

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives former Thai PM

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by former Thai Prime Minister General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here on 5 May morning.

Also present on the occasion were deputy ministers U Thant Kyaw and Dr Pwint Hsan, and personnel.

The two sides have a cordial discussion

on investment in rural development and socio-economic improvement of rural people.—MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham poses for documentary photo together with former Thai Prime Minister General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh.

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Myanmar Independent Power Produce workshop held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Jointly organized by Ministry of Electric Power and International Finance Corporation (IFC), Myanmar Independent Power Produce workshop took place at the ministry, here, this morning.

It was attended by Union ministers at the

President Office U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein, deputy ministers, members energy development committees, personnel

from development partner organizations—World Bank, IFC, ADB and JICA, and invited guests.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe in his speech said the ministry is striving for energy security through various means, seeking help from development partner organizations. It

was impossible to provide electric power nationwide with government funding alone and thus some of the hydropower projects are being implemented as joint ventures either with foreigners or national businessmen through BOT system. Ahlon natural gas and waste thermal power

plant recently built by Toyo Thai Company of Thailand is the evidence of increased investment from local and foreign private investors in electric power sector, said the Union minister. Besides power generation, private companies are working in partnership with the government in power distribution and there are eight companies distributing power in 15 townships.

IFC Vice-President Ms Kavin Finkel Ston, ADB Lead Energy Specialist Mr Jong-Inn Kim, Lead Counsel of Infrastructure Finance Centre of World Bank Mr Mark Moseley and Principal Investment Officer Mr Eugene Sulliean of IFC Investment Service explained experience of other countries, with a focus on best approach for Myanmar to achieve IPP.

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IFC Vice-President Ms Kavin Finkel Ston making a speech at Myanmar Independent Power Produce workshop.—MNA

Union Health Minister visits Central Medical Store Depot

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin visited Central Medical Store Depot on Sagawa Street in Dagon Township, Yangon, on 5 May, calling for systematic storage and effective distribution of drugs to hospitals.

His meeting with personnel concerned called on them to change the stiff procedures as necessary for the sake of the patients

and the public. He also spoke of the need to open divisions and temporary distribution centers in capital cities of regions and states and necessary places to ensure smooth in case of emergencies and seasonal outbreak of diseases are likely.

The Union minister then inspected ambulances and vehicles donated by Nippon Foundation.

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Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Finance and Revenue Ministry
Minister's Office
Notification No. 735/2013
12th Waning of Tagu, 1375 ME
(Nay Pyi Taw)
7 May, 2013

1. The Finance and Revenue Ministry practising the right vested under Section 8, Sub-section (a) of Commercial Tax Law issued this notification according to the

agreement of the cabinet meeting of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 2 May, 2013.

2. Exportation of fertilizer, pesticides and farm implements and equipment and distribution them at domestic market and production and distribution of fertilizers and farm implements and equipment at domestic market are exempted from commercial tax.
3. This notification shall take effect between 1-4-2013 and 31-3-2014.

Win Shein
Union Minister

Significant day temperatures (7-5-2013)

Aunglan	40°C
Hinthada	40°C
Theinzayet	40°C
Ngathainggyoung	40°C
Zalun	40°C

LOCAL NEWS

Only 16 killed in Kalaw gold mine landslide



KALAW, 7 May— While there were massive rainfall accompanied by savage wind gusts in the neighbourhood of gold mining block run by Asia Gabar-Myay Industry and Mining in the gold mining region (KC-40988321) near Nyaunggon village of Shwe Min Phone village-tract, 18-mile west of Kalaw police station in Kalaw Township of Shan State for about 30 minutes, from 1.30 pm to 2 pm, on 2 May, trees were toppled down, roofs of houses and buildings were blown off. Heavy rains turned the block into a mudbath, leaving people stranded there.

A total of 16 people were killed and eight injured in a gold mine landslide. Moreover, 25 houses, 24 electric posts and vehicles were destroyed in the incident. K 10 million worth property was damaged.

On 3 May, rescue works were carried out by organizations concerned led by the Shan State border affairs minister, and Red Cross Society and social organization members.

The mining company at the block provided necessary assistance to funeral services and families of deceased persons. Now,

clearing debris and repair works are underway by gold mine workers and social organization members.

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Elevator service for pilgrims at northern stairway of Shwedagon resumes

YANGON, 7 May— According to the board of trustees of Shwedagon Pagoda, repair of an elevator that got caught in an area struck by lightning at northern stairway was completed and over 30 staff who are engaged in the project were given training to provide pilgrims with necessary assistance in the event of unwanted situations.

“On the second day of Myanmar New Year, the elevator at northern stairway was out of order as its circuit was damaged by lightning-generated electromagnetic waves. Pilgrims were trapped in the lift for about

40 minutes and they got into a panic.

Now elevator repair works have been completed and staff were given training how to deal with the similar problems in future,” says head of office U Win Kyaing of the board.

It is learnt that two elevators each are being put into service at eastern, southern and northern stairways in Shwedagon Pagoda and six staff are assigned duties at each elevator.

Moreover, a clinic is open to provide health care to pilgrims and security members and fire crews are assigned duties there.

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The best time to grow a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Yedashe, Taungdwingyi, Hsinbaungwe, Kyaukpadaung, Nattalin get caught in squalls of rain



NAY PYI TAW, 7 May— Heavy rains and strong winds wreaked havoc in some parts of Bago, Magway and Mandalay Region on 3 May, damaging houses and buildings, bringing down trees and electric posts and cutting power lines and landlines. Torrential rains with a full of hailstones pummeled Yedashe Township of Bago Region at about 4.10 pm on 3 May, blowing roofs out of a school building, toppling down trees and cutting power lines and landlines.

Due to squalls of rain in Swa, wind gusts blew roofs out of the basic education high school building. Southern brick walls of the school collapsed under a tree that had fallen on it. Likewise, electric posts and power lines and mobile towers fell down due to the high winds.

Moreover, roofs were blown off and windowpanes of the basic education primary school in Kayin village were broken. A house in Tadagyi village collapsed. Ma Thida of the village recounted what

Head-on collision of two motorbikes kills one, hurts two others

YANGON, 7 May— A head-on collision between the two motorbikes left one motorcyclist dead and two wounded near the police station in Kyauktan of Yangon South District on 4 May.

A motorbike driven by Thant Zin, 20, together with

Hla Myat Htwe, 16, collided head-on with a motorbike driving on the wrong lane by Kyaw Swa Tun, 26, of Oil Field Ghetto at the junction of Min Kyaung street and Shwe Nyaungbin street. Motorcycle taxi driver Thant Zin, rider Hla Myat Htwe and motorcyclist Kyaw Swa

Tun sustained injuries in the road accident and they were taken to Kyauktan Township hospital. While they are being treated at the hospital, Kyaw Swa Tun died of severe injuries at the hospital. Actions are being taken to probe into the case.

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Heroin, stimulant tablets seized in Tamu

TAMU, 7 May— According to a tip-off, a combined force led by Police Inspector Kan Hla of Tamu Township special anti-narcotics squad and Police Sub-inspector Win Thein of 3rd-Mile police post in Tamu confiscated heroin and stimulant tablets from a

passenger on board a light truck while conducting a search of vehicles in front of the police post on 24 April.

They seized 20 grams of heroin worth K 2 million which were kept in plastic boxes and a packet in which there were 50 stimulant tablets from May Zin Oo of

Zaydan ward-12 who hid the boxes and a packet at separate locations of her body. Further investigations revealed that she was the carrier and she got money from Ni Ni Win, who was also on board the light truck, and Ngwe Lwin, who live in the same village, to carry them. Tamu police station charged three suspects including May Zin Oo.

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villages, but no casualties were reported.

Hsinbaungwe Township of Magway Region got caught in savage wind gusts on 3 May evening. School buildings, monasteries and houses in Kyaukhsaungsann, Hlaywun, Sasay, Gwaycho and Tha-nhar villages were destroyed.

Strong winds lashed Kyaukpadaung Township of Mandalay Region at about 3.20 pm on 3 May, destroying houses and toppling down trees in some villages. A total of 97 houses and buildings including monasteries were damaged in the incident.

After Nattalin Township of Bago Region was pummeled by strong winds and heavy rains that collapsed houses and buildings in some villages, relief assistance are being provided to victims by officials concerned.

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had happened during the wind gusts hit Swa and its environs for about 40 minutes. “The high winds are blowing from west to east. It’s so strong. I am scared of running in the house. It is a really scary moment”, she says.

After the incident, Assistant Director U Htay Kyaw of Yedashe Township Administration Department and officials inspected the amount of damage and coordinated the rehabilitation works to

repair electric and landline posts as soon as possible.

Similarly, strong winds touched down Taungdwingyi Township of Magway Region at about 2.30 pm on 3 May, leaving one monastery, school buildings and some houses in Kokokhwa village destroyed.

Due to the vicious wind gusts, roofs of the monastery, school buildings and some houses were blown off. Trees were uprooted and lightning strikes occurred in some

Candle ignites fire, reducing houses to ashes in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 7 May— An unattended candle light happened to a house in Zeegon village of



Shwepyitha Township on 3 May, reducing it and nearby 10 houses to ashes. The fire broke out after a candle lit on a higher place had fallen on the floor, setting other materials on fire, at the house of Daw Yin Hla on Kanbaung 4th street in the village. The fire swept through the whole house and spread to nearby houses.

Shwepyitha police station charged Daw Yin Hla, 50, over fire negligence and investigation is ongoing.

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WORLD

Najib sworn in second term as Malaysian PM

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 May —Najib Razak entered his second term as Malaysia's Prime Minister on Monday with a daunting task of national reconciliation after a closely contested general election.

Najib's ruling Barisan Nasional retained power in Sunday's general election by winning 133 parliamentary seats, a simple majority in the 222-seat lower house of parliament. It failed to improve from the 2008

election when it lost its long held two-third parliamentary majority, as more voters, especially the Chinese minority who consisted of around 25 percent of the total population, swung to the opposition, causing a heavy blow to the Chinese based parties in the Barisan.

