

President U Thein Sein calls for microfinance works to bring real benefits to the poor

Borrowers are to effectively use loans and repay in full

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—President U Thein Sein called for effective use of loans and full loans repayment as he addressed the Mandalay Region rural development and socio-economic improvement discussion event, held at National Theater in Mandalay this morning.

The President reckons stability is the most important of all in national development drive and democratization process, and national unity in other words internal peace is the basic condition for stability of the State.

He hopes the government could soon reach peace agreement with KIO/A, the last out of 11 armed groups to sign peace deals. The government is taking steps to enter into political dialogues to build a lasting peace. As a result, gunfires could be silenced in once-unstable border regions with peace process taking shape. Meanwhile, rehabilitation tasks are being

carried out for sufferers of unrest.

Reforms have been put in place to strengthen foundations for democratization as freedom of expression, freedom of demonstration, press freedom, freedom of association, human rights so as to practise democracy as demanded by the people. Meanwhile, necessary laws have been enacted, with outdated laws revoked and amended.

Farmland Act has been promulgated in an effort for development of agriculture, the core of the economy and farmland registration has been carried out to ensure farmland ownership.

Local and foreign investments have increased fivefold between 2011-2012 to 2012-2013 with over USD 1.419 billion of foreign investment in 94 industries, and over K 1.1 trillion of citizens' investment in 65 industries and jobs for 82792.

The President thanked



President U Thein Sein views dairy products of Mandalay Dairy Product Industry.—MNA

the personnel concerned for their contributions to these figures. Myanmar Investment Committee formed with 50 per cent

of civilian personalities is gathering momentum and will be placed under effective operation with new (See page 9)



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Photo shows the arrival of 50 315 KVA transformers at a store of Mandalay Region Electrical Engineer's Office recently. Upon installation of new transformers, Mandalarians will enjoy more electricity supply.

KYEMON

Photo shows Tatmadawmen led by Local Battalion Commanding Officer Lt-Col Ye Yint Aung contributing their voluntary services to rebuilding of a drinking lake at Kamar Kathwe Ward in Dala Township on 7 May where drinking lakes have run dry.— KYEMON



Man stabbed to death in debt-related argument

Crime

YEDASHE, 12 May— A man was stabbed to death inside his home at a small village called Winge Ngartesu near Swa creek dam in Yedashe Township of Bago Region on 3 May.

Win Zaw Oo and Mot Lay (a) Chit Htwe of Kyunbinseik Village of Thaingwa village-tract had been friends for nearly six years. They lived together

in the village where the incident occurred, making a living as fishermen. On that day, Mot Lay (a) Chit Htwe, 22, arrived at the victim's home while the latter was in conversation with his wife, Ma Eint Soe, and Daw Ohn Yee. Ma Eint Soe went outside the house as she was asked to go outside by Chit Htwe who said that they had a case regarding a fish debt

to be settled. As she heard Daw Ohn Yee's loud voice, she went into the house and she saw Win Zaw Oo who had been stabbed once in his chest by Mot Lay (a) Chit Htwe and died of a single wound stab in the armchair inside his home.

Swa police station filed a lawsuit against Mot Lay (a) Chit Htwe and investigation is ongoing.— Kyemon

Hand luggage stolen in three-minute phone call

YANGON, 12 May— A theft of hand baggage at Aung Mingalar bus terminal in Mingaladon Township was reported on 3 May.

Nearly three minutes after answering an incoming call, the owner noticed that his hand luggage that was placed next to his feet was missing. Thurein Myo Zaw (mine worker), 24, of Dagon Myothit (North) Township informed the

police station that his hand luggage was stolen while he was answering an incoming call from his uncle on Dagon street in the compound of the bus terminal before his departure for Bilin of

Mon State. There were K 1,950,000, two T-shirts and documents related to mining in it, he reported. Mingaladon police station opened a case and investigation is ongoing.

Kyemon

Odd News

Crocodile captured dead in fisherman's net in Kyauktan Township

KYAUKTAN, 12 May— A female crocodile was found dead in a commercial fishermen's net in the Yangon river near a lighthouse on 8 May, drawing attentions of Kyauktan dwellers who were gathered around the dead body of the crocodile.

The crocodile was caught in the fishing net of U Myint Shwe at the mouth of Yan-

gon river near Kaladan village-tract at about 3 am. It was nearly 10 feet and six inches in length and three feet and seven inches in girth. Fishermen handed the carcass over to officials of Kyauktan Township Fisheries Department.

The crocodile captured dead has no toes on its one of front paws, but the other paw has one toe.

Kyemon

Heavy rains and strong winds sweep through Mandalay

Disaster

MANDALAY, 12 May— Mandalay got caught in squalls of rain accompanied by hailstones in the late afternoon on 9 May.

"Rains carried a haul of hailstones. We ran and picked up the hailstones. We have them in the belief that we will be free from possible dangers. Some washed them and used it as eye drops," says a ward

dweller.

With the squalls of rain, billboards were toppled down and tree branches brought down. Minor accidents were reported.

Similar strong winds lashed Kuntheedan of Amarapura Township at about 2.15 pm on that day, uprooting trees and electric posts which had fallen on houses.— Kyemon



Torrential rain pummels Bago with vicious wind gusts

BAGO, 12 May— Torrential rains accompanied

by high winds had battered Bago for nearly one hour

on 8 May, leaving houses destroyed in some wards.

Wind gusts toppled down more than a dozen of houses in Ward-8 of Ottha Myothit and blew CI sheets and bamboo walls off some houses in Ward-9. Strong winds caused damage to houses by Yangon-Mandalay highway.

A similar story occurred in Kawa Township from 3.30 to 4.30 pm on that day. Dozens of houses and one school building got caught in savage wind gusts, but no casualties were reported.— Kyemon



WORLD

Sharif poised to form strong government in Pakistan



Nawaz Sharif

ISLAMABAD, 12 May — Toppled in a 1999 military coup, jailed and exiled, Pakistan's Nawaz Sharif has made a triumphant election comeback and looks set to form a stable government capable of implementing reforms needed to rescue the fragile economy.

Sharif may not win enough seats to rule on his own but has built up enough momentum to avoid having to form a coalition with his main rivals, former cricketer Imran Khan's Tehrik-i-Insaf (PTI) and the Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

The steel magnate held

off a challenge from Khan, who had hoped to break decades of dominance by Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) and the PPP, led by the Bhutto family.

The two parties have formed governments whenever the military, the most powerful force in the nuclear-armed nation, has allowed civilian rule.

Khan put up a strong fight and he is likely to remain a force in politics, possibly becoming the main opposition figure. The PPP, which led the government for the last five years, has

done badly and could come in third place.

Television channels said of the results declared by midday on Sunday, Sharif's PML-N had captured 94 of the 272 contested National Assembly seats.

Based on trends, it was likely to get around 130, and should easily be able to make up the required majority of 137 with support from independents and small parties.

The PTI has secured 21

seats while the PPP won 19. The elections, held on Saturday, were marred by a campaign by Islamic fundamentalists to block the voting.

Despite pre-poll violence and attacks that killed at least 40 people, voter turnout was a robust 60 percent.

Once it establishes a majority, Sharif's party would be allocated a majority of 70 other parliamentary seats that are reserved for women and non-Muslim minorities. — Reuters

Polls close in Pakistan's general election marred by bombings



A voter casts her ballot in a polling station in Gujranwala, Pakistan, in the country's general election on 11 May, 2013. — KYODO NEWS

ISLAMABAD, 12 May — Polls have closed Pakistan's landmark general election that was marred by bombings near polling stations that killed at least 12 people and injured 47 others. Presiding officers in polling stations all over Pakistan have started counting and consolidating the results for the election, except in seven National

Assembly constituencies in Karachi, a senior Pakistan Election Commission official said. The Election Commission extended polling in seven National Assembly constituencies in Karachi by three hours, GEO TV reported, quoting an Election Commission Press release.

Election Commission Secretary Ishtiaq Ahmad

told reporters that voters present at polling stations at 6 pm would be allowed to cast their votes. "The turnout was expected to be very good," Ahmad said. Polling stations opened at 8 am and were meant to close at 5 pm, but a one-hour extension was granted because of the heavy voter turnout all over Pakistan. The commission said it registered more than 86 million eligible voters, while more than 72,000 polling stations were set up across the country.

Chief Election Commissioner Fakhruddin Ebrahim earlier said he is confident the election would be the cleanest in the country's history, following the implementation of new measures to avoid vote-rigging. A bomb attack on a polling station in the port city of Karachi killed 11 people and injured 35

others. The blast occurred around 10 am when a group of supporters of the Awami National Party, a local political party which mainly represents the interests of the Pashtun people from Pakistan's northwest region, were gathering near the polling station in the Quaidabad area of the city.

Two separate blasts were also reported in the northwestern city of Peshawar. In the first, 12 people were injured when a bomb was remotely detonated near a female polling station in the Larma area of the city, Additional Deputy Commissioner Habibullah Arif said. The injured mostly included women and small children. Earlier, a suicide bomber detonated prematurely in the Badbair suburb in the vicinity of a polling station, killing only himself.

Kyodo News

Afghanistan says nine migrants killed by Iranian border guards

HERAT, (Afghanistan), 12 May — Iranian guards fired on a large group of Afghan migrants illegally crossing the border overnight, killing at least nine people, Afghan officials said on Saturday. Hostility to the US role in Afghanistan, regional ambitions and an economy choked by Western sanctions have contributed to a tough Iranian policy against Afghan migrants who flee war and seek work in their more prosperous neighbour.

The Iranian Interior Ministry in Teheran declined to comment. Iranian officials in Kabul could not be reached. Around 300 Afghan men were trying to make their way from Afghanistan's western Farah Province into Iranian territory when the guards opened fire, witnesses and officials said. "Nine Afghans were killed, but the number may increase," said Abdul Samad Khan, District Governor of Lash-e-Joveyn in Farah province near the Iranian border. Farah police chief Abdul Hakim Angar put the death toll at 10 and eight

wounded. Five wounded men lay in hospital beds in the provincial capital Farah, their feet and heads bound in bandages, TV footage showed.

"As soon as they touched Iranian soil the Iranian border police opened fire," said Farah governor's spokesman Abdul Rahman Zhwandai. Afghanistan's Foreign Ministry and its independent Human Rights Commission said they were looking into the reports of deaths. As NATO and its foreign partners prepare to end their combat role in Afghanistan by the end of next year, attention is turning towards its neighbours and what role they could play in helping build the country's future.

The 2.4 million Afghans living in Iran — 1 million of whom are allowed to live there legally as refugees — have been a thorn in the side of Afghan-Iranian relations. Last year, Teheran threatened to expel them if Kabul signed a strategic security pact with Washington. That deal was struck.

Reuters

US combat ship has vital role in Asia-Pacific security

SINGAPORE, 12 May — US Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said on Saturday that the US Navy's new Littoral Combat Ship will play an important role in US security strategy in the Asia-Pacific region. "The LCS is a tangible, essential element of America's commitment to this strategy, to this region, to the Asia-Pacific," he said. "That commitment will not waiver and is not in doubt...We are here and we remain in this vital region to cooperate and to work together," Mabus said in a speech on board the USS Freedom, the Navy's first LCS deployed to Southeast Asia.

