

Better transportation brings about development of tourism industry and more job opportunities, thereby contributing to rural development and poverty alleviation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—With rapid economic development of Asia and ASEAN, construction of railroads, motor roads and bridges across the country including Ayeyawady River-Crossing Bridges would contribute much to Myanmar's economic development and creating more job opportunities for Myanmar citizens, said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham at opening ceremony of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) linking Malun bank and Migyoungye bank near Ywathit Village and Sittoepin Village of Magway Township today.

Thanks to the bridge, products such as edible oil crops, beans, sesame and onion from Myanmar's Oil Bowl, Magway Region, will be transported to other regions and states. Socio-economic status of local people will improve soon, he added.

He continued to say

that the State is spending huge amounts of money on construction of Ayeyawady River-crossing bridges in order to save time and costs caused by Ayeyawady River.

He highlighted the importance of basic infrastructures essential for country's development. Thanks to the 2015 ASEAN Community, the country will see opportunities such as flourishing of free trade, more investment and visits.

Better transportation could bring about development of tourism industry and more job opportunity, thereby contributing to Myanmar rural development and poverty alleviation tasks.

He expressed thanks to Myanmar engineers for their efforts for construction of international-standard bridges. He urged the officials and local people to maintain its durability.

Union Minister for

Vice-President
Dr Sai Mauk Kham at opening ceremony of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun).

MNA



Construction U Kyaw Lwin said that the bridge connects Yangon-Pyay-Magway Union Highway on the

east bank of Ayeyawady River with Sasano-Kantoke road and Pathein-Monywa Union Highway on the west

bank. It also links Sittway, Kyaukpyu, Upper Myanmar, Pathein-Monywa road and Monywa-Gangaw-

Kalewa-Kyeekon-Tamu road and foreign countries through Malun-Minhla road. (See page 9)



Photo shows opening ceremony of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun), the eighth bridge in Magway Region.—MNA

Traditional Myanma Thanakha

"I've taken Thanakha from Shwebo to Yangon; however black one's complexion is, Shwebo Thanakha can turn it into fair and fresh one; it helps ladies from Pazundaung, Kyimyindine and Mandalay have beautiful and glowing complexion."

Shwebo Thiri Marlar

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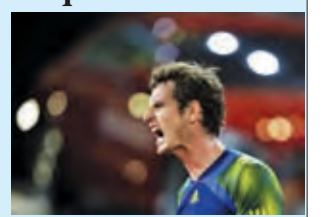
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Murray stopped by Berdych in Madrid quarter-finals



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Kyeekaing village, an emerging ward of PyinOoLwin Township

Development



PYIN OO LWIN, 11 May— Thanks to a degree of unity between the administrators and villagers in the time of the new government that took office two years ago, Kyeekaing village in Innaya village-tract, 2.5 miles east of PyinOoLwin Township of Mandalay Region, is on the track to development, seeing significant progress like a town.

The topographically distinct village is established in an area of 450 acres. The village has cool and pleasant weather all the year around with the highest temperature of 35

degrees centigrade and the lowest temperature of 2 degrees centigrade.

The village has a population of 733 from 200 households. Agriculture and livestock breeding are main businesses of the village.

Thanks to Pyin Oo Lwin-Kyeekaing concrete road and, the village sees good transportation. Moreover, all streets in the village were concreted. The village electrification and establishment of a library were carried out successfully. So far 315 KVA transformer and power

lines have been installed and electric pylons and a library built at the village. Knowing about the value of environment through educative programmes on the televising, only electricity is used for cooking instead of firewood and charcoal.

Now that the village is on the track to development of economic, education, health and social sectors, it will be able to transform itself into a hustling and bustling ward of PyinOoLwin Township soon.

Kyemon

Three crew members die of suffocation in the belly of ship

YANGON, 11 May — Suffocation deaths occurred in the belly of Barge-11 Singapore cargo ship docked together with MV Zawana tugboat since about one month ago to load up it with timber logs from timber extraction block of Kyunsu region at Kangyi ward in Myeik on 7 May.

While the ship was in dock for loading up of timber logs from timber extraction block of Kyunsu region at Kangyi ward in Myeik, 15 crew members led by captain U Ye Shwe

carried out sanitation works inside and outside the ship. While sanitation works in progress, deputy captain Zin Ko Oo (a) Kyatpha, 24, collapsed unconscious in the belly of the ship. So crew leader Kyaw Myint (a) Kyaw Kyaw Myint, 29, and Win Tun, 28, rushed there, but they also went unconscious. Than Htaik Aung, 32, went down in the belly by rope and tried to rescue three crew members lying unconscious. He also fell unconscious after he tied Win Tun with rope to pull

him up.

Next, Mechanic Zaw Lwin went down in the belly with the help of oxygen mask and took them out of the belly. But three crew—Than Htaik Aung, Kyaw Myint (a) Kyaw Kyaw Myint and Zin Ko Oo (a) Kyatpha— were found dead and Win Tun was sent to hospital.

They are believed to have died of suffocation in the belly of the ship where they were unable to breathe. Myeik police station is investigation into the case.

Kyemon

Asphyxiation death by smoke inhalation in Taungtha Township

YANGON, 11 May—Two men died of smoke inhalation in the 35-foot deep well while trying to pump dirty water out of the well in the residence of U Myo Myint Aung in Chaungzon village

of Taungtha Township in Mandalay Region on 5 May.

As Naing Win, 31, was asphyxiated by smoke in the middle of the well where he started the engine to pump water out of the well, Kyaw

Htay, 35, went down into the well to rescue him. But both of them fell unconscious and died as they were unable to breathe in the well. They are believed to have been killed by smoke inhalation.—MNA

Ambulance and motorbike get caught in collision

KENG TUNG, 11 May — A crash between an ambulance and a motorbike occurred on Tachilek road near Namtchatyay creek bridge in Kengtung Township at

about 9.30 am on 4 May.

An ambulance of Kengtung People's Hospital driven by Aye Min Soe, 28, collided with a motorbike driven by Lawsai

who ride it on the wrong lane on Tachilek road. Motorcyclist had got minor injuries to his left leg in the road accident.

Kyemon

Firewood-loaded truck overturns in Bago

BAGO, 11 May — An overloaded truck overturned near Lawka Manaung monastery in Bago yesterday. The truck driving from Layein-su village to downtown Bago by Maung Tun turned over at mile post No (1/5) as it was over loaded with

firewood.

The driver and one other on board the truck were injured in the car accident and they were taken to Bago hospital. Driver Maung Tun was charged over car accident.

Kyemon



Welding-related fire breaks out in Mandalay

Fire

MANDALAY, 11 May— A fire happened to an under-construction KTV building on Theikpan street between 60th street and 61st street in Myothit ward-1 of Chanyathazi Township at about 4.45 pm on 8 May. Local people, fire crews and auxiliary fire brigade members accompanied by 50 fire trucks managed to bring the fire under control and put it out at about 6 pm.

The fire is believed to have started while a shower of sparks from welding had burnt a sofa in the living room.

The fire swept through inside the building, destroying sofas, fiber sheets, furniture, electric wires and other belongings. Only when clouds of thick black smoke billowed from the 186 feet long and 45 feet wide one-storey RC building, ward dwellers got caught in a panic as no flames leapt out of the building. It took more than one hours to put out the fire and it was a difficult task for firefighters as they tried to fight against the fire, breaking the brick walls and roofs.

Kyemon



Two wounded in head-on collision between vehicle and motorbike

DAWEI, 11 May — A head-on collision between a vehicle and a motorbike occurred near mile post No (4/4) between Pulkone village and Zahar village in Dawei Township of Taninthayi Region at about 8 am on 4 May. A Town Ace driving from Yebyu Township to Dawei by U Than Hla, 49, collided head-on with a motorbike driving on the opposite lane

by U Ye Myint while trying to overtake a vehicle driving ahead. The road accident caused damage to both the Town Ace and the motorbike and left the motorcyclist and a woman on board the vehicle wounded. The injured are being treated at Dawei People's Hospital.

Dawei Police Station filed a lawsuit against U Than Hla for his reckless driving.

Kyemon

Lightning strike kills man inside home

NYAUNG U, 11 May — A man was struck by lightning while he was inside his home at Kalade village in Ngathayauk Sub-township in Nyaung U District at about 5 pm on 2 May. There was no rain at the time when the accident occurred.

U Tin Sein, 66, was pronounced dead on the spot after he got struck by lightning while he was hanging a picture on the wall in his home. Daw Nwe, 30, his neighbour, had got minor injuries in the incident.

Kyemon

WORLD

China, India capable of achieving win-win results, resolving disputes

BEIJING, 11 May—Indian Foreign Minister Salman Khurshid's ongoing visit to China reaffirmed the consensus of the two giant neighbours to achieve win-win results and properly handle disputes toward building a new-type relationship between major countries of the world.

The trip drew world attention as it took place after a border incident between the two nations, and western media tended to cast China-India ties in the light of "border row" or "strategic rivalry."

But the fact is that Khurshid's China tour was planned long before the border spat happened, and is an integral part of the high-level exchanges agreed upon by leaders of the two sides. While we shouldn't pretend that border disputes and historical issues don't exist between the two

nations, it is hard to deny that the problems were often solved in a quick fashion as the two-way ties are getting more mature each day. For international observers, being fixated on border spats, which are not rare between neighbouring nations, risks missing the grand picture of the overall positive trend of the China-India relationship and the huge opportunities and benefits it could bring to the region and the world. The new Chinese leadership has declared that it regards the ties with India as one of Beijing's most important foreign relations and Khurshid, the Indian foreign minister, reiterated New Delhi's willingness to expand bilateral cooperation during his ongoing trip.

China and India are both world's great ancient civilizations with



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (2nd R) holds talks with his Indian counterpart Salman Khurshid in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 May, 2013.—XINHUA

splendid cultures, and now they are both leading emerging economies and important countries with shared responsibilities in safeguarding regional and global security and prosperity. The potential for bilateral cooperation is huge, as China has become one of India's top trading partners with a shared goal to raise their annual trade volume to 100 billion US dollars in 2015. New Delhi has also said it intends to attract more Chinese

investments and encourage Indian firms to explore the vast Chinese market.

Meanwhile, the people-to-people exchange between the two sides has a vast room to grow, given annually there are only 20,000 Chinese nationals traveling to India and 300,000 Indians coming to China. With their growing global clouts, the two nations' cooperation in regional and world affairs is carrying more significance.

Xinhua

Japan, US conclude 1st dialogue on cyber defence cooperation

TOKYO, 11 May—Japan and the United States concluded their first comprehensive dialogue on cyber defence on Friday after exploring new areas of cooperation, they said in a joint statement.

During the two-day meeting in Tokyo, Japanese and US officials also identified actions that governments and private-sector entities can take to secure critical infrastructure, and affirmed the application of "norms of responsible state behaviour" in cyberspace, according to the statement.

The cross-sectional consultation aimed at discussing cyber-related cooperation.

Amid concern that it has been slow to erect defences against increasingly sophisticated attacks in cyberspace, Japan is hoping to improve its readiness by

tapping US know-how on cyber defence, according to Japanese officials.

The participants in the meeting discussed the growing role of cyber defence in security strategies, while confirming support for the implementation of "national whole-of-government cyber strategies" in a bid to make cyberspace less dangerous, the statement said.

The countries agreed to hold their second dialogue on the issue in Washington sometime between October and December.

The efforts to deepen cooperation come amid a growing awareness of the threat that cyberattacks pose to national infrastructure, such as nuclear power stations, financial networks and transportation.

Policymakers are also keenly aware that inter-

national rule-making is urgently needed given the lack of rules binding state behaviour in cyberspace.

