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Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives JX Holdings, JX Inc., Nippon Oil & Energy Corporation President

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by President of JX Holdings, JX Inc., Nippon Oil & Energy Corporation Mr Yasushi Kimura at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw, Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo and responsible persons.

Their discussion focused on investments in energy sector and cooperation in energy sector development.

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun receives President of JX Holdings, JX Inc., Nippon Oil & Energy Corporation Mr Yasushi Kimura and party at Presidential Palace.

MNA

MoU between Public Works, CMAK of ROK signed

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—A ceremony to sign MoU between Public Works and CMAK Company of the Republic of Korea was held at the Ministry, here, yesterday morning.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint made a speech and the Managing Director of Public Works and Chairman Mr Yung Hwi Bae of CMAK Company signed MoU and exchanged the notes.

MNA

HAN Golf Classic Golf Tournament 2013 on 25 May

YANGON, 10 May—HAN Golf Classic Golf Tournament 2013 (Yangon), organized by HAN Golf Masters Pte., Ltd, will be held at Royal Mingalardon Golf & Country Club in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region, here, on 25 May.

The event is divided into two—Division (A) (handicap 0-14) and Division (B) (handicap 15-24).

The tournament includes special prizes, lucky draw and handsome prizes.

Those wishing to participate in the event may register at Myanmar Golf Training Course in Mayangon Township along with entrance fee of K 100,000 not later than 23 May.

For further information, please dial 09-2037671, 09-73130474, 09-420017835 and 09-49102009.

NLM

New radio towers under construction for new mobile phone subscribers

By Myint Maung Soe

An official from Ministry of Communications and Information Technology said radio tower stations are being expanded to ensure smooth communication network amid the sales of low-priced SIM cards nationwide.

Managing-Director U Aung Zaw said, "Myanma Posts and Telecommunications has invited tender for extension of 4 million GSM/WCDMA lines. We need to expand the service in Yangon, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and other major cities as lines are being congested. We are extending up to 10 million phone lines in 2013-14 FY."

A total of 282 radio tower stations have been constructed nationwide for K-1500 low-priced SIM cards sold in April. The numbers will be expanded, said MPT.

Just after taking the office, the new government launched four-million mobile phone line project with 13 local private partner companies. Beginning 14 March last year, GSM/WCDMA phones were sold nationwide on a wide scale. Now the number of mobile phone subscribers has reached 6.19 million.

It is expected that there will a surge in the number of phone subscribers following the continuous sales of low-priced SIM cards.

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New radio towers are being constructed to ensure smooth communication after sales of low-priced SIM cards.

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Eco and Pilgrimage Touristic Attraction

There is an isolated mountain range in the central part of Myanmar, to the south eastern tip of Myingyan District, well-known at home and abroad, Mt. Popa. Most people know Popa Taung kalat — an outcrop shaped like a Kalat [a circular tray with a stem] caused by a volcanic eruption in days of yore.

Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Sithu Dr.Khin Maung Nyunt

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LOCAL NEWS

Sparks from loose plug cause shop fire in Mawlamyine

MAWLAMYINE, 10 May— A fire broke out at a mattress shop in Myine Yadana Market in Mawlamyine at about 2.15 pm on 8 May.

The fire is believed to have started while sparks from a loose plug of a four-foot fluorescent lamp upstairs had set fire to mattresses and pillows. Thanks to collaborative efforts of fire crews and local people, the fire died down fifteen minutes later.

No casualties were reported and Myoma police station is investigation into the fire case. —*Kyemon*

Fire

Fuel shop fire in Kyaukse

KYAUKSE, 10 May— A fire broke out at Aye Mya Kyilin ward in Kyaukse of Mandalay Region at about 11 am on 7 May.

The fire died down within five minutes as firefighters accompanied by two fire engines rushed there and put it out. The fire is believed to have started while filling petrol into a three-gallon capacity plastic container at the house of U Tin Ko (fuel shop) in the ward. A nearby flower bush got caught in the fire, but no casualties were reported.

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Photo shows a ceremonial round of visits with the novice-to-be ensconced in the procession in downtown Kyaukme on 6 May morning. A total of 57 boys of Shan national race farmers were initiated into the Buddhist order at Kanmein monastery in Tagundine village in accord with Shan tradition.

KYEMON

Crime

Heroin worth K 12.8 million in Moemauk seized

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May— A seizure of heroin worth K 12.8 million was made near a concrete bridge at the entrance to Moemauk on 1 May.

A combined force led by Police Inspector Aung San Oo of Bhamo special anti-drug squad and Police Inspector Han Hmwe of Moemauk police station seized 14 grams of heroin each in the two soap containers and 0.4 gram of heroin each in 10 small glass bottles which are being kept in a bag while conducting a search of Aik Kyaing and Ma Kham who were on board a vehicle, Pajero, driven by Zaw Hsaing from Lwejal to Bhamo at the police station.

Moemauk police station filed lawsuits against the suspects. — *Kyemon*

Quarrel over a plate of salt leads to knife attack

KAWLIN, 10 May— A woman was wounded due to a knife attack of her neighbor while they were having a big argument over a plate of salt they borrowed one another at Taungmaw village, eight miles from Kawlin Township of Sagaing Region, at about 4 pm on 8 May.

Ma Nyunt Ngwe, 36, knifed Ma Cho Tha, 27, in her forehead and index finger and ring finger of the latter's right hand while having a quarrel about a plate of salt in front of the victim's house. Ma Nyunt Ngwe fled the scene after the attack. Ma Cho Tha is being treated at Kawlin Township hospital. Kawlin Township police station filed a lawsuit against Ma Nyunt Ngwe who is still at large.

Kyemon

Natural Disaster

Wind gusts lash Bago

Photo shows an electric pylon falling on a house on Bo Min Yaung 7th street in Ottha Myothit ward-7 in Bago where strong winds accompanied by light rains touched down at 7 am on 7 May. No casualties were reported.— KYEMON

Photo shows the electric pylon seen in its original position. — KYEMON

One killed, one wounded in hit-and-run car accident

YANGON, 10 May— A car crash occurred on U Bo Hlaing road in the industrial zone at ward-98 in Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township on 2 May, leaving one pedestrian dead and one wounded.

Kyaw Soe Win, 18, and Chit Min Paing, 18, were knocked down by a vehicle driving behind at the top of U Nyunt street while they are walking on the road. The vehicle drove away after hitting the two young men. Kyaw Soe Win got injuries to his head, stomach and right arm and he is being treated in intensive care unit of Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital. Chit Min Paing collapsed unconscious with no external injuries at the scene and he died while he was taken to Yangon General Hospital.

Actions are being taken by Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township police station over the hit-and-run driver. — *Kyemon*

Traffic Accident

At least 10 passengers hurt in overturned passenger bus accident

YANGON, 10 May— An overturned car accident happened to a passenger bus running from North Dagon to Sule on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here, at about 2.10 pm yesterday.

The BM bus carrying passengers skidded out of control and overturned near Kyaukdine bus-stop on the road.

"The accident occurred in front of me. One of two buses trying to overtake each other overturned just after it flashed past me at speed. I think there were more than 20 passengers on board," says a taxi driver who witnessed the incident.

An official from East District All Bus-line Control Committee who rushed there to investigate into the case said that the overturned passenger bus is from No (255) bus line operating North Dagon to Sule bus services. It was driven by Nyi Nyi Soe together with bus conductor Chan Maung Maung.

According to initial information, at least 10 passengers have been wounded in the traffic accident and they were sent to intensive care unit of Yangon General Hospital. Three, among the victims, are in critical condition.

"Actions will be taken by Dagon police station as the road accident happened in the area of the police station. It is unclear how many passengers got injuries. Investigation is ongoing," says a police officer of Mingala Taungnyunt police station. A traffic police officer analyzed the incident, saying that no overturned case occurred if it would follow speed limit and the accident might be due to dangerous driving at freeway, trying to overtake each other at speed.

Kyemon

WORLD

16 Asia-Pacific nations begin 1st round of RCEP free trade talks

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 10 May — Sixteen Asia-Pacific nations including Japan and China held the first round of negotiations on Thursday toward the creation of one of the world's largest free trade blocs. During the five-day meeting through Monday in Brunei, the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and their six regional partners will discuss the scope and method of talks on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership as they aim to conclude a deal by 2015.

The RCEP, if realized, will account for over 3 billion people, or about half of the global market, and a third of global economic output, according to the Japanese government. In addition to a committee of senior officials, the 16 countries will launch working groups, which pertain to trade in goods, trade in services, and investment, in the Brunei capital, according to Japanese officials. The RCEP talks began at a time of progress for other multilateral free trade negotiations, including the U.-led Trans-Pacific Partnership, with Japan set to soon become its 12th member.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and senior government officials have said the TPP could become the foundations for the RCEP and an even greater free trade agreement called the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific. But concluding the RCEP negotiations by 2015 does not appear to be an easy task, given that the Asia-Pacific nations are aiming for a deal that involves deeper engagement than existing ASEAN free trade agreements. Japan, however, expects conditions of the RCEP to be more relaxed than those of the TPP, as the 16 nations would be allowed to retain certain tariffs.

The ASEAN countries are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Also involved in the RCEP talks are Japan, China, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and India. The 16 nations agreed in November last year to launch the RCEP negotiations after holding a series of meetings, starting in 2011, with fewer members.—*Kyodo News*

Delegates from 16 Asia-Pacific nations pose for photos in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, on 9 May, 2013, prior to the first round of negotiations of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. — KYODO NEWS

Cameron says Britain must stay in EU, dismisses skeptics

LONDON, 10 May — British Prime Minister David Cameron took on critics in his own Conservative party on Thursday, saying it would be wrong for Britain to leave the European Union. Some pessimists

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron arrives at the Global Investment Conference in London on 9 May, 2013.
REUTERS

"say there is no prospect of reforming the European Union, you simply have to leave. I think they are wrong ... I think it is possible to change and reform this organization," Cameron told an investment conference.

Cameron came under renewed pressure from EU skeptics this week when former finance minister Nigel Lawson said the prime minister's plan to renegotiate Britain's commitments to the EU before a planned membership referendum in 2017 were doomed to fail and the country should leave the bloc.

Cameron used his speech on Thursday to underscore his determination to keep on narrowing Britain's budget deficit at a "sensible and measured pace" and to help push for new trade deals between the EU and the United States and Canada.

He also said he would continue to defend Britain's financial services industry against some European measures such as a planned financial transaction tax which has been agreed by most countries in the euro zone and would affect the City of London.

"We shouldn't spend our time in politics endlessly bashing banks and financial institutions.

If you want the economy to recover and if you want the economy to grow, you have got to play to your strengths," Cameron said.

Reuters

Chinese President meets Israeli PM, pledges efforts for peace in Middle East

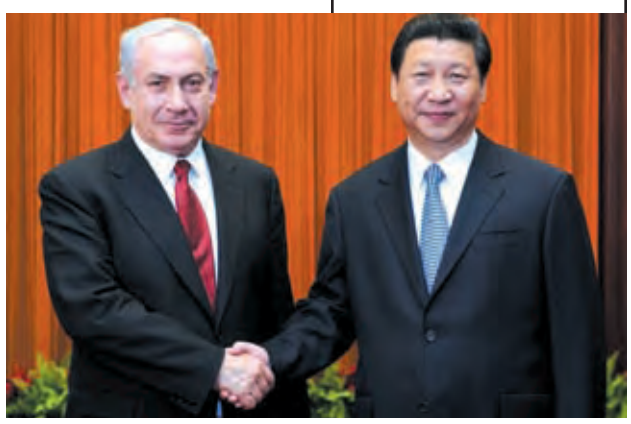
BEIJING, 10 May — President Xi Jinping met with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday and pledged to make more efforts to realize peace in Middle East. "As today's world is undergoing profound and complex changes, a new type of state-to-state relationship should be advocated and established between nations, featuring equality, inclusiveness and reciprocity," Xi said. Xi said peace, stability and development are the common aspirations of countries in the Middle East, adding that resolving disputes through political means is a strategic option that is in the interests of all sides concerned.