The vessel, which arrived in Singapore last month for rotational deployment, was moored at the Changi Naval Base in

the eastern corner of the small island-state. Speaking to reporters after his speech at a welcome ceremony for the ship, he said the plan is still on track to rotationally deploy up to four ships to Singapore. We are planning for the next ship to be here in about 20 months, and then by 2016 up to four LCS to be here, and it's right on schedule," Mabus said. He said the US plans to deploy its most advanced naval assets into the Pacific now as part of its plan for a rebalancing of its forces.

"The Asia-Pacific region is such an important part to us economically and to the world in a lot of different ways...The security here, freedom of navigation, freedom of trade, freedom of the sea is important to all countries in the region and in fact to



Littoral Combat Ship

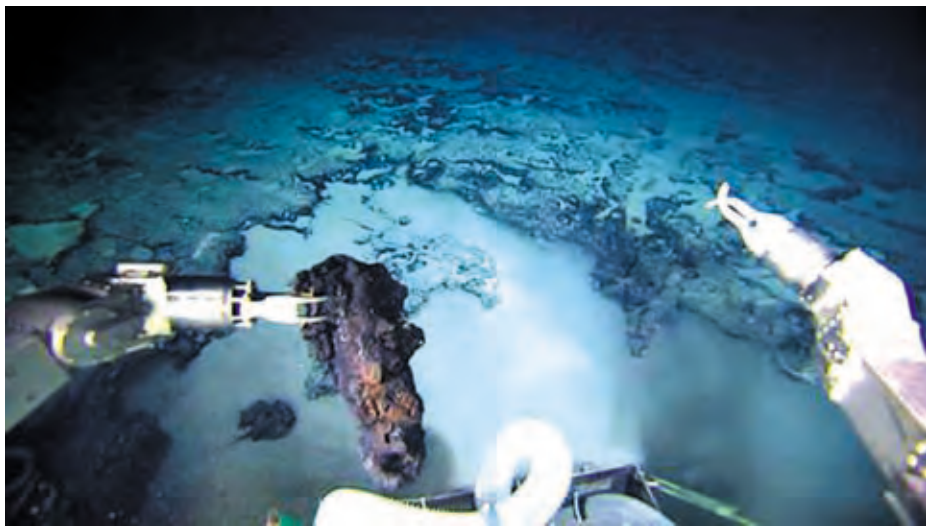
the entire world," he said. The main role of the vessels deployed to Singapore is to operate with Southeast Asian navies in military exercises, he said. Asked if the deployment of the LCS is a response to China's military expansion, Mabus said "this is not aimed at anyone." "We look for opportunities to engage with China and with all nations in this region," he said.

He pointed out that China's People's Liberation Army has accepted an

invitation to participate for the first time in a major US-hosted naval drill, the Rim of the Pacific exercise, known as RIMPAC. Fast, agile, and mission-focused, LCS platform is designed to employ modular mission packages that can be configured for three separate purposes: surface warfare, mine countermeasures, or anti-submarine warfare. Singapore is one of America's closest allies in the region.

Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Scientists say they have found evidence of a sunken land mass off the coast of Rio de Janeiro.—XINHUA

Readers find online literature unsatisfactory

BEIJING, 12 May — Over 80 percent of Chinese people have read books online but many said the quality of literature offered is not satisfying, according to results of a survey released on Wednesday.

An online survey by the *China Youth Daily* and published in the newspaper's Wednesday edition said 88.8 percent of respondents said they have read novels online, and 23.6 percent said they are frequent readers.

Respondents said easy-reading quality, novelty and easy access of e-books are major attractions of online reading.

However, only 20 percent in the survey said they are satisfied with the quality of books available online and more than 30 percent said they think most online novels are not of top quality but inferior pieces of work.

Moreover, a total of 36.9 percent said they do not consider that online reading will have positive

effects on readership, and 57.5 percent expressed their concern that too much violent and obscene content in books may mislead readers, especially those of a young age.

The newspaper's report added that the majority of readers said they read online to "kill time" and for "relaxing" purposes.

A total of 840 people took part in the survey.

According to a recent survey, Chinese people read 4.39 paper books, 77.20 newspapers, 6.56 magazines and 2.35 e-books on average last year. The latter increased by 65.5 percent year on year.

Xinhua

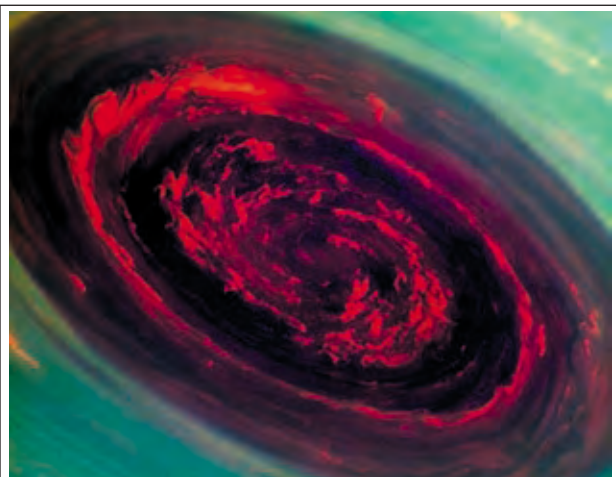
French senators tasked to make proposals for Paris climate conference in 2015

PARIS, 12 May — Two French lawmakers will be assigned to make proposals for the preparatory work for the Paris 2015 UN Climate Change Conference, Minister Delegate attached to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Pascal Canfin said on Tuesday. The proposal-making mission of Senators Michel Delebarre from the Nord Department and Ronan Dantec from Loire Atlantique Department is aimed to mobilize domestic and foreign stakeholders to contribute to designing a new international climate

change agreement in 2015, "which is applicable to all countries," the minister said in a statement.

The mission's findings "will be presented in July 2013 to allow France to better prepare for the hosting of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change in 2015," it added.

France offered to host the Conference of the Parties in 2015 during the 2012 Doha UN Climate Change Conference, as it believes the Paris' meeting should lead to this new global agreement.—Xinhua



Saturn's hurricane

Spacewalking repairmen replace space station's leaky pump

CAPE CANAVERAL, 12 May — A pair of spacewalking astronauts wrapped up a hastily planned repair job on Saturday to replace a suspect coolant pump needed to keep the *International Space Station* at full power.

NASA astronauts Chris Cassidy and Tom Marshburn put on space-suits and left the space station's airlock shortly before 9 am EDT to attempt to stem an ammonia coolant leak that cropped up on Thursday. Over the next four hours, they installed a spare pump, then positioned themselves to check for signs of escaping ammonia ice crystals when the system was turned back on.

"No flakes," Cassidy reported to flight controllers at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston. Engineers will monitor the system over the next several days and beyond to make sure the pump replacement fixed the problem.

"We certainly have come a long way in identifying a potential source," said NASA mission commentator Rob Navias as the astronauts returned to the station's airlock. The entire spacewalk lasted 5-1/2 hours. The station crew discovered a steady stream of ammonia flakes flowing away from the far

left side of the station's exterior frame on Thursday. Flight controllers spent the next 48 hours diagnosing the problem and coming up with potential solutions.

Engineers believed the leak most likely was coming from in or around a 260-pound (118-kg) pump that pushes ammonia throughout the system. The coolant dissipates heat from electronics in space station's solar-powered electrical system.

The station can be re-configured to compensate for a system shutdown, but if a second problem should occur, that likely would mean a cutback in power available for the experiments. The \$100 billion station, which flies about

250 miles above Earth, is a research laboratory for biomedical, physics, astronomical and other experiments, as well as for technology development and demonstrations.

On Sunday, station commander Chris Hadfield, the first Canadian to lead the international outpost, turns over the helm to Russian cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov. Hadfield, Marshburn and cosmonaut Roman Romanenko, who have been aboard the station since December, are scheduled to depart on Monday. Their replacements — NASA's Karen Nyberg, Italy's Luca Parmitano and Russian Fyodor Yurchikhin — are due to launch on 28 May.

Reuters



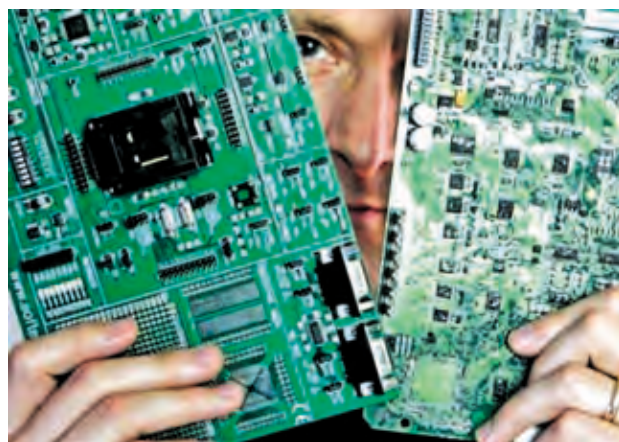
Astronauts Tom Marshburn (top) and Chris Cassidy (R) work during their spacewalk from the *International Space Station*, in this image from NASA TV on 27 July, 2009.—REUTERS

Booming 'zero-day' trade has Washington cyber experts worried

WASHINGTON, 12 May — The proliferation of hacking tools known as zero-day exploits is raising concerns at the highest levels in Washington, even as US agencies and defence contractors have become the biggest buyers of such products. White House cybersecurity policy coordinator Michael Daniel said the trend was "very worrisome to us."

Asked if US government buying in the offensive market was adding to the problem, Daniel said more study was needed. "There is a lot more work to be done in that space to look at the economic questions...so we can do a better job on the cost-benefit analysis," he said.

Some security experts say the government's purchasing power could help instead of hurt. They argue the US government should bring the market into the open by announcing it will



Security researcher Charlie Miller holds two automobile electronic control module circuit boards which posing in his home-office in Wildwood, Missouri, on 30 April, 2013. — REUTERS

pay top dollar for zero-days and then disclosing all vulnerabilities to the companies concerned and their customers.

"Given that people are now buying vulnerabilities, the US should simply announce that it is cornering the market, that they will pay 10 times anyone else," said Dan Geer, chief information security officer at

In-Q-Tel, the US intelligence community's venture capital firm. He said he was speaking outside of his official capacity.

Richard Clarke, who served as counter-terrorism chief in the White House before becoming a cybersecurity advisor there a decade ago, said the government should at least review the exploits it has and dis-

close the vast majority.

"In some rare cases, perhaps the government could briefly withhold that information in order to run a high-priority collection mission," he said. "Even then, however, the government should closely monitor to see if anyone else has discovered the vulnerability and begun to use it."

Howard Schmidt, who served as White House cybersecurity czar under Obama, said he agreed with Clarke's approach. Asked if he had made the same argument during his recent two and a half years in the White House, he said he couldn't betray confidences by going into detail.

But Schmidt added: "The entire discussion on cascading effects and the sort of unintended consequences of any type of malware was had more than once...That's the discussion that needs to continue to take place."—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Dimon might leave JPMorgan if stripped of chairmanship



JPMorgan Chase & Co CEO Jamie Dimon gestures as he talks about the state of the global economy at a forum hosted by the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in Washington on 10 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 12 May —JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon said he may consider leaving the bank where he has held the top post since 2005, if shareholders vote to split his duties, *the Wall Street Journal* reported on Saturday.