The meeting, which was held at the Foreign Ministry, was led by Osamu Imai, Japanese ambassador in charge of cyber-policy, and Christopher Painter, coordinator for cyber issues at the US State Department.

The first comprehensive dialogue between the two countries "has shown clearly that Japan and the United States are united" in tackling cyber issues, a senior ministry official said.

The participants included officials from Japan's Defence Ministry and National Information Security Centre as well as the US Department of Homeland Security and the Pentagon.—Kyodo News

US not seeking permanent bases in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 11 May—The United States is not seeking permanent military bases in Afghanistan, and any future American presence in the country will be possible only at the invitation of the Afghan government, White House spokesman Jay Carney said here on Thursday. The spokesman echoed what US President Barack Obama said in response to a statement made by Afghan President Hamid Karzai earlier in the day about Washington's intention to set up nine military bases across the Asian nation after the exit of most US and NATO combat troops by the end of 2014.

"The United States does not seek permanent military bases in Afghanistan, and any US presence after 2014 would only be at the invitation of the Afghanistan government and aimed at training Afghanistan forces and targeting the remnants

of al-Qaeda," Carney told reporters at a regular briefing. Washington and Kabul have been working on a deal allowing a limited US military presence in Afghanistan, as US and NATO troops have failed to weed out the Taliban and al-Qaeda forces in a bloody and costly war that has lasted more than 11 years.

"As we have said, we envision that the bilateral security agreement will address access to and use of Afghanistan facilities by US forces," Carney noted. "But we seek no permanent military bases in Afghanistan. We've been very clear about that." In a speech at the Kabul University on Thursday, Karzai said that Washington wants military bases in major Afghan cities including Kabul, Bagram, Mazar-i-Sharif, Jalalabad, Gardez, Kandahar, Helmand, Shindand and Herat.

Xinhua

G-7 to renew pledge to avoid currency war as dollar shoots up

AYLESBURY, (England), 11 May—Financial chiefs from the Group of Seven advanced economies are set to wrap up their two-day meeting in Britain on Saturday by pledging again to refrain from competitive currency devaluations as the US dollar surges to near 102 yen, its highest level against the Japanese currency since October 2008. The G-7 finance ministers and central bank governors are expected to reaffirm their statement released on 12 February committing members not to target exchange rates with fiscal and monetary policy.

A similar message was endorsed at the meeting of Group of 20 financial chiefs in Moscow in late February and also in Washington in April. Speculation had emerged that the Bank of Japan's aggressive monetary easing—doubling the monetary base within two years—might be subject to criticism or warnings from other G-7 participants as the unconventional steps have driven the yen sharply lower versus the dollar.

Kyodo News



Filed photo taken on 1 May, 2013 shows the night view of One World Trade Centre (WTC) in New York. Workers have installed the final sections of the silver spire atop WTC on Friday, which brings the iconic New York City structure to its full, symbolic height of 1,776 feet (541 metres).—XINHUA

Woman rescued after 17 days trapped in rubble of Bangladesh factory

DHAKA, 11 May—A woman was rescued on Friday after spending 17 days trapped under the rubble of a Bangladesh factory building that collapsed on 24 April killing more than 1,000 people, police and military officials said.

Bangladeshi television channels broadcast live footage of emergency service workers pulling the woman from the collapsed building, as onlookers burst into cheers.

The woman, identified by Bangladeshi media only as Reshma, was

shown being carried on a stretcher and loaded into an ambulance as a rescue worker applied an oxygen mask to her face.

"She had been rescued and taken to a military hospital," said Bangladesh's army spokesman Shahinul Islam.—Reuters



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Spacewalk planned to fix ammonia leak on space station

MIAMI, 11 May — NASA plans to send two astronauts aboard the *International Space Station* out on a spacewalk on Saturday to try to fix an ammonia leak in a cooling system on one of the station's solar arrays, the US space agency said on Friday.

The crew spotted a steady stream of small, white frozen ammonia flakes floating away from a coolant line outside the orbital outpost on Thursday.

Mission managers reviewed images and data

gathered overnight and said on Friday they tentatively planned to send American astronauts Chris Cassidy and Tom Marshburn out on Saturday morning to try to stop the leak by replacing a pump on the cooling system. "The crew is not in danger, and the station continues to operate normally otherwise," NASA said in a news release.

Ammonia is used to cool the power systems that operate the solar arrays, which provide electricity to the station. Each of the

eight solar arrays has its own independent cooling system. The leak is on the far left side of the station's truss structure, in an ammonia loop that astronauts previously tried to troubleshoot during a spacewalk in November 2012.

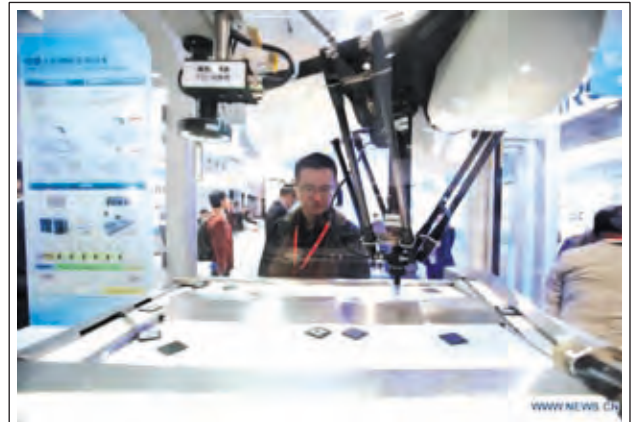
While Cassidy and Marshburn are working outside the space station, crew commander Chris Hadfield, a Canadian astronaut, will choreograph their movements from inside the orbital outpost. Russian cosmonauts Pavel Vinogradov,

Alexander Misurkin and Roman Romanenko make up the rest of the crew.

Work was under way to reroute the remaining power channels to maintain full operation of the systems normally controlled by the solar array that is cooled by the leaking loop.

The space station, a \$100 billion research laboratory that orbits 250 miles above Earth, is owned by the United States and Russia in partnership with Europe, Japan and Canada.

Reuters



A visitor watches an automatic robot working during the China (Shanghai) International Technology Fair in Shanghai, east China, on 8 May, 2013.

XINHUA

Vietnam to launch 2nd remote sensing satellite into orbit by 2017



HANOI, 11 May — Vietnam plans to launch the second remote sensing satellite, *VNREDSat-1B*, into orbit by 2017, after successfully launching the first of this kind on 7 May, local online VNExpress reported on Friday.

The report quoted a notice released on Thursday by the Embassy of Belgium in Vietnam as saying that Vietnam and Belgium had reached an agreement upon which Belgian companies under the auspices of Spacebel will manufacture the *VNREDSat 1B*, which will help monitor the natural resources, natural disasters, and improve management of the territory

and main natural resources sources.

The *VNREDSat-1B* will be originated from a group of PROBA (Project for On-Board Autonomy) satellites of the European Space Agency (ESA).

It will cost a total of over 60 million euros (78.2 million US dollars) from Belgium's official development assistance (ODA) and the Vietnamese government's corresponding fund. The satellite has a weight of about 130 kg.

Vietnam's first remote sensing satellite *VNREDSat-1* was launched into orbit, together with two other satellites — a 140kg Proba-V satellite of the European Space Agency (ESA) to

map vegetation cover, and a 1.3kg Estonian micro-satellite, *ESTCube-1* to test an electric solar sail — by Arianespace from the Guiana Space Centre, French Guiana at 9:06 am on 7 May (Hanoi time).

According to the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, the satellite successfully sent its first photos of Vietnam to the ground receiving station on 9 May. The ground stations can connect with the satellite from two to four times per day through the satellite signal receiving and transmitting station located in Hanoi-based Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Park.

Vietnam becomes the fifth ASEAN nation to own a remote sensing satellite after Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

In 2008 and 2012, the country launched two telecommunications satellites, *Vinasat-1* and *Vinasat-2*, both of which are operating on a geostationary orbit at an altitude of about 35,800 km.—Xinhua

US appeals court issues divided ruling in software patent case

WASHINGTON, 11 May—A federal appeals court on Friday ruled that Australia's Alice Corp does not hold valid patents on a computerized trading platform, but it remained unclear how the decision would affect other software patents.

The software industry had been watching the case for a clue to legal protection of intellectual property rights that generate much of the sector's profits. But the US Federal Circuit Court of Appeals failed to reach a consensus on how to determine what software is patentable. How innovative an invention should have to be to receive legal protection is an issue of debate in the software industry.

Technology companies had hoped the Federal Circuit, which specializes in patent cases, would provide clarity on what software is patentable. The deeply divided court upheld a Washington DC-based district court's decision that patents held by Alice were based on abstract ideas, which is not eligible for patent protection. In the case, Alice had argued that even if its pat-

ents for exchanging financial obligations involved an abstract idea, the idea is "patentable if the computer plays a significant role in the invention." Adam Perlman, an attorney for Alice, declined to comment. Alice is owned in part by National Australia Bank Ltd.

The court did not come up with any unified standard for determining what is abstract, said Matthew Moore, a partner at Latham & Watkins LLP who was not involved in the case. Under patent law, an abstract concept — such as the idea of a self-driving car — may not be patented, but the engineering that creates a self-driving car may be patented. The divided opinion shows the courts' struggle with coming up with a bright line rule, Moore said.

Instead, whether or not an invention is abstract will continue to be determined on a case by case basis, which judges knowing it when they see it, he said.

Google and Dell both had filed friend-of-the-court briefs stating that "bare-bones" patents like those owned by Alice court do not innovate enough to de-

serve patent protection.

International Business Machines Corp, however, said that most software inventions do qualify for patent protection. In Friday's opinion, five judges joined a portion of the opinion, authored by Circuit Judge Alan Lourie, that suggested judges ask whether there are "genuine human contributions" to the invention when determining whether it should receive patent protection.

It will take future cases to determine whether the test can earn the support of a majority of the Federal Circuit or the US Supreme Court. The Federal Circuit's Chief Judge, Randall Rader, did not join that portion of the opinion authored and noted that the test is not precedent-setting. In a dissenting opinion, Judge Kimberly Moore said that the test described by Lourie could cause a "free fall" in the patent system and that the opinion defines what is "abstract" much too broadly. CLS is pleased that the district court's decision was affirmed and said the appeals court's decision "strikes an appropriate balance between innovation and competition."—Reuters

Nokia to sell new Lumia phone through Verizon Wireless

HELSINKI, 11 May — Nokia will sell a new high-end smartphone through US carrier Verizon Wireless, it said on Friday, aiming to expand its share in the high-margin premium market after years of falling behind Samsung and Apple Inc.

The new Lumia 928, priced at \$99 if customers mail-in a \$50 rebate and agree to a two-year deal with Verizon Wireless, is similar to the 920 model currently sold through AT&T, but is lighter and slightly different in appearance.

It weighs 162 grams compared with 185 grams for the 920, which some critics had said was too heavy.

The 928's 4.5-inch screen also extends to the edge of the phone, giving a sharper impression than the curved edges of the 920. The new models also come in black and white compared with the colourful options of the earlier Lumia range.

Most other features, such as a 8.7 megapixel camera and 1.5-gigahertz dual core processor by

Qualcomm, are the same as the 920's.

The 928 is the latest in Nokia's Lumia range of smartphones which use Microsoft's Windows Phone 8 software.

Nokia switched to Windows in 2011, aiming to compete with Apple's iPhones and rivals using Google's Android system. Sales of Lumia phones have grown in recent quarters, but at 5.6 million in first quarter, they still account for only around 5 percent of the market.

Reuters



A woman holds a Nokia smartphone in this photo illustration taken in Bucharest on 24 Jan 2013.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

SoftBank asks banks not to finance Dish's Sprint bid

NEW YORK, 11 May—SoftBank Corp is playing it rough in its attempt to keep Dish Network Corp from breaking up its \$20.1 billion deal to take control of Sprint Nextel Corp.