He said all nations in Middle East, including Israel, are equally entitled to life and development. "Only when the legitimate rights of all countries are ensured, and all countries respect each other's concerns, can there be permanent peace and stability in the region," Xi said.

Realizing a peaceful coexistence between Israel and Palestine, as well as all other Arabian countries, is a goal that everyone should strive for, Xi said. Earlier this week, Xi held talks with visiting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and made a four-point proposal to resolve the dispute between Palestine and Israel. Xi said an independent Palestinian state should be established and a peaceful coexistence between Palestine and Israel should be realized.

"Establishing an independent state that enjoys full sovereignty on the basis of borders specified in 1967 is an inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the key to the settlement of the Palestinian question.

At the same time, Israel's right to exist and its legitimate security concerns should also be fully respected," Xi said in his proposal. —*Xinhua*



Chinese President Xi Jinping (R) shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 May, 2013.—XINHUA

G-7 to confirm economic policy cooperation for global growth

TOKYO, 10 May—Finance chiefs from the Group of Seven industrialized economies are likely to confirm in Britain this weekend that they will cooperatively steer fiscal and monetary policies for global economic growth, despite lingering criticism over their drastic credit easing from some emerging nations.

The finance ministers and central bank governors from Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States are also expected to discuss banking regulations in an attempt to prevent a recurrence of the world financial crisis following the bankruptcy of US investment bank Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. in 2008.

The G-7 finance leaders, scheduled to hold their two-day meeting from Friday in Buckinghamshire near London, plan to exchange views on the global economy at a time when the pace of economic growth in some developed countries is slowing, diplomatic sources close to the matter said.

European nations have been making efforts to restore their fiscal health in the wake of the eurozone's sovereign debt crisis, but they could be called on to take fiscal action in the short term to stimulate their economies, which have been languishing recently, the sources said.

Kyodo News

Karzai preconditions peace to security pact with US

Afghan President Hamid Karzai

KABUL, 10 May — Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Thursday put pre-conditions for inking the Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) with the United States, saying one of conditions is to ensure durable peace in the militancy-plagued country."

For signing the security agreements with the United States we have preconditions and the first precondition is to bring about security in Afghanistan," the President told a ceremony held here to mark the 80th anniversary of the Kabul University foundation.

The other pre-conditions for signing the accord are training and fully equipping the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and helping Afghanistan to uphold its economy, the leader said."

The US is seeking its own benefit before the inking of the agreement but Afghanistan is also seeking its benefit. Afghan forces must be strengthen, they must be equip and strong.

The Afghanistan economy must be uphold and strong. Afghanistan must have a strong government," Karzai said.Karzai also said the United States is requiring Afghanistan to set up nine military bases across the country.

Negotiations between US and Afghan governments on security agreements have started late last year.

Karzai added that Afghanistan would keep on balanced relations with other nations and allay the possible concerns of the neighbours. The controversial agreement of BSA, if signed, would guarantee the presence of US military at least for several years in Afghanistan. — *Xinhua*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Water on Moon, Earth share common origin

WASHINGTON, 10 May —Water on the Moon and the Earth may originally come from the same place, according to a new analysis of moon rocks.

The findings, published online in the journal *Science* on Thursday, raise new questions about the process that formed the Moon.

The Moon is thought to have formed from a disc of debris left when a giant object hit the Earth 4.5 billion years ago. Scientists have long assumed that the heat from an impact of that size would cause hydrogen and other volatile elements to boil off into space, meaning the Moon must have started off completely dry.

But recently, US spacecraft and new research on samples from the Apollo missions have shown that the Moon actually has water, both on and beneath its surface. Alberto Saal, a geochemist at Brown University and the study's lead author, said the "simplest explanation" is that there was water on the proto-Earth at the time of the giant impact.

"Some of that water survived the impact, and that's what we see in the Moon," he said in a statement. To find the source of the water, Saal and his colleagues relied on a chemical fingerprint, the relative amounts of hydrogen and deuterium, an isotope of hydrogen with an extra neutron.

The researchers found that the deuterium-hydrogen ratio in samples of Moon dust returned by lunar crews of *Apollo 15* and *17* was relatively low and matched the ratio found in primitive asteroids called carbonaceous chondrites. These meteorites originated in the asteroid belt near Jupiter and are thought to be among the oldest objects in the solar system. The ratio is also similar to that found in water on the Earth.

The researchers said the fingerprint rules out the possibility that the water on the Moon rocks came from a comet, since comet water tends to have very high deuterium-hydrogen ratios.

"The measurements themselves were very difficult," said Erik Hauri, a co-author of the study at the Carnegie Institution of Washington. "but the new data provide the best evidence yet that the carbon-bearing chondrites were a common source for the volatiles in the Earth and Moon, and perhaps the entire inner solar system."

Xinhua

A visitor experiences the driving simulation system during the China (Shanghai) International Technology Fair in Shanghai, east China, on 8 May, 2013. XINHUA

YouTube starts paid subscription service

NEW YORK, 10 May— Google's YouTube video service is dipping its toe into pay television by starting on Thursday a subscription service with 30 content creators, including children's programmers Sesame Street and Muppet creator The Jim Henson Co, and the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

YouTube, the world's largest video website, allows creators to set subscription fees and accept advertisements, at their discretion, for the channels they create.

For $4.99 a month, subscribers can get golf lessons from the PGA Golf Academy. The Laugh Factory charges $2.99 for clips of stand-up comedy routines and Henson charges $2.99 for full length episodes of "Sid The Science Kid" and "Fraggle Rock."

YouTube has spoken repeatedly about its intent to experiment with paid channels, and has made no secret about its intent to be a major player in quality content.

"If feels to me as if history is repeating itself, said Tony Vinciquerra, former chairman of News Corp's Fox Networks Group. "In the early '80s cable providers subsidized channels to enhance offerings to consumers and increase penetration. Fast forward to today, and YouTube is subsidizing the development of new content offerings."

***Visitors stand in front of a logo of YouTube at the YouTube Space Tokyo, operated by Google, in Tokyo on 14 February, 2013.*—REUTERS**

YouTube will feature content from traditional TV and film producers, company executives said, and at the launch featured children's videos from National Geographic and videos from cable channel HDNet.

That could eventually be a threat to cable and TV operators, but no time soon, said Richard Greenfield, a media analyst with BTIG LLC.

"I think everyone who creates video programming should be worried about the growth of new content channels," he said. "Broadcast TV has been hurt by cable. Broadcast is still a very large business despite fragmentation."

Content creators will get most of their revenue from subscriptions, as they already do from advertising on the site, according to company officials.

In March, YouTube said on its blog that it has more than 1 billion unique users a month. The new subscription service will be available in 10 countries at launch. YouTube has spent more than $100 million to help about 150 media partners create and promote specialized YouTube video channels dedicated to topics ranging from food to sports. "Consumers have gotten used to getting their content on the web," said Laura Martin, senior analyst with Needham and Co. "The question is whether they will pay for it."

Reuters

Arianespace confirms 4th Automated Transfer Vehicle ready to launch

PARIS, 10 May—The fourth Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) is ready at Europe's Spaceport to meet up with *Ariane5,* Arianespace announced in a statement mailed to *Xinhua* on Thursday.

"Fueling has been completed at the Spaceport in French Guiana for Europe's fourth Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV), readying it for a planned June launch with Arianespace's workhorse *Ariane 5* on an *International Space Station* servicing mission," the airspace company confirmed.

"The loading of propellant, along with a supply of gas, was performed in the Spaceport's S5 payload preparation facility, where the vessel also was integrated and received its cargo. With this step finalized, the ATV is ready for transfer to the *Ariane 5* Final Assembly Building, where it will be installed atop the launcher," Airanespace noted.

Named after Albert Einstein, this ATV payload will have a liftoff mass of 20,235 kg, "becoming the heaviest spacecraft ever lofted by *Ariane 5*," Airanespace detailed.

It carries the most diverse cargo mix of any ATV mission so far, consisting of fuel, water, air, oxygen and dry cargo for delivery to the International Space Station.

In addition, the ATV will serve to adjust the orbital facility's altitude and make maneuvers to avoid collisions with space debris, the company introduced.

According to Airanespace, the liftoff of ATV Albert Einstein is scheduled for 5 June from the Spaceport.

Arianespace is responsible for launching all ATVs, and has orbited three of them to date: *ATV Edoardo Amaldi* in 2012, *ATV Johannes Kepler* in 2011 and *ATV Jules Verne* in 2008.

Xinhua

Huge cyber bank theft spans 27 countries

NEW YORK/BOSTON, 10 May— In one of the biggest ever bank heists, a global cyber crime ring stole $45 million from two Middle Eastern banks by hacking into credit card processing firms and withdrawing money from ATMs in 27 countries, US prosecutors said on Thursday.

The US Justice Department accused eight men of allegedly forming the New York-based cell of the organization, and said seven of them have been arrested. The eighth, allegedly a leader of the cell, was reported to have been murdered in the Dominican Republic on 27 April.

The ringleaders are believed to be outside the United States but prosecutors declined to give details, citing the ongoing investigation. What's clear is the sheer scope and speed of the crimes: in one of the attacks, in just over 10 hours, $40 million was raided from ATMs in 24 countries involving 36,000 transactions.

"In the place of guns and masks, this cyber crime organization used laptops and the Internet," US Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Loretta Lynch said at a news conference. "Moving as swiftly as data over the Internet, the organization worked its way from the computer systems of international corporations to the streets of New York City."

The case demonstrates the major threat that cyber crime poses to banks around the world. It also shows how increasingly international and sophisticated criminal gangs have become, particularly those using the Internet.

Prosecutors highlighted the "surgical precision" of these hackers, the global nature of their organization, and the speed and coordination with which they executed operations in 27 countries.

According to the complaint, the gang broke into the computers of two credit card processors, one in India in December 2012 and the other in the United States this February. The companies were not identified.

***Loretta Lynch, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, speaks at a news conference in New York, on 9 May, 2013.*—REUTERS**

The hackers increased the available balance and withdrawal limits on prepaid MasterCard debit cards issued by Bank of Muscat of Oman, and National Bank of Ras Al Khaimah PSC (RAKBANK) of the United Arab Emirates, according to the complaint. They then distributed counterfeit debit cards to "cashers" around the world, enabling them to siphon millions of dollars from ATMs in a matter of hours.

In New York, for example, members of the cell fanned out into the city on the afternoon of February 19, armed with cards bearing a single Bank of Muscat account number. Ten hours later, they had completed 2,904 withdrawals for $2.4 million in all, the final transaction coming around 1:26 am, prosecutors said.

Reuters

Facebook in talks to buy Israel's Waze for up to $1 billion

Tel Aviv, 10 May — Facebook Inc is in advanced talks to acquire Israeli mobile satellite navigation start-up Waze for $800 million to $1 billion, business daily *Calcalist* reported on Thursday. The deal, which would be Facebook's largest acquisition, would give the social networking company a mapping service and allow it to better compete with Google Inc and Apple Inc.

Maps and navigation services have become a key asset for technology companies as consumers increasingly adopt smartphones and other mobile devices. Waze uses satellite signals from members' smartphones to generate maps and traffic data, which it then shares with other users, offering real-time traffic info. Due diligence between Waze and Facebook is underway after a term sheet was signed, Calcalist said, adding that talks began six months ago.

Officials at Waze and Facebook declined to comment on the report.

Facebook's largest deal to date is the September acquisition of photo-sharing app, Instagram. Facebook agreed to buy the company for $1 billion in cash and stock, though the actual price it paid was $715 million due to declines in Facebook's share price.

The four-year-old Waze, which has 47 million users, has raised $67 million in funding to date from firms including Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Blue Run Ventures and semiconductor company Qualcomm Inc. "A lot of these companies want to own mapping services as opposed to licensing. The advantage is that you could personalize it to your business," said Raymond James analyst Aaron Kessler.

For Facebook, which has shifted its focus to developing "mobile-first" products, having location-based services is important, said Kessler. There had been media reports earlier this year that Apple was in talks to acquire Waze.

In September, Apple replaced the Google Maps app that once came preloaded on iPhones with a new maps service that Apple had created in-house.

