriers have been found in Saudi Arabia, bringing the total number of the infections reported in the country within a week to ten, *Al Sharq Al Awsat* newspaper said on Sunday. The new cases are all the patients or relatives of another carriers in the same hospital, Public Health Affairs Undersecretary at the Health Ministry, Ziyad Mamish told the newspaper.

The official said that the ministry has ordered all hospitals with suspicious cases to take the required tests, adding that 50 test samples have been sent to the ministry on Saturday.

All the suspicious cases were from the eastern Al-Ahsa governorate, where the other seven cases were discovered. On Wednesday, Saudi health ministry confirmed the death of five people out of the seven carriers.

The first case of coronavirus was reported in Saudi Arabia last year.

The total number announced in the country has increased to 20. Since last year, tens of cases of infection with the novel coronavirus have been confirmed. The patients mainly came from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Britain. The transmissibility and pathogenesis of the novel coronavirus remains poorly understood.

Xinhua



People gather to watch performance during the 4 May Youth Day Music Festival in Hong Kong, south China, on 4 May, 2013.—XINHUA

British PM to attend Commonwealth summit in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 6 May — British Prime Minister David Cameron and Foreign Secretary William Hague will attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Sri Lanka in November, the Sri Lankan External Affairs Ministry announced on Sunday.

The announcement came even as Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he may boycott the event over human rights concerns in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka has been accused of committing human rights abuses during the final stages of the war against the Tamil Tiger rebels before the rebels were defeated in May 2009. Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to Britain Chris Nonis however said that Sri Lanka enjoys strong support amongst the Commonwealth countries, represented by the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

He also recalled the unwavering support of all except one country, at recent meetings, which he



British Prime Minister David Cameron

said necessitates a depth and breadth of understanding that Commonwealth countries are at different stages of development, with a commonality of values and aspirations, as well as challenges and constraints. The Commonwealth biennial meeting in Sri Lanka in November this year will be preceded by the Commonwealth People's Forum, the Commonwealth Youth Forum, and the Commonwealth Business Forum, and usually attracts several thousand delegates, and global media coverage.

It will provide the op-

portunity for the 54 heads to meet to discuss matters of global and Commonwealth concern, and agree collective policies and initiatives, the Sri Lankan External Affairs Ministry said.

Nonis said in the statement that although there had been intensive lobbying in the past year by anti-Sri Lanka activist groups with "collateral agendas," in particular in London, which is home to the Commonwealth Secretariat, they had not succeeded in their attempts to pressurize Commonwealth nations to shift the venue.—Xinhua

Ethiopian peacekeeper killed, two wounded in Sudanese clash

KHARTOUM, 6 May—One Ethiopian peacekeeper was killed and two others wounded when a UN convoy was caught up in a tribal clash in the Abyei border region claimed by both Sudan and South Sudan, the United Nations said on Sunday.

Sudan and South Sudan in March agreed to resume cross-border oil flows and defuse tensions which have plagued them since

the South seceded in 2011 after an independence vote.

But they were unable to decide on the ownership of Abyei, which both the Dinka tribe allied to South Sudan and the Arab Misseriya tribe allied to Sudan call their home. Kuwal Deng Mayok, the top Dinka leader in Abyei, was travelling with a UN convoy when he was killed by members of the Misseriya in a clash on Saturday that

risked fuelling new tensions in the flashpoint area. An Ethiopian peacekeeper was also killed and two others seriously wounded by a Misseriya tribesman, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's office said.

"The Secretary-General urges the governments of Sudan and South Sudan and the ... Dinka and Misseriya communities to remain calm and avoid any escalation of this unfor-

tunate event," it said in a statement.

Abyei straddles the border between the neighbours, who fought one of Africa's longest civil wars. It is prized for its fertile land and small oil reserves. Like South Sudan, Abyei was meant to have an independence vote, agreed under a 2005 peace deal which ended the civil war between the north and south.

Reuters



Indian Foreign Affairs Minister, Salman Khorshid

Press TV. Teheran and New Delhi are expected to ink an agreement to turn Chabahar into a hub for the transit of Indian goods to Afghanistan. Khorshid arrived in

Teheran on Friday to attend the 17th meeting of Iran-India Joint Economic Commission, scheduled to be held in the Iranian capital on 3-5 May.—Xinhua

S Africa denies reports of 12 deminers kidnapped in Senegal

CAPE TOWN, 6 May —The South African government on Sunday denied media reports that 12 nationals working as deminers were kidnapped in Senegal. "That's not true. No South African has been kidnapped in Senegal," said Clayton Monyela, spokesman of the South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation.