Speaking at a Press conference after claiming victory on early Monday, Najib warned against a "worrying" voting polarization. He said his



Najib Razak

government will embark on a national reconciliation to prevent "extremism and racism." "We will continue to promote moderation among multi-racial

Malaysians as the Barisan government places great importance on racial harmony and national unity," he said.

Xinhua

Five killed in steam-driven ash explosions at Philippine volcano

MANILA, 7 May—Five people were killed, including four foreigners, after a volcano on the main Philippine island Luzon spewed steam and ash on Tuesday morning, according to the local governor. Albay Province Governor Joey Salceda said the four foreigners of unknown nationalities and one local tour guide were part of a group of 20 people climbing the volcano at the time of the steam-driven explosions, which occurred around 8 am. He said there were also three people injured in a separate group of seven who were on the volcano, which is located more than 500 kilometres south of Manila. National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council Director Ed Rosario told reporters five people were killed and seven injured. Earlier, ABS-CBN TV quoted volcano tour guide Kenneth Jesalva as saying four people — three foreigners and a fellow tour guide — died when they were crushed by large rocks. He said another mountaineer was in critical condition.

"We were on our way up, and while we were having a short break, we heard sounds of falling rocks. Some of our companions were hit by

the rocks," Jesalva said. Salceda said operations to rescue survivors are under way, taking priority over recovery of the bodies of the dead. Zea Rivera, a student from Daraga town in Albay Province, told *Kyodo News* that she heard a loud explosion and rushed out of the house to see a column of grey ash around its crater. "Thick white ash has shrouded the top of the volcano like a cloud," she said. Mary Rafael, a nun and resident of Legazpi City, told local radio DZBB she and others at her convent were started their prayers when somebody spotted the ash column shortly after 8 am.

But as of 8:36 am, she said the "mushroom effect" had dispersed. "It is still spewing smoke but no longer resembling a mushroom," she said. Rafael said the people near the convent did not appear to panic. "It's part of our life in the Bicol area," she said. Disaster officials reminded residents to stay away from the 6-kilometre radius "permanent danger zone," warning that phreatic explosions and ash puffs may occur without warning. Volcanologists said they will continue monitoring the volcano to see if there is a need to raise the alert level in the coming days.

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Japan, China, S Korea to launch panel to address PM2.5 air pollution

KITAKYUSHU, 7 May —Japan, China and South Korea basically agreed on Sunday to create a trilateral panel of high-ranking officials to address cross-border air pollution, including hazardous particulate matter measuring below 2.5 microns, a Japanese government source said. The agreement was reached at a two-day meeting of environment ministers in Kitakyushu, southwestern Japan. Such annual meetings have been held since 1999.

The panel will convene regularly to focus on air pollution-related issues, also including reduction of nitrogen oxide, according to the source. Concern in



A meeting of Japan, China and South Korea environment ministers is held at a hotel in Kitakyushu, Fukuoka Prefecture, on 6 May, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

Japan over air pollution originating in China spiked earlier this year due to harmful concentrations of PM2.5 air-borne pollution reaching Japanese cities. On Sunday, participants including businesspeople and college students from

the countries discussed topics such as the development of ecologically focused businesses and communities.

The discussions will be followed by a joint statement on Monday, which will also focus on

enhancing joint academic research by the three countries. At a dinner party Sunday evening, Japanese Environment Minister Nobuteru Ishihara talked with his South Korean counterpart Yoon Seong Kyu and China's vice minister for environmental protection Li Ganjie for the first time since he assumed the current post in December. "It is delightful that we could hold the meeting despite strained ties between Japan and two other countries," Ishihara told reporters. "I hope I will be able to perform my duty as chair so we can make our cooperative stance on tackling the PM2.5 and other issues closer."

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Egypt's prime minister unhurt by shooting near his car

CAIRO, 7 May—Egyptian police on Sunday detained a young man who opened fire on Prime Minister Hisham Kandil's convoy and his four companions in Cairo in an incident the authorities said had no political motive. Kandil was not injured.

The young men were on their way to settle a feud when their vehicle crossed paths with Kandil's convoy at 11 pm (5 pm EST) in Dokki, a residential and commercial district of the

capital, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

When Kandil's security guards tried to force the vehicle away from the convoy, one of the men fired two shots at their car. The police gave chase and caught the five men, the Interior Ministry said. The incident had no "political motives or other dimensions", it added. The five men were aged between 18 and 29, the Interior Ministry statement said.—Reuters



Egypt's Prime Minister Hisham Kandil speaks during a news conference at Diwam Emir in Doha, on 10 April, 2013. REUTERS

Peace march for nuclear-free world sets out from Tokyo for Hiroshima



Yasuo Shiose, who was orphaned at age 7 when he lost his parents and two older brothers in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945, speaks at a gathering in Tokyo's Yumenoshima district on 6 May, 2013, before the start of a three-month peace march to Hiroshima in western Japan, which calls for the abolishment of nuclear weapons and nuclear power generation. KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 7 May—Around 1,000 people set out Monday on a three-

month peace march from Tokyo to Hiroshima in western Japan, calling for the abolishment of nuclear weapons and nuclear power generation, according to organizers.

Holding up a banner reading, "Let's abolish nuclear weapons," and with stickers that read "YES PEACE" on their arms, the marchers shouted slogans such as, "We don't need nuclear weapons" and "We don't need nuclear power," as they departed.

Before the start,

Photo taken in Tokyo's Ginza district on 6 May, 2013, shows people participating in a three-month peace march that started the same day from Tokyo to Hiroshima in western Japan, calling for the abolishment of nuclear weapons and nuclear power generation. KYODO NEWS

Malaya Fabros, a 34-year-old antinuclear advocate from the Philippines, called on the marchers to join forces so that a peaceful world without nuclear weapons can be realized. Some of the participants are planning to walk all the way from Tokyo to Hiroshima, while others will walk part of the relays toward the city that was devastated by a US atomic bombing in 1945 in World War II, according to organizers.

The marchers are scheduled to reach

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on 4 August, two days before the anniversary of the bombing. Yasuo Shiose, 74, who was orphaned at age 7 when he lost his parents and two older brothers in the bombing of Hiroshima, said, "I will walk aiming to achieve a peaceful world free of nuclear weapons and wars." Organizers of the event include the Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, or Gensuikyo.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Electronic Arts, Disney strike "Star Wars" games deal



Electronic Arts' Chief Executive Officer (CEO) John Riccitiello introduces their new lineup during the EA press conference as part E3 in Los Angeles, California on 4 June, 2012.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 May—Electronic Arts and Walt Disney Co sealed a multi-year licensing deal under which the video game publisher will develop games for mobile devices, PCs and consoles based on the "Star Wars" movies. Disney, which bought George Lu-

cas's Lucasfilm Ltd and the blockbuster sci-fi franchise for \$4.05 billion in October, will retain the rights to develop online and mobile games, both companies said in a statement on Monday.

They did not reveal the financial terms of the agreement. EA bet big on the Star Wars' world of jedis and wookies in 2011 by releasing its "Star Wars: The Old Republic"—a massive multiplayer player online game, or MMO, that allows thousands of people to play simultaneously for a monthly subscription fee as opposed to a one-time purchase. Analysts said EA made a record investment of between \$100 million and \$300 million to build "Star Wars: The Old Republic," but EA has not disclosed costs.—Reuters

Looking for a comeback, Zynga embraces austerity and FarmVille

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 May—In the past twelve months, Zynga Inc has struggled with a contracting player base, a deflated stock price and waves of layoffs.

Now it is coming to terms with downsized ambitions.

As Chief Executive Mark Pincus, 47, leads the online games developer he founded in 2007 through perhaps the most crucial year of his tenure, he is pushing to restore revenues by doubling down on "FarmVille," the franchise that took Facebook users by storm four years ago and launched Zynga to stardom.

Though some industry observers had declared farm simulation games a fad and predicted FarmVille 2's

early demise, the sequel to Zynga's best-known title has defied expectations at its San Francisco headquarters, Pincus said in an interview.

FarmVille 2 has clung to its perch near the top of Facebook charts and the

number of people who play the game each day still hovers near all-time highs of 8 million, even six months after launch.

Given a glaring weakness in mobile games, however, one of Zynga's

current priorities is porting FarmVille 2 to mobile devices so players can move from PCs to smartphones and back without losing their data.

That presented technical challenges that the company is ironing out, Pincus said.

"The ideal is to make that one seamless experience between Web and mobile so you can take your farming experience from work to home," Pincus said.

"We're having to retool and reinvent around our process and technology."

Pincus badly needs a reliable hit franchise. In the past nine months, Zynga has shuttered 20 titles and closed offices in Baltimore, Boston and Tokyo.

Reuters



Zynga senior player researcher Kevin Keecker (L) talks with playtester Joshua Drake at the company's headquarters in San Francisco, California on 23 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Clearwire says Sprint offer best option for minority stockholders

NEW YORK, 7 May—Wireless service provider Clearwire Corp said on Monday its proposed buyout by majority owner Sprint Nextel Corp was the best option for Clearwire's minority stockholders.

Clearwire shares, which fell about 6 percent in an initial reaction to the statement, recovered to trade just above the closing price of \$3.38 on Friday.

"The Clearwire board has unanimously concluded that the proposed transaction with Sprint is the best strategic alternative for stockholders ... especially in light of the company's limited alternatives and the well-known constraints of its liquidity position," Clearwire said. Four shareholders



People walk past a Sprint store in New York on 17 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

holding about 17 percent of Clearwire's shares said on Friday they would work together to seek a better deal for the wireless service provider.

Sprint offered to buy Clearwire in December for \$2.2 billion but satellite

TV provider Dish Network Corp announced a counterbid of \$2.3 billion in January. Dish followed up in April by making a bid for Sprint. Clearwire said in February it would evaluate Dish's bid but continued to recommend Sprint's offer.—Reuters

Some Verizon investors OK with paying premium for Vodafone stake

NEW YORK, 7 May—Some shareholders of Verizon Communications Inc say they could be happy for the company to pay up to \$130 billion for Vodafone

Group Plc's stake in their US wireless venture.