Reuters

The Facebook logo is pictured in the Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, California on 29 Jan, 2013. — Reuters

Asian shares pause after rally, yen at four-year low vs dollar

Tokyo, 10 May — Japanese equities soared to a 5-1/2-year peak on Friday as the dollar's break above the symbolic 100 yen level underpinned sentiment, while Asian shares fell as global equities took a breather from recent rallies overnight.

The US currency was buoyed as worries about soft patches in the economy faded after Thursday's weekly US data showed initial jobless claims fell to the lowest level in more than five years, following last week's much stronger-than-expected monthly nonfarm payrolls report for April.

"It's global buying of the US, with more investors feeling comfortable buying the dollar. US stocks are stabilizing four years after the Lehman collapse. It's a good sign for markets when funds target the US, where investors are willing to take on risk," said Goro Ohwada, president and CEO at Japan-based fund of hedge funds Aino Investment Corp.

Signs of a steady US recovery could refuel speculation over the Federal Reserve scaling back its aggressive quantitative easing to push up US yields, attracting funds from lower-yielding countries such as Japan.

Capital flows data showed Japanese investors were net buyers of foreign bonds in the last two weeks, reversing their relentless net selling since late January. They repatriated a total of 9.33 trillion yen in January-April. (JP/CAP)

The dollar extended its gains from Thursday to rise to a fresh four-year high of 101.20 yen, having stalled for a month after reaching a high of 99.95 yen in early April. The dollar was last at 100.92 yen, while the euro rose to 131.91 yen, its highest since January 2010.

"The market is returning to where it should be, to buying the dollar, mainly driven by the notion that the US economy is on a positive track as seen by the jobs reports," said Hiroshi Maeba, head of FX trading Japan for UBS in Tokyo.

Reuters

Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange, on 1 May, 2013. — Reuters

Pets may help cut heart disease risk: American Heart Association

New York, 10 May — Anyone wanting to live longer and cut their risk of suffering from heart disease might want to consider getting a pet.

The American Heart Association (AHA) issued a scientific statement on Thursday saying owning a pet may help to decrease a person's risk of suffering from heart disease and is linked with lower levels of obesity, blood pressure and cholesterol.

German Shepherd

"Pet ownership, particularly dog ownership, is probably associated with a decreased risk of heart disease," Glenn N Levine, a professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said in a statement.

A study of more than 5,200 adults, cited by the AHA, showed dog owners were more physically active than non-owners because they walk their pets. Other research has revealed the calming effects of pets, which are used in animal-assisted therapy programmes.

Levine, the chairman of the committee that wrote the statement published online in the journal *Circulation*, added that the benefits are clear on cutting the risk factors for heart disease. But the studies are not definitive or prove that owning a pet directly causes a reduction in heart disease risk.

"What's less clear is whether the act of adopting or acquiring a pet could lead to a reduction in cardiovascular risk in those with pre-existing disease," he said, adding more research is needed.

About 78.2 million people in the United States own a dog and 86.4 million have a cat, according to figures from the American Pet Product Association 2011-2012 National Pet Owners Survey.

Research has shown that the loyalty and love pets display can reduce stress, anxiety, depression and loneliness in their owners and increase their sense of well-being and self-esteem.—*Reuters*

BofA sells $110 billion CMBS servicing rights portfolio to KeyBank

New York, 10 May — Bank of America Corp (BAC.N) will sell a commercial mortgage servicing rights portfolio valued at around $110 billion to a KeyCorp (KEY.N) unit for an undisclosed amount, the latest offloading of servicing assets which many big banks consider costly to collect on.

Bank of America announced similar deals for more than $300 billion of servicing rights earlier this year. Terms of those deals showed comparatively small amounts of money changing hands.

It sold servicing rights on $215 billion of mortgages for $1.3 billion to Nationstar Mortage Holdings (NSM.N) and rights to $93 billion of mortgages for $519 million to Walter Investments.

In the wake of the housing crisis, many borrowers have gone into foreclosure and collecting mortgage payments has become expensive. The level of capital needed to back the loans is also higher for banks while smaller companies that specialize in servicing these loans do not have to follow bank capital rules. Bank of America and other banks are still being pursued in relation to the housing meltdown. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said on Monday he plans to sue it and Wells Fargo & Co (WFC.N) for violating the terms of a settlement designed to end mortgage servicing abuses.

KeyBank Real Estate Capital said in a statement it will more than double its servicing portfolio to $205 billion with the acquisition, which includes about $14 billion in special servicing rights. The transaction needs the approval of private investors.

KeyBank said it has made a sub-servicing agreement with Berkadia Commercial Mortgage on the CMBS primary servicing portfolio it is acquiring from Bank of America. It is also acquiring Berkadia's $10 billion special servicing portfolio.

Reuters

A man walks next to a Bank of America branch in New York on 24 Oct, 2012. Reuters

WORLD

Terrorists follow pattern of escalating violence: New Zealand study

WELLINGTON,10 May —Major terrorist attacks that incur mass casualties are often part of a pattern that starts with several small-scale attacks, according to a New Zealand research. Terrorist attacks that resulted in heavy loss of life were important to understand because the vast majority of attacks killed one person or no one at all, University of Canterbury psychology lecturer Dr Andy Martens said on rsday.

"Our research using the Global Terrorism Database produced by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism shows that of the 132,041 people killed in attacks between 1970 and 2008, a total of 42,703 people died in 1 percent of the attacks," Martens said in a statement. The small number of more deadly attacks accounts for a disproportionate number of the total fatalities resulting from terrorist attacks."

The researchers tested for patterns of escalation in the subset of small-scale attacks that terrorists committed leading up to big attacks, and found an escalating trajectory tended to emerge in smaller attacks that precede major attacks, killing 20 people or more. Before any big attacks, the lethality of a group's attacks tended to first decrease and then increase such that the number of people killed increased most steeply just prior to a big attack. Further, groups tend to attack frequently just prior to a big attack," said Martens.

Not all terrorist groups followed that pattern, but uncovering systematic patterns in attacks that preceded highly lethal attacks could help predict and understand attacks that killed many people. he escalation model could also prove useful for interventions and monitoring killings in other contexts such as war, genocide and gang violence.—*Xinhua*

Pakistan Taleban plan to attack landmark election

ISLAMABAD, 10 May—Pakistan's Taleban plan to carry out suicide bombings during Saturday's election in a bid to undermine the poll, according to a letter from the leader of the militant group. ePakistani Taleban leader Hakimullah Mehsud, in a message to the group's spokesman, outlined plans for attacks, including suicide blasts, in all four of the country's provinces. "We don't accept the system of infidels which is called democracy," Mehsud said in the letter, dated 1 May, and obtained by *Reuters* on Thursday.

Since April, the al-Qaeda-linked Pakistani Taleban have killed more than 100 people in attacks on candidates and rallies, particularly those of secular-leaning parties, in a bid to undermine elections they regard as un-Islamic. The attacks have prevented candidates from the three main parties in the ruling coalition from holding big rallies. Instead, they have relied on door-to-door campaigning or small meetings in homes or on street corners.

However, the militants have not attacked the main opposition party led by former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, which has courted support from groups accused of supporting militancy. Sharif, who is seen as favorite to become the next prime minister, says Pakistan should reconsider its support for the US war on Islamist militancy and suggests he would be in favor of negotiations with the Taleban. Nor have the Taleban attacked former cricketer Imran Khan's party, which advocates shooting down US drones and withdrawing the Pakistani military from insurgency-infested ethnic Pashtun areas along the Afghan border.—*Reuters*

A man walks past rows of election ballot boxes, before they are transported to polling offices, in the premises of the district city court in Karachi on 8 May, 2013.
REUTERS

Gunmen kidnap youngest son of former Pakistani Premier Gillani

ISLAMABAD, 10 May—Unidentified gunmen kidnapped on Thursday Ali Hyder Gillani, the youngest son of former Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani, on his way to a meeting in Multan in southern Pakistan, friends and family said. They said his car was intercepted by people on two motorcycles and in a car near the meeting venue.

His driver and secretary were killed and five associates were wounded by the attackers who got away with Gillani. He is a candidate for the provincial assembly seat from Multan and his two brothers are seeking national assembly seats.

The former prime minister said he has advised party workers to continue with the election campaign.

Gillani was disqualified by the Supreme Court from taking part in election for contempt of court. The Gillani family has been receiving threats from terrorists who have vowed to attack the Pakistan Peoples Party, Awami National Party, the Muttahida Quami Movement and others who were associated with the PPP-led government in Islamabad during last four years.—*Kyodo News*

A man carries his mother to perform rituals during Mata Tirtha Aunsi or the Mother's Day at Matatirtha, a place near Thankot to the west of downtown Kathmandu, Nepal, on 9 May, 2013. Nepalis observe the Mata Tirtha Aunsi or the Mother's Day on Thursday by showing respect and reverence to all mothers.
XINHUA

US Marines expect to stay in Okinawa's Futenma base 10-15 more years

WASHINGTON, 10 May —The US Marine Corps expects to use the Futenma Air Station in Japan's southwestern island prefecture of Okinawa for at least another 10 to 15 years, a top Marine officer told a Senate hearing on Thursday amid a stalemate over the base's contentious relocation plan.

"We will be at Futenma for probably the next 10 to 15 years," said Maj Gen James Kessler, commander of the Marine Corps Installations Command, indicating that the land used for the base in a populous residential area may be returned to Japan as late as in fiscal 2027 against the bilaterally agreed time frame of "fiscal 2022 or later."

Japan and the United States plan to relocate the Marine base from the crowded city of Ginowan in Okinawa to the less-populated Henoko coastal area in Nago city within the prefecture amid strong opposition from local people who want the base moved out of the prefecture.

Kyodo News

Russia's Vladivostok holds military parade to mark Victory Day

VLADIVOSTOK, 10 May —Russia's Far East city of Vladivostok staged a military parade on Thursday to mark the 68th anniversary of the victory in the World War II. The parade on Vladivostok's central street involved more than 1,000 servicemen and 40 units of military equipment, including soldiers from Russia's Pacific Fleet, cadets from naval schools, and also crew members of visiting US guided missile destroyer Lassen and French frigate Vendemiaire.

In a speech delivered before the parade, Primorsky Krai Governor Vladimir Miklushevsky praised the heroic acts of Russian soldiers and civilians in defending their homeland during the World War II, also known as the Great Patriotic War in Russia and former Soviet Union members.

The memories of these heroes will be kept alive for generations, he added.

Xinhua

Visitors watch a "sculpture" formed by vegetables during the 14th China (Shouguang) International Vegetable Fair in Shouguang, east China's Shandong Province, on 8 May, 2013.—XINHUA

Two more Sherpas die on Mt Everest, taking season's death toll to three

KATHMANDU, 10 May—Two Nepali Sherpas lost their lives this week on the lower slopes of Mt Everest, where hundreds of international climbers and Nepali guides camp out awaiting the right weather to assault the peak, an official said on Thursday.

Lobsang Sherpa, a Chinese expedition member, fell to his death Tuesday on the way down from Camp 4 at 7,900 metres, to Camp 3, located at the 7,200-metre mark.

He had been carrying supplies when the accident occurred, government liaison officer, Tilak Pandey, said at Mt Everest Base Camp.

"Earlier this week, Darita Sherpa, a member of another expedition, died in his sleep, apparently due to altitude sickness," Pandey told *Kyodo News*. The two casualties bring this season's death toll on Mt Everest to three.

Last month, Mingma Sherpa, who was among a select few Sherpas nicknamed, "Icefall Doctors", for their expertise in fixing ropes over the Khumbu Icefall, fell into a crevasse, while fixing ropes for climbers.

He died instantly. According to Pandey, Sherpa guides are expected to fix climbing ropes to the top of the 8,848-metre peak by Friday. "After the ropes are in place, weather will dictate when climbing starts," Pandey said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Myanmar to accept two trafficked victims from Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Myanmar will accept two trafficked victims from units for victims of human traffkicing under Thailand's social welfare and development department.

Central Bureau against Human Trafficking will accept the victims from Pathuthani and Krecltrakam centres.

Case report data of the two victims are still incomplete. They would be sheltered at an appropriate training school under Social Welfare Department in Myanmar. After receiving their personal data more completely, they would be transferred to their parents.