The Japanese telecom company, which owns 33 percent of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, has told banks that their financing of Dish's \$25.5 billion rival offer for Sprint could hurt their chances of landing a role in a highly anticipated public offering of the Chinese e-commerce giant, two sources familiar with the situation said.

SoftBank, Dish and Sprint declined to comment. A source close to Alibaba said on Friday that while SoftBank is a major investor, it does not make decisions for Alibaba's management.

Bipolar disorder tied to mother's flu in pregnancy

NEW YORK, 11 May—Children born after being exposed to the flu during pregnancy may have a nearly four-fold higher risk of later developing bipolar disorder, according to a small new study.

The senior researcher said the results can't prove that a mother's bout of flu while pregnant causes her child to develop the mental disorder, but the association does suggest that some cases might be prevented.

"The idea is that if influenza is playing a causal role - and we can't say that from one study—there is a vaccine," Dr Alan Brown, a professor of psychiatry and epidemiology at Columbia University in New York, told *Reuters Health*.

"It's affordable and also I would argue that there are other things that pregnant women could do. For example, hand washing and staying away from people with the flu," Brown said.

Previous studies had already established a link between a mother's flu infection while pregnant and her child's increased risk of developing schizophrenia, a severe mental disorder that often comes with hallucinations, delusions and paranoia.

Reuters

Alibaba has no timetable for an IPO yet and has not hired underwriters.

Softbank's unusual move is the latest sign that the battle for the control of Sprint, the No 3 US wireless carrier, is fast turning into a no-holds-barred brawl between Softbank founder Masayoshi Son and Dish's Charlie Ergen.

SoftBank agreed in October last year to buy 70 percent of Sprint for \$20.1 billion. In December, Sprint also made an offer to buy out the stake in Clearwire Corp it didn't already own. But Softbank's plans have run into trouble, thanks in large part to Dish. In January, Dish made a counterbid for Clearwire, and followed up in April with the bid for Sprint.

Softbank's latest move could make it more difficult for Dish to firm up financing for its Sprint bid. At least one major bank has withdrawn from financing the Dish bid after Softbank's move, the



sources said.

Dish has said it would need to raise \$9 billion in debt to finance the offer, and Softbank has criticized its rival for not having committed financing in place. In an interview last month, Son described the US media veteran as an "amateur" in mobile. "Charlie has no expertise in the mobile industry," the executive told *Reuters*.

For his part, Ergen has fought back against the criticism. Earlier this month, he said acquiring Sprint was

Softbank Corp's logo is pictured at its branch in Tokyo on 15 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

so important to Dish that he could consider selling the company altogether if he loses a bidding war.

Softbank's move, though unusual, is legal, the sources said. So-called anti-tying rules prohibit banks from offering a product to a company on the condition that it gets a role in another transaction. For example, a bank cannot say it will only give a loan to a company if the bank is chosen as an adviser on the company's next M&A transaction.

Reuters

Better stent surgery stats needed: heart doctors

NEW YORK, 11 May—Publicly reported statistics about how patients fare after a common heart procedure often are inaccurate, says a new study that suggests publishing the poor quality numbers may do more harm than good.

The proportion of patients who die within 30 days of a medical procedure is sometimes used to gauge the effectiveness of the treatment, or of the hospital or doctor administering it.

After analyzing thousands of patient records at one US hospital, researchers found that less than half of the deaths following percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) — also known as coronary angioplasty — were related to the procedure.

That's far fewer than the number of deaths usually attributed to the surgery, which

involves clearing a narrowed artery then inserting a mesh tube called a stent to prop the vessel open.

"I think what this really points out is that (with) the clinical complexity of medicine (it) can be tough to get a policy that's sort of one size fits all," said Dr Karen Joynt, a cardiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Joynt, who was not involved with the new study but has done similar research, said there are a number of factors that determine whether or not a person dies after PCI — many of them unrelated to the actual procedure.

About 500,000 angioplasties are performed in the US every year. It's often used in emergency situations, for instance to stop heart attacks caused by blocked blood vessels.—

New York State first reported the number of people who died after PCI in its hospitals in 1991. Since then, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania started to report that figure as well.

According to the new study's authors, the US Centres for Medicare and Medicaid Services have also proposed using the number as a quality measure, in the hope of improving patient care.—*Reuters*

US report quantifies risk of listeria in deli foods

NEW YORK, 11 May—Some simple safety techniques for food handling and preparation could help delicatessens and other food stores cut the risk of customers developing the potentially deadly foodborne illness of listeriosis, according to a US government report released on Friday.

The report by the Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration, recommended strict control of temperature during refrigeration, better cleaning and sanitizing of food contact surfaces and wearing gloves while serving customers.

The report analyzed the risk of illness associated with listeria monocytogenes, or L monocytogenes pathogen, from food prepared and sold in delicatessens and other retail food stores.

Fiat's US dealers anxious for broader product lineup

DETROIT, 11 May—A meeting of US Fiat dealers to discuss future products, including the arrival of Alfa Romeo models, has twice been postponed and no new date has been set, several Fiat dealers said this week.

Some of the 204 US Fiat dealers are struggling to turn a profit selling several versions of the Fiat 500 subcompact and some dealers said they anxiously await more details from Chrysler and its Italian parent, Fiat SpA (FIA.MI), on plans to expand products beyond what has been already announced.

Fiat returned to the US market in March 2011 with 40 dealers after a 16-year absence selling a single

the No 3 US automaker's 2009 bankruptcy, partly on the promise it would make the company less reliant on gas-guzzling pickup trucks and SUVs.

The Fiat brand's return to the United States was not part of the bankruptcy deal. Fiat the corporate parent owns 61.5 percent of Chrysler and Marchionne hopes to buy the remaining shares and merge the two companies.

Gary Brown is the new chairman of the Chrysler Dealer Council. He owns a Fiat dealership on Long Island in New York, which sits 60 feet from his primary store, which sells the higher volume Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram Truck



A Fiat logo is seen on a car during a Press preview at the 2013 New York International Auto Show in New York, on 28 March, 2013.—REUTERS

product, the two-door Fiat 500, largely known outside North America as the Cinquecento.

The Italian carmaker, led by hard-charging Chief Executive Officer Sergio Marchionne, took over management of Chrysler after

brands.

Brown says he has full faith that Marchionne and his executives will make Fiat dealers successful in the long run, but he is among those having a hard time selling only one style of car.

Reuters



An Italian heart surgeon holds a tiny titanium pump, the world's smallest artificial heart, which has been implanted in a baby in Rome.—REUTERS

WORLD

New campaign targets improper online news editing

BEIJING, 11 May—The State Internet Information Office has launched a two-month campaign to regulate improper news editing online, according to a statement issued by the office on Friday. Improper practices include running stories without proper attribution, circulating false stories, maliciously tampering with headlines and assuming the identity of a news organization in publishing news, according to a

spokesman for the office.

Authorities are required to help websites to maintain strict news circulation standards and impose heavier punishments on websites that break relevant regulations.

The spokesman also encouraged the public to criticize and expose websites that spread false news, as well as advertisements appearing in the form of news articles.

Xinhua

Explosions hit two police stations in Libya's Benghazi

TRIPOLI, 11 May—A bomb exploded outside a police station in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi in the early hours of Friday, damaging the building and shattering the windows of a school opposite but causing no injuries, a police official said.

Around the same time, about 4 am, a second police station was hit by a smaller explosive device that may have been a grenade, a wit-

ness said. No injuries were reported there either.

Police stations have been struck with explosives at least four times in the past month in Benghazi, the second largest city in Libya.

"Someone threw a bag of explosive material in front of the gate of the police station in the city centre, causing a big explosion and serious damage," a police officer said, describing the first incident.—Reuters

World War II must be warning memory to Italy

ROME, 11 May—"History is the best early warning mechanism. Let us never forget what happened to our countries when nationalism and demagoguery prevailed," Italy's Foreign Minister Emma Bonino said on Thursday. Speaking at the State of the Union in Florence, an annual conference for high-level reflection on the European Union, Bonino said that to defend the European construction it is fundamental to rediscover its mission. "Europe's founding fathers knew from their tragic experience that it was an illusion to ensure peace

and security by building fortresses and walls. They chose integration, and rejected barriers," she said.

Bonino said that Europe needs to actively work to solve its problems of recession and populism in order to protect the level of democracy, prosperity and stability that it has achieved since the 1950s. "If we adopt a new vision, engage our citizens and unite our governments, we could start a new phase of boosting growth and fostering democratic legitimacy and global influence," the foreign minister added.

Xinhua

Concentration of CO2 in Hawaii reaches record high

WASHINGTON, 11 May—The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said on Friday the daily mean concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere at its Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii surpassed 400 parts per million for the first time on Thursday since measurements started in 1958.

"It marks an important milestone because Mauna Loa, as the oldest continuous carbon dioxide (CO2) measurement station in the world, is the primary global benchmark site for monitoring the increase of this potent heat-trapping gas," NOAA said.

As it is believed to be necessary to contain CO2 concentration below 450 ppm in order to limit the global temperature rise since the Industrial Revolution to 2 C, the latest data indicates the urgency of reducing CO2 emissions.—Kyodo News

German Merkel pays visit to Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, (Afghanistan), 11 May—The German Chancellor Angela Merkel paid a surprise visit to northern Afghan province of Kunduz on Friday, an Afghan official said. "Chancellor Merkel along with the German Defence Minister Thomas de Maiziere is paying a visit to Kunduz city the provincial capital of Kunduz Province on Friday morning," the official who requested anonymity told Xinhua.

Earlier Friday, they paid a brief visit to Mazar-i-Sharif city, capital of neighbouring Balkh Province, the official said, adding Merkel and de Maiziere will meet the German forces

stationed in Kunduz later Friday in the province 250 km north of Kabul. The visit came days after a German trooper was killed and one was wounded in an insurgent attack in neighbouring Baghlan Province.

About 4,200 German soldiers have been deployed within the framework of nearly 100,000 NATO-led troops in Afghanistan. Germany offers to station between roughly 600 and 800 soldiers in Afghanistan for a two-year period starting in 2015 after NATO combat operations end in the country, de Maiziere announced in Berlin last month.

The Afghan government forces are taking the



German Chancellor Angela Merkel

lead in providing security as they took full security responsibilities from US and NATO forces in areas where more than 75 percent of the country's 30 million population lives, parts of a process which will run through 2014 when Afghanistan takes over the full leadership of its own security duties.—Xinhua



Visitors enjoy the flowers in a park in central Baku, Azerbaijan, on 10 May, 2013. A flower festival is held here to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the late Azerbaijan national leader and the country's former President Heydar Aliyev. XINHUA

Three security personnel, nine militants killed in clashes in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 May—At least three security personnel and nine militants were killed on Friday during armed clashes in Pakistan's northwestern tribal region of Kurram Agency, local media reported. The clashes started after a group of militants armed with heavy weapons stormed a check post of security forces in Para Chamkani area of Kurram Agency, one of

the country's restive tribal regions bordering Afghanistan, local media reported quoting official sources.

The attack was so sudden that the security personnel could not retaliate quickly and militants killed three security personnel present at the check post. Soon after the attack the quick response force rushed to site and cordoned off the whole area along with a

gunship helicopter hovering over the area. The surrounded militants opened fire at the forces besides throwing hand grenades and launching rockets at the forces to make the way to flee from the area. In the cross fire, nine militants were killed and eight others injured while some of them succeeded in running away.