According to media reports, 12 employees of a South African demining company Mechem were kidnapped in Senegal's restive Casamance region,

where the separatist Movement of Democratic Forces of Casamance (MFDC) has been fighting for independence since 1982.

Workers of Mechem went missing on Friday and local authorities have been working for their release, reports from Senegal said.

Fred Weyers, the local director of Pretoria-based Mechem, was quoted by the *Senegal News Agency* as saying the 12 deminers went missing on Friday and were believed to have been taken by rebels belonging to the MFDC.

Xinhua

German soldier killed in Afghan attack

BERLIN, 6 May—A German soldier was killed and another wounded in an attack by insurgents in northern Afghanistan, the German army said.

German special forces had been supporting an Afghan operation near the northern city of Baghlan when insurgents opened fire

on the Afghan and NATO International Security Assistance Force troops, according to an army statement posted on its Internet site today.

"In the subsequent battle damage assessment the Afghan and ISAF forces again came under fire.

PTI

India ready to negotiate on Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline extension

TEHERAN, 6 May —Indian Foreign Affairs Minister, Salman Khorshid, announced here in Teheran New Delhi's readiness to enter negotiations over the extension of Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline to India, Press TV reported on Sunday. India is ready to participate in the project, Khorshid made the announcement on Saturday in a meeting with Ali-Akbar Velayati, the senior adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

On 11 March, Iran's President Mahmoud Ah-

madinejad and his Pakistani counterpart Asif Ali Zardari inaugurated a gas pipeline project in Iran's southeastern Chabahar city, which is projected to link Iran's gas pipeline to that of Pakistan. When the 1,600-km pipeline is completed by mid-2014, as scheduled, Iran is expected to export some 21.5 million cubic meters of natural gas to Pakistan on a daily basis.

Khorshid also expressed his country's readiness to invest in the development of the Iranian port of Chabahar, according to

REGIONAL

China, ASEAN fully capable of safeguarding regional peace

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 6 May—China and ASEAN members have reached consensus that the two sides are fully capable of maintaining peace and stability in the region, including on the South China Sea, visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Sunday before wrapping up a five-day visit.

In a joint interview with Chinese media outlets, Wang said the shared idea was the most important consensus achieved during his four-nation tour which took him to Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Brunei.

During the four-nation tour, China and the four countries have defined the

directions of future bilateral cooperation, in view of each other's development strategy, Wang said. China and the four ASEAN members have also agreed that the overriding theme of their relationship is neighbourly friendship, mutually beneficial cooperation and common development, Wang said.

Agreement has also been reached on solving differences between nations via an adherence to friendly negotiation and mutually beneficial cooperation, the Chinese foreign minister said. Wang described his visit as a tour of communication and cooperation, saying it has sent a signal that China, with a



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

new leadership, attaches great importance to its ties with neighbouring countries and places ASEAN at a prioritized position in its relations with surrounding neighbours.

From a strategic perspective of promoting multi-polarization in the world and common progress in developing nations, China

offers staunch support for ASEAN and its integration endeavor, Wang said.

China is willing to enhance its strategic partnership with ASEAN, vigorously push forward key projects of connectivity and maritime cooperation, and jointly contribute to regional peace and prosperity, he added.—Xinhua

Japan to promote new framework for pursuing greenhouse gas cuts

TOKYO, 6 May—The Japanese government has decided to promote a new framework for pursuing cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, under which Japan will claim reductions achieved in emerging countries in Asia and Africa as a result of technical assistance provided by Japan, sources close to the issue said on Sunday.

The move comes as Japan faces difficulties in reducing greenhouse gas emissions domestically due to a major expansion in thermal power generation

following the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi complex.

The crisis, triggered by a devastating earthquake and tsunami in March 2011, has led to the idling of almost all of Japan's 50 operable nuclear reactors that previously provided almost a third of Japan's electric power.

The government will hold the first meeting of a panel to go ahead with the system, known as the bilateral offset credit mechanism, shortly after Japan's Golden Week holidays

through Monday, to include it in its growth strategy to be compiled by June, the sources said.

The panel will consist of officials of the environment, foreign and industry ministries, and from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation and Japan International Cooperation Agency. Under the new system, it will be easier to promote the transfer of greenhouse gas emission rights than under the existing multilateral framework, according to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Indus-

try.