Shareholders will vote later this month at an annual meeting in Tampa, Florida, on a non-binding proposal to separate the chairman and chief executive roles after a more than \$6 billion trading loss last year raised questions about risk

oversight. At first, Dimon said he would not comment publicly on what he would do if the vote went against him, but when pressed he added that the worst-case scenario would be to leave the bank, the newspaper said, citing sources that attended a private meeting at the company's New York headquarters. Results of the vote will be announced on 21 May, but it remains unclear what the board will do if the proposal passes.

Among the investors who attended Monday's meeting, the *Journal* said, were top 10 shareholders Fidelity Investments and MFS Investment Management, as well as TIAA-CREF Asset Management and Goldman Sachs Asset Management.

Proxy advisory firms Institutional Investors Services and Glass Lewis & Co said that the losing

"London Whale" derivatives trades that cost the bank \$6.2 billion last year showed the board had failed in its oversight of JPMorgan executives. The firms also recommended that some board members not be re-elected.

Two ranking JPMorgan Chase directors issued a letter to shareholders on Friday, arguing against recommendations.

The letter, signed by presiding director Lee Raymond and corporate governance and nominating committee chairman William Weldon, said the advisory firms focused too narrowly on the trading losses and that the changes would be disruptive and not in shareholders' best interests. A similar proposal to split the roles garnered the approval of 40 percent of shareholders last year.

Reuters

ECB's Draghi says no call for G7 central banks to do more

AYLESBURY, (England), 12 May—Major central banks did not face calls to do more to boost the world economy when Group of Seven finance officials met on Saturday, European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said.

Before the meeting Britain's finance minister, George Osborne, said ministers would "consider what more monetary activism can do to support the recovery" - something that

he is keen for the Bank of England to do.

But Draghi said the ECB, which cut interest rates to a record low last week, did not come under pressure to take further steps.

"There wasn't any call to do more," he told reporters after the meeting. "It is quite clear that all central banks have done a lot, each one within its own mandate. So (the meeting) was just taking note of this ... All of us have really been active."

The ECB is also looking at whether it can do more to promote small business lending in the euro zone via asset-backed securities (ABS), but Draghi said the central bank was better placed to assist other European institutions rather than take a leading role itself.

ABS allow banks to move some credit risk off their balance sheets by packaging loans up and selling them on to other investors.

Credit markets were paralyzed during the financial crisis when such securities became toxic due to the default of housing loans that underpinned them.

"What is the role of the ECB in this? I think it is mostly catalytic, because the ECB works with the European Investment Bank and the (European) Commission, and I think it will be very much up to these actors to act, rather than the ECB," Draghi said.

Reuters

Modified mosquitoes may halt spread of malaria: study

WASHINGTON, 12 May —Mosquitoes infected with a type of bacteria may be used to stop the spread of malaria as they show signs of resistance to the parasite that causes the disease, according to a new study published online in the US journal *Science*.

The mosquitoes infected with the bacterium called *Wolbachia*, which is naturally found in up to 70 percent of insects, also have the ability to pass the bacterium to their offspring, researchers from US Michigan State University (MSU) and China's Sun Yat-Sen University reported on Thursday.

"In a sense, *Wolbachia* acts as a vaccine of sorts for mosquitoes that could protect them from malaria parasites," said Zhiyong Xi, MSU assistant professor of microbiology and molecular genetics who leads the study.

"Our study shows that in the future it's possible the entire mosquito population will lose the ability

to transmit malaria to humans."

In their study, the researchers focused on *Anopheles stephensi* mosquitoes, the primary malaria carrier in the Middle East and South Asia, and found the key to the malaria research was identifying the correct species of *Wolbachia* — wAlbB — and then injecting it into mosquito embryos.

Out of the thousands of embryos injected by the researchers, one developed into a female that carried *Wolbachia*, they said. The mosquito line derived from this female has maintained *Wolbachia* wAlbB infection with a 100 percent infection frequency through 34 generations, at which time the study ended.

The team then introduced various ratios of *Wolbachia*-infected females into a noninfected mosquito population. In each case, the entire population carried the bacteria in eight generations or less.

Xinhua



Chrysler recalls 469,000 SUVs worldwide over gearshift problem

VIENNA, 12 May—Chrysler Group LLC is recalling about 469,000 SUVs worldwide to update software after some vehicles' circuit boards were found to be transmitting signals that trigger inadvertent gear shifts to neutral, the No 3 US automaker said on Saturday.

Included are 2006- to 2010-model-year Jeep Commanders and 2005 to 2010 Jeep Grand Cherokees, of which about 295,000 are in the United States, 28,500 are in Canada and 4,200 are in Mexico.

The remaining 141,000 are outside of North America. Chrysler was aware of 26 accidents and 2 injuries related to the gearshift problem but no fatalities, a company spokesman said.

It was Chrysler's largest recall since more than 900,000 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Liberty SUVs were recalled worldwide in November to fix a part that could cause airbags to deploy inadvertently.

Chrysler, an affiliate of Italy's Fiat SpA (FIA.

MI), also said it is recalling 532 2013-model-year Ram 1500 pickup trucks in the United States and Canada, a third of which remain in dealer inventories, to inspect and possibly replace windshield defrosting and defogging components.

Reuters



A Chrysler badge is pictured on a new car at a dealership in Vienna, Virginia on 26 April, 2012.

REUTERS

Gold rebound halted as fund outflows continue

DUBAI, 12 May—The sharp rebound in the yellow metal from two weeks ago was not sustainable due to the ongoing capital shifts into equities, an expert on precious metal said on Saturday. The price of gold lost 2.5 percent during the last week and trades now at around 1,488 US dollars per ounce.

"Gold prices tried and failed last week again to break the initial resistance level at 1,485 dollars per ounce," Gerhard Schubert, head of precious metals at universal bank Emirates NBD in Dubai, said in his weekly comment on global precious metals markets.

Since January 2013, the ounce of gold has lost

14.8 percent in value.

Schubert said the holdings of gold in exchange traded funds (ETF) are now reportedly at levels last seen in early 2008 before the global financial crisis.

Capital will continue to flow out of commodities into stock markets, stoked by low interest rates and monetary easing by central banks, he said.

Stock market indices in Germany and the United States hit all-time high last Friday with the German DAX closing at 8,278.59 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average in New York reaching 15,118.49 points.

Regarding the mid-term outlook, Schubert said "We might see a little bit more liquidation out of

ETF, but I strongly doubt that the pace seen, will continue unabated."

He added that physical markets have done magically well in recent weeks with people from the industry commenting on the amounts of gold bought in regional markets. At the same time, bargain buying in the emerging markets in the East geared up.

Chinese gold import numbers reached record highs, with March imports from Hong Kong reaching 224 tons. "This means that the imports for the first quarter of 2013 have reached 378 tones," Schubert said, adding that India has also seen record import levels.

Xinhua

WORLD

Afghan newspapers disclose Kabul-Washington bargaining over security pact

KABUL, 12 May—The Afghan newspapers gave coverage to the ongoing talks between Kabul and Washington and bargaining over inking security pact and staying of limited US military in Afghanistan after the 2014 withdrawal of NATO-led forces, on Saturday. President Hamid Karzai, according to the English newspaper the *Daily Outlook*, revealed on Thursday that the United States is demanding nine permanent military bases in Afghanistan.

“Washington has sought military bases in Nangarhar, Parwan Balkh, Kabul, Paktia, Kandahar, Helmand and Herat Provinces,” the *Daily*

Outlook writes in its Saturday edition, citing President Karzai’s address delivered at Kabul University. Meantime, another newspaper the *Daily Mandegar* focused on the White House immediate reaction, reporting that the United States does not have intention to remain in Afghanistan permanently.

“Any US presence after 2014 would only be at the invitation of the government of Afghanistan and aimed at training Afghan security forces and targeting the remnant of al-Qaeda,” the White House spokesman Jay Carney said, according to the *Daily Mandegar*.—Xinhua

PM talks to Siddaramaiah, congratulates him on election as CM



NEW DELHI, 12 May—Prime Minister Manmohan Singh today congratulated Siddaramaiah on his election as Chief Minister of Karnataka on Saturday.

The Prime Minister also wished him “well for the future.” Siddaramaiah was yesterday elected as the

leader of the Congress Legislative Party in the state.

“Prime Minister Manmohan Singh talked to Siddaramaiah to congratulate him on his election as the Chief Minister of Karnataka and to wish him well for the future,” the PMO said.

PTI

Egypt arrests three al-Qaeda linked terrorists

CAIRO, 12 May—Egypt’s authorities arrested three al-Qaeda-linked terrorists who had intended to explode vital premises in Cairo and Alexandria, the country’s interior minister told a Press conference on Saturday.

“The three terrorists were arrested with 10 kgs of high explosives and they intended to blow up an embassy in Egypt,” Mohamed Ibrahim said. Ibrahim revealed the names of the three al-Qaeda-affiliated terrorists as Amr Aqida, Mohamed Abdel-Halim Hemida and Mohamed Mostafa Bayoumi.

The terrorists were fol-

lowed by the state’s National Security Apparatus which uncovered their connections to different cells of al-Qaeda in different parts of the world as well as their communication with some al-Qaeda’s leading members such as Dawood al-Asadi in Asia.

A link between the three men and other militants and terrorists in Egypt’s capital Cairo and the Sinai Peninsula was also uncovered by the national security authorities, said Ibrahim. The terrorists have attempted to take advantage of the current transitional period and destabilize the country, said the minister.—Xinhua

Ex-president Rafsanjani joins Iranian election race

DUBAI, 12 May—Former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani threw himself into Iran’s election race on Saturday as a flurry of heavyweight candidates rushed to beat the registration deadline in the most unpredictable contest for decades. Iranian media reported that Rafsanjani — a relative moderate — had



Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani

registered for the June 14 election with just minutes to spare. His candidacy radically alters what was previously seen as a contest between rival conservative groups.

The former president could scupper the hopes of ‘Principlists’, loyal to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who are aiming to secure a quick and painless transition and paper over the deep fissures between the opposing camps. Rafsanjani, 78, who was president from 1989 to 1997, is expected to draw some support from reformists because

he backed the opposition movement whose protests were crushed after the last, disputed election in 2009.

The election comes at a critical moment, as Iran reels from international sanctions over its disputed nuclear programme and faces the threat of attack by Israel if it attempts to acquire a nuclear weapon — an intention it strenuously denies.

A vast field of more than 400 candidates have thrown their names into the ring as potential successors to outgoing president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Shortly before Rafsanjani’s

announcement, Saeed Jalili, a hardline conservative who is seen as close to Khamenei and has led rounds of so far unsuccessful nuclear talks with world powers, entered his name as a candidate.

Soon afterwards, ISNA news agency reported the registration of Esfandiar Rahim Mashaie, an aide to Ahmadinejad and a man viewed with intense distrust by conservatives.

Khamenei’s camp sees Mashaie as leading a “deviant current” that seeks to set aside clerical influence in favor of a more nationalistic doctrine.—Reuters

Ethiopia arrests minister, 11 others over corruption

ADDIS ABABA, 12 May—Ethiopian police have arrested a minister and 11 other people on corruption charges, an official and state media said on Saturday, in the country’s most high-profile swoop against graft for more than a decade. Businesses in the region regularly complain of corruption as an obstacle to their work. Transparency International ranked Ethiopia 113 out of 176 nations worldwide in its 2012 perception of corruption index, where No 1 is considered least corrupt.