In these clashes at least four security personnel

were also injured. Security forces shifted the bodies and injured to the army hospital in the area. Following the clashes, security forces launched a grand search operation in the tribal region to arrest the escaped militants. Earlier on Monday, a suicide bomber targeted a political gathering in the same region killing 26 besides leaving over 40 others injured.—Xinhua

EARTHQUAKE 5.0-magnitude quake hits Bougainville region, Papua New Guinea

HONG KONG, 11 May—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted Bougainville region, Papua New Guinea at 22: 52 GMT on Friday, the US Geological Survey said. The epicentre, with a depth of 56.60 km, was initially determined to be at 6.4777 degrees south latitude and 154.4104 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

6.2-magnitude quake hits southern Iran

TEHRAN, 11 May—A 6.2-magnitude earthquake jolted southern Iran early on Saturday, the US Geological Survey reported. The quake occurred at 06:38 am local time (0208 GMT), with its epicentre at a depth of 36.40 km. There have been no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the quake.—Xinhua

Magnitude 6.3 earthquake strikes Oman

WASHINGTON, 11 May—A 6.3-magnitude earthquake struck in the Gulf nation of Oman on Saturday near the northern city of Al Khasab, the US Geological Survey said. The quake had a depth of 21 miles and was centered 116 miles east of al Khasab, the agency said.—Reuters



People gather at a damaged election campaign office of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 10 May, 2013. Five people were injured in an explosion near an election campaign office of Pakistan Peoples Party located in Quetta on Friday.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Health Care
ServicesCourse on
birth-spacing
Jadalle use
opened in
Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Ministry of Health and PSI jointly opened Skill Building on Jadalle Insertion and Removal Course at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed), here, on 6 April.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Htay said in her speech at the opening ceremony that the course was the first of its kind in Myanmar. Gynaecologists will provide the course with the use of 10,000 implant Jadalle used for birth spacing.

She called on gynaecologists to conduct multiplier courses at various levels in districts and townships.

She also inspected construction Modular Operation Theater Complex and Accident and Emergency Unit for SEA Games to be hosted in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanma Alinn

Free
treatment
provided to
eye patients
in Hline Tsp

HLINE, 11 May—Eye patients in Hline Township in Yangon West District in Yangon Region were provided with free treatment at Township General Administration Department Office on 6-9 May.

Medicines, eye drops and eyeglasses were presented free of charge and the patients in critical condition were admitted to hospital for surgery.

Myat Myitta Mon Company owned by Dr Win Myint and Daw Khine Khine Oo financed the mass treatment.

Myanma Alinn

Home Affairs

Union Home Affairs Minister holds talks
with Deputy Minister of Public Security of
Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received Deputy Minister of Public Security of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Pol. Lt-Gen Le Quy Vuong and party at his

office, here, on 9 May.

They discussed the matters related to cooperation in elimination of narcotic drugs.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Chief of Myanmar Police Force

Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, the director-general of General Administration Department and the director-general of the Bureau of Special Investigation and officials.

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Crime

Illegally extracted logs seized in Ayeyawady
River

Illegally ownerless extracted logs seized in Ayeyawady River.

SAGAING, 11 May—A combined team of foresters and police seized illegally extracted logs adrift in Ayeyawady River in Sagaing District without

owners on 4 May.

A total of 99.936 tons of logs were seized by the Forest Department.

Authorities are investigating to uncover the

owner of these illegal logs.

The combined team was led by assistant director U Thant Zin of District Forest Department.

Myanma Alinn

Myanmar to extend anti-narcotic project
period for further five years

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Myanmar anti-narcotics body will extend project period of extensive raids against drug trade.

The project period is extended for further five years from 2014 to 2019.

“The project period

is extended to continue effective implementation. We have originally set the period to end by 2014, but will further continue for more five years till 2019,” an official of Myanmar Police Force said.

The extension comes

amid resurfacing poppy cultivation again since 2007.

More serious raids are being conducted to crack cultivation and trade of drug. The 15-year project was started since 1999.

Myanma Alinn

Taungdwingyi police meet
townselders

TAUNGDWINGYI, 11 May—Taungdwingyi Township Police Force met townselders in the township in Magway District in Magway Region for ensuring the rule of law and curbing criminal activities at the police station's hall on 6 May.

Townselders discussed the necessities of local residents.

The commander of Township Police Force candidly discussed SWOTs of the police force, calling for mass participation in fixing

flaws of the police force under his command.

Complaints of the people will be handled through various channels in persons, through phones or via mail transparently, he said.

He guaranteed that activities of the Myanmar police force would be informed to the local people in real time.

A total of 21 townselders from 10 wards of Taungdwingyi attended the meeting.

Myanma Alinn

Agriculture

Farming rights certificates
presented to farmers in
Lewe Township

An official presents certificates of farming rights to farmers in Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

LEWE, 11 May—Settlement and Land Records Department in Lewe Township handed farming rights certificates to farmers in the township in Dekkhina District of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at its office on 8 May.

Deputy Director U Zaw Min Aung of the department gave a keynote speech and chairman of Lewe Township Farmland Management Committee U Aung Lwin elaborated on efforts for granting farming

rights to farmers.

Township staff officer U Nyi Nyi Latt explained procedures of presenting farming rights certificates.

A total of 73 farmers of Yeohzin Village got farming rights for 129 holding plots while 30 farmers from Yonbin village-tract received 49 similar plots.

Efforts to issue farming rights certificates will continue in 61 remaining village-tracts in the township.

Myanma Alinn

Ponnagyun farmers get
farming rights certificates

PONNAGYUN, 11 May—Farming rights certificates were presented to farmers in Rakhine State for the first time at Ponnagyun Township Hall on 30 April.

Sittway District farmland management committee chairman Deputy Commissioner of Sittway District U Lin Ko Ko delivered a speech at the ceremony.

Head of Rakhine

State Settlement and Land Records Department U Than Htut and Sittway District department head U Kyaw Nyunt elaborated on farmland ownership. The ceremony was attended by Township administrator U Nyi Nyi Aung, departmental personnel, townselders and farmers. Officials handed over the certificates to farmers at the ceremony.

Myanma Alinn

Security

“Tatlan” library opens in Yenangyoung Tsp

YENANGYOUNG, 11 May—Opening of “Tatlan” library in Kyeemyin Village of 36th Village-tract of Yenangyoung Township was held at the library on 10 May. Township administrator U Kyaw Kyaw, head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Aung San Myint and donor U Sein Hlaing opened the library.

The Township IPRD head explained the purpose

of opening it and benefits of reading. Then Chairperson Daw Malar Than of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated K

20,000 and 150 books through Library Committee Secretary Daw Si Si Moe. A local people spoke words of thanks.—Kyemon



PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 12 May, 2013

Consumer responsibilities

A reliable and sustainable market is a powerful driving force for economic growth and for the creation of excellent opportunities for consumers. It encourages business entities to compete each other for consumers by offering their best products and services at the lowest prices. Moreover, it provides consumers with quality assurance, allowing them to enjoy the right to satisfaction of a wide variety of products and services to choose from and the right to safety. Hence, competition and innovation flourish in the market and consumer awareness of rights and responsibilities has become important.

One of well-known US Presidents outlined his vision of consumer rights and responsibilities, referring consumers as “the largest economic group”, affecting and affected by every economic decision, but their views are not often heard. His vision, henceforth, has developed into eight consumer rights and five responsibilities in the world. The set of rights and responsibilities thereby contributes to consumer protection.

One of the basic tenets of ensuring an atmosphere of sustainable consumer protection in the civil society is to heighten consumer awareness of rights and responsibilities. So consumer education is needed. It is required to educate consumers that they must be fully aware of their responsibilities in order to exercise them before enjoying the rights. It is because responsibilities always precede rights. These responsibilities are to question about the price and quality of goods and service they use, to ensure that they get a fair deal, to be aware of the impact of their consumption on other citizens, to understand the environmental and other consequences of their consumption and to develop strength and influence to promote and protect their interest.

As consumers by definition that include us all are members of civil society—in other words they are citizens of a certain country. Consumers as citizens in a democracy owe a great responsibility of citizenship to ensure democracy, the rule of law, justice and peace on which the ultimate value of human civilization is dependent and to promote value of environment which allows a life of dignity and well being.



“I’ve taken Thanakha from Shwebo to Yangon; however black one’s complexion is, Shwebo Thanakha can turn it into fair and fresh one; it helps ladies from Pazundaung, Kyimyindine and Mandalay have beautiful and glowing complexion.”

Composed by Nandawshae Saya Tin and sung by Mandalay Myint, “Shwebo Thanakha” is a famous song amusingly written about Thanakha from Shwebo and the nature of women who want to be beautiful. It is the typical song my grandmother hammed to herself whenever she ground Thanakha. I also inherited her love for Thanakha.

When she felt headache, she would inhale Thanakha paste. When she felt like she was a bit under the weather, she would ask me to apply Thanakha on her chest. Like my grandmother, all Myanmar women love Thanakha whose scent can freshen up the mind of both the wearer and viewers, giving the wearer

the charming look.

Thanakha is widely liked either by the rich or the poor, single or the married. It is common that female manual workers and paddy-growing lasses apply Thanakha on their faces and bodies to prevent themselves from sunburn, chapped skin and freckles.

When we talk about Thanakha, it would be incomplete to leave out Shwebo whose indigenous Thanakha is said to be the best known for its superior quality. According to “Myanma Thanakha” by U Tha Hla, Thanakha from Theinkataw region about two miles downstream of Sihataw pagoda on the western bank of Ayeyawady River in KhinU Township, Shwebo District was offered to the court on a regular basis during the reign of King U Aung Zeya, the founder of the Third Myanmar Kingdom and the court recognized it as the best Thanakha suited for the court to use. However, Theinkataw Thanakha is now on the verge of extinction.

There are other kinds of Thanakha from other

regions, for example, Shinmataung Thanakha from the central region of Myanmar is famous for being used by Princess Vishanu and is widely used in lower parts of Myanmar.

Thanakha is also grown on a large scale in Kyaukse,



Pakokku, Taungdwingyi, Monywa and Ayadaw. However, their barks are not as smooth as those of Shwebo Thanakha and their fragrance is also incomparable with Shwebo Thanakha's.

Some girls prefer Thanakha roots to barks and it is a popular belief that roots are better than barks for smoothing the skin. Thanakha roots have medical properties and are said to be able to cure lumps and acne on face.

Shwebo Thiri Marlar

To make solid Thanakha, Thanakha barks are ground with grinding machine and then the paste is filtered through cotton cloth and then dried in sunlight. Solid Thanakha is made either the square shape or circular shape.

To make Thanakha powder, Thanakha blocks are chopped and dried and then ground. Men in arid zone put on Thanakha powder on their faces with powder puff as it can prevent the skin from becoming oily.

Instead of using foreign make-up, Myanmar women should use Myanma Thanakha as part efforts for reducing unnecessary expenditure. Thanakha can best depict the charm of Myanmar women while it is good for health and skin, and thus Myanmar women nationwide should use Thanakha as a beauty product.

Trs: TTK

Dy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives EU special rep

YANGON, 11 May—Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by EU special representative on human rights Mr Stavros Lambrinidis at Hluttaw Branch (Yangon) here this noon.

They discussed EU's actions on human rights, and Hluttaw's measures for human rights affairs.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw committees U Maung Toe, U Tin Maung Win and personnel.

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Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives EU special representative on human rights Mr Stavros Lambrinidis.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw committee chairman attends 10th Meeting on the AIFOCOM

Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin left here this afternoon for Brunei to attend the 10th Meeting on the AIFOCOM to be held from 12 to 16 May in Bandar Seri Begawan, capital of Brunei.

The delegation was seen

off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee Dr Khin Shwe, Amyotha Hluttaw Peasantry Committee Chairman U Win Naung and personnel.

Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Health Promotion Committee Dr Khin Maung Swe and Deputy Director of Hluttaw Office U Tin Aung Khaing accompany the chairman to attend the meeting.

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Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin being seen off at the airport.—MNA

NATIONAL



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets locals at the opening of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun).—MNA

Better transportation brings ...

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Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Zeyar Aung said thanks to the railroad on the bridge, people will have easy access to Minhla on the west bank of Ayeyawady River and Magway and Taungdwingyi on the east bank. It can contribute to development of economic, social, education and health sectors of the region.

There are four rail-cum-road Ayeyawady River-crossing Bridges: Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), Ayeyawady

Bridge (Pakokku), Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun). Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanatheingha) will be put into service soon. The 3215-ft-long newly-opened Bridge (Malun) has 7154-ft-long railroad including the approach road and 5839 ft-long motor road.

Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) linking Mikyaungye and Malun near Ywathit village and Sittoepin village in Magway Region, started in November 2009. Thanks to it, people will have easy

access to the four corners of Ayeyawady River.

In his address, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe outlined a cluster of bridges and road networks put into service thanks to efforts of the government. Smooth and speedy road transport thereby contributes to sectoral development of the regions concerned. A local expressed thanks for the government's effort for the emergence of the new bridge in the region.

Next, Union Ministers U Kyaw Lwin, U Zeyar Aung and U Aye Myint Kyu and the chief minister formally opened the newly-built bridge,

Taungpyone station hospital to the Magway Region medical officer.

Next, U Win Maung, Mandalay Region Amyotha Hluttaw representative, presented K 2.5 million to the medical fund of the station hospital.

Then, a local spoke words of thanks for emergence of the new station hospital.

After the ceremony, the UEC chairman together with the Union ministers cordially greeted those present.

The newly-opened 16-bedded Taungpyone station hospital includes one main building and one operation theater, one two-roomed housing, one four-roomed housing, one six-roomed staff quarter, one mercury, water and electrical supply system and roads. It cost K 445.553 million.

Appointments of two surgeons, six nurses, one lab in-charge, one compounder and seven general staff have been allowed. So far two surgeons and four nurses have been appointed. — MNA

Region Chief Minister called on local people to contribute their efforts in development of their own region in cooperation with departments concerned that are implementing the tasks of improving health care services and ensuring infrastructural and socioeconomic development in each and every township of the region.

Next, the UEC chairman handed over documents related to health care centre (branch) and delivery room at Thu-nge-daw village and K 5 million for the medical fund to the township medical officer.

Then wellwisher U Okkar Aye presented K 2,250,000 for the medical fund and generator, air-conditioner, water purifier and furniture worth K 5927000 to a responsible person.

A responsible person of Lin Lat Aung Co., handed over documents related to

Taungpyone Village station...

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local people who used to have medical treatment at TadaU Township Hospital, 17 miles from their region.

In conclusion, he stressed the need for participation of all for durability of the newly-opened facility.

In his address, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said that the ministry is implementing the health plans for improvement in health standard.

Works are being carried out to promote health care standard in rural regions where 70 % of the whole population of the country are living. Region-wise tasks are being implemented by building more hospitals and clinics, upgrading them and appointing more specialists, surgeons and nurses. He called for participation of rural people for durability of already-built health facilities.

The Mandalay

and the Vice-President posed for a documentary photo together with them.

Then the Vice-President unveiled the stone inscription and inspected the bridge in a motorcade.

The newly-opened Ayeyawady bridge (Malun) is one of eight newly-built facilities in the region. The bridges which are under construction are Hlwar creek bridge, Mindon creek bridge, Wetkhoke creek bridge, Pinn creek bridge, Hsarbwat creek bridge, Tawwin creek bridge, Shwe creek bridge No (2) and Hsinar creek bridge. They are nearing completion. The newly-opened Ayeyawady bridge (Malun) is the 26th facility among 26 180-foot above bridges which were commissioned into service in the time of the new government.

Administrator U Zaw Tun of Migyaungye village-

tract took an interview, saying that local people used to rely on waterways resulting in frequent boat sinking due to strong current in the rainy season. Thanks to the newly-opened rail-cum-road bridge, local people would be able to travel from one place to another, thereby facilitating businesses.

"Local people will be able to enjoy better transport brought about by the emergence of the new bridge. Waterways made them difficult to travel from one place to another. Now we are safe. Rail transport will benefit us. I would like to say thanks to the government", said Administrator U Zaw Min Oo of Yone ward (north) in Minhla Township.

Superintending Engineer U Soe Min gave an account of the bridge, saying that construction of four bridges across Ayeyawady

river started at the same time. The newly-opened bridge would be very beneficial for local people, he added.

The newly-inaugurated Ayeyawady bridge (Malun) has a 28 feet wide motorway flanked by three feet wide pedestrian lanes on both sides. The railroad on the bridge is 14 feet wide. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. Its water clearance area is 320 feet wide and 57 feet high. Locally-manufactured steel trusses were installed at the bridge. The railroad on the bridge links Malun railway station and Ywadowgyi railway station to connect Patheingyi-Kalay and Yangon-Bagan-Mandalay railroads. The 13.5 miles long Malun-Ywadowgyi railroad will pass five railway stations. It is planned to start a rail service from Minhla to Taungdwingyi on 12 May.

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Union Peace-Making Work Committee meets Special Region (4) Peace and Unity Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Vice-Chairman of the Union Peace-Making Work Committee U Thein Zaw, accompanied by Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe and U Win Myint, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and U Kyaw Kyaw Win, the commanders and departmental officials, held talks with Special Region (4) Peace and Unity Committee Chairman U Sai Lin and regional leaders, at the office of Special Region (4) in Mongla of Shan State (East) on 9 May.

Chairman U Sai Lin said that the special region (4) upholds the principles of internal peace, perpetuation of the sovereignty and national unity. In the past, local people had to rely only on poppy growing for their livelihoods. After the establishment of the Special Region (4) since 1992, anti-narcotic drug control

has been carried out with five principles. Thanks to the efforts of local people and Tatmadaw, anti-narcotic drug control tasks have achieved success. It was internationally recognized. And in 1997, the Special Region (4) was declared by UNODC as opium-free zone.

Next, committee members and regional leaders held talks on matters related to agriculture, education, health and environmental conservation and drinking water supply. Then, the Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making work committee, called for firm establishment of mutual trust and understanding while implementing the tasks of ensuring regional development, peace and stability and elimination of narcotic drugs. He continued that the government, the parliament and organizations concerned are paving the way for development in the

respective regions for the sake of all national races. He stressed the need of broader talks and further discussions in the future. He vowed to carry out enactment of laws that protect and promote the interest of national races by the government. He called on national races to uphold Union spirit for ensuring peace and prosperity in the country.

Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe and U Win Myint, Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and U Kyaw Kyaw Win attended to the needs and fulfilled the requirements presented by regional leaders.

After the meeting, The Vice-Chairman and party attended the luncheon hosted by Chairman of Special Region (4) U Sai Lin and officials at Shwe Hintha Restaurant in Mongla.

MNA

Tatmadaw column clears a camp of an armed group in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—According to a tip-off given by local villagers, a Tatmadaw column rined a camp of an armed group near Naungmatar and Naungkham villages in Shan State (North) on 9 May.

According to information that five people who are selling publications

and pictures at Naunghin Village in Muse Township of Shan State (North) were under fire by about 10 armed men and two of them were abducted, the Tatmadaw column combed the area and seized two arms, 34 assorted mines, blocks of TNT, hand grenades and a haul of ammunition, remote controls and batteries used

to set off mines, walkie talkies, two sets of computer and stacks of rice, buildings they lived in and training ground, concrete bunker and some personal goods after engaging with them from 4.30 am to 1 pm near Naungkham Village and from 8.30 pm to 1 pm near Naungmatar Village.

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LOCAL NEWS

Accident

Reckless driving hurts four in Mayangon



YANGON, 11 May—A car with excessive speed hit four people standing at U Ba Han bus stop near Thamine Railway Station Overpass in No. 2 ward of Mayangon Township on 7 May. Then, it continued to hit rain tree. The accident destroyed car's head. The injured were sent to

Yangon General Hospital. Bayintnaung Police Station filed a lawsuit against driver Daw Wai Lwin.

Kyemon

A signboard informing that Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Hsuhtoopan Saya Han will give lectures on Abhidhamma courses (ordinary) and (Tikakyaw) at Inya Ywathit Monastery on Yangon-Insein Road in Ward 2 of Kamayut Township from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as of 15 May.—KYEMON



Enshrined relics found from pagoda cracks

TAUNGGYI, 11 May—Enshrined relics came out from the cracks of a pagoda that collapsed in 2011 in Taunggyi in Shan State.

Cracks appeared on ancient Phayani pagoda in Phayani Village, Taunglaylon Village-tract in Taunggyi that collapsed

in 2011 after a heavy rain on 8 May afternoon and enshrined relics were found out from the pagoda cracks. The relics were then registered and are being kept by the village Sangha Nayaka Committee. The religious objects include eight small zedis, 80 Buddha images, nine monk images,

44 bottles of relics, one altar, one religious symbol pennant, 20 pieces of rings (precious stone/gold) and two gold pendants. It is learnt that ancient Phayani pagoda will be rebuilt by Alan Taya pagoda renovation group from Thaton.

Kyemon

Electricity Supply

Solar power for Hsipaw rural areas



HSIPAW, 11 May—As part of narrowing development gap between urban and rural areas, workers of Solar Light System Co and Hsipaw Township Development Affairs Committee led by Executive Officer U Thein Htaik Oo made a field trip to Mangmonkhe Village and Panmyaing Village on 8 May for supply of electricity through solar panels by the Rural Region Development Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs. The skilled workers installed solar panels in the villages. They installed 250 solar panels for 138 houses in Panmyaing Village and 112 houses in Mangmonkhe Village. At present, the local people enjoy entertainment programmes on TV thanks to supply of electricity.

Kyemon

Crime

Stimulant tablets seized in Nawnghkio Tsp



HSIPAW, 11 May—Myanmar Police Force (headquarters) is implementing narcotic drug control in cooperation with local people.

While Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad and Nawnghkio squad of Shan State (north) are carrying out surprise checks at milepost No.78/5 at the entrance to Nawnghkio, they searched a Hi Ace car and found Hla Hla Htay carrying K 39 million worth of 19,500 stimulant tablets weighting 1.755 kg.

Nawnghkio Police Station filed a lawsuit against Hla Hla Htay aged 40 of Taungdwingyi

Township, Magway Region.

Kyemon

Anti-human trafficking course opened in Shwepyitha Tsp

YANGON, 11 May—Shwepyitha Township Child Rights Committee and Child First Network (CFN) jointly organized anti-human trafficking course as part of efforts to raise the awareness of the members of public about trafficking in persons.

The two-day course was opened at the ward

administrator's office of No. 18 Ward yesterday. Personnel from legal field, police force, women's affairs organization and volunteers shared their knowledge about trafficking in person including legislation and punitive against human trafficking along with the discussions the 18 participants.

Kyemon



Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued in Yenangyoung

YENANGYOUNG, 11 May—Immigration and National Registration Department of



Yenangyoung Township issued Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to 592 people in Twingon and Thahtaygon wards though Moepwint -5 project on 30 April.

Director U Tun Wai of Magway Region department handed over CSCs through the ward administrator. It was also attended by Magway Region Hluttaw representatives U Aung Naing Win and U Win Tin, Township Administrator U Kyaw Kyaw, the commander of Township Police Force and local people.

Kyemon



Altogether 12 electricians of Shwepyitha Township Electricity Supply Board install 1400 feet long 6600 volt power line linking 315 KVA transformer at the corner of Pyidawtha and Pathein Road in Ward 10 of Shwepyitha Township on 10 May.