Japan will provide environmental technologies in various fields, such as coal-fired power generation and energy-saving houses, and emerging countries will be able to obtain new technologies to deal with growing energy demand and knowhow to address global warming, the source said.

Japan plans to start promoting the new system during the current fiscal year by accelerating talks for that purpose with emerging countries in Asia and Africa, including Indonesia, Vietnam, Kenya and Ethiopia, according to the sources.

Kyodo News

Three leftist rebels nabbed in N Philippines

MANILA, 6 May—Three members of the leftist rebel group New People's Army (NPA) were captured at their lair in Northern Philippine Province of Quezon on Sunday afternoon, military said later that day.

Colonel Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos, spokesman for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), said that troops from the

Holidaymakers' homeward rush set to run through Monday

TOKYO, 6 May—Returning holidaymakers packed bullet trains, airports and highways bound for Tokyo and other population centres on Sunday, the second-last day of the Golden Week holiday period. Traffic jams were expected on expressways from the evening, the Japan Road Traffic Information Centre said.

Shinkansen bullet trains bound for Tokyo were almost fully reserved from the afternoon, according to Japan Railway companies. Domestic flights to Tokyo's Haneda airport were over 80 percent reserved, said both Japan Airlines Co and

All Nippon Airways Co.

At JR Sendai Station, company employee Ryo Abe, 36, his wife Naomi, 37, and their two children, who visited Abe's parents in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, a city severely affected by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster, were among scores of families on their way back to the Tokyo area.

"It was our first visit since the New Year, but the town's mood has brightened somewhat. I hope that the reconstruction (from the 2011 disaster) will make progress when we return in the summer," Naomi Abe said.—Kyodo News

Two IEDs recovered in Assam

KAJALGAON (Assam), 6 May—Two powerful Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were recovered from an abandoned house at Bhetagaon village in Chirang district, police said on Sunday.

The IEDs were recovered from the house located

in a forest area by a joint police and CRPF team late last night.

The explosives were defused in a jungle area this afternoon by a bomb disposal squad of the Army, police said. Further investigations are on, they added.—PTI

Philippine military reallocates forces to ensure election safety

MANILA, 6 May—The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is re-aligning its forces to ensure the peace and orderliness of the upcoming midterm election on 13 May, said AFP deputy chief of staff for operations Brigadier General Aurelio Baladad on Sunday. "At the ground level,



AFP deputy chief of staff for operations Brigadier General Aurelio Baladad. REUTERS

if they (commanders) think that such an area is one of concern, if its prone to violence, they can put in place a preponderance of forces," Baladad said in a phone interview.

"At the level of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, we have troops ready to secure the elections, of course in coordination with the PNP (Philippine National Police)," Baladad said, adding that coordinating centres have been created with the police. He said the coordinating centres were established so that military and police units can "integrate" their strengths. "Plus, we can cover a lot more areas and more candidates."

Baladad added they expect that the coming elections will be more peaceful compared to the last elections in 2010.

Without giving any number, he said the number

of election-related violent incidents so far reported was lesser compared to the same period in the last elections. "Based on the initial trends, we believe that the incoming election is a lot safer and a lot peaceful compared to the last elections," he said.

Baladad also disclosed that the re-alignment includes the deployment of one Marine battalion in Southern Philippine province of Misamis Oriental about two weeks ago in the aftermath of the 20 April ambush on Ruth Guingona, mayor of the province's Gingoog City.

Guingona was waylaid by New People's Army (NPA) rebels after attending a local fiesta, leaving two of her bodyguards dead.

Guingona was injured in the attack, along with another security escort.

Xinhua



A woman wearing sun-protective clothing is seen riding in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 5 May, 2013.—XINHUA

China Radio International launches new radio service branches

BEIJING, 6 May—China Radio International (CRI) on Sunday launched three new radio service branches in Georgia, Jordan and Albania.

CRI said its radio service branch in Georgia's capital of Tbilisi will broad-

cast around the clock in English and Georgian, focusing on news and music.

The broadcasts will reach more than 2 million people.

The branch in Jordan's capital of Amman will provide daily news and music

the house was being occupied by at least eight rebels, led by Alexander Sarmiento, alias Daniel.

Burgos said that the identities of the captured rebels were not immediately known, and it was not clear if the three includes Sarmiento. The raid also resulted in the seizure of seven high-powered firearms, he added.—Reuters

around the clock as well. A third branch in Albania's capital of Tirana will broadcast for ten hours daily in Albanian. CRI has 90 overseas radio service branches and broadcasts in 64 languages.