The first victim is currently known from "Lahu or Wa'' region while the other from Mon State.

There is even no firm evidence whether they are Myanmar citizens or not.

According to an official of the bureau, Myanmar will accept victims of human trafficking after scrutinizing whether they are Myanmar citizens or not and will provide them with necessary assistance.

Myanma Alinn

Potable water donated to water-scarce villages in central Myanmar

Development

KYAUKPADAUNG, 10 May—Region government, NGOs and donors donated bottles of drinking water to water-scarce villages in central Myanmar which has lesser rainfall.

The central Myanmar villages are in shortage of potable water in this summer. Wellwishers from Kyaukpadaung Township donated the potable water to Talaikan village in Kyaukpadaung Township in Mandalay Region on 6 May.

A total of 60 barrels of drinking water were transported to the village which witnessed the worst drought since March. The village has 318 households.

Myanma Alinn

UMFCCI, UTCC conduct MBA programme

YANGON, 10 May—Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and The University of Thai Chamber of Commerce launched Offshore MBA Programme Batch-2 at Parkroyal Hotel here on 4 May evening.

It was attended by UMFCCI President U Win Aung, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung, General Secretary Dr Myo Thet, Emeritus Principle Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe and officials.

Dr Myo Thet and Dean of International College of UTCC Dr Jakarin Srimoon extended greetings.

Two students spoke words of thanks.

The two-month course is being attended by 53 trainees.—*Myanma Alinn*

Crime

Kawlin police detains drug addict

KAWLIN, 10 May—Acting on a tip-off, police from Chaungna police station in Kawlin Township in Sagaing Region arrested a drug addict with drugs on 5 April.

He was abusing drugs near a monastery in Gyobin village in Kawlin Township.

Kyaw Aye, 43, of Oaktaikkon village has been charged with drug abuse.

Myanma Alinn

Winner in child protection essay contests awarded in Pyapon

PYAPON, 10 May—Winners in child protection essay and painting contests were awarded in Pyapon District Hall on 2 May.

The contests were organized by Pyapon District child protection committee and World Vision Myanmar (Pyapon).

Deputy Administrator of Pyapon Township U Nyi Nyi Aung delivered a speech at the prize presentation ceremony.

An official of World Vision Myanmar (Pyapon) explained purposes of organizing the contests.

Awards were then presented to the winners.

Myanma Alinn

National Sports

Myanmar 1, Singapore 0 in U-14 invitational

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Myanmar yesterday beat Singapore 1-0 in opener of ASEAN-Thai U-14 invitational organized by Thai Football Federation.

Chan Zaw Hein scored the only goal of the game.

The tournament is being participated by eight teams in which Myanmar will play against Thailand (b), Brunei and Singapore in Group (A). The Group (B) is formed with Thailand (a), Laos, Cambodia and Malaysia.

The tournament will be held between 8 and 11 May. The leaders of two groups will play the final.

Myanmar play Brunei on 9 May and Thailand (b) on 10 May. Myanmar U-14 are a team preparing for Asia U-14 championship.

Under a Japanese coach, the team is formed with Dwe Ko Ko, Htet Phyo Wai, Chan Zaw Hein, Aung Wunna Soe, Thura San, Tun Hsai, Myat Kaung Khant, Hein Soe, Kaung Htet Kyaw, Zin Min Latt, Aung Zin Myint, Kyaw Phyo Wai, Thet Paing Htwe, Sithu Moe Khant, Myo Thiha Win, Htet Wai Yan, Htet Wai Yan Soe and Aung Myint Myint.

The backroom lineup consists of assistant coaches U Thaing Tun Zaw, U Khin Maung Htway, U Myint Oo and U Min Tun Lin.

Myanma Alinn

Myanmar hosts 11th ASEAN Taekwondo Championship

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Eleventh ASEAN Taekwondo Championship will be hosted in Wunna Theikdhi Stadium in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 9-11 May.

The tournament has two categories fighting and demonstration in two separate classes for seniors and juniors.

The body shield will automatically count points of the players, a technology introduced in Myanmar for the first time. It would be a test for Myanmar players, said veteran Myanmar Taekwondo player Daw Soe Soe Mya said.

She said, "It is a bit difficult to predict level of Myanmar team due to the new marking system.''

Two men instructors and two women instructors will participate in demonstration game.

The event which starts 9 am is free of charge.

Myanma Alinn

Myanmar Literary Development Workshop meets press

YANGON, 10 May—A press conference on Myanmar Literary Development Workshop was held at City Star Hotel here on 6 May.

Myo Myint Nyein, an editor, acted as the master of ceremonies of the conference where renowned writer Pe Myint answered queries raised by the media men.

The writers also elaborated on the cause of the decline of Myanmar literature and works to be done for uplift of Myanmar literature.

The Workshop on Development of Myanmar Literature will be held from 9 am to 4 pm on 11 May.

Five papers will be presented at the workshop.

Among the resource persons were well-acclaimed writers and publishers Maung Khin Min (Danubyu), Pe Myint, Juu, Maung Zeyar, U Tun Oo (Tun Oo Literary House of Mandalay) and Thint Naw (Ottara Lwinpyin of Mandalay).

Myanma Alinn

Traffic Accident

Bus and van bump in Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—A collision between a city bus and a white van took place at Taungnyo Junction near Myoma Market in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 6 May, leaving no casualties.

The right door of the van was damaged in the collision as the bus of a government department and the white van bumped into each other.

The Nay Pyi Taw traffic police corps are investigation into the accident.

Myanma Alinn

The New Light of Myanmar

PERSPECTIVES

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Literacy and peace process

"Rationality lies in books", there goes a traditional Myanmar saying. Rationality here literally means being able to distinguish between right and wrong and make sensible decisions in various aspects of life.

Evolved from stone scripts, books used to serve as the sole knowledge-sharing medium for humankind. Nowadays internet search engines and social media are increasingly taking over the role of books as the knowledge-disseminating machine. Nonetheless, the essence has not changed—knowledge is power and it comes from reading.

The first step towards all education and lifelong learning starts from literacy. It is a welcome move of the Ministry of Education taking initial steps to introduce ethnic languages to school curriculum. As Myanmar is a multi-ethnic nation, inclusive education systems are a must to promote mutual understanding, respect and tolerance and dialogue. Unless and until this requirement is fulfilled, it would still be difficult to build mutual trust between its citizens to pave the way for lasting peace which is founded on respect for human rights and social justice.

Illiteracy is the real contributor to exclusion and marginalization which if coupled with other certain factors can destabilize societies, thereby hindering the economic growth and undermining democratic process. Illiterates being devoid of reasoning power are prone to fall under the sway of opportunists who would use them for their own ends at any cost as long as their interests are guaranteed.

Literacy also enables individuals to effectively take part in democratic process, equipping them with confidence to claim a voice in designing decent public policies. Literacy programs are being carried out this summer with the participation of volunteer teachers, according to a recent meeting of the Education Ministry. If the ministry had made enough coordination, perhaps it would have invited greater public participation for better results.

Literacy takes a central part in promoting human resources, gender equality, conflict resolution and cultural diversity apart from its significant role of reducing poverty. It is the key to unlock the capacity of individuals and investing in literacy campaigns is the sensible development choice for every government.

Systematic sign language for deaf

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin held discussions with a group led by expert Ms Ogawa of Sign Language Project Phase II funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at her office, here, yesterday evening.

During the meeting, they discussed dissemination of knowledge on sign language, sending instructors and responsible persons to Japan to study sign language and training them to be capable of distributing their knowledge to deaf students in Myanmar and promoting bilateral cooperation.

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ARTICLE

Eco and Pilgrimage Touristic Attraction

Mt. Popa, a floral and volcanic range

Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Sithu Dr.Khin Maung Nyunt

There is an isolated mountain range in the central part of Myanmar, to the south eastern tip of Myingyan District, well-known at home and abroad, Mt. Popa. Most people know Popa Taung Kalat —an outcrop shaped like a Kalat [a circular tray with a stem] caused by a volcanic eruption in days of yore. The main Mt. Popa stands majestically rising 4981 feet above sea level, situated to the most northerly direction of Bago Yoma hill range. There is no other mountain near it. Mt. Popa is the only one sprouting out with a volcanic crater on its top. Its physical features and fossils prove beyond doubt that Popa is an extinct volcano of old age.

Scholars and researchers put forward different versions of interpreting the name "Popa". Firstly Pali scholars say that Popa is derived from a Pali word "popa" meaning flower. Because Mt.Popa has abundance of flowers, flowering trees, plants, creepers, orchids etc. it is called Popa or flower Mountain. Another Pali word "Pubba" tries to explain the meaning of Popa. Because the mountain lies to the east of Bagan, so it is called "Pubba Mt." which in course of time corrupts to Popa Mt.

Mt.Popa has two other names. (1) Wizadaya Taung because, alchemists, necromancers, magicians and herbatists [agiyat weikzas, zawgyis, tapathis] hunted this moutain looking for minerals, and herbal plants and experimented their occult sciences and concocted panacea to cure all diseases, for longevity or a mercury compound ball to turn all base metals into gold. (2) Nagayit Taung because Mt.Popa looks like the shape of a Naga Serpent coiling around it.

Mt.Popa is dipped in mysteries, legends and history and backed by paleontology, geology and history. You can easily trace volcanic lava around popa areas. Inclement weather, Mt.Popa is clearly visible to nacked eyes from the Ayeyawady River about 40 miles distance. It is said that people, perhaps with special eye vision can see the image of Popa from Myeylat areas in Southern Shan State. The northern section of its crater slightly slopes to the west and the eastern, southern and western sections are higher.

If viewed from four different quarters, Mt.Popa gives you four different visions. That is its mystery. From the western direction two summits appear in the view. But the northern view creates for you the illusion of Fuji Yama of Japan—only one summit. Depending upon weather conditions and your position in other two directions Mt.Popa takes different designs in your vision.

Mt.Popa, in fact, has more than one summit. No less than nine summits crop up on its. They are given names befitting their shapes and designs, the minerals they produce, and flora and herbal plants that grow wild on them. Thus (1) Zaba Pon Taung Hteik summit is shaped like a heap of paddy (2) Yey Kwin Taung Hteik summit is the one around which water flows, (3) Maung Taung Ngot Toe Taung Hteik summit is shaped like a stump paddy pounder, (4) Labo Taung Hteik summit looks like the hump of a bull, (5) Hman Taung Hteik summit has minerals that reflect like glass, (6) Sey Pwint Taung Hteik summit has herbal flowers growing wild, (7) Sein Taung Hteik summit produces industrial diamond, (8) Marlar Taung Hteik summit has wild flowers growing profusely and (9) Kinpun Taung Hteik summit has Kinpun vegetable bushes. Many summits were naturally formed by water flows through millions of years.

There is a crater of extraordinary size—about a mile and a half wide and 2000 to 3000 feet deep depression on the main summit. Local people fittingly call it "Chone Ma Twin Chauk". Several million years ago when Mt.Popa was an active volcano, it erupted and from this depression sprewed up fire flames, gas, smoke, ashes, streams of burning melted lava, shooting heavenward and cascading from the mountain. It seems that Mt.Popa had erupted only once and it cooled down to become an extinct volcano. Till today lavas of different sizes are found sprayed around Mt.Popa and to a far distance. The lonely verdant Popa Myo (Popa town) near it was founded on the lava land.

An outcrop hill rising above sea level to the height of about 3000 feet just to the southwest of main Mt.Popa is commonly called Popa Taung Kalat [a hill in the shape of a tray with a stem]. This grotesque design created by the volcanic eruption stretches the imagination of the people to the other worldly realm. Like Olympus, the sacred mountain in Greece where all ancient Greek gods and goddesses are believed to dwell, Mt.Popa and its outcrop Taung Kalat are residential abodes of all nat spirits of Myanmar—Myanmar Pantheon of 37 nat spirits. But in point of legend and associated history, only four natspirits of the 37, reside on there two places.