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REGIONAL

Singapore studying measures to restrict access to online gambling sites

SINGAPORE, 11 May—The Singapore government is studying measures to curb online gambling by restricting access to online gambling websites, a government minister said on Friday.

Speaking at the Casino Regulatory Authority's annual workplan seminar on Friday, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office S Iswaran said that the government shares the concerns within the community over the social risks associated with online gambling, which is highly accessible.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has embarked on research with industry experts to study the issue and learn from the experience of other countries and regions, he said.

"Online gambling is a new and potentially more addictive form of gambling, with greater access to the young and vulnerable," said Iswaran, who is also second minister for home affairs.

The ministry will be working with the Home Team Behavioural Sciences Centre to study the psychological profile of local ca-

sino gamblers, too. It will help the Casino Regulatory Authority better understand the gaming behaviors, attitudes and motivations of the gamblers to guide its work.

Singapore inaugurated its two casino resorts in 2010 but put in place an entry levy for local residents and citizens in order to reduce their chances of getting addicted to gambling. The city state is now believed to be the world's second largest gaming market, next only to China's Macao.

Xinhua

Philippine military on high alert for midterm election violence

MANILA, 11 May—The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) declared on Friday the highest state of alert throughout the country to make smooth operation of coming Monday's national and local elections.

"The red alert status is to ensure that all units in the AFP are prepared and are ready for the election this coming on Monday," AFP spokesman Domingo Tutaan told a Press briefing in Camp Aguinaldo on Friday.

"These are all in place, all systems go as we say. Our coordination with the Commission on Elections (Comelec) and the

Philippine National Police have been doubly heightened so that these efforts will be coordinated and will really be attuned to making the elections safe and free," he said.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) earlier said that 66 election-related violent incidents have been so far reported, leaving 44 people dead.

The 2013 Philippine general election on 13 May will be a midterm election, which will elect 12 senators, 229 district members of the House of Representatives, 80 provincial governors.

Xinhua

Sharp to sell TV plant in Malaysia to Taipei's Wistron

OSAKA, 11 May — Sharp Corp has reached a broad agreement to sell its television assembly plant in Malaysia to Wistron Corp, a Taiwanese electronics contract manufacturer, sources familiar with the matter said on Friday, just days ahead of the scheduled announcement of the company's mid-term business plan next week.

The sale of overseas TV assembly plants is one

of the main pillars of the restructuring of the struggling Japanese electronics maker that can count on proceeds from asset sales. Sharp will also be able to achieve the job cut goal if it sells all of its overseas TV plants.

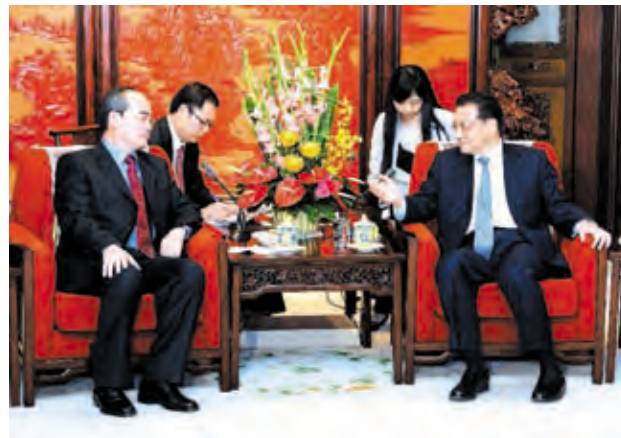
The Japanese company had hoped to sell its Mexican unit to Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., another Taiwanese electronics contract manufacturer, also known as Foxconn. But the

People enter the temporary settlement during a disaster relief drill in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 May 10, 2013, two day ahead of the Disaster Prevention and Reduction Day. The Disaster Prevention and Reduction Day was set in 2009, after a devastating earthquake hit Sichuan and neighbouring Gansu and Shaanxi provinces on 12 May, 2008, leaving 87,000 people dead or missing.

XINHUA



Chinese Premier meets Vietnamese deputy prime minister



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (R) meets with Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Thien Nhan in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 May, 2013.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 11 May —Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Friday met with Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Thien Nhan.

As China and Vietnam are important neighbours, it is in the fundamental interests of both countries to maintain high-level strategic communication, deepen pragmatic cooperation in all fields and properly settle differences, Li said.

The premier proposed China and Vietnam take a strategic and all-round

perspective of bilateral relations, enhance political trust, expand common interests, safeguard traditional friendship and seek the better growth of bilateral relations.

According to Li, it is the common aspiration of Chinese and Vietnamese to develop bilateral friendship, which requires good conditions.

Cambodian PM greets opposition party for joining forthcoming national election

PHNOM PENH, 11 May — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Saturday welcomed the kingdom's opposition party Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) for its final decision to register for July's general election.

"I congratulate the opposition party for having its party and candidates registered with the National Election Committee (NEC) in order to join race in the general election on 28 July," the premier said during the inauguration of a praying hall in a Buddhist pagoda in northern Kampong Chhnang Province.

"Previously, the opposition party threatened to boycott the election, but now, it showed clearly that they joined it."

Ho Vann, deputy chief of the CNRP's disciplinary

"The two sides should control and settle their differences on the South China Sea and prevent them from interfering with the development of bilateral relations and mutual cooperation," he urged.

Nguyen Thien Nhan said the party, government and people of Vietnam hailed China's remarkable achievements. Vietnam would like to carry out the agreements, improve traditional friendship, promote trade and economic cooperation, enhance people-to-people exchanges and properly settle South China Sea tensions so as to bring bilateral relations to a new high, Nguyen said.

The deputy prime minister came to Beijing for the sixth meeting of the China-Vietnam Cooperation Steering Committee. He and Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi are scheduled to meet on Saturday.—Xinhua

committee, said on Saturday that the CNRP officially registered with the NEC on Friday to contest in the upcoming poll, but the name of its self-exiled leader Sam Rainsy has been omitted from its registration because the election body has deleted Sam Rainsy's name from the voter registry since November on the grounds that he is a convicted criminal.

Ho Vann said, "However, the CNRP still keeps the name of Sam Rainsy as the candidate of Prime Minister if the party wins the upcoming election."

The CNRP was formed in September last year by the amalgamation of two opposition parties—the Sam Rainsy Party and the Human Rights Party. NEC's Secretary General Tep Nytha said on Friday that six political parties have registered with the NEC to run in the upcoming election, adding the exact number will be released next Monday, which is the deadline of the registration for political parties. The country is scheduled to hold a general election for the 123-seat parliament on 28 July. Some 9.67 million Cambodians are eligible to cast their ballots.

Xinhua

FDI to Philippines double to 436 mln USD in February

MANILA, 11 May—Foreign direct investments (FDI) to the Philippines more than doubled in last February to 436 million US dollars, up 127.1 percent from 192 million dollars in February 2012, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), the central bank, reported

on Friday. This brought the tally of the first two months of 2013 to over 1.01 billion dollars.

However, the figure is still down 18.7 percent from the previous year's 1.24 billion dollars. No explanation was given for the decline by BSP."

Kyodo News

Xinhua



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daughter of U Myint Zaw+Daw Ngyein Ngyein
residing at Yangon

and

DR. ALEX MIN

M.B.,B.S (Ygn); M.D (Internal Medicine & Geriatrics)
Attending Physician

(Ioannis A Lougaris Hospital)

residing at Reno City, Nevada State U.S.A

son of (Dr. Khin Aung)+Daw Myint Myint

residing at Yangon

have been engaged and you are cordially invited to
attend the Engagement Reception as per programme
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(Mindon Room) of Yangon

Dr. Alex Min-Wut Yi Phoo
together with the parents from both sides

Texas responder to fertilizer blast arrested on pipe bomb charge

DALLAS, 11 May — US prosecutors charged a paramedic, one of the first to respond to a deadly explosion last month in the Texas town of West, with unlawful possession of pipe bomb components, but authorities said no evidence linked the charge to the fertilizer plant disaster. Bryce Reed, 31, appeared at federal court in Waco, Texas, on Friday, where he faced one count of unlawfully possessing an unregistered destructive device.

He did not enter a plea, said Daryl Fields, a spokesman for the US attorney's office in the Western District of Texas.

Local police said there was no known connection between Reed's charges and the 17 April explosion that killed 14 people and injured about 200 others. Friday's developments brought no clarity as to what exactly happened the day of the blast that gutted an apartment complex, damaged a nursing home and demolished dozens of homes.

"No evidence has been uncovered to indicate any connection to the events surrounding the fire and subsequent explosion at the West fertilizer plant and the arrest," the McLennan County Sheriff's Office

said in a statement.

The paramedic, whose home was one of many destroyed by the blast, had recounted afterward in interviews with *Reuters* how he helped people evacuate the area and went on to respond as a volunteer at the disaster scene until he learned a close friend was among the dead.

He emerged as one of the better-known faces of the tiny Texas town and spoke by video at an April 25 memorial service in Waco attended by President Barack Obama.

A call to Reed's cellphone went unanswered on Friday and Reed's wife,



Brittany, said in a text message she could not comment. His attorney did not respond to requests for comment. Reed, who was arrested Thursday, is being held without bail and is due in court on 15 May, according to court papers.

Federal prosecutors said in court papers they had responded to a home in Abbott, Texas, where they found a section of pipe 3-1/2 inches long and 1-1/2 inches in diameter, end caps, fuses and explosive powder. The resident of that home, whom they did not identify, told police the components came from Reed. If convicted, Reed faces up to 10 years in prison. — *Reuters*

Honduras, Palestine establish diplomatic ties

TEGUCIGALPA, 11 May — Honduras and Palestine established diplomatic ties here on Friday after the two sides signed an agreement on the exchange of ambassadors, the Honduran foreign ministry said.

The agreement allows both countries to deepen dialogue in areas of shared interest such as politics, business and culture, Honduran Foreign Minister Mireya Aguero told a joint Press conference with her Palestinian counterpart Riad al-Maliki.

The establishment of diplomatic relations with Honduras opens the door for other countries to recognize the state of Palestine and formalize ties, noted Maliki, who arrived here on Friday.

"As foreign ministers, we are going to take on the responsibility of deepening and expanding our relationship, spurring trade, investment and contact between Palestinian and Honduran business owners," Maliki said.

More than 130 countries have recognized the state of Palestine, with about 100 having established formal ties with it. Honduran President Porfirio Lobo recognized Palestinian statehood in 2011.

The UN General Assembly passed a motion late last year changing Palestine's "entity" status to "non-member observer state," giving implicit recognition of its sovereign state status. — *Xinhua*

China's missing ancestors finally honoured in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 11 May — When the steamer Ventnor sank off the coast of New Zealand's North Island in 1902, a Wellington newspaper listed its lost cargo in the language of the time as "5347 tons of coal consigned to the Admiralty at Hong Kong, 499 Chinese coffins, 144 sacks and 22 bales of fungus, one bale of tow and one bale of flax."

While the coal, fungus, tow and flax have long been lost to the sea, the fate of the 499 "Chinese coffins" has sparked a restless journey that spans the generations in two countries on opposite sides of the world.

"I wouldn't call them 'coffins' — it would be more appropriate to describe them as 'coffin bone boxes' because they contained the bones of

Chinese who had been disinterred and prepared for return to China," said Wong Liu Shueng, a third-generation Chinese New Zealander who is leading the search for the final resting places of the occupants.

The story began many years before the sinking of the Ventnor with the arrival of many Chinese "sojourners" over the later decades of the 19th Century.

Leaving their families, these men traveled to New Zealand to work in the gold fields or to find other ways to make their fortunes before returning home.

"So many of those men got married and had a child, then came to New Zealand, and went back and had another child and returned to New Zealand," Wong said in a phone in-

terview.