Xinhua

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MYANMAR LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT BANK REGARDING CHANGE OF ITS NAME TO TREASURE BANK OF MYANMAR LTD

1. The Myanmar Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank will henceforth be known as Treasure Bank of Myanmar Ltd in accord in the decision of the Board of Directors at its plenary session on 5th May 2013 at (13:00) hrs.
2. In this connection Press Meeting with the media (will be held on Sunday 12th May, 2013 at (10:00) hrs at Ball Room of Yuzana Hotel at 130, Shwegondine Road, Yangon.
3. Brief profile of Myanmar Livestock and Fisheries Development before its new name of Treasure Bank of Myanmar Ltd is given below -
 - (A) The Myanmar Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank was formed on (15-2-1996) as per licence No MaBaBa/P-15(2)96 of Central Bank of Myanmar under Financial Institutions of Myanmar Law.
 - (B) The Bank, which was initially a public bank Ltd. under control of the Ministry of Trade was later transferred to the control and management of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries on (1-1-1999) in accordance with the Government's directive dated (6-9-1998) to be more compatible with its functions and activities.
 - (C) The authorized capital of the Bank in February 1996 was K (2000) million divided into (4000) shares of K 500,000/- each and K (1000) million which was borrowed from welfare fund of Central Bank of Myanmar was fully repaid, both principle and interest, in April, 2004 and the Bank is ongoing as a truly public bank.
 - (D) Shares at K 500,000/- per share are being sold to the public and the total amount of shares fully subscribed and paid up as at May, 2012 was K(35000)million.
 - (E) Plans are underway to increase the total amount of authorized capital from K (35,000) million to K (70,000) million and arrangements are also being made to pay a dividend of K 25% for the current year.
 - (F) Number of branches including Head Office at the time of its establishment on (15-2-1996) was 3 and the number has risen to 60 on 5th May, 2013 and plans are underway to increase the number of branches yearly.
 - (G) Total deposit in (1990-2000) amounted to K (2361) million and the number has increased to K (367538) million in financial year (2012-2013).
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5. The announcement is made hereby for public information.

Date: 5- 5-2013

Board of Directors

Place: Yangon

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV GUNKUL 1 VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GUNKUL 1 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.5.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.L where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S KULNATEE CO LTD**
Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV OSSIAN VOY NO (13009N)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OSSIAN VOY NO (13009N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-5.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S T.S LINES**
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV EVER ABLE VOY NO (341N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-5.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S EVER GREEN SHIPPING**
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Rolling Stones rock packed house after price cuts in LA

LOS ANGELES, 6 May—The Rolling Stones rocked a packed house in Los Angeles on Friday on the opening night of their North American “50 and Counting” tour, but only after websites slashed ticket prices and the band released additional cheap seats at the last minute.

The 17-date tour is the veteran British rockers' biggest in six years and follows a handful of dates in London, Paris and New York at the end of 2012 marking 50 years since they burst on to the music scene at London's Marquee Club in 1962.



Mick Jagger of British band The Rolling Stones performs during the opening night of their “50 & Counting” worldwide tour at Staples Center in Los Angeles, California on 3 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Rock, pop, country singers to headline Boston benefit concert

LOS ANGELES, 6 May—Boston bands Aerosmith and New Kids on the Block, singer-songwriter James Taylor and country singer Jason Aldean will headline a concert to benefit the victims of last month's Boston Marathon bombing, organizers said on Friday.

The 30 May concert at the city's TD Garden arena is also aimed at showing support for the people of Boston after the bombing that killed three people and injured 264.

Other artists lined up for “Boston Strong: An Evening of Support and Celebration” include singers Jimmy Buffett and Carole King, the band Boston and the J. Geils Band, concert promoters Live Nation and TD Garden said.

“Like so many other proud Bostonians who have been extremely generous, we are honoured to step up and do our part to help the victims and their families,” said Donnie Wahlberg of former boy band New Kids on the Block.

“Hopefully this event will not only raise money, but spirits as well,” Wahlberg said in a statement.

Boston-born Taylor said, “Everyone involved has responded from the heart in a spontaneous and simultaneous desire to be there and to do what we can for the city we love.” All proceeds from the concert will go to The One Fund, which was set up by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

Tickets priced from \$35 to \$285 go on sale on Monday.

The two bombs that exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15 were the worst attack on US soil since the September 11 2001, attacks.

Suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed in a shootout with police four days later. The ethnic Chechen's younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who was wounded in the April 19 shootout, is being held in a nearby prison facility.

Reuters



Steven Tyler (L) and Joe Perry of the group Aerosmith pose with the ASCAP Founders Award during a photo opportunity in Los Angeles on 8 April, 2013.—REUTERS

“We first played LA in 1965. Thank you for coming to see us. We really appreciate it,” frontman Mick Jagger said late on Friday during the show at Staples Centre. The 69-year-old strutted and gyrated in his trademark style through a string of classic Stones hits including “Gimme Shelter,” “Paint it Black” and “Jumpin’ Jack Flash.”

Celebrities like Jack Nicholson and Melanie

Griffith attended the show, which also featured guest performances by singer Gwen Stefani on “Wild Horses” and Keith Urban on “Respectable.”

Days before the show, hundreds of seats were still available and secondary sellers scrambled to unload tickets by slashing prices from the original \$250 to \$600 price range which had irked many of even the most die-hard Stones fans.

The band also released additional seats at a modest \$85 on its official website this week, the only price point that quickly sold out for the 3 May concert.

Buyers who opted to buy the \$85 seats online were instructed to line up at the arena just before the show, and were told they would be notified of their locations which could range anywhere for prime seating to further back in the venue.—Reuters

Suhana and Yusuf Pathan's wife Afreen lucky for Kolkata Knight Riders

MUMBAI, 6 May—Having roped in Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) player Yusuf Pathan's wife to cheer the knights to victory, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan asserted that things for the burly allrounder will fall in place post his man-of-the-match performance at the Eden Gardens here on Friday.

“He is a marvellous player, marvellous person and great guy to have in the team,” said Khan after his team grabbed an eight-wicket victory over Ra-

jasthan Royals.

“I think all of us go through patches where things don't fall right for you. So I think from now on it will all fall right and go well for the team too.”

Khan was seen egging the Knights on to a much-needed win along with his daughter Suhana and Pathan's wife Afreen.

“This is the lucky combination — my daughter, me and now we have added Afreen (Yusuf's wife) to the lucky combination.

PTI



Shah Rukh Khan is the owner of the IPL team, Kolkata Knight Riders

SPORTS

Everton's European hopes fade after Liverpool draw



Liverpool's Lucas (R) challenges Everton's Leon Osman (C) during their English Premier League match at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 5 May, 2013.

REUTERS

LONDON, 6 May—Everton's hopes of playing European football next season receded after they drew 0-0 at city rivals Liverpool on Sunday.

Everton, who have only won one of their last 13 Premier League

mer League Merseyside derbies, were aggrieved after Sylvain Distin's headed goal from a corner early in the second half was ruled out for a push.

David Moyes's side remain sixth on 60 points, five behind Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea.

Everton have just two games remaining and have slim hopes of securing the Europa League place for the side finishing fifth in the Premier League.

Champions Manchester United host Chelsea in a 1600 BST kickoff at Old Trafford.—Reuters

Chelsea sink champions United with late own goal

LONDON, 6 May—A late own goal from Phil Jones secured Chelsea a 1-0 victory at Manchester United on Sunday to leave the Londoners poised for a top-four finish and a Champions League place next season.

An angled shot from Spaniard Juan Mata in the 87th minute took a slight deflection off defender Jones and beat keeper Anders Lindegaard.

United defender Rafael was sent off in the 89th minute for kicking out at fellow Brazilian David Luiz, becoming the first player that the champions have had dismissed this season.

Europa League finalists Chelsea moved up to third place on 68 points from 35 games, one ahead of Arsenal, who have played a game more, and three ahead of

Tottenham Hotspur, who have also played 35.

A win at home against Spurs on Wednesday would effectively seal a top four finish for Chelsea as they enjoy a far superior goal difference to their London rivals.

"It's an important win. We knew we needed to win a couple of games and this is the first one," said Chelsea interim manager Rafael

Benitez.

"If we can beat Tottenham on Wednesday, we will be in the top four with two games left to play."

Everton's slim hopes of playing European football next season receded further after they drew 0-0 at city rivals Liverpool in a derby short on entertainment.

Everton, who have drawn 15 Premier League games this season—more than any other side—remain sixth on 60 points.

They have just two games remaining and have slim hopes of securing the Europa League place for the side finishing fifth. Liverpool are seventh on 55 points.

"We want to get Everton back into Europe. As a football club we need desperately to give those nights back to the supporters. If we don't make it, it won't be for a lack of effort," said Everton manager David Moyes.