Reuters reported last week that Verizon had hired advisers to prepare a \$100 billion cash-and-stock bid for

Vodafone's 45 percent stake in Verizon Wireless, though several major Vodafone investors have said that figure is inadequate. Two large shareholders in Verizon told Reuters they could be comfortable with paying 20 percent to 30 percent more to secure the No 1 US mobile service provider, which generates 66 percent of Verizon's revenue and almost all of its profit.

"No way do I dream that \$100 billion is going to get this deal done. It's just not going to happen," said Craig Leopold, portfolio manager at Columbia Management Investment advisors. His firm, with \$341 billion

assets under management, is Verizon's 10th-largest shareholder with 22 million shares, according to the latest publicly available records.

"I think shareholders would be willing to accept a price as high as \$130 billion because it would still be accretive to Verizon. But the preference would be a lower price like \$120 billion," Leopold said. Verizon declined to comment on what it might be willing to pay for full ownership of Verizon Wireless, and it is not clear if the company would be willing to go beyond \$100 billion, which would already be the third-largest deal on record.—Reuters

telecoms firm by revenue, and ONO declined comment on the deal. The source, who declined to be named because he was not authorized to speak to journalists, did not give financial details of the contract. ONO, which has used Telefonica's Spanish network since 2007, stepped up efforts in its mobile business in recent months,

selling the service as part of packages with television, internet and home phone offerings. Fixed lines specialist Jazztel has also recently made gains in Spain's mobile market. While virtual players still have only a small share of the market, they are attracting new clients as Telefonica and No 2 player Vodafone shed customers.—Reuters



A man walks past Telefonica's building in central Madrid on 26 March, 2013.—REUTERS

Ancient elephant tusk found in east China

HEFEI, 7 May—A fossilized elephant tusk that can be dated back at least 10,000 years has been discovered in east China's Anhui Province, local cultural heritage authorities said on Monday.

A villager spotted the fossil tooth, more than three metres in length, on Thursday while working on his farmland in the township of Gucheng, Huaiyuan County in Bengbu City, said Chen Liding, director of the county's institute of cultural heritage management.

Experts with the

institute identified the tusk as belonging to an adult elephant of the extinct genus *Palaeoloxodon* after unearthing the fossil buried over two metres underground, Chen said.

The tusk was fragile as a result of calcification, he added. The species is believed to inhabit Anhui and Henan provinces of the Huaihe River basin between 120,000 and 10,000 years ago. In 2007, a fossil tooth of a *Palaeoloxodon* elephant was found several kilometers from the township of Gucheng, Chen said.—Xinhua



Showgoers visit the Verizon booth on the first day of the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas.

REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Petrocaribe summit ends with plan for economic zone, new members



CARACAS, 7 May—Petrocaribe member states agreed to create a new economic zone and granted membership to Honduras and Guatemala at their 7th summit that ended here on Sunday.

Venezuela created Petrocaribe in 2005 to sell fuel to Latin American and Caribbean nations at cheaper prices and help finance their oil infrastructure projects.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said the

planned economic zone for Petrocaribe member states and other regional blocs is designed to boost regional development by promoting joint investments in trade, tourism, industry, agribusiness and science.

Venezuela has also proposed the establishment of a permanent headquarters in Caracas for the Petrocaribe Secretariat. In 2012, Venezuela supplied on average 108,000 barrels of oil a day to 14 Petrocaribe

members, or 40 percent of their energy needs.

Speaking at the start of the meeting, Maduro said regional alliances such as Petrocaribe are growing stronger, despite attempts by the “international right wing” to sow division among Latin American countries. “They look at us with absolute scorn, as if they would be happy to see Petrocaribe fall apart. But Petrocaribe is consolidating and growing stronger,” said Maduro.

Petrocaribe now consists of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, El Salvador, Granada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Venezuela.—Xinhua

New brain research shows benefits of dual parenting



VANCOUVER, 7 May—Dual parenting may be more beneficial than single parenting as it would lead to enhanced brain cells production in the later stage of life, according to a latest Canadian research.

In the study, researchers from the University of Calgary’s Hotchkiss Brain

Institute studied mouse pups that were raised by either dual or single parents. Differences in cell production in the brain of these two groups of pups were found when they grew up.

Specifically, female pups raised by two parents had enhanced white matter production as adults, increasing motor coordination and sociability. Male pups raised by dual parents displayed more grey matter production as an adult, which improves learning

and memory.

The advantages of dual parenting were even able to be passed along when these two groups reproduced, even if their offspring were raised by one female. It indicates that the benefits are persistent and transmissible to the next generation, according to the study. Scientists said that this research provides evidence that, in the mouse model, parenting and the environment directly impact adult brain cell production.—Xinhua

Sucking on your kid’s pacifier: good idea or gross?

NEW YORK, 7 May—Toddlers are less likely to have asthma and itchy rashes if their parents “cleaned” their pacifiers by sucking on them when the kids were infants, a small new study suggests.

The findings don’t prove that technique protects kids against asthma, eczema or other allergies. But researchers said it’s possible the transfer of mouth microbes from parents to baby may help boost the bacterial diversity of the young child’s digestive system and foster immunity.

“We know these bacteria are important for development,” said Dr

Wilfried Karmaus from the University of Memphis, who has studied asthma and eczema but wasn’t involved in the new research.

Being delivered through a vaginal birth, for example, exposes babies to more of their moms’ bacteria and has been linked to fewer allergies in childhood.

But no one has ever looked at transfer of bacteria through pacifiers, Karmaus said.

For the new study, researchers recruited pregnant women at one Swedish hospital and followed them and their children through phone calls and exams over three years. The 184 infants



A baby pacifier hangs from an umbrella as part of the props used by union workers in a non-profit sector march in Brussels.—REUTERS

in the study were particularly allergy-prone: 80 percent had at least one parent with allergies. When the babies

were six months old, 65 parents reported “cleaning” their pacifiers by sucking on them. Most parents also said they rinsed pacifiers with tap water. The children were then brought in for allergy testing at 18 and 36 months of age.

At the first visit, 46 of them had eczema and 10 had asthma symptoms.

Reuters

H7N9 vaccine needs international cooperation

BEIJING, 7 May—Chinese studies of a H7N9 bird flu vaccine needs technical support and cooperation from the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as related professional institutions, an official said on Wednesday.

“It’s a hard job to develop the H7N9 vaccine, which can take a long time,” said Yang Weizhong, deputy director with the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, at a China-WHO meeting on preventing and dealing with H7N9 bird flu.

Nancy Cox, a WHO official, said that it is wise for some countries to launch

early studies of H7N9 vaccines, which will help select suitable H7N9 virus strains for research.

Some countries started to develop bird flu vaccines three years ago, she said, adding that the WHO has organized nations to select from many candidate vaccines via network monitoring global laboratories.

A total of 108 H7N9 cases have been reported in the Chinese mainland, including 23 that have ended in death, since the first infections were announced on 31 March. Taiwan reported its first case on Wednesday.—Xinhua

New York to sue BofA, Wells Fargo over mortgage practices

NEW YORK, 7 May—New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman on Monday said he plans to sue Bank of America Corp (BAC.N) and Wells Fargo and Co (WFC.N) for violating the National Mortgage Settlement brokered last year between the country’s biggest banks and 49 state attorneys general.

Schneiderman said that since last October he has documented 339 violations of standards that Bank of America and Wells Fargo agreed to follow. He said homeowners victimized by the banks’ violations would speak at a Press conference later Monday.

Representatives of the banks did not immediately

return calls seeking comment.

BofA and Wells Fargo were among five big US banks that agreed to a



Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman announces that he is filing lawsuits against four service stations for violations of the New York State Price Gouging statute and has reached monetary settlements with 25 other service stations totaling \$167,850 in New York, on 2 May, 2013.—REUTERS

\$25 billion settlement in February 2012. The pact was supposed to curb abusive foreclosure practices and was expected to help roughly one million borrowers. The settlement released the banks from claims over faulty foreclosure practices and the mishandling of requests for loan modifications.

It was supposed to speed mortgage relief to homeowners in need and provide \$2,000 payments to borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure.

JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N), Citigroup Inc (C.N) and Ally Financial Inc also entered into the National Mortgage Settlement.

Reuters

WB provides 100 mln USD to help Afghan health

KABUL, 7 May—The World Bank (WB) on Monday provided a grant of 100 million US dollars to the Afghan government to help improve the health sector in the war-hit country, said a statement of WB issued here.

“A 100-million-US-dollar Grant, to finance the Afghanistan System Enhancement for Health Action in Transition (SEHAT) Programme, was signed today between the Ministry of Finance and the World Bank,” the statement said.

“The encouraging achievements in the health sector over the past decade were possible because of the (Afghan) Ministry of Public Health’s commitment to improving health services and measuring service delivery performance with assistance from its partner NGOs,” WB Acting Country Director Illango Patchamuthu said in the statement.

This new programme will help ensure expansion of basic health and hospital services for both urban and rural areas where due to lack

of such services thousands of people, particularly women and children, lose their lives every year. “We believe these packages of health services we finance play a vital role in improving the health of Afghans,” he added.

“Provision of health care to its people remains one of the main priorities of the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan during the transition,” said Afghan Minister of Finance Omar Zakhailwal in a statement.

Xinhua

WORLD

Seven-time Italian PM Andreotti dies at 94



Seven-time Italian prime minister Giulio Andreotti

ROME, 7 May —Seven-time Italian prime minister Giulio Andreotti, one of the central figures of Italian politics for decades, died on Monday at the age of 94.

A former leader of the Christian Democrat (DC) party which dominated post-war Italy until a series of scandals led to its collapse in the 1990s, Andreotti had suffered from ill health in recent years.

His last term in office as prime minister was from

1989 to 1992. Even when he was not fronting things himself, most notably in the mid 1980s, Andreotti was always said to be pulling most of the strings behind the scenes.