Here there is the point of difference between Olympic gods and goddesses and Myanmar nat spirits. The farmer were originally gods and goddesses, not human. But Myanmar nat spirits were originally humans who had really lived a human life. Because of their untimely violent deaths, their spirits lingered until they got dwelling or resting places where they were worshipped and venerated by their believers as nat spirits. The Taung Kalat, formed by a volcanic eruption was very much older than those of nat spirit dwellers on it.

The cult of nat spirits of Mt.Popa is associated with the history of old Bagan dynasty of 55 kings. It was in the reign of king Thinligyaung [344-387A.D.] the 5th king in that long dynasty, who had a dream at one night. In his dream the two nat spirits—elder brother Maung Tint-dei and younger sister Myat Hla on a tiner tree saga [champac] stranded at the harbour of Bagan, narrated their tragic story—Maung Tintdei, son of a black smith U Tint Daw of Tagaung Kingdom to the north of Bagan was a mighty black smith who with his apprentices could make many iron tools and weapons. So the king of Tagaung feared Tintdei might raise a rebellion against him. When the king's warriors were sent to capture him, the latter escaped and remained in hiding. The king raised his beautiful sister Myat Hla to queen and told her that he would appoint her elder brother minister of the interior. Believing the king she sent a message to her brother in hiding to appear at the court to accept the appointment Maung Tintdei came and the king made him minister of the interior.

Soon after that the king ordered his men to tie up Maung Tintdei to the trunk of a big Champac Tree and burnt him alive to death. Upon hearing this cruelty, Myat Hla rushed to the scene and jumped into the fire to die with her elder brother. The king hurriedly pulled her hairknot to save her. Only her face escaped the flames. Because of their violent deaths, by fire their spirits lived at the Champac Tree, giving harm to any creature that came under its shade. The king ordered to uproot at the champac tree and float it down the Ayeyawady River. Now they lived on the Champac Tree Trunk without permanent rest place. If king Thinligyaung offered them a place to rest, they would guard his capital city.

In the morning when the king sent his men to the harbor they found the champac tree stranded there. The tree was cut into two—the taller representing the elder brother and the shorter the sister—were taken to the summit of main Mt.Popa where they were enshrined. They were entitled "Ein Twin Min Maha Giri" Ein Twin means minister of interior, Maha Giri means great mountain. Annual feast was held at this shrine in honour of them. The court and the people paid homage to them with offerings and ritual music and dances were performed.

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NATIONAL

UNDP to cooperate in Myanmar's educational reform

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Deputy Minister for Education Dr Ba Shwe held talks with UNDP Country Director Mr Joily Kurbanov on UNDP's cooperation in Myanmar's educational reform, legal education cooperation programme and visits of Public Education experts to Myanmar, at the ministry here this morning.

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President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Htin Zaw Win together two vice-presidents being seen off at Yangon International Airport on 9 May to attend Asian Hockey Meeting in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia.—NLM

Mitsubishi Corporation hands over ten polishing machines to Mines Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan donated ten polishing machines to the Ministry of Mines at the ministry here this morning.

Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Japanese Councilor to Myanmar Mr Ichiro Maruyama and Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe delivered speeches on the occasion. After that, Honorary Chairman of Mitsubishi Corporation Mr Mikio Sasaki handed over machines and documents through the managing director of Myanma Gems Enterprise.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung presented certificate of honours and gifts to Mr Mikio Sasaki. It was attended by Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung, directors-general and managing directors from the Ministry of Mines, departmental heads, vice chairman and secretary of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and guests.

MNA

Handing over ceremony of ten polishing machines by Mitsubishi Corporation to Mines Ministry in progress.

MNA

Hole in one

YANGON, 10 May— U Myo Than (Chan Hein Construction Comopany) scored an ace at 11th hole at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) while playing with Bo Bo (Srixon), Nyin Linn, Zaw Lin Aung on 5 May.

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On either side of the Tharapa gate of the palace city of Bagan are the shrines built into the brick walls. Tintdei on the right and Myat Hla on the left as guardian spirits. Thus began the first arrival of nat spirit dwellers on Mt.Popa which therefore required another name "Mahagiri" Saga [champak] tree becomes the dominant in the forest that covers Mt.Popa.

There is an ode to Mt.Popa, composed by an anonymous poet of Bagan, describing the romantic tragedy of Maung Tintdei and Myat Hla. It is in the form of early Bagan verse, linka. The following are the original and loose English rendering by the writer.

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နံရှားကြိုင်လွင့်၊ ခါတန်ပွင့်သည်
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မယ်သာကြိုက်မိ
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သက်ထက်ဆုံးသည်
နှလုံးမခြား၊ စောင့်တရား။

Ode to Mt.Popa

1. Oh Nat spirits with floral crowns!
   On lofty. Mt.Popa range sublime,
   Thickets of champak flowers so devine.
   Their yellow hue, mistaken for gold flowers,
   Ladening their entwining bowers.

2. Oh Nat spirits with floral crowns!
   Likened me to champak flowers
   Daughter of a brave warrior.
   Fair cousin of my brother elder,
   Who is on a journey so far.

3. Oh Nat spirits with floral crowns!
   My darling in my caress
   Wearing red towel around his head.
   And lining white cotton jacket,
   A knight designate, yet a manly swain,
   I've tried his love to gain.

4. Oh Nat spirits with floral crowns!
   Since I wore Myeik Lutsu hair knot
   Of a teenager, we each other kept in thoughts
   He's a nephew of my father
   He's my most beloved lover
   Till the end of our lives
   We faithfully keep our truth plight.

Next came another nat spirit family to Mt.Popa. It was in the time of king Anawrahta [1044-1077 A.D.] the 42nd king in the Bagan dynasty. He had a band of chosen henchmen—kyanzittha, an excellent spearman, Nga Htwe Yu a skilled toody palm climber of Myinmu in Sagaing District, Nga lone letphe a skilled ploughman near Popa Hill in Myuigyan District, Nyaung U Phi, a great swimmer of NyaungU in Myingyan District they were paladins who rode at the head of his levies. There was also a swift runner and horse man named Byatta who daily rode to Mt.Popa to gather flowers for the court on a distance of over 30 miles. It is said that he could make up to ten rides a day. Byatta fell in love with local girl Mei Wunna [golden girl]. But legend presented her as flower eater ogress. Byatta and Mei Wunna had two sons Shwe Hpyin Gyi and Shwe Hpyin Nge. When Anawrahta found out their secret love affairs he punished Byatta with death and brought their two sons to court and adopted them. Mei Wunna died heartbroken. Byatta and Mei Wunna became nat spirits living on Mt. Popa. In fact Mei Wunna was the native of Mt.Popa. Maung Tintdei and Myat Hla arrived from Tagaung and Byatta from Thaton. Maung Tintdei and Myat Hla lived on main Mt. Popa and Byatta and Mei Wunna on Taung Kalat. But nat believers hold festivals for all 37 nat spirits on Taung Kalat.

Sacred Mt.Popa and Taung Kalat were often mentioned in Bagan stone inscriptions, tragic stories of four nat spirits dwellers were told in history and literature, depicted in visual arts and re-enacted in dramatic performance.

On the summit of Taung Kalat are many nat shrines and Buddhist monuments. The late Hermit U Khanti built a flight of covered steps leading to the summit from where you can enjoy a breathtaking view of a verdant panorama of the far and near distances around. Quite a sizable population of monkeys lives on Taung Kalat. They are tamed but sometimes tricky and tease you untill you give them food. Falk tales and songs say that there are 99 springs, falls and streams and nine stone bulls at Mt. Popa. The forest department compiled on inventory of nearly 200 springs at Mt. Popa in normal climate.

Mt. Popa is a sort of oasis in the mid of dry zone of Myanmar. Now the entire area is forest reserve and sanctuary under the management of Forest department. Greening of the Nine Arid Zones project launched over 4 decades ago had resulted fruitfully. The project has been extended to other arid areas. Along with the conservation and preservation of wild flora and founa, there are now cultivations of fruit trees such as mango, jackfruit, banana, papaya, coffee as well as flowering trees—Saga, Tharaphi, gantgaw, pon nyet and a variety of vegetables. With sufficient water supply from natural sources and dams like Kyet Mauk Taung Reservoir, and fertility of lava soil, green fields and farms of paddy and other crops around Mt.Popa stretch out to far distance.

Nat believers, nature lovers and summer vacationers find Mt.Popa one of the most fascinating spots in Myanmar. The forest department has its training school, park and museum up there. Myanmar Eco tourism provides all services for the visitors. There is a Mountain Resort, Mt.Popa Forest Resort—of world class facilities and services well known to the world, with a yearlong queue for reservation especially in summer. Individual family houses of wood, bamboo, cane and thatch but equipped with up-to-date facilities are nestled separately and isolatedly at the sides, on the slopes, in the valleys and on the summits with wild vegetation all around your house. A view point just opposite to Taung Kalat in the near distance gives you an extraordinary eye feed at any time of the day and night. Especially night scenes are eeric and other worldly. In complete stillness, agreeably disturbed by a non-stopped chorus of insects, flashed by glow worms, scented by fragrance of wild flora wafted by a refreshing breeze to your nostrils, and lullabyed by a faint nat music and occasional late night gongs one feels as though one were momentarily transported into the realms of the 37 nat spirits.

Sacred Mt.Popa, though still shrouded in myths and legends has come out into the limelight of the 21st century globalization. Reachable by land vehicles, 63 miles from Meikhtila, 36 miles from Chauk, 48 miles from Myingyan and only less than 30 miles from Bagan—sacred Mt.Popa lures you to tell all its mysteries and tales.

LOCAL NEWS

Education

Taninthayi Region Minister meets teachers

DAWEI, 10 May—Taninthayi Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Aung met teachers who will attend the special refresher course for teachers No. 14, at No.1 Basic Education High School in Dawei on 8 May.

The region minister provided allowance of K 1.35 million for a total of 135 teachers. Deputy Director of Taninthayi Region Directorate of Education U Tin Yi explained facts about the course. A trainee spoke words of thanks and the region minister spoke words of encouragement to trainees.

Kyemon

School enrollment week set 27th-31st May

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Education Planning and Training Department under the Ministry of Education has set 3rd June the opening day of all basic education schools across the nation and from 27th May to 31st May the school enrollment week.

The school enrollment week starts 23rd May in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and schools in other regions and states are to launch the activity according to the instruction of Education Planning and Training Department.

Kyemon

Buddhist culture course in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 10 May—Meiktila District Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Dr Tayza Myat Htwe and members presented notebooks, stationery and energy drinks to children attending basic Buddhist culture and moralization course, at Thantithukha Monastery in Myinkan Village in Meiktila Township yesterday.

A total of 35 children from the age group of seven to 11 are attending the course. The course was the second of its kind but whether it could be opened in series depending on financial capability, said U Aye, a community elder from Myinkan Village.

Meiktila used to see summer basic Buddhist culture courses opened at basic education schools and some monasteries in 14 urban wards for students during their summer holidays with the aim of disseminating basic Buddhist culture knowledge to them.—*Kyemon*

Agriculture

Shwetaung Farm in Wundwin to distribute paddy seeds at low prices

WUNDWIN, 10 May—Under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, a demonstration on pollination of Palethwe hybrid paddy strains was organized at Shwetaung Research and Seeds Production Farm in Wundwin Township, Meiktila District, Mandalay Region in late April.

Director of Agriculture Department U Naing Kyi Win explained the process of pollination to observer trainees.

A total of 100 trainees from agriculture departments in regions and states are learning theoretical and practical lessons on cultivation methods at the Shwetaung Farm where 500 acres of Palethwe hybrid paddy are being grown for seed production. The farm is aimed to distribute seeds to farmers at cheap prices.

Kyemon

Beware of fire

Health

Fortis gives free health care in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 10 May—Fortis, a group of health care services from India, arrived here and gave free medical treatment to patients with liver, kidney and heart complaints at Byanmaso Social Welfare Clinic in Chanayethazan Township, on 8 May.

Director of Liver Transplant and Surgical Gastroenterology and Liver Transplant Specialist in Noida Dr Vivek Vij, MS, DNB, MRCS (Edin), Chief Nephrologist at Fortis Kolkata Dr A. R. Dutta, MD, DM (Nephro) and Consultant, Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery Dr K M Mandana, MS, MCh, FAGE, FETCS (UK) gave medical treatment to patients.