Venus pulls out of Madrid with back problem

MADRID, 6 May—Former world number one Venus Williams has been forced to withdraw from the Madrid Open due to a back problem, organizers said on Sunday.

The 32-year-old American, now ranked 21, was due to play her first-round match against Spanish wild card Anabel Medina Garrigues on the clay at the premier event on Sunday.

She will be replaced in the draw by 56th-ranked Stefanie Voegele of Switzerland.—Reuters

Venus Williams



Messi returns to put Barca on brink of title

MADRID, 6 May—Lionel Messi came off the substitute's bench to score twice and help Barcelona to a 4-2 win at home to Real Betis that moved them to within striking distance of the La Liga title on Sunday.

The World Player of the Year had missed Barca's humiliating Champions League semi-final exit to Bayern Munich on Wednesday as he recovered from a hamstring

problem, but came on in the 56th minute at 2-2 to score the goals that sealed the victory. The Argentine's 16th double of the season took his league tally to 46, just four short of last season's record breaking total.

Barca have 88 points with four games left to play, 11 ahead of second-placed Real Madrid who triumphed 4-3 at home to Real Valladolid on Saturday.

Tito Vilanova's side, who need two more points to secure a fourth league title in five years, could claim the trophy on Wednesday if Real fail to win at home to Malaga. "We have to think we will need two more points because Madrid will probably collect all theirs," Vilanova told a news conference.



Barcelona's Lionel Messi celebrates a goal against Real Betis during their Spanish first division soccer league match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, on 5 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Pep Guardiola's former assistant went on to defend his management of Messi's injury after not using him against Bayern during the week. "If we hadn't managed it this way he might not have made the Betis game to help us," he said.

Reuters

Chelsea's Oscar (L) challenges Manchester United's Anderson during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England, on 5 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Red-hot Rumford romps to consecutive Asian victories

TIANJIN, 6 May—Australia's Brett Rumford eased to a second successive victory on the European Tour when he pulled away from the field

to record a four-shot triumph at the China Open on Sunday.

The 35-year-old, who won last week's Ballantine's

Championship in South Korea in a playoff, had a much smoother ride at the Tianjin Binhai Lake Golf Club as he surged ahead of the chasing pack with six birdies over his first 14 holes.

A pair of bogeys on the closing holes made little difference as Rumford carded a four-under-par 68 for a 16-under 272 total, four clear of Finland's Mikko Ilonen.

The Perth golfer's fifth European Tour title took him to the top of the money list, a huge leap from his 138th position a fortnight back.

"As with last week I'm kind of speechless at the moment," he told reporters at the co-sanctioned event.

"It's quite surreal—it's the first time I've actually played the week after a win so I'm more than pleased. It's hard to get my head around it at the moment."

Ilonen, who won the last of his two European Tour titles in 2007, has to wait longer to end his drought after mixing four birdies with three bogeys for a final round one-under 71.

Ilonen, who finished

ninth in Qatar and second in Morocco this season, cut Rumford's lead to one after birdies on the 10th and 11th, but two bogeys on 13th and 14th dropped him back as the Australian went on a bird-

Brett Rumford of Australia kisses his trophy while posing for photographs after winning the Volvo China Open in Tianjin municipality, on 5 May, 2013.—REUTERS

ie spree.

"Mikko certainly put the pressure on me through the turn there, and obviously he was driving well... but it's amazing this game, how quickly it can turn," Rumford added.

"Last week on 17 it turned for the worst and here, in the space of just three or four holes, all I had to do was finish it off."

France's Victor Dubuisson finished third on 11-under while first-round leader Robert-Jan Derksen was fourth, a shot further back.—Reuters

Brett Rumford of Australia watches his tee shot on the 17th hole during the Volvo China Open in Tianjin municipality, on 5 May, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL

Sluggish Serena begins Madrid defence with laboured win

MADRID, 6 May—World number one Serena Williams overcame a lethargic start to her Madrid Open title defence to seal an ultimately comfortable 7-6, 6-1 victory against teenage qualifier Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan in the first round on Sunday.

Chasing her fourth title of the year, Williams was tested by the 88th-ranked Putintseva early in the match on the clay at the Magic Box arena but her superior power told in the end against a woman 13 years her junior.