Though he contributed to turning Italy into one of the world's biggest economic players, Andreotti was a strongly controversial figure at the centre of long trials for allegedly helping the Mafia, which Italian courts eventually rejected.—Xinhua

At least ten killed, 26 wounded in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 May —At least 10 people were killed and 26 others injured on Monday in attacks in Iraq, the police said. Six people were killed and 13 others injured when unidentified gunmen throw a grenade at worshipers when they were leaving the Sunni Ih-san Mosque in the Mansour district in western Baghdad, a police source told Xinhua.

The gunmen fled to an unknown destination after the attack, he said, adding that security forces sealed off the scene and began to search for the perpetrators of the attack. Earlier in the day, at least two people were killed and seven injured when two car bombs went off in al-Husseiniyah district in northeastern part

of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, two people were killed and six wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near a restaurant in Doura District in southern Baghdad, the source said.

On Thursday, the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq said the death toll among Iraqis from violence in April hit its highest level since 2008, with 712 people killed across the country.

Violence is still common in war-torn Iraq despite the dramatic decrease since its peak in 2006 and 2007 when the country was engulfed in sectarian killings.

Xinhua

Turkey to stage military exercise near Syria border

ANKARA, 7 May —The Turkish Armed Forces is set to stage a 10-day "planned exercise" in the southern province of Adana bordering on Syria, Turkish Daily News reported on Monday.

The exercise, named the Yildirim-2013 Mobilization, is slated for 6-15 May, according to a statement by the Turkish Gen-

eral Staff.

The exercise, to be conducted at the Air Forces 10th Tanker Base Command, aims to test the army's mobilization system and the coordination between public institutions and the armed forces in case of any mobilization, the statement said.

Xinhua

Israeli PM's visit to China to lift bilateral ties to new height

JERUSALEM, 7 May —The upcoming visit of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to China is expected to further promote mutual political trust and cooperation in the fields of economy, trade and science. Netanyahu is due to leave for China on Sunday night for a five-day official visit, the first of its kind since 2007 when then Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert visited China.

Chinese Ambassador to Israel Gao Yanping told Xinhua in an interview that China and Israel have maintained close high-level

contact in recent years, creating a good atmosphere for the growth of bilateral ties. Recent years have also witnessed increasingly closer exchanges in various fields between the two countries, with bilateral communications and coordination continuously strengthened on security, economy, finance and efforts to deal with regional issues and global challenges, she added.

During his stay in China, Netanyahu will visit Shanghai and Beijing and meet with many Chinese entrepreneurs. The two sides are expected to sign a

series of inter-governmental cooperation documents and commercial agreements on economy and trade, science and technology, and people-to-people exchanges. China and Israel have made considerable progress in developing bilateral relations since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1992, with bilateral trade surging to nearly 10 billion US dollars from 50 million dollars recorded in 1992.

China has become Israel's largest trading partner in Asia and the third largest in the world. China is also a vital destination for Israel's

investments abroad in the fields of high-tech, new energy, water technology, environmental protection, agriculture and life sciences, and pharmacy, according to the Chinese envoy.

Israel is the first country to establish RMB venture capital funds in China, which have been invested in a wide range of fields, including China's agriculture and electronics industries. Observers here believe Netanyahu's upcoming visit will further tap potential for cooperation between China and Israel.

Xinhua

At least 15 people killed in explosion in Pakistan tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 7 May —At least 15 people were killed and 70 injured in a bomb explosion on Monday in a public meeting in a Pakistani tribal area bordering Afghanistan, police and administration officials said.

They said a planted device went off during an election campaign meeting held by the Jamiat Ulema Islam-F party at a religious school in Kurram Agency bordering Afghanistan's Paktika Province. The explosion occurred a few metres from the main platform as the participants were dispersing.

The meeting was addressed by two JUI-F candidates in adjoining constituencies. Police said one of the candidates was slightly injured. It was first time since the start of the campaign for Saturday's general election that a public meeting of the JUI-F has been attacked. The JUI is seen as a pro-Taleban party.—Kyodo News

China, India end border standoff

BEIJING, 7 May —China and India have ended a standoff in their border area, the Chinese Foreign Ministry's spokeswoman said on Monday.

"China and India have reached an agreement on resolving the incident in the western section of the border. The frontier forces of the two countries have terminated the standoff at the Tiannan River Valley area," Hua Chunying said in a statement. Since troops from the two sides began facing off in the western section of the China-India border last month, both sides have moved forward and adopted a constructive and cooperative attitude and calmed the tensions through border-related mechanisms, diplomatic channels and border defence meetings, she said.—Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas review an honour guard during a welcoming ceremony held for Abbas in Beijing, capital of China, on 6 May, 2013.

XINHUA

Clash resumes in contested Afghan, Pakistan border area

ALALABAD, (Afghanistan), 7 May —A new bout of fighting erupted on Monday in a border area between Afghanistan and Pakistan, the latest indication of a sharp deterioration in relations between the important US allies.

Pakistan is seen as vital in bringing stability to Afghanistan as most Western forces prepare to withdraw by the end of next year. The United States and other powers involved in Afghanistan have been trying to promote cooperation between the

Asian neighbours, who have a history of mistrust. Afghan officials said the clash on Monday erupted after Pakistani troops tried to repair a gate on the border, in the Afghan District of Goshta, where last week an Afghan border policeman was killed in an exchange of fire. It is unclear if there were any casualties on Monday.

"This morning's clash began after the Pakistani side continued to repair the gate, which was damaged in the previous fighting," said Ahmad Zia Abdulzai,

a spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar Province. Afghanistan says the gate at Pakistan's Gursal military post encroaches on its territory. The Nangarhar governor has spoken several times to Pakistani consular officials to tell them not to repair the gate, Abdulzai said. Pakistani military spokesmen were not immediately available for comment.

Afghanistan and Pakistan have had testy relations since Pakistan was formed in 1947, at the end of British colonial rule over India. Afghanistan has never officially accepted the border between them. Pakistan helped the Taleban take power in Afghanistan in the 1990s.

Many Afghan leaders say Pakistan is still helping the militants, seeing them as a tool to counter the influence of its old rival, India, in Afghanistan. Pakistan denies helping the Taleban and says it wants peace and stability in its western neighbour.—Reuters



Afghan border policemen take their positions at the Goshta district of Nangarhar Province border, where Afghanistan shares borders with Pakistan, on 2 May, 2013. — REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS

Hsinza bridge construction completed

PAUK, 7 May—Hsinza bridge constructed by Special Bridge Construction Group No. 4 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction has been completed and will be commissioned into service soon, according to an official of the bridge construction project.

The bridge sits on Pakokku-Pauk-Kyaukhtu-

Mindat road.

The construction of the bridge spanning over Hsinza creek in Aungdagun ward of Pauk in Pakokku District in Magway Region started on 15 July, 2012. It took eight months to complete the bridge.

The length of the main bridge is 480 feet and the tarred approach road on Pakokku side has the

length of 300 feet and that on Kyaukhtu side 250 feet.

The bridge has the width of 24 feet with the motor road flanked by 3.6 feet sidewalks.

The clearance area has the length of 76 feet and the height of five feet.

The bridge is of RC bridge and can withstand 60 tons of load per vehicle.

Myanma Alinn



Newly constructed Hsinza bridge will be opened soon.

KSM arranges boxing showdown of big names



YANGON, 7 May—Under the aegis of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation, KSM Traditional Boxing Promotion Group will organize a showdown of big-name traditional boxers in Theinbyu Gymnasium here, on 12 May.

The five-round challenges between acclaimed traditional boxers could draw attention from boxing fanatics.

Win Tun (Alinyaung) will fight against Tutu (Nagahman), Soe Lin Oo (Myo Zarni) against Tun

Tun Min (Mudon Thar), Yedagun (Alinyaung) against Kyarpauk (Cement Factory), Ye Myat Aung (Aphyu-yaung Thway Thit) against Mike Yai (Shwe Phu), Thein Nyi Nyi (Alinyaung) against Pho Lapyae (Shwe Phu), Yan Tai Kyaw (Waso) against Joker (Cement Factory) and Naing Win (Cement Factory) and Ye Yint Tun (Mudon Thar).

Tickets are available at Zaw Pyit Tai Htaung Video at No. 180, Ground Floor, 35th street, Middle Block, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. The tickets are

priced at K 8,000, K 12,000 and K 15,000 each.

It could be the last showdown for next six months as boxers tentatively selected to represent Myanmar in Muay Thai in coming SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December are not allowed to go beyond training sessions and events by the Sports Ministry.

Win Tun, Tutu, Tun Tun Min, Soe Min Oo and Yedagun are tentatively selected for Muay Thai game.

Myanma Alinn

Bago man stabs store staff

BAGO, 7 May—A clerical staff of Bago's Sein Hin Store Ma Thi Thi Tun, 20, was stabbed at the wrist by Win Thu Aung (a) Nyan Lin Tun, 19, a worker of Yoma Store in downtown Bago on Yangon-Mandalay High way on 5 May evening.

The victim was on a motorbike driven by Naing Lin Htet of Bago on their way

back home when Win Thu Aung bumped into it from the back with his motorcycle and stabbed her as she fell off the bike.

The victim was admitted to Bago Hospital and is in critical condition.

Bago No. 1 Police Station arrested Win Thu Aung and charged with attempted murder.—Myanma Alinn

Mandalay Region celebrates Fire Brigade Day



Fire Brigade Day commemorative ceremony in Mandalay in progress.

MANDALAY, 7 May—Mandalay Region observed 67th Fire Brigade Day at Aungmyay Mandalay Sports

along with entry fee of K 20,000 not later than 2 pm on 11 May.

The golfers who had paid entry fee could enjoy free practice round at Yangon Golf Course on 10 May.

Those who fail to compete in the championship due to various reasons are to inform the MGF on 13 May. Those who fail to inform will not be allowed to compete in the next championship.

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Ground on 5 May.