"They started off in the goldfields. My research shows gold mining wasn't for everybody — very few of them got really lucky; very few of them gained any money from it. Those that got enough money, they went home back to China. Those who didn't like mining got another job — they worked on the roads or railways or they opened shops."

And while they worked, they made regular payments to the Cheong Sing Tong welfare society, confident that these payments would cover the return of their remains to their families, who would ensure they were properly buried according to Chinese custom.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 10 May, 2013 shows jade sculptures in the Jewelry Shanghai 2013 exhibition in Shanghai, east China. Exhibitors from 22 countries and regions took part in the event.

XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

DiCaprio, Christie's to hold auction to benefit environment

NEW YORK, 11 May—Actor Leonardo DiCaprio, the star of the new film “The Great Gatsby,” and his foundation have teamed up with Christie’s for a charity auction next week to benefit environmental causes.

Thirty-three works, many created for and donated to the auction by some of the world’s top artists, will go under the hammer on Monday in New York at The 11th Hour Auction, which aims to raise as much as \$18 million to protect the last wild places on Earth and their endangered species.



Actor Leonardo DiCaprio attends the “The Great Gatsby” world premiere at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Centre for the Performing Arts in New York in this on 1 May, 2013 file photo.

REUTERS

“A lot of the works of this quality have never been at auction. We have what we believe are conservative estimates,” Loic Gouzer, international specialist at Christie’s and the head of the sale, said in an interview.

“It is going to be the biggest one-time environmental fundraiser ever,” he added.

Zeng Fanzhi’s “The Tiger,” an oil on canvas, Bharti Kher’s “The Skin Speaks a Language Not Its Own,” a work on fiberglass, and Mark Grotjahn’s “Untitled (Standard Lotus No. II, Bird of Paradise, Tiger Mouth Face 44.01), an oil on cardboard mounted on canvas, are expected to be among the highlights of the sale.

Each of the three works has a pre-sale estimate of \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million.

Reuters

Kenny Chesney lands seventh No 1 album on Billboard 200 chart

LOS ANGELES, 11 May—Country singer Kenny Chesney landed his seventh No 1 album on the weekly Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday with his latest record “Life on a Rock.”

The album sold 153,000 copies in its first week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan, giving Chesney the second-most No 1 country albums, behind Garth Brooks.

Last week’s chart-topper, Michael Buble’s “To Be Loved” slipped to No 2, while Justin Timberlake’s “The 20/20 Experience” held steady at No 3 for the fourth consecutive week.

Only one other new album debuted in the top 10 this week, country group Randy Rogers Band at No 9 with “Trouble.”

Seattle rapper-producer duo Macklemore & Ryan Lewis topped Billboard’s Digital Songs chart, which measures downloads of single tracks, for the second consecutive week with “Can’t Hold Us,” featuring Ray Dalton.

Their debut album “The Heist” also climbed back into the top 10 on Billboard 200, from No 11 to No 5.

Reuters



Kenny Chesney performs “Pirate Flag” at the 48th ACM Awards in Las Vegas on 7 April, 2013.

REUTERS

Lady Antebellum ‘dial back’ for ‘Golden’ sound

NASHVILLE, 11 May—Lady Antebellum are growing up and getting sassy with their fourth studio album, “Golden,” embracing a stripped-down sound to showcase their vocal strength as they prepare for an upcoming tour with a baby on board.

The country band, formed by vocalists Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and guitarist Dave Haywood in Nashville, Tennessee, released its latest album this week, which saw band members drawing on their live tour experiences.

“When we went into the studio we wanted the new record to have that live band sound and we wanted it to be different from the last record,” Haywood told Reuters.

The trio, who have picked up seven Grammy awards since their debut self-titled album in 2008

and have become a strong force in the cross-over between country music and pop music, hoped fans would hear a new side to the Lady Antebellum sound.

By keeping the production simple, Haywood said the band wanted to showcase the vocals on “Golden,” due in part to the band being more secure in how their voices blend together.

Scott added that the final 12 tracks selected for the album leant themselves to the simpler production.

“It made sense to dial it back, which allowed us more time to spend on vocals and get them exactly the way we wanted them,” the singer said.—Reuters



Charles Kelley (L), Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood of Lady Antebellum perform the song “Downtown” during the 48th ACM Awards in Las Vegas on 7 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Rapper Psy wows Harvard with global appeal, dance moves

CAMBRIDGE, (Massachusetts) 11 May—South Korean rapper Psy said he “partied hard” when his dance number drew its first 10 million views on YouTube last summer. Little did he know “Gangnam Style” would become the most-viewed video in the online service’s history, with a global following and nearly 1.6 billion views as of Thursday.

“I partied hard to celebrate 10 million views!” Psy told about 1,000 people at Harvard University on

South Korean singer PSY speaks at Harvard University’s Memorial Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts on 9 May, 2013.

REUTERS



Thursday evening, as he recalled his reaction when the song took off, making him a cultural phenomenon and leading to meetings with Los Angeles record producers.

“This is so unrealistic!” he recalled thinking.

Formally dressed and speaking in sometimes-halting English, Psy spoke for more than an hour and occasionally lapsed into signature dance moves such as grasping the reins of an imaginary trotting horse.

Psy’s talk was partly a homecoming as he recalled his days as a student in Boston in the mid-1990s. But it was also a seminar about the star’s surprise worldwide cultural appeal and the economic influence of East Asian culture.

Harvard professor Al-

exander Zahlten introduced Psy, whose real name is Park Jae-sang, as a global figure who has shown the ability of Korean music stars, video-game programmers and other entertainment figures to find overseas popularity through Internet channels.

“He’s a global citizen, and in turn influences people all over the world,” Zahlten said. “He’s deeply connected to digital culture.”

After “Gangnam Style” set records, the video for Psy’s follow-up song “Gentleman” received more than 20 million hits in the first 24 hours after its release last month, easily beating the previous record of 8 million views for Justin Bieber’s “Boyfriend” in the first 24 hours.

Reuters

SPORTS

MOYES HAD NO PLANS TO LEAVE EVERTON



LONDON, 11 May—Manchester United manager in waiting David Moyes said he had not expected to be leaving Everton after 11 years in charge and had already begin planning for next season when the Old Trafford giants came calling this week.

In a whirlwind few days for the landscape of British football, Alex Ferguson

challenge Moyes faces at United was deemed off-limits at his Friday news conference.

The irony was not lost on Moyes when the first question came his way. “Any thoughts on West Ham?” lightened the mood and even the steely-

eyed Glaswegian broke into a broad smile before discussing his final home fixture in charge of Everton against West Ham on Sunday.

“In due course I will try and make it up and say something to you,” the 50-year-old Moyes told reporters. “But I would respect you today if you keep the questions solely about Everton Football Club.”

While not mentioning his new club, Moyes had no qualms about describing his affection for Everton and admitted he was ready to stay on despite his contract expiring at the end of the season and his name linked with some top clubs.

“I wasn’t planning to leave Everton. My contract was running out but if you

Everton manager David Moyes

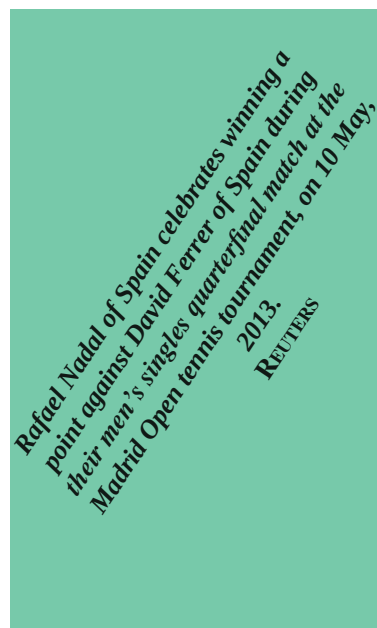
pushed me I would say my mind was swaying on staying at Everton.

I had everything in place for next season, all the pre-season preparations, the chairman knew the route I wanted to keep moving us forward.”

Moyes, who earned Everton a top-four finish in the Premier League in 2004-05 and also took them to an FA Cup final, said he would understand if the Goodison Park fans were upset that he has decided to accept the challenge of replacing Ferguson.

Moyes officially takes over at United on 1 July.

Reuters



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates winning a point against David Ferrer of Spain during their men's singles quarterfinal match at the Madrid Open tennis tournament, on 10 May, 2013.
REUTERS

Nadal fights past Ferrer to reach Madrid Open semis

MADRID, 11 May—Rafa Nadal recovered from accidentally striking himself in the face with his racket to see off Spanish compatriot David Ferrer 4-6 7-6 6-0 in the Madrid Open quarter-finals on Friday.

World number four Ferrer, ranked one place above Nadal following the Majorcan's seven-month layoff with a knee injury, showed why he is considered one of the most tenacious competitors on the circuit to take the first set of the last-eight clash at the clay Masters event. Nadal clung on to

the second-set tiebreak 7-3 and then switched up a gear in the decider to set up a semi-final meeting on Saturday against Japanese 14th seed Kei Nishikori or Spanish wildcard Pablo Andujar.

Nadal had a scare when leading 4-0 in the third set when his racket bounced up off the court as he was stretching down to play a shot and struck him above the eye.

After a brief interruption he was able to continue and closed out the victory on his first match point when he broke Ferrer for a seventh time. “It was a very tight match,” Nadal said in an interview with Spanish television broadcaster La Sexta.

“I think maybe David deserved more than me to be in the semi-finals but that’s sport for you,” the 26-year-old added.

“In the third set David dropped his intensity a bit and I didn’t have to do all that much. “I was playing aggressively on my forehand and I am very pleased with how that is going, it’s working much better than in the events leading up to Madrid.”

Reuters



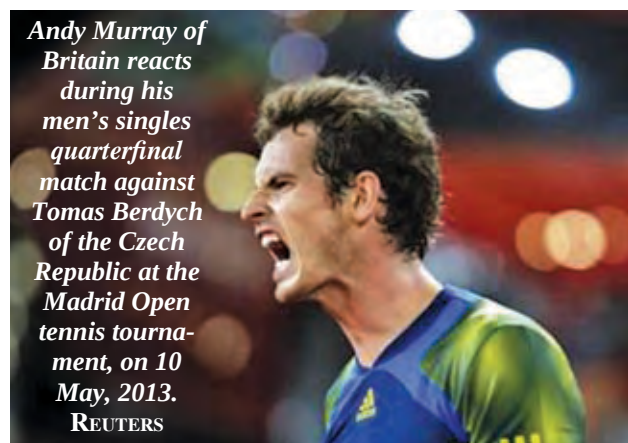
Murray stopped by Berdych in Madrid quarter-finals

MADRID, 11 May—World number three Andy Murray’s latest bid for a maiden career title on clay ended when he was beaten 7-6, 6-4 by sixth-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych in the Madrid Open quarter-finals on Friday.

The Briton had lost both of his previous two matches on the red dust against Berdych, who was runner-up to Roger Federer last year, and produced an erratic performance this time.

Murray battled through a gruelling three-hour encounter against Frenchman Gilles Simon on Thursday that finished after one o’clock in the morning local time (12.00 am British time) and the Scot appeared increasingly weary as Friday’s match wore on.

Berdych, chasing a first title of the year, will next play seventh seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France or 15th-seeded Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka for a place in Sunday’s final.—Reuters



Andy Murray of Britain reacts during his men's singles quarterfinal match against Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic at the Madrid Open tennis tournament, on 10 May, 2013.
REUTERS

Garcia, Woods put star power back on top at Players



PONTEVEDRA BEACH, (Florida), 11 May—Sergio Garcia roared into the Players Championship lead with Tiger Woods and Lee Westwood close behind early in the second round as star power returned to the top of the leaderboard on Friday.