Williams is making a fourth appearance in Madrid after beating Belarusian Victoria Azarenka in last year's final. The American 15-times grand slam singles champion will meet Lourdes Dominguez Lino in the second round after the Spaniard beat fellow wild card Simona Halep of



Serena Williams of the US celebrates her victory over Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan during their women's singles match at the Madrid Open tennis tournament on 5 May, 2013. — REUTERS

Romania on Saturday.

"I felt a little sluggish out there, but I'm happy I was able to win the match," Williams told a news conference. "I obviously have to and want to play better as each match goes on," added the 31-year-old.

Former world number one Caroline Wozniacki, the 10th seed, was upset

6-2, 6-4 by unseeded Kazakh Yaroslava Shvedova in their first-round match on Sunday. Sixth-seeded German Angelique Kerber had to come from a set down to get past unseeded Su-Wei Hsieh of Taipei, coming through 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to set up a second-round meeting with Alize Cornet of France.—Reuters

Four dead as China tricycle falls into roadside trench

LANZHOU, 6 May — An agricultural tricycle rolled over into a roadside trench in northwest China's Gansu Province on Sunday, leaving four passengers dead and the rest two aboard the vehicle injured, local authorities said.

The accident occurred at about 7 am as the tricycle

fell into a five-metre-deep trench beside a country road in the Xigu District of Lanzhou, the capital city of Gansu, the district's work safety authorities said in a statement. The two injured are under medical treatment at a hospital.

All the six aboard the tricycle are identified as mi-

grant workers en route to a construction site.

An initial investigation shows that the brake failure is to blame for the fatal accident. Police are further investigating the case. Agricultural tricycles are banned from carrying passengers in China.

Xinhua

Somalia suicide bomb attack kills eight in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, 6 May—At least eight people were killed and several more wounded on Sunday after a suicide car bomber rammed into a government convoy at a main junction in the Somali capital Mogadishu, according to fresh information.

The attack at the busy key K4 junction targeted the Somali government convoy in the morning rush hour. State media said the interior minister's vehicle was in the convoy, but the

official was unharmed in the assault, in which most victims were civilians. "The criminal drove the car towards the government vehicles and it exploded after it hit one of them," police officer Mohamoud Gurey told Xinhua, disclosing bystanders were among the dead.

The area was cordoned off by security forces and ambulances rushed to the scene to take the injured to nearby hospitals.

Xinhua

Cave-in of subway under construction buries five

XI'AN, 6 May — One person was injured and five others remain buried after part of a subway line that is under construction caved in on early Monday in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, local authorities said.

Nine people were working underground when the accident occurred around 2:40 am on a section of the subway line No 3 in Xi'an, the provincial

capital.

Four people have been pulled out, including three who were unscathed and one who is suffering from fracture. The injured has been sent to a local hospital.

Rescue of the five buried workers is under way, and safety measures have been put in place to prevent secondary disasters, sources said.

Xinhua



Athletes participate in the Junior races during the 9th Geneva Marathon in Geneva, Switzerland, on 4 May, 2013. Nearly 9,000 competitors from all over the world took part in 6 races including Marathon, Half Marathon, La Geneva (women's 5km race), Junior races and the newly-added Marathon Team Relay and Half Marathon Handbike and Armchair race.

XINHUA

Cuba to have LatAm's most aging population by 2030

HAVANA, 6 May — Nearly a third of Cubans are expected to be over 60 years old by 2030, making it home to Latin America's most aging population, according to a study. By 2030, the number of Cuba's elderly people is expected to jump to 3.4 million from 1.9 million in 2010, imposing considerable strains on social security, health-

care and work force in the country, according to a UN study published by local media on Sunday. By 2050, Cuba will be among the 11 most aging nations in the world with 38 percent of its population over 60.

Life expectancy is expected to reach 82.6 years for women and 78.6 years for men by 2030 in Cuba, while the birthrate, which

was already below the level of generational replacement in 1978, further contracted to between 1.44 and 1.59 in recent years when the economic crisis affected the island. The problem is expected to be critical after 2020 and the Cuban government has already decided to delay retirement — at 65 years for men and at 60 for women.—Xinhua

Casey Ng of Canada competes during the 34th annual Can-Am International Martial Arts Championships in Richmond, BC, Canada, on 4 May, 2013. The annual Can-Am has several categories for competition, including Chinese traditional Kungfu, Wushu, Tai Chi, Karate and Taekwondo.—XINHUA



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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker calls for an effective law to protect farmers

YANGON, 6 May—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann admitted inadequate agricultural loans and high interest rates in his addresses to parliamentary workshop on agriculture, at Hluttaw Branch (Yangon) here this noon.