That ranking puts Ethiopia above most nations in the Horn of Africa and east Africa regions, although Rwanda is ranked 50. Melaku Fenta, a senior ruling party member and director general of the revenue and customs authority with the rank of minister, was arrested on Friday alongside

two other officials from the authority, government spokesman Shimeles Kemal said. “They were under investigation on suspicion of corrupt practices,” Shimeles told Reuters, without giving details.

The spokesman said there were further arrests as well but did not give a total. The state news agency reported 12 arrests overall. Independently, newspapers said the arrests included a prominent businessman and customs employees outside the capital. Global Financial Integrity last year said Addis Ababa lost \$11.7 billion in outflows of illegal funds in the past decade. Melaku is the most high profile suspect to be arrested on corruption charges since Siye Abraha, a former defence minister who was released in 2007 after six years behind bars.

Reuters

Car bombs kill 46 in Turkish town near Syrian border



Smoke rises from the site of an explosion in the town of Reyhanli near the Turkish-Syrian border on 11 May, 2013.

REUTERS

ISTANBUL, 12 May—Twin car bombs killed at least 46 people near Turkey’s border with Syria on Saturday, increasing fears that Syria’s civil war was dragging in neighbours and drawing a swift warning from Ankara not to test its resolve. Turkey supports the uprising against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said it was no coincidence the attacks in the town of Reyhanli came as diplomatic moves to end the conflict intensify.

“There may be those who want to sabotage Turkey’s peace, but we will not allow that,” Davutoglu told reporters during a trip to Berlin. “No-one should attempt to test Turkey’s power, our security forces will take all necessary measures.” There was no immediate claim of responsibility. NATO member Turkey has been one of Assad’s harshest critics and has harbored both Syrian refugees and rebels during the uprising against him, now in its third year.

Reuters

Mexican-Spanish climber, Sherpa are season’s 1st to climb Everest

KATHMANDU, 12 May—A Mexican-Spanish climber accompanied by his Sherpa on Saturday reached the top of Mt Everest to become the first commercial expedition to climb the world’s highest peak this season, their expedition organizer said. David Liano Gonzalez and his Sherpa guide Samden Bhote reached the top of the 8,848-metre peak at 8:05 am, said Ang Tshering Sherpa of Asian Trekking that organized their expedition.

On Friday, 11 rope-fixing Sherpas and British climber David Tait fixed ropes to the top of the mountain, thereby opening the mountain’s summit for commercial expeditions and becoming the first people to reach the summit this season. “We are not expecting more climbing activity until 15 May as the weather forecast for the coming few days is not good,” Asian Trekking’s Sherpa told Kyodo News.

Among climbers attempting the mountain this season are 80-year-old

Yuichiro Miura from Japan and 81-year-old Min Bahadur Sherchan from Nepal. Sherchan holds the record for the oldest man to have climbed the mountain. He was 76 years and 340 days old when he achieved the feat in 2008. Over 600 climbers and Nepali guides who are part of 32 expeditions are attempting the mountain this season, according to Tilak Pandey, an official at the government’s Mountaineering Division.

Though climbers leave for the mountain as early as March for acclimatization, the actual climbing takes place around mid- to late May when weather on the upper slopes of the mountain is favourable. Spring is considered the most favorable season for climbing the mountain. This season, three Nepali Sherpas have already died on Mt Everest. Meanwhile, local media said two Russian trekkers have gone missing in Langtang, a mountainous district 100 kilometres north of Kathmandu.

Kyodo News.



Top of Mt Everest

LOCAL NEWS

Health

Four legged baby receiving treatment at Taunggyi Children's hospital

TAUNGGYI, 12 May—A four-legged kid with two female reproductive organs who was born to parents Khun San Dwe and Nan Hnaung Hnaung of Lwemut Village in Panglong Township, Loilem District in southern Shan State on 2 February is receiving treatment at Taunggyi OG and Children's Hospital since 9 May.

Wife of the Shan State Chief Minister Patron of

Shan State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt and officials visited the kid and a Siamese twin at the hospital and presented cash.

She also donated cash to the hospital for treatment of the kids through medical superintendent Dr Daw Theingi Nyunt. The kid is currently diagnosed of lung infection.

Myanma Alinn

Cash donated to free dispensary

YEKYI, 12 May—Staff of Township General Administration Department and ward and village-tract administrators donated cash for a free-of-charge dispensary Cedana in Yekyi Township

in Pathein District on 8 May.

Township administrator U Ye Htut Naing and village-tract administrators presented cash through the in-charge of the clinic.

Myanma Alinn

Construction

Roads linking Tamu and Homalin Districts upgraded

TAMU, 12 May—Public Works repaired Tamu-Cedi motor road and Htonehe-Thanan motor road linking townships in Tamu District and those in Homalin District in Sagaing Region.

The bridges and roads

Thiri-Puhomein road in Tahlay Tsp being upgraded

TACHILEK, 12 May—Thiri-Puhomein rural road in Tahlay Township is being upgraded to a concrete road with the support of Garuna Kengtung Social Promotion Group.

The upgrading started in March, 2013 and more than 9000 ft have been paved with concrete.

The road formerly was not an all-weather, cutting the link in rainy season.

on road sections are now serviceable in all weathers.

The newly upgraded roads and better transportation would contribute to rural development of the region.

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The estimated cost of the road is K 300 million.

A local of Puhomein village said, "The major difficulty of highlanders is road transportation. If the road transportation develops, the regional produce can be transported to towns, bringing about economic growth and promotion of education and health of future generations."

Myanma Alinn



Water Supply



Above 180,000 viss of freshwater fish supplied to Yangon fish market

YANGON, 12 May—More than 180,000 viss of freshwater fish and prawn are supplied daily on average to Kyimyindine fish market here.

The fishes are supplied from Dedaye, Pyapon, Kyaukse, Maubin and Myaung-

mya Townships of Ayeyawady Region and Kayan, Thongwa, Thanlyin, Kyauktan and Twantay Townships of Yangon Region.

Some fishes are transferred to fish processing unit for export.

Myanma Alinn

Nawngkhio officials to address water scarcity

NAWNGKHIO, 12 May—Under aegis of Nawngkhio Township Administrator U Moe Htet, state lawmaker, township development supportive groups, township development committee and Fire Services Department met

on 10 May to discuss distribution of drinking water to areas that could suffer from shortage of water. Yabyin, Yedwingyi, Anaukkon and Taunggyi Lwepan villages are at the high risk to water scarcity.

Myanma Alinn

Wundwin traffic police conduct surprise checks

WUNDWIN, 12 May—Traffic police in Wundwin in Meiktila District in Mandalay Region are taking actions against those breaching traffic rules.

"Township Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee carried out surprise check on Yangon-Mandalay road on 9 May and took actions against motorbike drivers violating traffic rules," a township level

departmental official said.

The traffic rules violators were fined by the committee. On 10 May, the committee conducted another surprise check on Wundwin-Thedaw road and fined 22 motorbike drivers.

Wundwin on Yangon-Mandalay motor road is a central Myanmar town with frequent traffic accidents.

Myanma Alinn



Agriculture

Farming rights certificates presented

NAMHSAN, 12 May—Farming rights certificates were presented to farmers in Loiye Village in Loiye Village-tract in Namhsan. The state head of Settlement and Land Records Department explained the purpose of issuing the certificates.

He and Township Administrator U Khin Maung Lwin presented certificates for farmers.

A total of 18573 farmers in Namhsan will receive the certificates. The ceremony was attended by farmers and the invited guests.

Myanma Alinn

Disaster

Rakhine State government prepare for Cyclone Mahasen

SITTWAY, 12 May—Rakhine State government has prepared and issued warnings for Cyclone Mahasen formed in Bay of Bengal which could threaten the northern coast of the state on 16 May.

Residents in Sittway have been informed about the cyclone with loudspeakers and similar measures have been carried out in other townships.

"People in Rakhine are

informed about the cyclone. We release information to the public in real time. We have conducted preventive measures," Secretary of Rakhine State government's information and archive subcommittee U Win Myaing said.

Authorities have warned the public about the cyclone and urged them to tune in to FM radios for real-time cyclone information.

Myanma Alinn

Strong wind in Kyauktan flattens houses

KYAUKTAN, 12 May—Strong wind in Kanpyaung village-tract in Kyauktan Township in Yangon Region on 9 May destroyed three houses, five huts and 31 cattle ranches.

The amount of the loss is accounted for K 4.5

million.

The village administrator said the house owners which could not afford to rebuild their homes would be provided aids in coordination with towns elders.

Myanma Alinn



A house flattened by strong winds in Kanpyaung village-tract in Kyauktan Township.

Eight buildings collapse in strong wind in Yekyi Tsp

YEKYI, 12 May—Eight buildings collapsed and roof of 13 others were ripped off by strong wind in Myitse Village in Yekyi Township in Pathein District in Ayeyawady region on 8 May.

Pyithu Hluttaw

Representative U Maung Maung Tin, the Yekyi Township Administrator and members of social organizations visited the village on 9 May.

They provided the victims with food and makeshift tents.—Myanma Alinn

Yamethin farmers get farming rights certificates

YAMETHIN, 12 May—A ceremony to present farming rights certificates to farmers was held in Basic Education Post-Primary School of Hsegyi village-tract in Yamethin Township in Yamethin District in Mandalay Region on 11 May. The ceremony was attended by the chairman of township farmland management committee, members,

and farmers from Hsegyi and Nyaungai villages.

Chairman U Maung Maung and staff officer of township Settlement and Land Records Department presented certificates to farmers. Farming rights certificates will be presented to all the farmers in the township during 2013.

Myanma Alinn

NATIONAL

Union Peace-making Work Committee meets responsible persons of UWSP



Union Peace-making Work Committee meets members of UWSP.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 13 May, 2013

The role of midwives

Sadly, over 287,000 women and over 3 million infants around the world die each year as a result of preventable pregnancy and childbirth complications. Most of these deaths would be prevented if there were enough qualified and adequately resourced midwives.

What's more, when mothers and newborns die, approximately US\$15.5 billion in potential productivity is lost each year.

More than one third of all births take place without a midwife or other skilled health staff. Millennium Development Goal 5 (MDG 5) aims to improve maternal health. More midwives need to be trained to achieve the MDG 5 targets to increase the number of births attended by skilled health personnel to 95% by 2015.

In fact, midwives provide a wide range of assistance in humanitarian emergencies in addition to their work of caring for women during and after childbirth to ensure safe deliveries and providing essential newborn care. And they train and supervise community health workers to provide health information and promote safer practices.

Midwives also provide essential care after birth. After childbirth, midwives support mothers to breastfeed and to prevent mother-to-child-transmission of HIV. They check the health of the newborn and also counsel the mother on newborn care, birth spacing and family planning. Midwives need regular refresher training and support. They need training to acquire and maintain competencies to provide high quality care to women and newborns. In addition to providing opportunities for midwives to update their skills, plans should be made to adopt policies that allow midwives to use their full knowledge and expertise in communities, health centres and hospitals.

Global organizations like the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) are ever in the forefront in highlighting the role of midwives around the world by providing assistance to midwifery development programs and honouring their noble work apart from celebrating the International Day of the Midwife.