Fortis has provided health care services to more than 12 nations.—*Kyemon*

World Red Cross Day marked in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 10 May—Jointly organized by Minte Eikin Ward Red Cross Brigade in Aungmyethazan Township in Mandalay, a ceremony to mark World Red Cross Day was held in front of Minte Eikin Ward Administrator Office, here, on 8 May afternoon.

It was attended by Staff Officer (Grade-I) of Region Red Cross Brigade, commanding officer of RC regiments, blood donors, the ward administrator and responsible persons.

Staff Officer (Grade-I) of Region Red Cross Brigade U Phone Kyaw extended greetings. Region Red Cross Brigade Staff Officer (Grade-II) U Kyaw Kyaw made clarification on the background history and work process. A/Q Officer of Red Cross Battalion U Ohn Kyaw spoke words of thanks.

Kyemon

Caps and duty coats decorated to nurses

HPA-AN, 10 May—The graduates of No. 20 Intake of Hpa-an Nursing School were decorated with nursing caps and duty coats, at the school on 6 May, attended by Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Aung Kyaw Min, officials, townselders and members of social organizations.

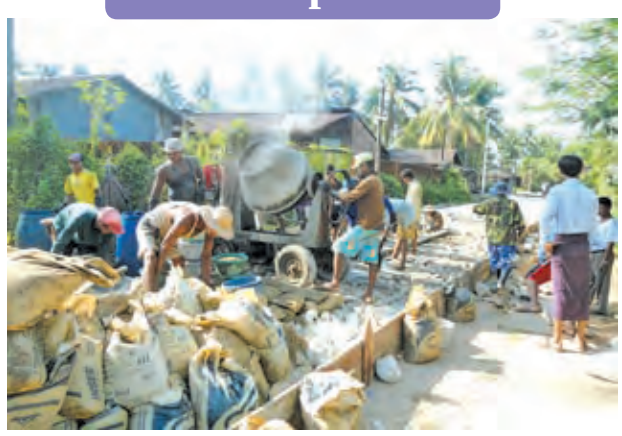
The Kayin State Chief Minister said Hpa-an Township Nursing and Midwifery Training School was opened on 1 July, 1993 with government subsidies and the school has trained 829 persons. The government has increased the numbers of such schools in each region and state so as to expand health care service for growing population of Myanmar, public health care projects and plans and to turn our more nurses. He urged them to serve the country without social and racial discrimination.

Then, the trainees were presented with nursing caps and duty coats. The Kayin State chief minister, the State Hluttaw speaker and the principal of the nursing school awarded outstanding trainees.

Kyemon

Development

Myitta Street concreted in Myeik



MYEIK, 10 May—Myitta Street in Shanchaung Village, Kalwin Village-tract, Myeik Township is being upgraded into concrete facility from gravel one under the aegis of Abbot of Balukson Monastery U Sundara. The 550-foot-long and 14-foot-wide facility was once the earth road and upgraded to gravel one in 2006 by the township development affairs committee.

The upgrading has been in process since 27 April on a self-reliant basis through contribution of the Sayadaw and the locals and is estimated to cost K 8 million. The street will bring three-season access to Myeik-Dawei Road for locals in Ngwe Pale Ward.—*Kyemon*

Huawei boss gives cyber-security assurance on New Zealand ICT infrastructure

WELLIGTON, 10 May — The founder and head of Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei on Thursday moved to reassure the New Zealand government and businesses that cyber-security was a top priority for his company in supplying ICT equipment. Huawei CEO Ren Zhengfei, who was in Wellington for talks with Communications Minister Amy Adams, said in a statement that New Zealand was a wonderful, progressive country that actively embraces the introduction of next generation telecoms infrastructure.

Last year, a United States Congress report advised US firms to avoid buying from Huawei over alleged security risks and the Australian government banned Huawei equipment from its National Broadband Network, but Ren's firm is a major supplier for the New Zealand government's nationwide Ultra-Fast Broadband (UFB) initiative and Telecom New Zealand's 4G mobile phone network. "New Zealand is one of Huawei's most important strategic markets and is very valuable to us," Ren said.

"The booming digital economy in New Zealand in recent years will help the ICT industry globally to become more diversified, balanced and healthy. Within such a positive environment, Huawei actively cooperates to create and share strategic benefits with our customers," said Ren. "We hope to strengthen and enhance the win-win cooperation model with the ICT industry in New Zealand through this visit, and hope in the future to extend such models to other Huawei operations around the globe." A stable telecommunications network, especially during earthquakes, tsunamis and other emergencies, was the ultimate social responsibility of network infrastructure manufacturers, said Ren.

Xinhua

Two, including man seeking vengeance, die in tiger attacks in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 May — Two people, including a man who took it upon himself to avenge the death of a villager from tiger attack, were killed by the tiger in south-central Nepal's Chitwan district on Thursday, an official said. The tiger first attacked 75-year-old Hanumanta Sarki of Devnagar village in the buffer zone of the famed Chitwan National Park while Sarki was asleep in his house on Thursday morning.

"After the attack, the tiger dragged Sarki's body into a nearby forest. Another villager, 31-year-old Bhim Bahadur Alemagar, later entered the forest alone armed with a khukuri knife to avenge Sarki's death. But he also fell prey to the same tiger," Narendra Raj Sharma, chief administrator of Chitwan, told *Kyodo News* by phone.

"Villagers had warned Alemagar that he was endangering his own life. But the man, who was slightly drunk, did not heed to the warning and gave himself to the tiger," Sharma said. Park officials armed with tranquilizer darts are combing the forest riding on 10 elephants. "They have been instructed to dart the tiger and transport it deeper into the forest," Sharma added. Attacks by wild animals are not uncommon in settlements that dot the buffer zone of Chitwan National Park, a world heritage property that attracts tens of thousands of tourists every year.

Xinhua

Temperatures above 30 °C hit areas across Japan

TOKYO, 10 May—High atmospheric pressure sent temperatures above 30 °C across Japan on Thursday, with some areas in western and central Japan experiencing temperatures similar to mid-July, the weather agency said.

Temperatures in many inland areas were the highest so far this year, soaring past 30 °C, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

These areas included Nara Prefecture's Totsukawa village where the temperature hit 32 °C, Gifu Prefecture's city of Gero at 31.4 °C, and the town of Tsuwano in Shimane Prefecture and Iida City in Nagano Prefecture where the high was 31.1 °C, the agency said.

At all those locations, temperatures were 7 to 10 °C higher than usual and on par with the heat between mid-July and early August. Other locations in eastern and western Japan experienced a hot day with highs of more than 25 °C.

Kyodo News

Philippine official says leftist rebels stalled peace process

MANILA, 10 May— Philippine government's chief peace negotiator Alexander Padilla said on Thursday that it's the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army- National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) who is responsible for stalling the peace negotiation between the government and leftist rebels. "The fact is, it is the CPP-NPA-NDF that has brought the talks to its present impasse," Padilla said.

The peace negotiation has been stalled since February 2011. Padilla said the CPP-NPA-NDF continued demand for the release of captured combatants, whom they claimed as NDF consultants, before the talks could resume led to the impasse.

Padilla added that it was the CPP-NPA-NDF who terminated the Special Track (ST) of negotiations. This is because CPP founding Chairman Jose Maria Sison — who authored the ST — reneged on his original proposal for an indefinite ceasefire and imposed demands that would have placed the ST on the protracted and difficult track.

"With the regular track on an impasse before we could even commence discussing the substantive issues, and the special track effectively terminated, there is no track at the moment that will realistically lead to a final negotiated peace settlement of the 44-year internal armed conflict," he added. Padilla reiterated that the government remains open to negotiating peace with the communist rebels, and that is why the government is trying to develop a new approach to peace talks that is "time bound, agenda bound, with no preconditions and based on earnest consultations with the people." —*Xinhua*

Vietnamese staff hold scissors for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Hanoi station prior to the departure of a Japan-Vietnam friendship train on 8 May, 2013. The train service between Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City began operating the same day to celebrate Japan-Vietnam friendship year, as 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.
KYODO NEWS

Car pyramid sculpture unveiled in C China.—XINHUA

Cambodian parliament passes farmers' cooperative law

PHNOM PENH, 10 May— Cambodia's National Assembly on Thursday adopted a law on farmers' cooperatives in order to support government policies in bolstering the agricultural sector, particularly paddy production and milled rice exports. Eighty out of the 83 lawmakers who were present at the parliament session approved the law. The law would allow farmers to organize themselves in legally recognized cooperatives, which could improve their market position and increase access to financial and technical support.

According to the law, a cooperative can be established by at least 15 people working in farming and agricultural business.Under the law, the government would find financial institutions that could offer credit to farmers through the cooperatives, allowing farmers to get loans without collateral as the cooperative would guarantee the loans of its members. "The law would give advantages to farmers that joined a cooperative," Minister of Agriculture Chan Sarun said during the parliament session.

"Farmers unified in a cooperative would be in a stronger position to sell their produce."The minister said since 2003, the Ministry of Agriculture has established 375 agricultural communities throughout the country with 35,630 members and a total capital of 2.25 million US dollars. "Currently, agricultural communities are playing an important role to help the government promote paddy production and milled rice exports," he said. "The communities will improve food security, reduce starvation and bolster economic and social development."

Cambodia is an agrarian country. More than 80 percent of the population is farmers. The Ministry of Agriculture announced in January that the country produced 9.31 million tons of paddy rice last year. Of this amount, besides local consumptions, the nation had around 3 million tons of milled rice left over for export this year. Chan Sarun said the country had exported about 210,000 tons of rice in the first four months of this year. "With this figure, I am optimistic that the country will be able to achieve the goal of exporting one million tons of milled rice a year from 2015."—*Xinhua*

Toyota Boshoku to set up 1st production base in Pakistan

NAGOYA, 10 May— Toyota Boshoku Corp, a group company of Toyota Motor Corp, said on Thursday it will set up a joint venture in Pakistan with local vehicle parts maker Thal Ltd and Toyota Tsusho Corp to make automotive components. It will be Toyota Boshoku's first production base in Pakistan, the company said, anticipating further growth of the country's vehicle market.

The new company, named Thal Boshoku Pakistan (Private) Ltd, is expected to start production of seats and other automotive components in July 2014, with annual production capacity for 50,000 units. It will be capitalized at 190 million Pakistani rupees, or around 160 million yen, with 55 percent owned by Thal, 35 percent by Toyota Boshoku and 10 percent by Toyota Tsusho.—*Kyodo News*

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Artists from Suzhou Kunqu Opera Theatre perform during the opening ceremony of the Wuzhen Theatre Festival in Wuzhen, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 9 May, 2013. The festival which will last till 19 May kicked off on Thursday.
XINHUA

Steep tariffs on Chinese solar panels cannot save European manufacturers

BEIJING, 10 May — The European Commission agreed on Wednesday to slap a hefty 47-percent punitive tariff on solar panels imported from China in an effort to save Europe's struggling photovoltaic industry, but the protective approach would only lead to an unintended disaster. For years, the EU countries have spearheaded global efforts to develop clean energy and outshined other countries as they put up more solar panels on the roofs of homes and businesses.

Their clean energy initiative, a laudable contribution to the worldwide campaign against global warming, may suffer as consumers cancel their orders when they can no longer buy Chinese panels about 40 percent cheaper than European goods.

"The solar business is very price-sensitive ... If prices are artificially increased by punitive tariffs, the European solar market would simply come to a standstill," Wouter Vermeersch, head of the Belgian company Cleantec Trade, said in a statement Wednesday.

Economy wise, the steep tariffs could seriously divide and debilitate Europe's solar businesses. Companies that build and install solar panels share a large part of the EU's value-added chain.

Their steep revenue losses and forced job cuts will undermine the vitality of the whole solar sector, adding to Europe's thorny economic problems. On the surface, the European Commission is accusing China of allegedly exporting solar panels at below-cost prices and using illegal subsidies to crowd out European competitors to corner the market.