The workshop was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairpersons of Pyithu Hluttaw committees Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, U Htay Oo, U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Swe, U Hla Myint Oo, U Soe Naing, U Htay Myint, and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell, agriculture officer from US Agency International Development (USAID), the

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president of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The Speaker admitted that farmers who make up 70 percent of the population do not have access to adequate agricultural loans

and input while the loans are provided at high interest rates.

He spoke of the need of reforms to be beneficial to people. He hopes that the US-organized workshop would benefit a great deal the agricultural sector.

USAID Agriculture Officer Mr Gary John discussed background condition of Myanmar agricultural sector. The US Ambassador and Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi made

discussions.

The Speaker in his concluding remarks said farmers find it difficult to keep on farming as the major source of livelihood, being in debt. In some places, farmers leave their farms uncultivated to seek jobs in other countries—a severe loss to the country. Therefore, a law is being drafted to protect the

rights of farmers. This law must be fair and practical; otherwise there would not be rule of law. Some laws are in force but often violated, thereby weakening the rule of law. It would be beneficial to farmers if fair and just legislation was enacted under the law to ensure the rule of law, said the Speaker.

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Water supply works gaining momentum in Kyaukpadaung Township

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun inspected water supply works being carried out by Rural Region Development Department in Kyauk-padaung Township this morning, calling for timely completion of underground water tapping tasks and systematic use of the State's funds.

Next, he looked into storage of water at 100000-gallon capacity water tank, quality of water pumping out of the tubewell and progress of construction of 200000-gallon capacity water tank at Thiri Mingala Ward.

Then the Union minister attended the annual meeting of Sagawah Myay Foundation at Kyauk-



Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun inspects water supply works being carried out by Rural Region Development Department in Kyaukpadaung Township.—MNA

padaung Township People's Hospital. He called for participation of local people in the realization of future tasks of the foundation.

Next, the Union minister presented awards to winners. It is learnt that the foundation spent over K 173 million on develop-

ment of education, health, religious and social sectors during the three-year period.

MNA

Coordination centre to be set up for Rakhine victims

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—A preliminary meeting on opening of coordination center for implementation of stabilization and development undertakings in Rakhine State was held at Sittway Border Areas and National Races Youths Development Training School yesterday morning, attended by Secretary of Rakhine State Stability and Development Central Committee Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win.

The deputy minister quoting the Rakhine State

Conflicts Investigation Commission mentioned some urgent tasks as provision of shelters to victims ahead of monsoon, overcrowded Bengali relief camps and consequential health problems, food safety, humanitarian aids provision programmes through cooperation between the government, donor organizations, and UN agencies and INGOs.

The proposed coordination center will be tasked with ensuring effective coordination between the Union government, Rakh-

ine State government, UN agencies and INGOs and exchange of information, according to the deputy minister who announced the plans for opening of such centers in other townships.

He also invited open criticism from UN agencies and INGOs as regard to operational hindrances. Next, personnel from UN agencies and INGOs and government discussed related issues.—MNA

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Low pressure area

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—According to the observations and analysis of Meteorological conditions at (13:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area may form over South Bay during

next (48) hrs commencing this evening. When the low pressure area forms over the Bay of Bengal, there will be issue about their conditions in timely manner.

NLM

Verdicts delivered

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—The plenary tribunal comprising Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and all the judges of the Supreme Court of the Union delivered verdicts to two special criminal appeal

cases and four special civil appeal cases, at the Supreme Court of the Union today. The judges also heard two general civil cases and four civil appeal cases.

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Close cooperation between township management committee and supportive committee for development of township and ward or village-tract stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—In meeting with officials of political parties on 5 May, President U Thein Sein said that a shift to people-centered administrative system was ongoing, urging to complain administrative weakness and faults of the executive branch with firm evidences, pledging to take care of the defective administration and inviting participation of all.

Under Order No (27/2013) dated 26 February 2013 issued by the President Office, it had already been informed that supportive committee for development of township and ward or village-tract are to be formed not later than 31 March 2013 and a coordination meeting on developmental undertaking between the committee comprising townsmen and the township management committee comprising departmental personnel are to be held once a month. Moreover, it is also included that Hluttaw representatives are to be invited to the meeting in order to seek advice from them.

It is learnt that Region/State governments and leading bodies of Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zones are urged to ensure a close cooperation between the township management committees comprising departmental personnel and supportive committees for development of township and ward or village-tract comprising townsmen.

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