Vietnam wins ASEAN Taekwondo Championship



Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan presents prizes to winners.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee U Thein Zaw and committee members met Vice-Chairman of UWSP U Shaung Milian and U Pauk Yo Yi, at Panghsan in “Wa” Special Region 2 of Shan State on 10 May.

U Shaung Milian called for review of the constitution formulated in 2008 to be suited with the present time, demanding autonomy of “Wa” Region.

He said “Wa” organization condemns resolving any problems through military means not only at the present but also in the future, voicing his concerns that it might harm the regional stability one way or another. He thanked the government for its efforts for comprehensive development of “Wa” Region. He hopes that the government would continue its assistance in transportation, communication, education, health and social sectors in the future. He welcomes the Union Peace-making Com-

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Final event of 11th ASEAN Taekwondo Championship took place at Wunnatheikdhi sports ground, here, on 11 May morning.

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan enjoyed it and presented awards to the winners. Vietnam stood first, followed by the Philippines, Malaysia, Myanmar and Indonesia. Myanmar won the fair play prize and Malaysia, the most progressive award.

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mittee's efforts for resolving Kachin issue through political means. He would like the government to legitimize joint ventures in Chinese companies in “Wa” Region and to bring those businesses within the economic circle of the State.

Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee U Thein Zaw spoke of the kind regards of the President, speakers of bicameral parliament, the Commander-in-Chief and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services for sustainable development of “Wa” Region.

He said he is glad to see that “Wa” locals are observing the two Union-level agreements, praising the leadership of UWSP Chairman U Pauk Yu Chang. Though the national races peace groups are striving

for national development together with the government, there are also instigation from certain organizations, and thus all national brethren should work in tandem against the instigation of the unscrupulous entities, he urged. He said he is delighted that the UWSP rejected the wrong accusations of local and foreign media that could cause doubts between the two sides. He made clear the intention of his visit to “Wa” Region to clear the doubts, cooperate for further development of “Wa” Region and to foster the existing relationship.

He then discussed about wishes and stances of UWSP Chairman U Pauk Yu Chang with party vice-chairman U Shaung Milian and members.

Union Minister U Khin

Maung Soe touched upon value-adding of rubber grown in “Wa” Special Region for increased profits and potential for cooperation in establishment of coal and hydropower plants both across the nation.

Union Minister U Wint Myint focused on conditions for fetching better prices for rubber and rice sales. Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and U Kyaw Kyaw Win, the State Chief Minister and the commander held wide-ranging discussions on regional development, socio-economic improvement and jobs creation in the region.

The meeting came to an end with words of thanks by Vice-Chairman of UWSP U Shaung Milian.—MNA

MMCWA's prize-presenting ceremony held

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Prize-presenting ceremony of 22nd anniversary meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held in conjunction with the dinner at MMCWA's office, here, on 9 May evening.

MMCWA President Dr Mon Mon Aung expressed thanks for admin support and technical assistance of the Ministry of Health and other ministries and contributions of local and foreign organizations, wellwishers and volunteers.

The President and officials presented gifts to the Union ministers and contributors. After that, the Union ministers and officials awarded the winners at activities and research papers from Regions and States.

Union Ministers Dr Pe Thet Khin and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, deputy

ministers and members attended the dinner.

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Prize presentation of 22nd anniversary meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in progress.—MNA

NATIONAL



President U Thein Sein views agricultural machinery for mechanized farming.—MNA

President U Thein Sein calls for microfinance works to bring real benefits...

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generations, pledged the President.

National Comprehensive Development Plan (NCDP) has been adopted as national economic reform strategy and will be implemented from 2011 to 2031 for 20 years. Therefore, political reforms, economic and social reforms and administrative reforms have been undertaken on a wide scale for peace and stability, development and democratization process of the State with certain success.

Eight-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme has been in operation to bridge the development gap between urban and rural areas in undertaking national development endeavours.

The President focused on microfinance works and promotion of cooperative societies for provision of financial capital for rural folks and urban grassroots. The microfinance works being carried out by the Ministry of Cooperatives today, said the President, is not only intended for welfare of people for immediate future but also for systematically helping them to stand on their own without needing to take out loans in certain period of time. Therefore, people

need to make effective use of the loans they take out in their businesses and they are also to repay the loans in full when the time is due, stressed the President.

The President spoke of the need to promote cooperative societies as the effective contributor to national economic growth. Some nations achieve success whereas some meet with failure in introducing microcredit works and it needs to take lessons from their stories of success and failure toward the end of bringing real benefits to the poor.

Cooperative works are making progress in foreign countries including developed ones, mentioned the President who called for immediate endeavors with new mindset and under new system for development of cooperative societies to be able to catch up with the successful cooperative associations across the globe, demanding joint efforts for promotion of cooperative societies.

After the ceremony, the President observed documentary photos on activities of the Ministry of Cooperatives, booths of ministries and departments concerned and farm equipment on display.

Next, the President attended the ceremony

to upgrade Saungda weaving training school in Amarapura Township.

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan and Director-General U Kyaw Ngwe of the Department of Cottage Industries explained plans to upgrade weaving training school including Saungda weaving training school, textile business in private sector and weaving training courses which are being conducted.

In his guidance regarding the reports, the President called for more efforts to upgrade the training school into a university as it is very prestigious and it contributes to vocational trainings and employment of the people and opening of more training courses in training schools. Then he observed works of the training schools, products of entrepreneurs, and weaving booth of the school. The 99-year-old Saungda Weaving Training School was opened in 1914.

Then the President proceeded to Mandalay Dairy Products Factory, jointly-run by Mandalay Region Cooperative Syndicate and Myanmar Dairy Industries Ltd, in Pyigyidagun Township where he viewed round production process of the plant.

Next, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan and the Managing Director of Myanmar Dairy Industries Ltd elaborated the

background history and facts about dairy products of the factory.

Union Border Affairs Minister inspects works for development and peace and tranquility of Rakhine State



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win cordially meets local people at relief camps in Rakhine State.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin on 9 May met with victims at a relief camp in Kyeinnipyin village in Pauktaw Township. They explained plans for construction of eight-unit quarters and urged them to abide by the laws and to work in construction tasks to get incomes.

On their arrival at Myebon Township, they met with the township administrator and departmental personnel at the meeting hall of Myebon

Township Development Affairs Committee.

In meeting with district level departmental personnel in Kyaukpyu, they presented exercise books and school uniforms for students at a relief camps in Kyaukpyu Township and a set of copier each to BEHS No(1) and No (2). The donation was made by the Ministry of Border Affairs.

On 10 May, they inspected progress of construction of eight-unit quarters at Zeditaung relief camp in the township and settlement of victims at newly-built eight-unit quarters at Kyauktalon relief

camp. They gave necessary instructions on timely completion of construction works for 22 quarters ahead of rainy season, construction of makeshift clinic and school building at the relief camps and water supply and sanitation matters.

Then they looked into tarmacking of Zinchaung-Kinmyaunk road (there miles and two furlongs) being implemented with the contribution of the funds of the ministry in Kyaukpyu Township, progress in construction of Taungup University and dam construction.

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Myanmar Red Cross Society

71st Central Council Meeting

May 13th to 14th, 2013

Assembly Hall
Myanmar Red Cross Society
(Headquarters),
Dekkhinathiri Township,
Nay Pyi Taw

Nation-Building Endeavours

Pyapon in desperate need of fresh water



PYAPON, 12 May—Pyapon Township lies so close to sea and thus is devoid of fresh water.

Everywhere in the township is currently in need of fresh water. The demand for fresh water has also increased

as a result of the growing population of the township, and therefore it is required to expand the current earthen

rainwater reservoirs.

Of the 22 drinking water reservoirs in the township, Kandawgyi reservoir, currently the biggest rainwater storage facility is being dredged for the second time since the first week of May under the supervision of the township Development Affairs Committee. Donors Daw Mya Tin and Daw Po Nu from No. 6 Ward donated K 10 million for renovation of the reservoir.

The township like the places in arid zone is prone to water scarcity and thus desperately needs the financial and technical help from government departments and wellwishers.—Kyemon

World Books Day in British Council Library

YANGON, 12 May—British Council Library will hold World Books Day commemorative activities on 14 May. It covers colour painting contests, story telling competition and literary talks.

The children aged between 5 and 11 can participate in the painting contest and story telling contest is for the children

aged between 5 and 12. Saya Kyaw Win and Saya Aung Thein Kyaw give talks on Diversity in Democracy.

Those interested may register at British Council Library along with CSC or student ID and enquiry at Ph-254658, 256290 and 256291 (Ext-3316) and e-mail address library. enquires@mm.britishcouncil.org.

Kyemon

Thai rally team visits Myanmar to promote Thai-Myanmar tourism



MANDALAY, 12 May—As part of Thai-Myanmar tourism promotion under

the sponsorship of Toyota Automobile Co, a Thai rally team arrived in Mandalay on 9 May.

The team visited Mandalay city wall, Mandalay Hill, Zaygho Market, Maha Muni Buddha Image, U Pein Bridge and Taungthaman Lake in Amarapura Township.

The team started its tour from Bangkok on 4 May in automobiles of Toyota Co and stayed overnight in Maesot of Thailand, Taunggyi, Bagan-NyaungU, and Mandalay and proceeded to Yangon.

The team was accompanied by reporters and broadcasters from Thai newspapers and TV channels that will write articles and shoot documentaries on latest developments of Myanmar.

Kyemon

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy

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

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

MNA

Assistance provided to locals for fly-proof latrines

KYAUKPADAUNG, 12 May—Kyaukpadaung Township Women's Affairs Organization of Mandalay Region distributed 250 sets of commodes and pipes for fly-proof latrines to the households in Kyetpyit, Wetchokkon, Indawkyel

latrines due to financial problems. Some people built the latrines but these buildings could not meet set standard.

Therefore, we gave talks on advantages of latrines and danger of fly. After that, we distributed



and Indaw villages on 10 May.

"We distribute commodes and pipes to the villages. Some families could not rebuild the damaged

equipment for the fly-proof latrines to the families," said Chairperson Daw San Yu Shwe of Township WAO.

The township WAO

gave talks on fly-proof latrines in 23 villages from 28 April to 10 May and provided sets of commodes and pipes to 1500 households.

Kyemon

Stimulant tablets worth K 39 million seized at entrance to Nawnghkio

NAWNKHIO, 12 May—Stimulant tablets were seized at the entrance to Nawnghkio of Shan State (North) on 6 May.

A team led by IP Tin Htay of Lashio Anti-Drug

Special Squad searched the vehicle driven by Kyaw Oo that left Tamoeyne for Mandalay at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to Nawnghkio at 6.30 pm. They seized 19500 "88" and

"1" brands on either side of pink stimulant tablets weighing 1.755 kilos worth K 39 million in two bags of blankets of passenger Ma Hla Hla Htay.

Kyemon

Crime

Police seize stimulant tablets in Bahan Township

YANGON, 12 May—Pink and orange stimulant tablets were seized in Bahan Township of Yangon Region.

IP Hsan Oo and party of Yangon East Anti-Drug

Special Squad searched Pwint Thit Hsan restaurant on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township of Yangon Region on 6 May.

They seized 1740 WY brand pink stimulant tablets

and 1880 orange stimulant tablets in two packets between two chairs of Maung Chit Lun and Maung Khin Hlaing Moe.