But even European companies have admitted that China's price advantage is largely a result of economies of scale, fueled in part by the exponential increase in the global demand for solar energy in recent years. Blaming the lack of competitiveness of European products on China is misguided. Instead of trying to win more breathing room through unfair protectionist measures, European solar panel makers need to find ways on their own to revive their businesses and compete with their rivals in the global market.

In an interconnected world economy, trade protectionism can lead to a no-win situation. A malicious beggar-thy-neighbor approach can lead to a trade war that neither side can afford, and strain the valuable trade ties that have benefited billions of people from both sides.—*Xinhua*

Nigerian President aborts state visit over security situation

ABUJA, 10 May — Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has cut short his visit to South Africa and aborted his state visit to Namibia which was to begin on Thursday. A statement from his media office reaching *Xinhua* in Abuja said the president would be returning to Abuja immediately to contain the security challenges in Borno, Plateau and Nassarawa states.

Many people, including security personnel, lost their lives as a result of attacks by Boko Haram on military and security installations, prisons, as well as police and army barracks in Borno on Monday. Governor Umaru Al-Makura of Nassarawa State and Gabriel Suswan of Benue on Wednesday briefed Vice President Namadi Sambo on the deteriorating security situations in their states.

Al-Makura told the vice president how 23 mobile policemen were killed in an ambush by the Ombatse cult group, while Suswam reported how herdsmen attacked Agatu villagers and killed many people. President Jonathan on arrival, met with the chief of defense staff, service chiefs, the Inspector-General of Police and heads of national security services, to review the security *situation* in the country.— *Xinhua*

China to campaign against fake children's products

BEIJING, 10 May — China is to launch a campaign against counterfeit and shoddy products for children's use, in the lead-up to International Children's Day, which falls on 1 June.

As announced on Thursday at the festival's press conference, the campaign will be conducted by the General Administration of Quality, Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. The administration will also launch a public education campaign advocating children's safe riding of elevators.

Also according to the Press conference, authorities, including the All China Women's Federation, will ask the nation's museums, exhibition centres and other public cultural venues to provide children with free access.

The authorities will furthermore regulate children's books, video and Internet products, as well as Internet cafes surrounding schools, it was announced.

Xinhua

Delegates from Russia and Belarus and veterans of former Soviet Red Army hold banners and flags in front of the German-Russian Museum in Karlshorst, Berlin, Germany, on 8 May, 2013. People from across Europe commemorated on Wednesday, in one way or another, the 68th Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) that marks the end of the Second World War (WWII) in Europe. — XINHUA

Indian Jindal exports first coal consignment from Mozambique

MAPUTO, 10 May — The Indian JSPL Mozambique Minerals (JINDAL-Africa) has exported 36,600 tons of coal from Mozambique's northwestern Province of Tete.

It is the fist coal consignment the JINDAL-Africa exports since it started work in Songo around two years ago.

Thursday's statement from the company quoted general director of the JINDAL-Africa, Manoj Gupta, as saying that the company is to export 1 million tons of the coal this year.

Mozambique's recent discoveries of huge coal and natural gas reserves have attracted a number of foreign investment. Global mining giants like Rio Tinto is also involved in the coal exploration in Tete.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Madonna to be honoured for top grossing tour at Billboard Awards

NEW YORK, 10 May—Madonna will be honoured at the Billboard Music Awards show this month for her 2012 MDNA tour, the high grossing concert tour of the year, organizers of the awards show said on Wednesday.

The singer will accept the Top Touring Artist award at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on 19th May for the tour that grossed more than $305 million from 88 sold-out shows and attracted an audience of 2.2 million people.

"A cultural icon, Madonna is one of the most successful and influential entertainers of all time and was recently named Billboard's Top Money Maker of 2012," Billboard said in a statement. The chart-topping singer holds numerous other Billboard awards, including the record for the most top 10 singles (38).

In addition to her music, Madonna is also an avid art collector. On Tuesday she sold a 1921 painting by the French artist Fernand Leger, "Trois Femmes a la Table Rouge," for $7.16 million to raise money for the non-profit Ray of Light Foundation, to fund girls' education in poor countries.

The mother of four, including two adopted children from Malawi, is planning to build 10 schools in the African nation.—*Reuters*

Singer Madonna arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute Benefit celebrating the opening of "PUNK: Chaos to Couture" in New York, on 6 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Carrie Underwood performs "Two Black Cadillacs" at the 48th ACM Awards in Las Vegas, on 7 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Carrie Underwood to sing NBC's 'Sunday Night Football' theme

LOS ANGELES, 10 May—Country singer Carrie Underwood will sing the opening theme to NBC's "Sunday Night Football" programme, one of the United States' most-watched TV shows, when the new season kicks off in September, the network said on Tuesday.

Grammy-winner Underwood will take the reins from fellow country singer Faith Hill, who had sung the theme "Waiting All Day for Sunday Night" before each telecast since 2007. Underwood's performance will be prerecorded.

"I'm very excited," Underwood, 30, said in a conference call. "I think it's a perfect fit and I am such a sports fan and football fan, and we love Sunday nights around my household, so for me to be a part of it is something really special."

Underwood, who shot to recognition by winning the TV singing competition "American Idol" in 2005, is married to Canadian ice hockey player Mike Fisher and sang the national anthem at the 2010 Super Bowl.

A prominent musical introduction is a staple of US prime time football broadcasts after Hank Williams Jr reworked his song "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming over Tonight" as the theme for the "Monday Night Football" programme in 1989.

"Sunday Night Football" begins its weekly run on 8 September with a game between the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants.

NBC is part of Comcast Corp.—*Reuters*

Jeanne Cooper, star of CBS' "The Young and the Restless," dies at 84

LOS ANGLES, 10 May—American actress Jeanne Cooper, who starred on the daytime television soap opera "The Young and the Restless" for four decades, died on Wednesday, her son, actor Corbin Bernsen, said. Cooper was 84.

"My mother passed away this morning just a short time ago, peaceful with my sister by her side, in her sleep," Bernsen said in a post on Facebook.

Known as the "The Duchess" and the "Grand Dame of Genoa City," the Chancellor character is credited with giving the series a dash of controversy during its beginnings and becoming an iconic figure in US television soap opera genre.

Cooper's cast mates took to Twitter to remember an enduring star of US daytime television.

"A very sad day for all of us," co-star Jessica Collins posted on Twitter.

"Heaven just gained one feisty angel," said Melissa Claire Egan, another actress on the series.

Cooper, a daytime Emmy winner, also brought her personal life onto the show in 1984 when footage of her real-life facelift was used to depict her character undergoing the same procedure. Cooper was born in Taft, California, in 1928 and began her professional screen acting career in the 1953 film "The Redhead from Wyoming."—*Reuters*

Outstanding Lead Actress Jeanne Cooper from "The Young and the Restless" poses with her award at the 35th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards at the Kodak theatre in Hollywood, California on 20 June, 2008.—REUTERS

Bernsen had been updating the status of Cooper's health on Facebook and Twitter over the past few weeks. Neither the cause of Cooper's death nor what she had been suffering from has been disclosed.

Cooper joined the cast of CBS network's "The Young and the Restless," in its first season in 1973, and portrayed the boozy and wealthy Katherine Chancellor. She was still a cast member at the time of her death although her character recently underwent surgery for a brain tumour.

Piers Morgan to oversee TV series on London's tabloid world

Television host Piers Morgan hosts a conversation titled "Communication by Design: Inspirational Change" during the final day of the Clinton Global Initiative 2012 (CGI) in New York on 25 Sept, 2012.
REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 10 May—The world of tabloid journalism, London-style, will be showcased in a new television series executive-produced by CNN host Piers Morgan, who is also a former editor of two of Britain's popular newspapers.

"Fleet Street" will be broadcast on US cable channel Starz and will follow the competitive landscape of tabloid publications in 1970s London, Starz said in a statement on Wednesday.

"It was the dawn of the celebrity era, in all its gruesome detail — a revolution that changed pop culture, and the relationship between the press and politicians, royals, and stars," Morgan said in a statement.

The series "will chronicle the rise of tabloid journalism, the sexual revolution and class warfare, all seen through the eyes of an American journalist," the statement added.

"Fleet Street" is currently in development and does not have a release date. It will consist of eight to 13 hour-long episodes.

Morgan, 48, rose to fame as the youngest national newspaper editor in 1994 when he was appointed to lead Rupert Murdoch's now defunct *News of the World* tabloid.

He became editor of the *Daily Mirror* in 1995 but was fired in 2004 after the newspaper published false photographs of Iraqi prisoners apparently being abused by British soldiers.

Morgan moved into television, gaining fame as a judge on Simon Cowell's competition shows "Britain's Got Talent" and its US version "America's Got Talent."

In 2011, Morgan took over from veteran host Larry King and launched the CNN talk show "Piers Morgan Live."

Reuters

SPORTS

Unheralded Castro leads with McIlroy, Woods lurking

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, (Florida), 10 May—Unheralded Roberto Castro fired a 63 to tie the course record for a three-shot lead over Rory McIlroy and Zach Johnson with Tiger Woods lurking after Thursday's first round of the Players Championship. The world class leaderboard also included US Open champion Webb Simpson, US Ryder Cup players Steve Stricker and Hunter Mahan in a group with Woods another shot back on 67, but it was Web.com graduate Castro who stole the spotlight.

Staging a clinic with his irons to receptive greens, Castro, ranked 267th in the world, made seven birdies and an eagle to match the mark shared by Greg Norman and Fred Couples in his debut on the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass.

"It gives me proof that when you play great, you're good enough," Castro, 27, said about the confidence boost he gained from a brilliant round that set the bar in the morning wave.

Castro's playing partner, Jason Bohn, said he had never seen anything quite like the red-haired American's round. "Ultra impressive," said Bohn, who shot a four-under 68. "I've never seen a 63 shot like that. His iron play was like a clinic, he had so many kick-ins. That's the highest score he could have shot. He was awesome."

Castro had six birdie putts within five feet, including four within two feet and did not make a single putt of more than 10 feet in his 63.—*Reuters*

Roberto Castro of the US hits his approach shot on the seventh hole during the first round of The Players Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida on 9 May, 2013.—REUTERS

United pick Moyes as Ferguson influence lives on

MANCHESTER, 10 May—Alex Ferguson's influence at Manchester United will continue past his retirement after the Premier League champions followed his advice and appointed David Moyes as their next manager on Thursday.

Everton boss Moyes, who announced earlier he would be leaving the club after 11 years in charge, was the hot favourite to take over from his fellow Scot at United and has signed a six-year contract from 1 July.

"When we discussed the candidates that we felt had the right attributes we unanimously agreed on David Moyes," Ferguson, who is staying at United as an ambassador and director, said in a statement. "David is a man of great integrity with a strong work ethic. I've admired his work for a long time and approached him as far back as 1998 to discuss the position of assistant manager here. "He was a young man then at the start of his career and has since gone on to do a magnificent job at Everton. There is no question he has all the qualities we expect of a manager at this Club."

Moyes is braced for the tough job of following Britain's most successful manager, who is retiring at the end of the season after winning two Champions Leagues, 13 league titles, five FA Cups in more than 26 years at United. "It's a great honour to be asked to be the next manager of Manchester United. I am delighted that Sir Alex saw fit to recommend me for the job. I have great respect for everything he has done and for the Football Club," the 50-year-old said.—*Reuters*

Everton's manager David Moyes

Relaxed Serena through to last eight in Madrid

MADRID, 10 May—A laid-back Serena Williams breezed into the Madrid Open quarter-finals on Thursday when she barely broke sweat in a 6-3, 6-1 destruction of Maria Kirilenko.

The world number one and top seed, defending champion at the premier clay event in the Spanish capital, needed just over an hour to dismiss the 13th-seeded Russian and set up a last-eight meeting with Spanish wildcard Anabel Medina Garrigues.

"I just felt really relaxed today," Williams told a news conference. "I felt like I was just taking my time. So hopefully I can keep calm and relaxed."

Williams, 31, chasing a fourth title of the year and the 50th of her career, was joined in the quarter-finals by second seed Maria Sharapova who knocked out unseeded German Sabine Lisicki 6-2 7-5.

The Russian world number two and French Open champion will play Kaia Kanepi for a place in the last four after the unseeded Estonian beat Slovakian wildcard Daniela Hantuchova 6-3, 6-4.