The ceremony was attended by Mandalay Mayor Region Development Affairs Minister U Aung Moun, Region Planning and Economy Minister U Aung Zan, Region National Race Affairs Minister U Sai Maung Hla, Director of No. 1 Region/State Fire Services Departments Supervisory Division

U Aung Kyaw Myint, officials, Mandalay Region Fire Brigade Commander Deputy Director U Kyi Toe, firefighters and officials.

Outstanding prizes are presented at the ceremony.

Myanmar witnessed 1219 fire outbreaks in 2012 with the amount of loss mounted to more than K 10,701 million.

Myanma Alinn

Firefighters undertake sanitation tasks to mark Fire Brigade Day

KUTKAI, 7 May—A force of 50 firefighters in Kutkai Township in Muse District of Shan State (North) performed sanitation works in the compound of Township People's Hospital and its environs on 3 May to mark 67th Fire Brigade Day

which fell on 5 May.

They received encouragement from Head of Township Fire Services Department U Aung Soe Maung and Township Medical Officer Dr Moe Myint Zaw Win.

Myanma Alinn

Proficiency course opened in KhinU for ward/village administrators

KHINU, 7 May—The opening ceremony of proficiency course 1/2013 for ward/village administrators by township administration committee was held at Administration Hall in KhinU Township in Sagaing Region at 9 am yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Shwe, Region Hluttaw Representatives U Aung Myo Nyein and U Aung Kyaw Than, Head of Township General Administration Department Township Administrator U Yazar Aye, Immigration and National Registration Department Staff Officer U Sai Hsai Kyauk, Township Police Force Commander Police Maj Than Win, township social welfare supportive groups members, departmental officials and ward/village-tract administrators. The four-week course runs up to 31 May, featuring eight subjects.

Myanma Alinn

Elite Tech Open Golf Championship 2013 14-17 May

YANGON, 7 May—Jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar Professional Golfers Association with the main sponsorship of Elite Tech Group Company, Elite Tech Open Golf Championship which is the second leg of Myanmar Series will be held at Yangon Golf Course (Danyingon) in Insein Township from 14 to 17 May.

The championship includes professional level

and amateur level and the numbers of participants are limited.

The championship will be held in accord with the golf rules of St. Andrew and regional rules.

Golfers wishing to take part in the tourney may register at the Myanmar Golf Federation Ph 09-43095678, Myanmar Professional Golfers Association Ph 09-2037671 and Yangon Golf Course Ph 09-73158802, 01-635563

Rural development tasks undertaken

BAGO, 7 May—Families of Inwin 10th street in East Nandawya Ward of Bago constructed the 730 feet long and 10 feet wide concrete road in commemoration of

the Workers' Day.

Under the leadership of Road Construction Committee members U Chan Tha, U Aye Kyaing and U Maung, families of the

Inwin 10th Street contributed K 5 million to construction of the concrete road.

All construction tasks were completed on 3 May.

Myanma Alinn

23rd Anniversary of MMCWA marked

PERSPECTIVES

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Say no to narcissistic leaders

Leadership is fundamentally about leading and interacting with humans, not machines and processes. It is a series of arbitrary choices and decisions. So, to exercise leadership in the human terrain, emotional intelligence is paramount. Certainly, when leaders become more senior, they need to manage and lead larger organizations and deal with higher levels of complexity and uncertainty. However, these different complexities and contextual variables do not negate or minimize the human dimension of leadership. In fact, they only highlight its critical nature.

Leaders need to be the best they can be. Leader attributes and competencies include respect, empathy, interpersonal tact and the ability to create a positive environment. A leader cannot practice emotional intelligence if he is not self-aware and does not practice self-regulation. A truly effective leader is distinguished by a high degree of emotional intelligence, which includes self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and social skills.

Conversely, narcissistic leaders tend to be egotistical, manipulative, self-seeking and exploitative. Some narcissists have such an inflated self-confidence that they do not believe that others have anything useful to say to them. They also avoid taking responsibility for shortcomings and failures but take more credit than they deserve, often at the expense of taking credit for the contributions of co-workers and subordinates.

Narcissistic leaders have been around for years and will continue to serve in government departments and organizations, devastating the esprit de corps, morale, initiative, drive and willing service of subordinates. When steps are being taken to create an open society where all citizens can enjoy equal opportunities to pursue their dreams, all are to say no to narcissistic leaders who pose a grave threat to democratization process being implemented with added momentum in the country.

People call for increased interaction with government to claim louder voices

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Secretary of Rakhine State Stability and Development Central Committee Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, and committee members deputy ministers are in Rakhine State to shelter the IDPs and to carry out stabilization and development undertakings.

Central Committee Secretary Maj-Gen Zaw Win in meeting with departmental personnel, townsenders and youth delegates called the rule of law basic condition for peace and stability of a region, vowing to take best measures to resettle the IDPs according to their wishes. International organizations are ready to cooperate for

stability restoration and development undertakings in Rakhine State, said the deputy minister.

The central committee members stressed the crucial role of education in regional stability and development, focusing on short-term and long-term plans for development of Rakhine State.

The public representatives called for increased interaction between the government and the public so that people can claim a louder voice, demanding for equal status of each individual under the law as the foundation to build mutual trust.

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Honorary Patron Daw Khin Khin Win of MMCWA cordially greets attendees of 23rd Anniversary of MMCWA.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—A ceremony to mark the 23rd Anniversary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA) was held at its office, here, this morning.

Present at the ceremony were Honorary Patron Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Daw Khin

Aye Myint, wife of Vice-President U Nyan Tun, Union Ministers Dr Pe Thet Khin and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, the Deputy Ministers, the patrons of MMCWA, presidents and

members.

After the ceremony, Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin called on responsible persons to make strenuous effort for all-round development while serving the interests of people and nation especially to improve economic, social and health index by reducing child and maternal mortality rate.

The patrons, the union ministers and attendees looked around MMCWA's activities photos displayed at its office followed by a photo session.

President Dr Daw Mon Mon Aung of MMCWA delivered an address and the secretary and responsible persons reported on 2012 work plan and on-going tasks. The members of District/Region MCWSC read out annual reports.

The ceremony runs up to 9 May.

MNA

MEGA Co donates VITACAP multivitamins for SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—A ceremony to donate VITACAP multivitamins by MEGA Co for athletes at Nay Pyi Taw training camps for XXVII SEA Games and

Sports Federations was held at Gold Camp meeting hall here this afternoon.

Managing Director Mr Girish Wadhwa of Mega Lifesciences Ltd explained

the purpose of donation and presented 800 bottles of VITACAP multivitamins worth K 8,232,000. Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan accepted the donation

and presented the certificate of honour. After that, deputy director Dr Mya Lay Sein of Sports and Medical Division spoke words of thanks.

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230 KV Thaton-Mawlamyine National Grid and 230/66/11 KV 100 MVA Mawlamyine Main Sub-Power Station open

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—The opening of 230 KV Thaton-Mawlamyine National Grid and 230/66/11 KV 100 MVA Mawlamyine Main Sub-Power Station was held in the compound of main sub-power station in Mawlamyine yesterday morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe, Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Aung Than Oo, State ministers, departmental officials and invited guests.

At the ceremony, Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe in his speech said that hydropower plants and natural gas-fired power plants of the ministry are generating electricity and distributing power to regions, states, townships and villages through National Grids, main sub-power stations and power lines. With a view to fulfilling the increased electricity demand in Mon and Kayin States, 230/66/11 KV 100 MVA Mawlamyine

Main Sub-Power Station and 230 KV Thaton-Mawlamyine National Grid were constructed on 2 June 2011 and completed on 18 January 2013, the Union minister said. Mawlamyine Main Sub-Power Station will distribute electricity not only to Ye and Dawei but also to Hpa-an Industrial Zone by constructing 230 KV power lines, he added. Construction of 66 KV Mawlamyine-Chaungzon and 66 KV Mawlamyine-Thabyazayat power lines will be built in 2014-

15 fiscal year to supply electricity to Mon State, said the Union minister.

The Mon State chief minister expressed thanks for construction of sub-power stations in Mon State. Next, Mawlamyine Township Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Daw Yi Yi Myint spoke words of thanks on behalf of local people.

Deputy Minister U Aung Than Oo and Mon State Electric and Industry Minister U Naing La Wi Aung formally opened

main sub-power station.

The Union minister pressed the button to open the stone inscription of the main sub-power station and main power line. They also inspected switch yard and control room. Mawlamyine Main Sub-power station was built near Attayan river-crossing bridge on Hpa-an-Mawlamyine motor road. At present, the sub-power station is being supplied electricity to Hpa-an industrial zone and Mawlamyine.

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Photo shows newly-opened 230/66/11 KV 100 MVA Mawlamyine Main Sub-Power Station in Mawlamyine.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Strong winds claim one, cause widespread damages in Yesagyo

YESAGYO, 7 May—A torrential downpour accompanied by gale has killed a man in Htankaungbin Village, Htansebin Village-tract, Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District on 2 May evening.

The uprooted toddy-palm took the life of a person, 50 who was sent to Mandalay General Hospital after the incident, and died of serious injuries the following day.

Over 70 trees were broken in the strong winds

in Ywathit Village and five bikes and five huts damaged.

The strong winds also broke the legs of four cows, damaging large areas of maize plantations.

The strong winds also caused widespread damages to mango plantations in villages west and north-west of Yesagyo, dropping off the large numbers of young mangoes which otherwise would fetch good prices.

Kyemon

Literary talks given in Singaing

MANDALAY, 7 May—Literary talks to mark opening of Shankan library and setting up of Amatathukha social organization was held at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Singaing on 3 May.

Wellwishers donated cash for and Tun Oo Sarpay (Mandalay), books and publications for the library. Writers Saya Nay Win Myint, U Chit Sayar and Saya U Ko Lay (Inwa Gonyi) gave Literary talks.

Kyemon



Environmental conservation workshop held in Kengtung

KENG TUNG, 7 May—The workshop on water resources conservation, greening and environmental conservation took place at Development

Affairs Committee's Meeting Hall in Kengtung this morning.

At the workshop, human beings and

Talks on professional engineers given



Shwethahlaung Road to be put into services



BAGO, 7 May—Shwethahlaung Road in Bago is damaged by inundation yearly.