Kyemon

REGIONAL

Japan to set capital investment target under growth strategy

TOKYO, 12 May — Japan's second set of growth strategies to be announced by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe next week will contain a rare numerical target for how much capital investment by the private sector should be over the next three years, government officials said on Saturday.

The government is now considering setting the target of increasing the total amount of the investment by 10 percent during that period to bring it up to around 70 trillion yen each year, equivalent to the level seen before the 2008 financial crisis, the officials said.

In an attempt to address Japan's sluggish capital investment and achieve the target, the government will expand the scope of the country's deregulation and tax cuts, they said.

The government will also state in the upcoming

growth strategy set, due out next Friday, that it will try its best to reverse the trend of falling capital investment and salaries of people in Japan in five years through fiscal 2017, the officials said. The second set of growth strategies will also include steps aimed at increasing exports of the country's pop culture and the number of university students studying abroad, according to the officials.

The upcoming set will follow the first package released in April, featuring medical, child-raising and employment measures, and will come ahead of the third one scheduled to be made public on 5 June, which will centre on the promotion of private finance initiative projects and special economic zones.

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high public approval ratings, is hoping to win greater support in the run-up to the next House of Councillors election expected in July by releasing the whole set of Japan's new growth strategies in mid-June.

Among other programmes, the government is considering establishing a new organization designed to pump funds into the private sector to help increase exports of "anime," gaming, movie and other popular cultural contents under the theme of "Cool Japan."

The government of Abe, who is keen on educational reform, is also seeking to internationalize Japan's universities by encouraging Japanese students to study abroad, while at the same time assisting them in accepting more overseas students.

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A mother and daughter walk with an umbrella in hand in Baoding City, north China's Hebei Province, on 11 May, 2013. A hot wave hit Hebei these days, with the highest temperature in parts of the province reaching 37 degrees Celsius.

XINHUA



Japan's growth strategies to contain promotion of pop-culture exports

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In a related development, education minister Hakubun Shimomura announced in April the establishment of a new scholarship to promote more overseas study by Japanese. Under the new growth strategy, the government will also seek to double farmers' income based on a 10-year plan crafted by Abe's Liberal Democratic Party in April. — Kyodo News

Cambodia aiming to eliminate HIV transmission by 2020

PHNOM PENH, 12 May — Cambodia is on the right track to eliminate the transmission of HIV by 2020, the Cambodian government and the World Health Organization said on Saturday in a joint statement. "Rather than becoming complacent about the successes achieved in the past and the benefits they have yielded, Cambodia is contemplating a higher challenge," the statement said. "It has committed itself to the elimination of the transmission of HIV in the country by 2020."

According to the government and the WHO, Cambodia is moving toward an "AIDS-free generation" and successfully cut the estimated 1.7 percent HIV prevalence in 1998 to 0.7 percent in 2012. Infections among people aged

15-49 peaked in 1998, according to the statement. "The estimated number of new HIV infections had been reduced from almost 15,500 per year in the early 1990s to around 2,100 in 2009 and 1,000 in 2011."

The root of success in such a drastic reduction was Cambodia's introduction of "prevention programmes focusing on entertainment workers, prevention of HIV transmission from mothers to their babies, widespread access to confidential HIV testing and antiretroviral treatment for people living with HIV," the report said.

"Cambodia is committed to eliminating new HIV infections by 2020 through education and the strengthening of health and community systems," Minister of Health Mam Bunheng added. — Kyodo News



Japan Coast Guard personnel take part in a drill at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, based on the scenario that a group of terrorists have attempted to attack the Fukushima Daiichi plant, on 11 May, 2013. Both plants are operated by Tokyo Electric Power Co. — KYODO NEWS

Chinese Kungfu wins praises in Vietnam

HANOI, 12 May — During their performances in the country, the Chinese martial arts experts, especially the Shaolin Kungfu masters, have thrilled and won praises from Vietnamese from all walks of life. "This is the first time I saw the performance

of Chinese artists and I am very impressed, especially by the Shaolin monks," said 25-year-old Vu Thi Tuyet Nhung, an English teacher in a secondary school here. Nhung said that through the performance, he was able to learn more about the ancient Chinese art of self-defence as well as the richness and diversity of the Chinese culture.

A 33-member martial arts troupe from China's Henan Province is performing in various parts of Vietnam from 8 to 18 May. This is part of the cultural exchange activities during Vietnam's National Tourism Year, Red River Delta-Haiphong 2013 with the cooperation of China. Henan's Shaolin Kungfu is widely known throughout the world. The troupe has

already performed in 30 countries and territories in the world. On the troupe's first show in Vietnam on Thursday night, the 500-seat Workers Theatre here was filled to the brim with excited audiences applauding the Chinese performers during the entire show.

"All performances were so wonderful. The artists are so young but so talented. I have watched Shaolin Kungfu on television but to watch it performed live is really more exciting," said Nguyen Quang An, 76. "I and my son love the show so much. We ran to the stage to pose with Shaolin Kungfu monks right after the show as this is a rare opportunity for us to watch their performance here," a 27-year-old mother said. Kang Jie, vice director of the culture department of

Henan province, head of the troupe, told Xinhua that she hopes that the show would win Vietnamese audiences' heart as Vietnamese people prefer Kungfu and acrobatic performance.

"We hope that through this event, the two countries and two peoples will get to know each other's culture better, contributing to the mutual exchange of cultural activities," she said. Yang Jianchu, counselor at Chinese Embassy in Vietnam, said that Vietnamese and Chinese culture are similar, therefore it is quite easy to understand each other. "We should do more to strengthen mutual cultural understanding. Deeper knowledge and understanding could further strengthen the friendship between our two countries," Yang said. — Xinhua

MiG-29 K fighter planes into Navy

PANAJI, 12 May — Defence Minister A K Antony on Saturday commissioned warfare aircraft MiG-29 K Black Panther squadron into the Indian Navy here. The commissioning was held at INS Hansa which would be the base for Black Panther squadron along with other fighter aircraft squadrons of Indian Navy. The squadron initially comprising 16 aircraft would be known as IANS 303. — PTI



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INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

TENDER NO (1/2/3/4) (E S) A.M.D (2013-2014)

1. Open Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following stores (in Myanmar Kyats.)

Tender No.	Description	Quantity
1.	90 HP (4-WD) Tractor & Implements (Sonalika, India)	1 Item
2.	Implement Discs & Spare Parts	9 Items
3.	Excavator & Dozer Spare Parts	111 Items
4.	Tyre & Tube Sets	10 Items

2. Tender closing date: 23-5-2013, 16:00 hrs

3. Tender documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AMD office No. 50, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours from (10-5-2013). Only Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.

4. For more details, Contact; 067-431242, 431243

Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department

“Chinese Bridge” language competition held in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, 12 May — The 12th annual Melbourne “Chinese Bridge” Proficiency Competition for students of Chinese language and culture was held here on Saturday at the University of Melbourne in association with the local Confucius Institute.

Chinese Consul-General in Melbourne Shi Weiqiang told the 150- strong audience and students who attended the opening ceremony that the competition is a bridge of friendship and culture exchange, through which Australian students would know more about Chinese language and culture.

“Chinese language has a history of thousands years, and the Chinese civilization has immense impact on the world, with efforts from both sides, I strongly believe Chinese culture will eventually become popular in the vast land of Australia,” said Shi.

A total of 8 students from local universities joined the competition, which was divided into two parts — a speech on the theme “My Chinese Dream” and a Chinese cultural performance.

After nearly three hours of intense competition, Alistair Bayley from Monash University won the competition and he will be one of the Australian representatives to join the finals in China later this year together with his runner-up Jessica Wagstaff and other winners in different Australian cities.

The 12th “Chinese Bridge” competition, a Chinese language contest for non-native Chinese speaking college students is underway around the world. Launched in 2002, the “Chinese Bridge” project played an ever-growing role in promoting the study of Chinese language and culture.

Xinhua

INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

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Sr: No	Description	Quantity
1.	Spare Parts for Power Tiller	3 Lot

2. Tender closing date: 23-5-2013, (Thursday) (16:00 HR)

3. Tender documents are available at the Research & Technical Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Building No. (50), Nay Pyi Taw, during the office hours.

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Eight dead, 11 missing in Mizoram thunder squall

AIZAWL, 12 May — Thunderstorm and landslides have claimed eight lives, rendered 11 missing and left 25 others injured in the state capital, police said on Saturday.

Nine houses in Laipuitland locality in Aizawl were swept away in a massive landslide early this morning, killing eight persons, Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Lallianmawia, who was supervising the rescue work, said. Eleven persons were missing and 9 others injured in the landslide, he said. Rescue work was underway with volunteers and policemen searching the debris for bodies and survivors, he said.

Lallianmawia told PTI that six bodies have been recovered and two bodies were being dug out adding that the number of missing persons might rise. Thunderstorm accompanied by strong squall hit the Mizoram capital last night. At least 16 people across the city suffered minor injuries in the storm and were given first aid at the Civil Hospital here, the SP said. — PTI



People mourn for deceased family members in the Wenchuan Earthquake in Beichuan County, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 11 May, 2013. Many people returned to the Beichuan county to mourn for the dead as Sunday marks the fifth anniversary of the 8-magnitude quake that rocked Sichuan Province in 2008.

XINHUA

US university to create world class pathology lab in Hyderabad

WASHINGTON, 12 May — An eminent American university has signed an agreement to create a world class clinical pathology laboratory in the south Indian city of Hyderabad, as part of its effort to raise the health care standards in the coun-

try to the highest levels.

The University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre, in a statement yesterday, said it is collaborating with the Citizens Hospital to establish a clinical pathology laboratory on the 10.5-acre campus in Hyderabad, to serve the population of more than seven million people in the metropolis.

Operating under the name AmPath, the lab ini-

tially is serving the Citizens Healthcare Campus, which has opened its first phase in August, including a dedicated oncology facility.

When fully operational in 2015, the hospital will include more than 650 patient rooms and offer the entire spectrum of health care services, the university said. UPMC will help the lab expand its capabilities, including the addition of

increasingly complex molecular diagnostic testing modalities.

The facility is expected to become a reference lab serving patients throughout all of India, as well as the Middle East and Southeast Asia, the statement said.

“Advisory Services provides our clinical partners with access to a wide-ranging portfolio of UPMC's expertise, based on its position as one of the nation's most acclaimed and technologically sophisticated health care networks,” said David Russell, who is leading the new group. UPMC's international footprint already includes operations or services in Italy, Ireland, China, Singapore and Japan.

PTI

Twenty two killed, nine trapped in SW China coal mine accident

BEIJING, 12 May — Twenty-two people were killed and nine others trapped in a gas explosion accident that happened in a colliery in southwest China's Sichuan Province on Saturday, the country's work safety authorities said.

Yang Dongliang, head of the State Administration of Work Safety and Fu Jianhua, head of the Administration of Coal Mine Safety have led

a working team heading towards the colliery. They urged the local safety authorities to organize urgent rescue work.

The accident occurred around 2 pm in Taozigou coal mine, Luxian County in the city of Luzhou when 108 miners were working underground, according to a statement from the provincial work safety supervision bureau.