Medina Garrigues, a former world number 16 now ranked 63rd, went through on Wednesday after her opponent Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan withdrew with an arm injury.

"She's definitely going to be really tough for me," Williams said of the Spaniard. "She's a grinder on clay and she's Spanish. I know a lot of fans really like her here."

After her comfortable win over Lisicki, Sharapova reflected on how much she has improved on clay in recent years.

The 26-year-old's triumph at Roland Garros in 2012 made her only the sixth woman in the open era to win all four grand slam singles titles.

"It took me many years to get to the level of where I am today (on clay), it certainly didn't happen overnight," she said.

"I worked extremely hard on getting stronger and recovering better, moving better on the court, giving myself a better position on the court, especially after being on the defensive and trying to play aggressively as I always do on quicker surfaces.

"But just give myself that chance to recover. I think I've learned a lot and over the years and I've really improved."

The other two quarter-finals feature Italian seventh seed Sara Errani against unseeded Russian Ekaterina Makarova and sixth seed Angelique Kerber of Germany against Serbian 16th seed Ana Ivanovic.

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Serena Williams of the US returns a shot to Maria Kirilenko of Russia during their women's singles match at the Madrid Open tennis tournament, on 9 May, 2013. REUTERS

Maria Kirilenko of Russia returns a shot to Serena Williams of the US during their women's singles match at the Madrid Open tennis tournament, on 9 May, 2013. REUTERS

MOURINHO RETURN WOULD BE GREAT FOR CHELSEA, SAYS LAMPARD

LONDON, 10 May—Frank Lampard would love to see Jose Mourinho return for a second stint as coach of Chelsea, the England midfielder said on Thursday.

Recent media reports have suggested the Portuguese will leave Real Madrid at the end of the season and go back to Stamford Bridge, a prospect that Chelsea vice-captain Lampard is clearly relishing.

"I think it would be a great thing for the club. I think he is a fantastic manager," Lampard told British newspapers.

"I've seen speculation before and a completely different manager walks through the door so we never know on that front. But he is certainly one of the greatest managers, if not the greatest, in world football."

Mourinho led Chelsea to two Premier League triumphs in his previous spell at Stamford Bridge from 2004-07 before moving on to Inter Milan and then Real.

Lampard's contract with the European champions expires at the end of the season.

Asked if he would like to stay if Mourinho took over from interim manager Rafael Benitez, the 34-year-old midfielder replied: "Yes I would but let's see what happens.

"I've always said I want to spend the rest of my career here. I think everyone knows that." Lampard, one goal away from equalling Bobby Tambling's club record total of 202, is set to feature in third-placed Chelsea's Premier League fixture at Aston Villa on Saturday.

Reuters

Chelsea's Frank Lampard celebrates after winning against FC Basel in their Europa League semi-final second leg soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 2 May, 2013.—REUTERS

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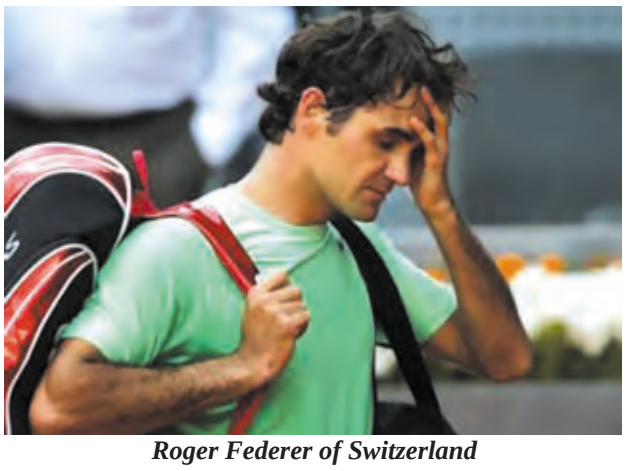
Federer suffers shock Madrid exit to Nishikori



Roger Federer of Switzerland

MADRID, 10 May — Roger Federer's hopes of claiming a second straight Madrid Open title were dashed when the world number two suffered a surprise 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 third-round defeat to Japanese young gun Kei Nishikori on Thursday.

Playing his first tournament since taking a seven-week break following his quarter-final exit at Indian Wells, Federer became the second high-profile casualty at the clay Masters event following Tuesday's shock second-round defeat for world number one Novak Djokovic to unseeded Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov.

The Swiss maestro's reverse, the 23-year-old Nishikori's biggest win since he beat Serb Djokovic in the semi-finals in Basel in 2011, also deprived fans of a possible last-four clash between Federer and local hero Rafa Nadal. Federer, a three-time champion in Madrid and chasing his first title of the year, seemed to struggle in the breezy conditions inside the Magic Box arena and his game was littered with uncharacteristic errors.

After losing the first set, he upped his game to level but lost his serve early in the decider and Nishikori broke for a third time in the match to seal victory.

The world number 16 had lost to Federer in their only other meeting, the 2011 Basel final, and told a news conference it was an "amazing" experience to beat the man who had been one of his childhood idols.

"Actually, you know, to beat him, that was one of my goals for my tennis career," he said. "And it happens on clay, it's amazing. You know it's not really my favourite surface."

Nishikori will play another Spaniard, wild card Pablo Andujar, for a place in Saturday's semi-finals, while a chastened Federer heads back to the practice court ahead of next week's Rome Masters.—*Reuters*

Kei Nishikori of Japan

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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3. Dance & Song of National Races

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7. India Dramma Series

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8. How It's Works

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9. TV Drama Series

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10. News

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11. Shwe Yin Khone Than

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12. Game for Children

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13. Round Up of The Week's TV Local News

12:50 pm
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2:45 pm
15. Musical Programme

3:00 pm
16. News

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4:25 pm
19. Dance & Song of National Races

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20. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Mathematics)

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21. Documentary

5:00 pm
22. News

5:15 pm
23. Documentary (SEA Game)

5:25 pm
24. Documentary (Weather Report)

6:20 pm
25. Song Programme

6:35 pm
26. Documentary (Fashion Show)

6:50 pm
27. TV Drama Series

7:00 pm
28. News

8:00 pm
29. News / International / Weather Report

8:35 pm
30. Documentary

9:00 pm
31. News
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35. TV Drama Series
36. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

R.I.P
Rev: Father Anthony William Crowe
(a)
U Thein Aung
Age 77 Years (Priesthood 52 Years)

Beloved son of Mrs. Nellie Crowe and Miss Monica Rabel and only brother of Mary May Win Hlaing was called to his heavenly home at 9:30 pm on Thursday 9th May 2013 at the Parish Hall of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Toungoo. Funeral Service will take place on Saturday 11th May 2013 at 8:00 am after Holy Mass at Toungoo.

(Inserted by Mary)

Finnish, Austrian hostages released by al-Qaeda in Yemen

SANAA, 10 May—A Finnish couple and an Austrian man kidnapped by al-Qaeda militants in Yemen last December were released through an Omani mediation, a Yemeni government official told *Xinhua* on Thursday. "The Finnish couple and their Austrian friend who were snatched by al-Qaeda group from the Yemeni capital of Sanaa in December last year were released through mediation of the Omani government and the Yemeni tribe on Wednesday night," the senior official told *Xinhua* by phone, requesting anonymity.

"A big ransom of money, about millions of US dollars, has been paid to the al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in return of releasing the hostages," he said, adding that "the group was handed over on Wednesday night to the Omani officials." —*Xinhua*

British sailing champ dies in America's Cup training off San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 May — British yacht-racing champion and two-time Olympic medallist Andrew "Bart" Simpson was killed on Thursday when his vessel capsized in San Francisco Bay during training for the America's Cup, his team said. Simpson, 36, who won a gold medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, was sailing on the Artemis, Sweden's entry in the America's Cup, when the catamaran overturned, according to a statement posted on the Artemis racing website.

"The entire Artemis Racing team is devastated by what happened," CEO Paul Cayard said in the statement. "Our heartfelt condolences are with Andrew's wife and family."

The twin-hulled boat was performing a so-called "bear-away" manoeuvre, turning away from the wind, when one bow dropped under the water's surface, and the vessel flipped over, America's Cup spokesman Tim Jeffery told *Reuters*.

Simpson ended up trapped beneath the boat in the water and had to be pulled out by rescue divers, who tried and failed to revive him, Jeffery said.

The yacht was "very badly damaged," but the team has a backup boat that is expected to be ready to sail in June, he said.

The incident was believed to be the first fatality in connection with the America's Cup since the early 1990s, when a crew member from a Spanish team died in a training accident off the coast of Majorca in the Mediterranean, Jeffery said. The Artemis website said Simpson was part of an 11-member sailing team and that all other crew members had been accounted for following the mishap.—*Reuters*

The Artemis Racing yacht is towed to shore after capsizing in the San Francisco Bay, California on 9 May, 2013. — REUTERS

Silver medallist Andrew Simpson of Britain

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives ROK Ambassador

YANGON, 10 May— Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong at Hluttaw Branch (Yangon) here this morning.

They discussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two parliaments as well as the two countries. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and personnel of Hluttaw Office.

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***Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann shaking hands with Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong.*—MNA**

Myanmar to cooperate with EU and Britain in legal affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May— Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received EU special representative on Human Rights Mr Stavros Lambrinidis and Senior Advisor on Legal and Security Affairs of British Council Ms Janice Drewe separately at his office today.

The Union Attorney-General and the EU special rep discussed the results of the seminar on the rule of law in Myanmar: perspective and prospects, positive actions on human rights in Myanmar, signing of international human rights declarations by Myanmar and cooperation in justice reform sectors.

The Union Attorney-General held talks with the senior advisor of British Council on sending of Myanmar legal officers to Britain to receive trainings. Also present at the calls were Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Director-General U Kyaw Hsan and personnel from Office of the Union Attorney-General.

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Union Defence Minister arrives back

YANGON, 10 May— Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin arrived back here this evening after attending 7th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting held in Brunei Darussalam.

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Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin being welcomed back by officials at Yangon International Airport.

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Union FM receives EU special rep

***Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives EU Special representative Mr Stavros Lambrinidis.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May— Mr Stavros Lambrinidis, EU special representative of Human Rights paid a courtesy call on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at the ministry here this morning.

They discussed developments in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the future cooperation process between Myanmar and EU.

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Construction Ministry, USAID to make technical cooperation

***Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin poses for documentary photo together with USAID members.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin met Chief Engineer Mr Sam Nassif of US Agency for International Development (USAID), Regional Development Mission in Asia, at his office, here, yesterday morning.

They discussed matters on findings along Yangon-Mandalay Highway and its conditions, and technical cooperation between Public Works and USAID.—*MNA*

Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May— According to the observations at (18:30) hrs M.S.T today, the depression over Southeast Bay has centered at about (490) miles Southwest of Kawthoung (Myanmar). It is forecast to move Northwest ward.

The present stage of the depression is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts.

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Good journalists need personal skills and technical skills

Media Training for Journalism from 6 to 8 May, was held at Australia Club, Yangon. Peter Rodgers of the Australian National University trained Journalists from Myanmar with the aims of reviewing what is needed in good writing and applying them in good journalism.

"I'm here to share the locals particular skills of journalism based on my own experiences as a journalist. Good journalists need personal skills as well as technical skills including writing skill. It doesn't matter where you are, the skills and the craft of the journalism doesn't change over a much" said Peter Rodgers.

"I don't know clearly about this course before attending it. However, I think it may improve my skill concerning with journalism. Most of the discussions made by Peter are very useful for my profession. I've got some new experiences and I think all of my participants also," said Zin No No Zaw of *Myanmar National TV* under *The Sky Net Media*.

Programme Presenter Peter Rodgers has had much experience in diplomacy, journalism, writing and teaching throughout his career. As Jakarta correspondent for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age* newspapers, Peter awarded the Australian Journalist of the Year prize for his reporting on East Timor. Peter currently provides communication skills training to a variety of organizations in Australia and abroad.

Journalists from *The New Light of Myanmar, The Myanmar Times, The Mizzima Media, The Sky Net Media* and *The Living Color Media* attended the training.

Hein Tayzar Myo