Bago Region Government is going to repave the road with asphalt concrete as of 4

May, according to Region Development Affairs Committee.

The road which is 22 feet in width, 9 inches in thickness and 2200 feet in length will emerge soon.

Kyemon

One boy dies of drowning in Twantay Canal

TWANTAY, 7 May—While the two boys were swimming at Twantay Canal, one died of drowning. The incident occurred in the east of Kyanchan Ward, Twantay in Yangon South District.

Maung Thiha Htoo, 10, son of U Ei Soe and Daw Aye Aye Win at Mayangon 4th Street, Zaythit Ward in Twantay, together with Maung Chan Myae Aung took a bath in the Twantay Canal at about 5pm on 4 May.

environs, environmental conservation and dams were discussed. It was attended by administrators and members of wards and villages in Kengtung Township, NGOs, parties and environmentalists.

Kyemon

While swimming there, the two boys were taken away by currents. While nearby people tried to save the drowning boys, only one was rescued.—Kyemon

Household registration, citizenship scrutiny cards issued in PyinOoLwin



PYIN O O LWIN, 7 May—Immigration and National Registration Department is making field trip in wards and villages in PyinOoLwin Township of Mandalay Region to issue household registration and citizenship scrutiny cards by implementing Moe Pwint-5 Plan from 1 April to 31 May.

The staff led by Staff Officer U Than Tun Oo from

Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued household registration and citizenship scrutiny cards to 160 persons who are within ten and eighteen years old at the administrator's office in Ward 8 in Padetha Myothit of PyinOoLwin Township on 3 May.

Ward Administrator U Sein Pe and Member U Than Win Hlaing of

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

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

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Ward 8 assisted in issuing household registration and citizenship scrutiny cards.

Officials from Immigration and National Registration Department and ward administrator's office are pleased with their efforts in issuing household registration and citizenship scrutiny cards without difficulties and accepting cash, said a local.—Kyemon

Germany riveted at start of neo-Nazi murder trial



(L-R) Angelika Lex, Reinhard Schoen, Sebastian Scharmer and Stephan Lucas, lawyers and joint plaintiff for the relatives victims of the neo-Nazi group National Socialist Underground (NSU) address a news conference in Munich on 5 May, 2013.—REUTERS

MUNICH, 7 May—The surviving member of a neo-Nazi cell blamed for a series of racist murders that scandalized Germany and shamed its authorities goes on trial on Monday in one of the most anticipated court cases in recent German history.

The chance discovery of the gang, the National

Socialist Underground (NSU), which had gone undetected for more than a decade, has forced Germany to acknowledge it has a more militant and dangerous neo-Nazi fringe than previously thought, and exposed staggering intelligence failings.

The trial in Munich will focus on 38-year-old

Beate Zschaepe, who is charged with complicity in the murder of eight Turks, a Greek and a policewoman between 2000-2007, as well as two bombings in immigrant areas of Cologne, and 15 bank robberies.

“With its historical, social and political dimensions the NSU trial is one of the most significant of post-war German history,” lawyers for the family of the first victim, flower seller Enver Simsek, said in a statement. The case has profoundly shaken a country that believed it had learned the lessons of its past, and has reopened an uncomfortable debate about whether Germany must do more to tackle the far-right and lingering racist attitudes. Four others charged with assisting the NSU will sit with Zschaepe on the bench.—Reuters

Mexican journalists’ sons killed; seven bodies found near Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, 7 May—Gunmen executed two sons of two prominent Mexican journalists in the northern city of Chihuahua, a spokesman for the state attorney general’s office said on Sunday, and police found seven bodies dumped in a Mexico City suburb. Alfredo Paramo, 20, and Diego Paramo, 21, were shot dead in Chihuahua early on Saturday after being chased through the streets by gunmen in a car, said spokesman Carlos Gonzalez.

They are the sons of well-known Mexican financial journalist David Paramo, who hosts a radio show, appears on TV Azteca and has a national newspaper column, and Martha Gonzalez, the editor of the local *El Peso* newspaper. “We still don’t know what

they were doing there,” Carlos Gonzalez said. “But this has nothing to do with the professional activities of their parents.”

Mexican journalists are often targeted and killed by drug cartels for reporting on their activities. The Committee to Protect Journalists, a New York-based advocacy group, says 25 journalists have been murdered in Mexico since 1992. In a separate incident, authorities found seven bodies dumped in a car in a Mexico City suburb on Sunday morning, a local police official said. Two of the men were found naked. Police have identified three of the men, who ranged in ages from 14 to 42, the official said.

It appeared all seven men, who were found in the suburb of Ecatepec, had been shot, the official said. Last year, police discovered

eight corpses dumped in the down-at-the-heels suburb of 2 million people. Ecatepec lies in the State of Mexico, which borders the capital to the north and where more than half the population of greater Mexico City lives. Until 2011, Enrique Pena Nieto, now the president of Mexico, was the governor of the State of Mexico.

He has vowed to take a different tack than his presidential predecessor, Felipe Calderon, who sent in the troops to tackle the warring drug cartels.

Pena Nieto has focused instead on stopping kidnapping and extortion. Roughly 70,000 people have died in drug-related killings since 2006, when Calderon launched his military-led campaign. More than 4,200 have died in the first four months of Pena Nieto’s term, a slower pace than early 2012.—Reuters

Kosovo police arrest suspected crime boss Kelmendi

PRISTINA, 7 May—Police in Kosovo have arrested Naser Kelmendi, suspected by the United States of trafficking drugs to Europe through the Balkans, on an international arrest warrant, police said on Monday. Police spokesman Baki Kelani said Kelmendi and a second person were arrested on Sunday and

taken to a detention centre. A senior police source said Kelmendi was arrested in Pristina.

Kelmendi, 55, is a Kosovo-born Albanian with Bosnian citizenship who along with his sons and brother owns a number of businesses in Bosnia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo, including hotels and a

trucking company. In June 2012, US President Barack Obama added him to a list of 97 drug lords who face US sanctions under the US Kingpin Act.

Bosnian police raided his businesses last September and tried to arrest him during a swoop on organized crime but he fled and was reportedly hiding in

Pristina. He has been investigated in Bosnia on 13 criminal charges but never brought to trial. Organized crime flourished in the Balkans during the wars that tore apart Yugoslavia in the 1990s, leaving a region awash with weapons and a transit route for drug traffickers.

Reuters

Singapore launches inaugural Road Safety Month campaign

SINGAPORE, 7 May—Singapore’s Second Minister for Home Affairs S Iswaran launched the city state’s first Road Safety Month on Monday. The campaign targeted four groups of road users in particular, such as the transport

industry, including heavy vehicle drivers; elderly pedestrians; students; and motorcyclists. “Cyclists and pedestrians should always take extra care and precautions, given their greater vulnerability on the roads. So I would urge them to

please keep an active lookout for vehicles and do not assume that the motorists can see you. It is better to make that extra effort to be safe,” Iswaran said.

The campaign, organized by the Singapore Road Safety Council and the Traffic Police, will include a series of road safety events catering to each identified group of road users. They

include a seminar for some 300 heavy vehicle drivers to share safe road practices, and a concert for the elderly to promote awareness.

Singapore, a city state with a population of 5.31 million, had 197 road fatalities in 2011, with about half being motorcyclists and pillion riders, according to statistics released by the traffic police.—Xinhua

French frigate Vendemiaire visits Russia’s Vladivostok

VLADIVOSTOK, 7 May—The French Navy ship Vendemiaire started a five-day unofficial visit to Russia’s Far Eastern port of Vladivostok on Monday.

The French sailors will join celebrations of Victory Day on Thursday, which marks 68 years since Nazi Germany’s surrender to the Soviet Union. They will also meet with Russian naval counterparts and Vladivostok’s city major on strengthening friendship and cooperation between

the fleets of the two countries.

As one of the French overseas frigates, Vendemiaire has been designed to carry out surveillance missions as well as humanitarian action. It also helps foster maritime cooperation with other countries. The visit is the sixth to the port city by the 20-year-old vessel. During its stay, Vendemiaire will be opened to Vladivostok residents for a close look at the 93.5-metre-long warship.—Xinhua



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visits the Caohejing Hi-tech Park in east China’s Shanghai, on 6 May, 2013. Netanyahu arrived in Shanghai for a visit on Monday.

XINHUA



Invasive water plants clog S China river.—XINHUA

Brazil seizes one-ton drugs smuggled in frozen chicken crates

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 May—Brazilian police seized one ton of marijuana hidden inside frozen chicken crates being shipped aboard by a refrigerated truck, and arrested four suspects, official sources said on Monday.

The regional secretary of the Public Security Office said police acting on an anonymous tip discovered the cache of drugs on Sunday night in the town of Guarulhos, part of the metropolitan area of Sao Paulo, Brazil’s largest city.

The marijuana had

been pressed into tablets and stored in 23 boxes labeled “fragile”, according to authorities.

Two men arrested were in the refrigerated truck and the other two were riding alongside in a separate vehicle, apparently protecting the cache. According to the authorities, the two men inside the truck denied knowing transporting drugs, while the other two said they believed they were escorting a smuggled shipment of electronic devices.

Xinhua

REGIONAL

Cambodian PM says to stay in power until age of 74

PHNOM PENH, 7 May—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, 61, said on Monday that he will stay in power until he is 74.

At the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a China-funded road in Kampong Speu Province, the prime minister also appealed to people to vote for his Cambodian People's Party (CPP) in the upcoming general election.

Cambodia is to hold a general election for the 123-seat parliament on 28 July. Political analysts predicted that the CPP of Prime Minister Hun Sen will dominantly win the election. In



Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen

March, Hun Sen also projected that his party would win at least two-thirds majority in the upcoming poll.

Hun Sen, one of the longest serving political leaders in the world, came to power in January 1985.—Xinhua

India Supreme Court gives go-ahead to Kudankulam nuclear plant

NEW DELHI, 7 May—India's Supreme Court gave the go-ahead Monday to start up the Kudankulam nuclear plant in southern India, saying the nation needs nuclear energy and the plant is "safe and secure." "Nuclear power plants are needed in the country for the present and future generations. The Kudankulam nuclear plant has been set up by the government for the welfare of the people," the court said in its decision.