Xinhua



A golden retriever feeds her babies on breast milk in Xiangcheng City, central China's Henan Province, on 11 May, 2013. The golden retriever “Dian Dian” raised by Qi gave birth to a total of 15 cubs on 24 April. The puppies, including six females and nine males, have been survived after half-a-month's nursing. — XINHUA

Don't Smoke

ENTERTAINMENT

Sarah Jessica Parker suffers wardrobe malfunction at MET Ball

LOS ANGELES, 12 May—The Sex and The City star Sarah Jessica Parker accidentally flashed her underwear while posing for pictures.

The 48-year-old actress suffered wardrobe malfunction while she attending the MET Ball, 2013 at the Metropolitan Museum of Arts, reported Ace showbiz.

She accidentally flashed her black lacy underwear while pulling up her Giles Deacon ball gown to highlight her legs in a pair of thigh-high Lou-

is Vuitton boots. Keeping in mind the theme 'Punk: Chaos To Couture', Parker donned a gold Mohawk-shaped headpiece by Philip Treacy, which caught Jennifer Lawrence's attention.

Lawrence and Parker then laughed when the Silver Linings Playbook actress touched the headdress. Parker completed her look with a large diamond necklace and matching earrings.

Celebrities such as Beyonce Knowles, Taylor Swift, Kristen Stewart, Lily Collins, Kerry Washington,

Christina Ricci, Claire Danes, Heidi Klum, Gwen Stefani and Kylie Minogue were also among the famous faces who channeled their inner rock stars in their punk-inspired outfits.

Reuters

Sarah had a wardrobe malfunction while she attending the MET Ball, 2013 at the Metropolitan Museum of Arts.
REUTERS



A pair of sunglasses worn by John Lennon can be seen with a photo of the famous singer as part of the "Icons of Music" collection of music memorabilia to be auctioned off for the "Music Rising" benefit for Gulf Coast musicians, in New York on 16 April, 2007.

REUTERS

John Lennon's first car on auction block in UK

LONDON, 12 May—John Lennon's first car, a 1965 Ferrari 330 GT coupe, is going up for auction in England in July and could fetch up to 220,000 pounds, auctioneers Bonhams said.

The Beatles star bought the blue Ferrari after he passed his driving test in early 1965, about the time the Liverpool band recorded its hit single "Ticket to Ride", Bonhams said in a statement.

Lennon, who was 24 at the time, bought the car for 6,500

pounds and used it for three years before selling it.

The Ferrari has had its original blue paint job restored, been with its original registration plate and sold with documents about its history and correspondence with Lennon. It is expected to fetch 180,000 to 220,000 pounds at the 12 July auction at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in Chichester, England.

Bonhams said Lennon chose the Ferrari over a line-up of Maseratis, Aston Martins and Jaguar E-types that luxury car dealers cars brought to his home in southern England after news spread that the musician had passed his driving test.

Lennon was fatally shot in New York in 1980 at the age of 40. His killer, Mark David Chapman, is serving a sentence of 20 years to life.—Reuters

Ranbir Kapoor to romance Jacqueline Fernandez in upcoming film

MUMBAI, 12 May—Producer Bhushan Kumar has roped in Ranbir Kapoor and Sri Lankan actress Jacqueline Fernandez as a fresh on-screen pair for his next, which will have elements of romance and thriller.

"I have roped in fresh pair Ranbir and Jacqueline for my next film. It's

a two-hero film. We are yet to finalise the other actor," Kumar told IANS.

"For the first time, Jacqueline will be seen playing a double-role. It's a very interesting concept, which is a love story with a thriller element," he added.

Jacqueline was seen in Race and Murder 2.

The "high-budget" film will go on the floors in "December".

Kumar said: "It will be shot abroad. It's a fresh product

and Jacqueline will be seen in two different looks in the film which will be directed by newcomer Vikram Singh."—PTI



Justin Bieber attacked by fan in Dubai concert

LOS ANGELES, 12 May—A crazed fan tried to grab teen pop star Justin Bieber onstage during a Dubai concert but the security guards were quick enough to

catch hold off the boy.

A 'youth in a white shirt and jeans' went onstage to touch Bieber who was sitting down at a piano but security guards quickly tackled the man, causing the huge piano knocked off in the attempt, while Bieber managed to escape to the side of the stage.

He continued performing as if nothing happened. Staff-

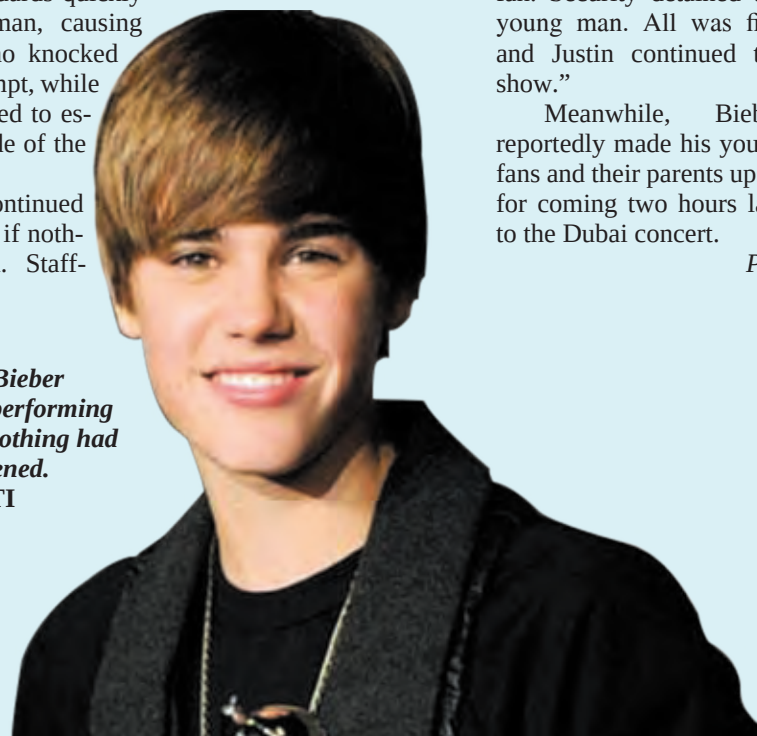
ers returned the piano to its original position, but it was reportedly damaged and could not be used, reported Aceshowbiz. Bieber's rep-

resentative stated, "All is fine. A man ran on stage during 'Believe' and tried to grab Justin and knocked the piano over. He was a fan. Security detained the young man. All was fine and Justin continued the show."

Meanwhile, Bieber reportedly made his young fans and their parents upset for coming two hours late to the Dubai concert.

PTI

Justin Bieber continued performing as though nothing had happened.
PTI



Ranbir and Jacqueline have been paired together for the first time.
PTI

SPORTS

Wigan Athletic shock Manchester City 1-0 to win the FA Cup



LONDON, 12 May—Wigan Athletic from a town where rugby usually steals the show claimed one of the greatest FA Cup final upsets of all time when they scored a dramatic 1-0 win over highly-fancied Manchester City at Wembley on Saturday.

The winning goal, headed home on the stroke of full-time by substitute Ben Watson, gave the underdogs a thoroughly deserved victory in one of the most memorable finals for years.

Wigan, still threatened with relegation from the Premier League, played better throughout and thoroughly deserved to win against a largely listless City side who had defender Pablo Zabaleta

sent off for a second yellow card in the 84th minute.

He became only the third player red-carded in the 142-year history of the competition following Kevin Moran of Manchester United in 1985 and Jose Antonio Reyes of Arsenal in 2005.

His first yellow came in the 60th minute for a clumsy challenge on the outstanding Callum McManaman and the second followed a late, sliding challenge on the same player leaving referee Andre Marriner with no option but to dismiss him.

It was Wigan's first FA Cup final since they were formed in 1932 and they became the 42nd winners of the trophy when Watson, who had only been on the field for nine minutes and had broken his leg earlier this season, powered an unstoppable header past goalkeeper Joe Hart from a Shaun Maloney corner.

Wigan's win was the biggest upset since Wimbledon beat Liverpool to become the last first-time winners in 1988 and represented a personal triumph

for chairman Dave Whelan who broke his leg playing for Blackburn Rovers in the 1960 final.

"We didn't win by luck - it was no accident, we won it by hard work and we deserved it, from start to finish it was an incredible performance," Wigan manager Roberto Martinez told reporters.

"It is a shame the final is not the final game of the season because we still have two matches to play to stay up but it is such a special tournament, and everyone deserves to feel proud today." An emotional Whelan added: "It's absolutely fantastic. I was not sure we could win this but then I had a dream and didn't want to tell anyone. I thought we would get to the final and win 1-0 and it is repayment for me breaking my leg in 1960."

Wigan now face two vital Premier League matches at Arsenal and home to Aston Villa to save themselves from relegation, but will become the first team to win the FA Cup and go down in the same season if they fail to stay up.

PTI

United's Scholes to retire at end of season

LONDON, 12 May—Paul Scholes will quit playing at the end of the Premier League season, the Manchester United midfielder said on Saturday.

The former England international first announced his retirement at the end of the 2010-11 season but returned in January 2012 to extend his one-club career to 19 years and 716 appearances.

"Yes, I am finally hanging up my boots for good," he told United's website (www.mufc.com). "Playing football is all I have ever wanted to do and so to have had such a long and successful career at Manchester United, under the greatest manager of all time (Alex Ferguson), has been an honour."

Ferguson, who this week confirmed his own retirement after 26-1/2 years in charge at Old Trafford, said: "Paul is a truly unbelievable player. He has always been fully committed to this club and it has been a real privilege to work with

him for so many years."

Scholes has not featured for United since January because of injury, but Ferguson confirmed he would play in the club's final home game of the season, against Swansea City on Sunday.

Ferguson and his team will be presented with the club's 20th English league title after the game, and Scholes, who made his United debut against Port Vale in a League Cup tie in 1994, will collect his 11th winners' medal.

"This is it," Scholes told Sky Sports. "It's not been the season I would have liked to have gone out on... the last four months have been quite difficult with injury, with my knee trying to get back fit again."

"I'm totally convinced (this time). I was convinced last time, to be honest... but I know now in my head I've gone as far as I possibly can physically."

Scholes, who won 66 caps for England and featured in the World Cups of 1998 and 2002, helped United to three FA Cups and Champions League victories in 1999 and 2008.—Reuters

'Boring' Serena to face Sharapova in Madrid final

MADRID, 12 May—Serena Williams' tactic of staying in her hotel room and being "boring" appears to be paying off after the world number one swept past Sara Errani on Saturday to set up a Madrid Open



gets the better of her in Sunday's title match.

Williams, whose interests away from tennis include fashion and acting, said she had been avoiding "too many extra-curricular ac-

final against rival Maria Sharapova.

Chasing a 50th career title at the clay event in the Spanish capital, defending champion Williams was far too strong for Italian seventh seed Errani on the Manolo Santana show court, winning 7-5, 6-2 before Sharapova made short work of 16th seed Ana Ivanovic of Serbia to win their semi-final 6-4, 6-3.

The Russian second seed and world number two, 26, will replace 31-year-old American Williams at the top of the rankings if she

activities" to concentrate on match preparation.

"I usually just stay in my room really and be the most boring person you can ever imagine," she told a news conference. "That's kind of the way I get focused."

Sharapova will be a different proposition to Errani as the French Open champion, who beat the Italian in last year's Roland Garros final, is among the players on the Tour who can come close to matching Williams for power.