Garcia, Woods and Westwood led a scoring parade as eagles and birdies flew all around TPC Sawgrass on a steamy day in what is widely regarded as golf’s unofficial fifth major.

Garcia, the 2008 champion, fired a sizzling seven-under 65 to post an 11-under total of 133 that left him one shot ahead of Woods

(67), who sank an 18-foot birdie putt at his final hole, the par-five ninth.

“I hit the ball very well, hit a lot of good iron shots and gave myself a lot of good birdie opportunities,” said Garcia, who caught fire on his second nine. “I got on a great run

there where I made a lot of putts in a row.”

Another shot back was Westwood and 26-year-old American Kevin Chappell, who shot matching 66s.

Roberto Castro had set the pace in the opening round with a course-record-tying nine-under 63 for a three-shot lead, but the little-known American’s advantage vanished before he teed off in the second

round’s afternoon wave.

World number one Woods, rounding into top form this year with a tour-leading three victories, began the day four shots back but gained a share of the lead at nine-under when he sank a 20-foot eagle putt on the par-five second, his 11th hole.

He surged into the lead

with a birdie two holes later and was joined at 10-under by Garcia when the Spaniard capped a streak of five consecutive birdies by rolling in a 26-footer at the par-three sixth, his 15th hole of the day. Garcia climbed to 11 under par at the par-three eighth when he drained a 40-footer for birdie.

Reuters



Tiger Woods

GENERAL

Serena given first serious test in Madrid

MADRID, 11 May — World number one Serena Williams was given her first serious test at this year's Madrid Open as she had to recover from being obliterated in the second set to beat unseeded Spaniard Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-3, 0-6, 7-5 in the quarter-finals on Friday.

The defending champion at the clay event fought back from 4-2 down in the third set to see off the local favourite, who was cheered on by a partisan crowd at the Magic Box Arena.

Williams, who had not dropped a set in her opening three matches, will meet seventh-seed Sara Errani in the last four, after the Italian swept aside unseeded Russian Ekaterina Makarova 6-4, 6-3.

On the other side of the draw, world number two Maria Sharapova comfortably booked her semi-final berth beating unseeded Estonian Kaia Kanepi 6-2, 6-4.

"It was definitely a battle," Williams told a news conference after her match with Medina Garrigues.

"I obviously didn't do much in the second set and I think I gave her a lot of confidence to play better. I thought she played really well in the third."

Williams made it 26



wins and only one defeat since the start of last year's claycourt season, but was up against an experienced player on the surface.

The 30-year-old Spaniard has the highest number of clay-court title wins with 10 among active players and stunned the American by taking the second set to love.

"I wasn't really there," Williams said. "I wasn't really in it. My feet weren't moving. I don't know what happened."

"To turn it around I got up earlier on the changeover and started doing high knees and just stretching and doing anything to try to get my intensity back up where it needed to be."

"I definitely want to cut

back on my unforced errors. I had a lot today. Also, I went for a lot more today than I have been doing in my past few matches."

"So I think I'm going to go back to the way I have been playing, and being more calm, and not making as many errors as I did today."

French Open champion Sharapova qualified for the semis for the first time in four appearances in Madrid, and will meet either sixth seeded German Angelique Kerber or 16th seeded Serbian Ana Ivanovic in the next round.

"I was just happy to get past the quarter-finals, I feel like I've been stuck in this tournament," the Russian said.—Reuters

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| 13. Round Up of The Week's International News | 28. News |
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| 14. Myanmar Video | 30. TV Drama Series |
| 2:50 pm | 31. New Melody |
| 15. Documentary (ASEAN) | |

Manor a witness to the family's past glory

BEIJING, 11 May—I did not expect to see such an ancient grand mansion in remote northern China when the country road leads me to Chang Family Manor in Yuci county, Shanxi Province. Standing in front of the 10-metre-high gate, I would associate the wall, moat and gate tower with a well-off city, rather than a private estate.

The family's ancestor, Chang Zhonglin, fled to neighbouring Yuci, because of famine in his home in Taigu county, and worked as a shepherd in late Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). His son ventured into tea business and prospered in early Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), and started building the mansion, which gradually expanded to 4,000 houses across 60 hectares. The 1,000-house manor today is only one fourth of its original size. The rest were either destroyed in wars or demolished during the "cultural revolution" (1966-76). Having seen so many shoddy

palaces and temples, I'm intrigued immediately by the dilapidation and originality demonstrated by the manor with the key colors of gray, earth tone and black.

There is a slab-stone-covered square of about the size of six basketball courts in the mansion, which connects a 600-metre-long and 20-metre-wide straight flagstone road, called Back Street. The road used to be one of the two main passages in the center of the

manor. Now only half of it is reserved with the buildings located on its north. To the north of the square is also an ancestral temple of the Chang family. All the important names in the family's history are carved on wooden tablets and worshipped in the hall. Their stories are recorded in the family files kept in the temple.

In its heyday, the Chang family controlled 40 percent of Sino-Russia tea trade

over about 20 years in mid-Qing Dynasty. They planted tea in Wuyi Mountain in Fujian Province and transported the tea to Kyakhta in Siberia through Zhangjiakou in Hebei province and Mongolian Plateau. West of the temple is Chang Family Academy, made up of classrooms, a library and lecture halls. The three-story library is the most magnificent construction, demonstrating the highest artistic values in the manor.—Xinhua



The 1,000-house Chang Family Manor is a witness to the family's past glory and a showcase of traditional architecture and artworks of brick sculptures. XINHUA



Camille Munro from Regina, Saskatoon was crowned to be Miss World Canada 2013 at River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond, Canada, on 9 May, 2013. Winning contestant Camille Munro will represent Canada in Miss World 2013 Final, to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 28 September.—XINHUA

Taungpyone Village station hospital (16-bed) opens in TadaU Township

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Opening ceremony of Taungpyone Village station hospital (16-bed) in TadaU Township of Kyaukse District of Mandalay Region was held at the hospital this morning, with an address by Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye.

It was attended by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Region ministers, Hluttaw representatives, district/township departmental officials and local people.

Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing, head of Region Health Department Dr Moe Swe and Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Thu unveiled the signboard of the hospital.

After that, UEC Chairman U Tin Aye sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription of the hospital and so did Union Ministers Dr Mya Aye and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Chief Minister U Ye Myint, the region ministers and officials.

The UEC Chairman looked round the hospital and urged the officials to

disseminate knowledge on health and maintain its durability. After, a handing over ceremony of documents related to the hospital followed.

In his opening speech, the UEC Chairman said that one station hospital and ten rural health care centers (branch) have been opened in TadaU Township from 2010 to date. So far, there are two station hospitals (50-bedded), four rural health care centers and 30 rural health care centers (branches) and one maternal and child health care center in the township. From 2010 to date, three doctors, seven nurses and six midwives have been appointed. So far, the township has 12 doctors, 21 nurses, five health assistances and 35 midwives.

One more 36-bedded hospital was inaugurated on 25-8-2011 as the already-opened 50-bed TadaU Township hospital could not meet necessary requirements. Moreover, buildings were repaired, tubewells sunk and more operation theaters built and the infrastructure was put into service on 13-10-2012 in order to meet the requirements of the 16-bedded hospital at



UEC Chairman U Tin Aye at Taungpyone Village station hospital (16-bed).—MNA

Theinnikan village in TadaU Township (south).

To ensure medical coverage at TadaU Township (north) comprising 12 village-tracts, 21 villages and 4617 households with the population of 30000, plans are underway for construction of a station hospital at Taungpyone

village. Upgrading of Taungpyone rural health centre built in 1986 into a station hospital with the agreement of the government started from

early 2012. With the cash allotment of Mandalay Region government for construction of the station hospital, the hospital was renovated, meeting set

standards of the Ministry of Health.

With the Taungpyone station hospital, health care services are within reach of (See page 9)

IPO seminar held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), Daiwa Securities Co Ltd of Japan and KPMG Co of Singapore jointly organized initial public offering (IPO) seminar at UMFCCI headquarters here on 7 May, with speeches

by UMFCCI President U Win Aung, and Managing Director Mr Kazunari Ota of Investment Banking Solution Department of Daiwa Securities Co Ltd.

The seminar was aimed to pave the way for development of Myanmar financial sector, emergence of capital

market and establishment of stock exchange by 2015 in Myanmar. Resources persons read out papers on the occasion. The topics at the seminar ranged from stock exchange rules, financial data bank, possible difficulties to specific solutions and investment procedures.

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Announcement

1. Department of Meteorology and Hydrology has announced that “Mahasen” cyclone has intensified into a strong cyclonic storm. It is coded yellow stage. But it is likely to turn the northeast as of the afternoon of 13 May and cross the north of Rakhine coast and the Bangladeshi coast on the morning of 16 May.
2. Offshore and inshore trawlers in the Myanmar Seas are requested berth at the following locations so as to avoid the storm.
 - (a) Rakhine State, Pauktaw Township, Phayonekar Inland (20 degrees 00 minute North Latitude and 93 degree 00 minute East Longitude)
 - (b) Rakhine State, Thandwe Township, Thabyuchai (Andrew Bay) (18 degrees 20 minutes North

Latitude and 94 degrees 20 minutes East Longitude)

(c) Ayeyawady Region, Ngaputaw Township, Haingyi Island (15 degrees 58 minutes North Latitude and 94 degrees 20 minutes East Longitude)

(d) Ayeyawady Region, Ngaputaw Township, Pyinkayine Chaungwa village (16 degrees 00 minutes North Latitude and 94 degrees 24.40 minutes East Longitude)

(e) Ayeyawady Region, Kadonkani village (15 degrees 48 minutes North Latitude and 95 degrees 16 minutes East Longitude)

3. Offshore and inshore fishing trawlers in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Region are requested to berth on the nearby islands.

Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

Real time coverage of cyclone news on dailies, radio and TV channels

Northern part of Rakhine Coast most likely to experience the storm with heavy rains and squalls in Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay regions

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—According to the observations at (12.30) hrs today, depression over the south-east of Bay of Bengal has intensified into cyclonic storm “Mahasen” which centered at 500 miles south-west of Kawthoung. The cyclone is likely to move north-west and the highest wind speed at the centre of the cyclone may reach between 50 and 60 mph. It is likely to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm during next 24 hours.

Under the influence of the storm, occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced at times in Delta, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coast. Surface speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Though the present stage of the cyclonic storm is coded as yellow stage, it is likely to turn north-eastwards beginning 13

May afternoon and cross Myanmar Coast (Northern Rakhine Coast) and Bangladesh Coast on 16 May morning.

Department of Meteorology and Hydrology has suggested that inshore and offshore fishing trawlers and vessels off and along Myanmar coastal areas need to avoid the storm.

The public is to heed to news broadcasting from Myanmar Radio, FM radios and Myanmar Radio and Television and Myawady Television.

Especially, Delta Region, Bay of Bengal, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coast are likely to experience squalls with rough sea and thus preparation should be made on highest alert.

People in regions and states on the storm route are to put themselves on full alert on 14, 15 May and heavy rains may occur in central region of Myanmar,

particularly Magway Region, lower Sagaing Region and Mandalay Region with possible dangers of landslide and raging torrent on 16 May when the cyclone passes through Rakhine Coast. According to the forecast that says the storm may cross northern part of Rakhine Coast and Bangladesh Coast on 16 May morning, Maungdaw and Sittway in Rakhine are likely to face the storm with Maungdaw more likely. The highest wind speed during the storm may reach as high as 120 mph and thus preparation must be against the strong wind.

The latest developments of the storm will be covered real time on dailies, Myanmar Radio and FM radios, MRTV and Myawady Television and the authorities have urged the public to follow their instructions.—MNA