Dismissing public safety concerns, the Supreme Court said the Kudankulam plant, with two Russian-designed 1,000-megawatt re-

actors under construction, is "safe and secure" and nuclear energy is necessary for the country's larger public interest and economic growth. The Supreme Court's decision means the plant will be commissioned soon.

Antinuclear activists launched protests against the Kudankulam project in the wake of the Fukushima nuclear accident in Japan in March 2011. The government-owned Nuclear Power Corp. of India already has 20 nuclear reactors in operation in six locations. The Supreme Court gave its judgment after hearing petitions filed by antinuclear activists

that safety measures had not been put in place.

The protesters also objected to the Kudankulam nuclear plant on grounds of nuclear waste disposal issues, the plant's impact on the environment and the safety of people living nearby. The protesters say more than 1 million people live within a 30-kilometre radius of the nuclear plant and it would be impossible to evacuate all of them in the event of a major nuclear disaster like the one that occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in the wake of a huge tsunami.

Kyodo News

S Korea, US hold joint naval drill in Yellow Sea

SEOUL, 7 May—South Korea and the United States launched a five-day joint naval military drill on Monday in the Yellow Sea with the participation of a nuclear-powered Los Angeles-class submarine, the *Yonhap News Agency* reported.

The anti-submarine regular exercises also mobilizes Aegis destroyers and P-3C maritime surveillance aircraft deployed from US bases, the agency cited military officials as reporting.

It is reported that a 97,000-ton Nimitz-class nuclear powered super carrier arrived in the US 7th Fleet on 3 May. However the defence ministry didn't confirm whether it will par-

ticipate in the exercise.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) said on Sunday that if Seoul really worries about the future of the Kaesong industrial zone, it should stop all its hostile policy and provocative military drills toward Pyongyang.

In response to Pyongyang, South Korean defence ministry spokesman said in a briefing Monday, "Just like students must study hard to prepare for the exam, all the armies have to participate military exercises. Therefore, as long as the combined forces and South Korean military exist, the drill will continue."

Xinhua



The China Final of 2013 Miss Tourism International rang down the curtain in Huangpi District of Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 5 May, 2013.—XINHUA

Thailand to host water summit in Chiang Mai

BANGKOK, 7 May — The Thai government will host the Second Asia-Pacific Water Summit from 14 to 20 May under the theme "Water Security and Water-Related Disaster Challenges: Leadership and Commitment," officials said. Deputy Prime Minister Plodprasop Suraswadi said 10 country leaders would address the meeting and share information on measures taken to tackle flooding in their

countries and the region, the Nation reported on Monday.

He said Thailand and neighbouring countries will benefit from the high-level meeting on water management, which has become a major issue of concern across the globe. The first water summit was held in Japan and Thailand was scheduled to host the second meeting in 2011, but it was canceled due to massive flooding, according to

Plodprasop.

He said Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra would take the stage first to talk about her experiences in dealing with the Thailand's massive 2011 floods and solutions arising from them. The main venue of the event is the International Convention and Exhibition Centre Commemorating His Majesty's 7th Cycle Birthday Anniversary in Chiang Mai.

Xinhua

JAL group plane's engine catches fire after landing at Osaka airport

OSAKA, 7 May—An engine on a *Bombardier CRJ200* operated by a Japan Airlines Co group firm caught fire after landing at Osaka airport on Monday, the transport ministry said.

There were no injuries among the 52 passengers and three crew members on board J-Air Corp's Flight 2362 from Oita, southwestern Japan, according to the Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Ministry.

While moving along the taxiway at around 12:15 pm, a display in the cockpit showed that fire broke out on one of two engines. After stopping the engine and turning on the fire extinguishing system, the sign went off, the ministry said. A mechanic later found traces of fire on the engine.

The Japan Transport Safety Board will send three inspectors to Osaka International Airport on Tuesday to find out what caused the fire.

The airport straddling Osaka and Hyogo prefectures in western Japan now serves only domestic flights. JAL said passengers were not affected by the engine fire.

The plane was scheduled to fly later Monday from Osaka airport to Hakodate, Hokkaido, and back, but the round-trip flight was canceled.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 6 May, 2013 shows a female portrait from the Flavian period during a media preview of the exhibition "A Splendid Time—The Heritage of Imperial Rome" in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan. About 300 pieces of authentic artworks from the National Archaeological Museum of Florence in Italy will be displayed in the exhibition from 11 May to 18 August.—XINHUA



Models present traditional ethnic fashion creations during the 2013 China (Qingdao) International Fashion Week in Qingdao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, on 5 May, 2013. XINHUA

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SPORTS

Victoria Azarenka advances at Madrid Open, Agnieszka Radwanska ousted

sia 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3).

Azarenka, who finished runner-up in Madrid the last two years, is returning from an ankle injury and said it was good to get a tough test right away.

"I don't think I could have asked for a better match to start after a break," she said.

The third-ranked Azarenka broke to go up 4-3 in the first set before Pavlyuchenkova broke back. Azarenka then saved three set points at 6-3 down in the tiebreaker.

"When you don't play

so much, you kind of lose that momentum," she said. "In the tiebreak I just tried to find my game to find the solution to make things happen for me."

Laura Robson of Britain pulled off the first upset of the tournament, convincingly beating fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-3, 6-1 in a second-round match.

The 19-year-old Robson arrived in Spain coming off her sixth first-round loss of the year at the Portugal Open but was able to capi-

talize on her break points against last year's Wimbledon finalist.

In the men's event, 11th-seeded Nicolas Almagro of Spain advanced when Tobias Kamke of Germany retired injured after losing the first set 6-4. Milos Raonic of Canada, American John Isner and Japan's Kei Nishikori were among other first-round winners. The top-seeded players in the men's draw, including Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, have a bye into the second round.—PTI

Referees not always aware of racist incidents, says Webb

ZURICH, 7 May—Referees are on the front line in the fight against racism but cannot always be expected to be aware of what is going on off the field, English referee Howard Webb said on Monday.

Webb took part in the first meeting of FIFA's anti-racism task force and said that one suggestion was the use of off-pitch officials to help referees identify serious incidents.

"We are very much in the front line, we are the first port of call for the players," Webb told *Reuters* after the meeting which he described as a "brainstorming" session.

"If we become aware of anything from the players or officials which they deem to be racist or discriminatory, then we've

got an obligation to respond and referees will do that."

But he said that, ideally, referees needed help to take the pressure off them.

"We talked about the limitations because you are not always aware of what's happening in the stands," he said.—*Reuters*



Referee Howard Webb points during the English Premier League soccer match between Newcastle United and Sunderland in Newcastle, northern England on 14 April, 2013.—REUTERS

MADRID, 7 May—Victoria Azarenka of Belarus advanced to the second round of the Madrid Open, outlasting Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Rus-

Liverpool to play in South Africa

LIVERPOOL, 7 May—Liverpool will play a post-season friendly in South Africa — their first match in the country in nearly 20 years — later this month, the English Premier League club announced on Monday.

The Reds will face Ajax Cape Town at the Cape Town stadium on 21 May and Liverpool's chief commercial officer, Billy Hogan, said in a statement: "It will be fantastic for the club to return to South Africa after almost twenty years."

He added: "We know we have a large fan base in South Africa which is rapidly growing, in the last eight months the number of South African fans visiting the club's website has doubled."

Liverpool are the second most popular overseas club in South Africa behind arch-rivals and English champions Manchester United and Hogan said: "This visit is part of our off-season activity and shows our commitment to bringing the club closer to our

fans all over the globe, no matter how far away from Anfield they may live."

The north-west club recently launched a special Twitter account for their

South Africa supporters -- @SouthAfricaLFC.

Liverpool last visited South Africa in May 1994 when they faced Aston Villa, Cape Town Spurs and Kaizer Chiefs in the United Bank International Soccer Festival.

Whilst on that visit, the Liverpool party also met with then South Africa president Nelson Mandela.

Liverpool, the dominant force in English football from the mid 1970s through the 1980s, have not won a domestic title since 1990 and are currently seventh in the Premier League following Sunday's goalless Merseyside derby draw with Everton.

Meanwhile Ajax Cape Town are struggling to avoid relegation from South Africa's Premier Soccer League.—PTI

Pacquiao returns to the ring to take on Rios in Macau

LAS VEGAS, 7 May—Manny Pacquiao will return to the ring to fight American Brandon Rios in a 12-round welterweight clash in Macau on 24 November, the Filipino's publicist told *Reuters* on Tuesday.

It will be Pacquiao's first fight since he was knocked out by Juan Manuel Marquez in December, a defeat that prompted many to suggest the 34-year-old should retire after being left unconscious, face down on the canvas by his Mexican rival. However, Pacquiao, winner of world titles at eight different weight

divisions, has ignored the calls to quit and after the lengthy break will fight at the Cotai Arena in The Venetian Macao-Resort and Hotel, Fred Sternburg said.

It will be a first bout outside the United States since 2006 for Pacquiao 54-5-2 (38 knockouts), who also lost to Timothy Bradley in his only other bout last year.

The back-to-back defeats have seemingly ended all hope of a lucrative clash against undefeated American Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Rios 31-1-1 (23 knockouts) is also coming off a

loss, Mike Alvarado claiming a unanimous points decision in their March contest in Las Vegas.

Pacquiao's trainer Fred Roach predicted a swift end to the non-title bout.

"Manny is definitely going to get his mojo back with this fight," Roach told ESPN.com. "I think it'll be an exciting fight but that Manny is going to land ... and knock this guy out somewhere along the way. Rios likes to exchange and his style is not really difficult to figure out, so Manny's gonna hit him."