Reuters

Nadal crushes Andujar to reach Madrid final

MADRID, 12 May—Rafa Nadal is one win away from a fifth title since returning from injury after the Spanish world number five thumped compatriot Pablo Andujar 6-0 6-4 on Saturday to reach the Madrid Open final.

With his customary strapping on the troublesome left knee that sidelined him for seven months, home favourite Nadal was in scintillating form as he raced through the first set on the sun-drenched clay of Manolo Santana centre court.

Andujar, a tournament wildcard ranked 113 in the world, put up more of a fight in the second but Nadal secured a fourth break in the ninth game and served out to move a step closer to his third title at the Masters event in the Spanish capital.

Nadal will meet sixth-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych, runner-up last year to Roger Federer, or Federer's Swiss compatriot Stanislas Wawrinka, the 15th seed, in Sunday's final.

Second seed Federer was upset by Kei Nishikori in the third round and while world number one and top seed Novak Djokovic lost in the second round to Grigor Dimitrov.

Reuters



GENERAL

Distracted Garcia fumes at Woods after losing lead

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, (Florida), 12 May—Sergio Garcia blamed a roar from the crowd watching Tiger Woods for an errant shot that saw him lose the lead at the

Players Championship on Saturday.

Garcia glared in playing partner Woods's direction after the Spaniard sliced his second shot from the fairway on the par-five second hole well into the trees on the right.

The gallery had erupted during Garcia's backswing upon seeing world number one Woods reach for his five-wood for a daring escape from a tee shot deep into the trees on the left.

The 2008 champion Garcia, overnight leader by one at 11 under par, went on to bogey the hole, while 2001 winner Woods birdied. The two-shot swing temporarily put Woods into a one-stroke lead over Garcia.

"Well, obviously Tiger was on the left and it was my shot to hit," Garcia said in an interview with NBC TV during a weather delay that interrupted the third round. "He

moved all the crowd that he needed to move, I waited for that. I wouldn't say that he didn't see

that I was ready, but you do have a feel when the other guy is going to hit

Garcia thought Woods should have waited until the Spaniard played his shot before carrying on with preparing for his own shot.

"There's really not much you can do," Garcia said. "I think that I try to respect everyone as much as possible out there. I try to be careful what I do to make sure it doesn't bother the other players."

Spain's Sergio Garcia hits from the 11th tee during the third round of The Players Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida on 11 May, 2013.—REUTERS

and right as I was in the top of the backswing, I think he must have pulled like a five-wood or a three-wood and obviously everybody started screaming. "So that didn't help very much. But it was unfortunate because - I mean I might have hit it there if nothing happens, you never know - but if I hit a good shot there and maybe make birdie, it gets my day started in a bit of a different way." Garcia

Woods said he was innocent of any gamesmanship, adding a dig of his own at the Spaniard.

"The marshals, they told me he already hit, so I pulled a club and was getting ready to play my shot, and then I hear his comments afterwards, and not real surprising that he's complaining about something," Woods said after play was halted.

Reuters

Judo: Asami wins 1st title at All-Japan invitational weight class

FUKUOKA, 12 May—Haruna Asami scored an ippon victory against Tamami Yamazaki in the women's 48-kilogram final to capture her first title at the All-Japan invitational weight class championships on Saturday. London Olympic silver medalist Riki Nakaya won his second consecutive title at 73 kg at the tournament, which doubles as the final qualifier for the world judo championships in Rio de Janeiro this summer.

The 25-year-old Asami scored yuko points with an outer-leg sweep and body drop against Yamazaki before deploying a "seoinage" shoulder throw to end the match after 3 minutes, 33 seconds. "So many people have been supporting this past year, and I am so glad I could show my gratitude with a huge victory," said Asami, who lost the chance to compete in London when she crashed out in the first round of last year's invitational. "Next I will aim to win my third straight title at the world championships. I can't really think about the next Olympics yet. I feel like I have to take the lead for Japan at 48 kg."

Nakaya sent Yuki

Nakayama to the mat with an inner-leg sweep in the final before administering a side control hold to win the match by ippon, but admitted his techniques weren't quick enough. "I was slow to use my techniques so I got shido reductions (for passivity). I have to work on that. But I was determined I would win the title today. I have struggled at times as the person everyone is out to beat, but I'm glad I could get over the hurdle. My next goal is to repeat at the world championships," he said.

Masaaki Fukuoka upset London Olympic bronze medalist Masashi Ebinuma in the men's 66-kg final and Ryo Kawabata took the honors for the first time in the men's 60-kg category.

On the women's side, Kana Abe emerged the winner at 63 kg for the first time in two years. Yuki Hashimoto triumphed over Yuka Nishida to win the 52-kg final, while Nozomi Hirai took the title at 57 kg. It was the first title for each. It was the first time that new rules, featuring the use of only one referee and no flag decisions, were employed at a domestic tournament.

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New "Star Wars" movie returns to Britain for shooting

LOS ANGELES, 12 May—The seventh installment of "Star Wars" will return to Britain, the blockbuster hit's six-time shooting location, Lucasfilm announced on Friday.

"We've devoted serious time and attention to revisiting the origins of Star Wars as inspiration for our process on the new movie, and I'm thrilled that returning to the UK for production and utilizing the incredible talent there can be a part of that," President of Lucasfilm Kathleen Kennedy said.

All six previous installments of the epic sci-fi film were shot in Britain. Kennedy added that "speaking from my own longstanding connection to the UK with films like Raiders of the



Lost Ark, Empire of the Sun and recently War Horse, it's very exciting to be heading back." "I am delighted that Star Wars is coming back to Britain," British Chancellor

of the Exchequer George Osborne added in a statement. "Today's announcement that the next Star Wars film will be shot and produced in the UK is great

news for fans and our creative industries." The shooting of "Star Wars: Episode VII" will start in 2014. It is slated to hit screen in 2015.

Xinhua

International Freestyle Wrestling Tourney starts in Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 12 May—The third International Freestyle Wrestling Tournament opened in the National Stadium here Saturday, featuring wrestlers

from China, South Korea, Japan, Bulgaria, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and host Mongolia.

According to Chinese coach Altanochir, China

has brought 12 male athletes to compete in five categories. South Korea fields a total of 25 athletes, the second only to host Mongolia in terms of scale.

The annual tournament, an A-level event of the International Wrestling Federation, was launched in 2011.

Xinhua

Earthquake 6.5-magnitude quake hits Tonga

HONG KONG, 12 May—An earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale jolted Tonga at 20:46:59 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 215.00 km, was initially determined to be at 18.0000 degrees south latitude and 175.0000 degrees west longitude.

Xinhua

5.6-magnitude quake hits southern Iran

BEIJING, 12 May—An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale jolted southern Iran at 00:07:04 GMT on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 25.00 km, was initially determined to be at 26.7663 degrees north latitude and 57.7685 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

Gang of train robbers busted

PHAGWARA, 12 May—Four persons, who allegedly used to drug train passengers to rob them off their luggage and valuables, have been arrested, police said on Saturday.

The accused identified as Chak Narain, Vir Kumar, Dharminder and San-

jay Sada, all from Bihar, were arrested on Friday by railway police, they said.

All four were arrested from outside the local railway station here, they said, adding that the accused have confessed to their crime.

PTI

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker stresses importance of health promotion in Myanmar



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann speaks to officials of North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital.—MNA

YANGON, 12 May—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann accompanied by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Hluttaw committee chairmen and secretaries and representa-

tives met with officials of North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital at the hospital, here, yesterday.

In his address, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker stressed the importance of health promotion in the country for promotion of national education standard and fitness. Funds necessary for health promotion had been allotted by the parliament. He called for comprehensive discussions on the needs of the hospital.

Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Than Lwin, Rector Dr Tint Swe Latt of University of Medicine (2) and Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department and officials presented reports.

Next, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Health Promotion Committee Dr Nay Lin gave an account of the activities of the

committee and Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Reform and Development Scrutinizing Committee Dr Maung Maung Wint, the need of reform in health sector.

In his concluding remarks, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker spoke words of praise to doctors and nurses who are contributing their efforts with goodwill for the sake of the country and the people. He acknowledged competencies of Myanmar doctors in other countries. He informed that review works were being carried out to amend or abolish the existing laws, if necessary. According to the reports, it is required to build new ones, but some are needed to be upgraded, he added. Coordination would be made for ensuring proper ratio in staff strength and provision of medicines and medical equipment. He called for mass participation in the drive for national development.

Then the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party viewed round the hospital.

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Japan to provide more educational assistance to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo met a delegation led by General Secretaries Mr Akinori Seki and Mr Yasuo Miyazawa of Japan-

Myanmar Association, at the ministry, here, on 10 May morning.

The meeting focused on Japan's aids to universities, colleges and government technological

high schools and more scholarship programme and cooperation between the two countries in the sectors of science and technology.

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RMGCC 4th anniversary charity golf tournament on 19 May

YANGON, 12 May—Royal Mingalardon Golf & Country Club will organize RMGCC 4th Anniversary Charity golf tournament on 19 May at Mingalardon Golf Course. The tournament is open to all amateurs.

The charity tournament is divided into three divisions

with handsome prizes for winners and lucky draw programmes. Funds raised from the tournament will go to youth development philanthropic centers. Myanmar Brewery Co Ltd will act as diamond sponsor, Alpine platinum sponsor, Royal Modern

Furniture, Super Power and Red Link gold sponsor and Taylormade silver sponsor for the tournament.

The admission tickets are being sold in advance and further information is available at the reception-hot line 098636395, 0944922222.—NLM

Storm warning

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—According to the observations at 6:30 pm MST today, Cyclonic Storm Mahasen over southeast bay is centered at about 470 miles, southwest of Cocogyun, 620 miles southwest of Patheingyi, Myanmar and 380 miles, southeast of Chennai, India. Cyclonic Storm Mahasen is moving northwestwards with

maximum wind speed is estimated 50-60 miles per hour near the cyclone center.

Under the influence of Cyclonic Storm, occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced along Delta, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40-45 mph.

The present stage of the

Cyclonic Storm is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts. It is forecast to recurve Northeast ward on morning of 13th May, 2013, and likely to cross between Northern Rakhine (Myanmar) and Bangladesh Coasts on evening of 16th May, 2013.

Trawlers, vessels and ships are advised to avert possible danger by cyclone.—NLM

Village electrification through solar system gaining momentum in rural areas

The government is making great strides in its drive to develop rural regions and alleviate poverty with added momentum. Especially, ensuring better socioeconomic status of rural people has been prioritized.

On 5 May, arrival of 600 solar panels and 300 controllers at Tapa Village in Tada Sub-township of Kyauktan Township to realize a village electrification project through solar

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energy had caught my attention to visit there. It is learnt that the village which is made up of 300 houses will be electrified through installation of two solar panels, one controller and 6.5 AH battery at each house. A solar home costs K 350,000. The village electrification project is jointly implemented by Rural Region Development Department and

Poly Ice Co., Ltd.

Thanks to realization of village electrification through solar energy, houses in some villages of Kungyangon, Htantabin, Kawhmu, Thongwa and Kyauktan Townships will be able to enjoy electricity soon. In this way, other villages that lack electricity will be electrified through solar system.

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