Reuters

Steven Gerrard



Filipino boxing icon Manny Pacquiao removes his garland of flowers before he delivers his speech upon his arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila on 12 Dec, 2012. REUTERS

GENERAL

O'Shea rescues point to ease Sunderland relegation fears



Sunderland's John O'Shea (C) shoots to score against Stoke City during their English Premier League soccer match in Sunderland, northern England on 6 May, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 7 May—John O'Shea scored a second-half equaliser as 10-man Sunderland rescued a 1-1 draw at home to Stoke City on Monday that moved them three points clear of the Premier League relegation zone.

Jonathan Walters gave the visitors an early lead when he reacted smartly in the box to poke home from close range on nine minutes after his header had been blocked.

Sunderland had a player sent off for the second week running when Craig Gardner was shown a straight red card for a lunging, studs-first tackle on Charlie Adam with only 33 minutes on the clock.

Stoke looked to be cruising to victory in a one-paced and slightly subdued encounter

before defender O'Shea equalised after 63 minutes when he shifted his balance quickly to side-foot home a dangerous Sebastian Larsson corner at the far post.

Sunderland climbed to 15th, level on 38 points with north-east rivals Newcastle United and Norwich City and three clear of Wigan Athletic who are in the relegation zone but have a game in hand. "In some way we are a masochistic team," said new Sunderland manager Paolo Di Canio who also watched Stephane Sessegnon being sent off against Aston Villa last time out.

"It is a massive point for us but it wasn't easy. After 10 minutes we gave an easy goal away even if we knew before kick-off that they had

five or six who are giants compared to our physical presence," the Italian told Sky Sports.

"The first corner kick we conceded we give a goal away. Then you saw Craig's bad challenge.

"We have to be careful and to handle our aggression. We have to make sure we don't repeat the same mistakes otherwise we are in real trouble."

After slumping to a 6-1 defeat by Villa when playmaker Sessegnon was sent off, Sunderland dug deep to find a route back into the match.

They had looked to be dead and buried after the first half when they created little, but came close to winning the match late in the second half when a low shot from Danny Rose grazed the outside of post.

Stoke stayed 11th on 41 points and should be safe.

"We are pleased that we've got that point," manager Tony Pulis said. "That takes us to 41. There are a lot of teams down there this time around.

"I'm amazed it isn't sorted out yet. It's one of those funny seasons. It seems to have happened at all levels, not just the Premier League."—Reuters

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Uchiyama defends super-feather title with knockout

TOKYO, 7 May—Japan's Takashi Uchiyama successfully defended his WBA super featherweight title for the seventh time on Monday, when he knocked out ninth-ranked contender Jaider Parra of Venezuela in the fifth round. The 33-year-old Uchiyama knocked out the previously undefeated Parra 2 minutes, 15 seconds into the fifth round, flooring him with a left to the body.

"He was strong, in keeping with his undefeated

record," Uchiyama said. "I was thinking of trying to knock him out in the later rounds, but I decided it a little early." It was clear there was a gap in ability between the two fighters. In the early stages, Uchiyama dictated the pace as he cleverly worked his opponent with both hands, up and down.

Although Parra was repeatedly able to land left jabs, they had no telling effect on Uchiyama, who staggered Parra in the fourth

round with a right to the chin. Uchiyama improved to 20 wins and one draw, with 17 wins by knockout, while Parra fell to 20-1 with one draw. In an earlier fight at Tokyo's Ota City Gymnasium, Japan's Kohei Kono lost his WBA super flyweight crown on Monday in his first defense of the title he won on New Year's Eve. The 32-year-old Kono lost by 2-0 decision to top-ranked contender and WBA interim champion Libo-

rio Solis, who is also from Venezuela. "I thought perhaps I'd won," Kono said. "Truthfully, I think the low blow (for which I lost points) was not very low. I think the judging favored the other guy." Kono's record fell to 28 wins, including 11 knockouts, and eight losses. The 31-year-old Solis improved to 15 wins, seven by knockout, against three defeats and a draw.

Kyodo News

Three climbers confirmed dead in mountain accidents

NAGANO, (Japan), 7 May—Three climbers were confirmed dead on Monday in accidents that occurred over the Golden Week holidays on multiple mountains in Nagano Prefecture, central Japan, according to police.

The local police recovered a man's body near the site of an avalanche that took place on 27 April on Mt Shirouma and identified it as Atsushi Imai, 50, from Yamaguchi Prefecture

who had been missing since the avalanche. They have not yet been able to find a 32-year-old man who is believed to have been caught in the avalanche as well. The body of a man who fell from a ridge on another mountain on Sunday was found on Monday morning in a snowy gorge about 100 metres below the ridge and confirmed to be Masaru Kato, 71, from Tokyo.

At another mountain,

62-year-old Shigeru Shimizu from Saitama Prefecture who went missing after starting to climb alone on 28 April was found dead buried in snow. In addition, the bodies of two individuals who died after falling at different mountains on Sunday were identified Monday as Makoto Hishiki, 55, from Chiba Prefecture and Masaaki Nakatani, 58, from Yokohama, they said.

Kyodo News



Japanese champion Takashi Uchiyama, left, rushes Venezuelan challenger Jaider Parra in the fourth round of their WBA super featherweight boxing title bout in Tokyo on 6 May, 2013. KYODO NEWS



Photo taken on 5 May, 2013 shows the scenery of Ma Wan, an island in south China's Hong Kong. Ma Wan, which got the name from Mazu, the goddess of sailors, used to be a fishing village. Now the Ma Wan Park and Noah's Ark Museum here attract many tourists.—XINHUA

Special Purpose Vehicle-SPV to be formed for Dawei Special Economic Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Construction work of Dawei Special Economic Zone Project in Nabule Region in Dawei District of Taninthayi Region is being implemented by Myanmar Port Authority and Italian-Thai Development Public Co Ltd (ITD) under the framework agreement signed on 2 November, 2010. On 23 July, 2012, Myanmar and Thai Foreign Affairs Ministers signed an MoU on cooperation for effective implementation of the project at the meeting between President U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra in Bangkok, Thailand.

At the 21st ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 19 November, 2012, President U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra invited more investors besides those from Myanmar and Thailand to make investments in the Dawei Special Economic Zone Project. Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be formed with relevant Myanmar and Thai organizations so that investors can make investments in accord with international rules and regulations. The formation of SPV is initiated in Thailand. SPV's shares will be sold through the stock market in the near

future. Simultaneously, Myanmar will form a 100% Subsidiary SPV to achieve implementation of Dawei Special Economic Zone and other related projects. Besides, sectoral agreements will be signed for the convenience of Special Purpose Companies (SPCs) that works together with SPV.

Shareholders agreement, articles of association for the formation of SPV in Thailand and a framework agreement between the management committee of DSEZ and the SPV will be signed by organizations of the two countries as an initiative.—MNA

Finishing of harrowing held at mechanized farming (3000-acre) plantation



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing presents gifts to outstanding farmers.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Paritta recitation and finishing of harrowing were

Comprehensive Development Plan (NCDP). FESR which covers taxation system, relaxations in trade and investment sector, private sector development, health, education, food sufficiency and agricultural sector development, government system and transparency etc and ten prioritized areas will be implemented by means of people-centered development. He pointed out drawing out bottom-up plans for people's economic and social development.

After that, Country Director Shihab Uddin Ahamad of Action Aid explained facts about the workshop.—MNA

held at mechanized farming (3000-acre) plantation in Gyuntapae village of Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Sayadaws recited Paritta on the occasion. After that, Union Ministers U Soe Maung, U Myint Hlaing, U Win Myint, U Maung

Myint and Dr Ko Ko Oo and Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw presented farm-used machinery and power-tillers to model villages and farmers. The Union ministers and party visited pollination of 100-day hybrid paddy of Alliance Stars Co in Kyarku west village.

MNA

Slight earthquakes jolt inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (35) miles south-east of Kengtung), about (28) miles west-southwest of Mogaung), about (217) miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (03) hrs (37) min (06) sec MST today.

Likewise, a slight

earthquake of magnitude (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (35) miles south-east of Kengtung), about (257) miles east-southeast of Mandalay Seismological observatory was recorded at (02) hrs (48) min (03) sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw delivers a speech at workshop on drawing bottom-up public participation project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Workshop on drawing bottom-up public participation project was held at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development,

here, this morning with an address by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw. He said three-day workshop, jointly organized by the

ministry and Actions Aid Myanmar, will bring about participatory approach. The new government has drafted Framework for Economic and Social Reform (FESR) and is drawing National

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission issues Statement No. (3/2013) concerning violence that had occurred in Rakhine State

1. The Rakhine Investigation Commission established with the intention to systematically uncover the root cause of communal violence in Rakhine State and to prevent similar violence from recurrence released its report on 29 April 2013. President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered a statement on the report on 6 May 2013.
2. In his statement, the President touched on the following aspects:-
 - Laying down administrative measures with regards to the rule of law for stability and peace of the region and to prevent such violence from occurring again.
 - Ensuring of the freedom of religion and freedom of speech for all citizens.
 - The fundamental essence for freedom of religion is the mutual respect that must be observed among different faiths.
 - The State will respect and protect the rights of all

citizens to freely profess any religion.

- The State will undertake relief measures to help people who lost their homes and other properties during the violence. Special attention will also be given to provide temporary shelters for the internally displaced before the rainy season commences.
- The State will strive for the establishment of a harmonious society where different faiths can co-exist peacefully.

3. It can be seen that the aspects covered in the President's statement provide practical guidelines for the emergence of a harmonious society where different faiths can co-exist peacefully.
4. Myanmar National Human Rights Commission visited places where violence had occurred in the Rakhine State in June of 2012 and released a press statement No. (4/2012). In the press statement, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission called for: Just and effective

actions to be taken in accordance with law against the perpetrators of the acts of violence that had occurred; steps to be taken to build mutual trust for the physical and mental rehabilitation of the victims; a special programme to be undertaken to enhance the basis education of the children in the affected areas for the building of mutual trust and enrichment of intelligence and knowledge.

5. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission would therefore like to earnestly urge the Government Departments concerned and the seven sub-committees for timely implementation of the policies and programmes laid down by the Central Committee for Implementation of Stability and Development in Rakhine State (CCISD) and the recommendations of the Rakhine Investigation Commission.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
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