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Departments concerned, Region/State governments to help ensure private sector development

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — In his speech at the meeting to clarify government's initiatives for development of private sector held at the meeting hall of the Ministry at the President Office, here, this afternoon, Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein said that priority was given to development of private sector while works for development of public-centered business entities were in progress, highlighting that only when each and every region develop will national development be realized. He called for formulation of necessary plans to implement the tasks.

Next, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung explained work plans for development of hospitality industry. Then Deputy Ministers U Thant Shin and Dr Daw Khin San Yi called for formation of working groups, measures to be taken for private sector development and acquisition of international aid.

Economic Advisor to the President U Zaw Oo shared knowledge about international reform processes. Region/State ministers and representatives, departmental official reported on plans and possible difficulties as to the formation of working groups.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein reviewed the reports and stressed the need for ensuring accuracy and transparency over facts and figures among departments concerned.

Economic Advisor to the President U Zaw Oo.—MNA

Union Minister U Htay Aung.—MNA

After the meeting, the news crew interviewed Union ministers U Tin Naing Thein and U Htay Aung, Advisor to the President U Zaw Oo.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein.—MNA

Q: What is the intention of government initiative briefing for private sector development?

A: U Tin Naing Thein (Union Minister at the President Office)

The meeting is intended to coordinate detailed plans for government-private sector cooperation to improve

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On 4th May 2013 Saturday, the 20th Pakokku Literary Award ceremony was held at Traders' Hotel in downtown Yangon. It was attended by Honourable Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi, State and Region digni-taries, heads of department,...

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Works underway to evacuate victims and local people to safety in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May— Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, ministers and departments concerned held a coordination meeting on prevention against natural disaster at 1 pm after storm news were released by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology on 11 May morning.

In accord with the preventive measures which had already been drawn by the state government, formation of committees, assignments of duties, evacuation of local people to safety, measures for ensuring transportation, communications, security and logistics were carried out.

The Sittway Township administrator and members announced the storm warnings around the town and set up storm signal flags.

Committee for prevention against natural disaster led by the chief minister made a field trip to relief camps and supervised the relocation works. Works are being carried out to relocate 641 victims from 80 makeshift tents at Bawdupha relief camp in the township to already-built 10 eight-roomed quarters, 987 from 176 makeshift tents at Gaungdokka relief camp to 22 eight-roomed quarters, victims at Hngetchaung relief camp in Pauktaw to Kanseiktaung, one mile from their camp and victims at relief camps in Yathedaung, Kyauktaw, MraukU, Minbya, Myebon, Kyaukpyu, An and Yanbye Townships to designated places to be able to avoid the impact of the storm.

On 12 May morning, officials of Rakhine State Electric Power and Industry and UNHCR made necessary arrangements for temporary relocation of victims in Pauktaw to safety.

Rakhine State Hluttaw representative Minister for Planning and Economy U Mya Aung was dispatched to Maungtaw to supervise storm preventive measures for the sake of the victims and local people.

Moreover, Rakhine State relief and rehabilita-tion work committee in Sittway issued an announcement (1/2013) and called on the victims to move to safety arranged by the Rakhine State government as quick as possible.

Urgent measures are being taken to evacuate the victims in low-lying areas without moving some relief camps on hills. Local people have been warned against the storm.

On 13 May, 2500 people from 500 households living in makeshift tents between Darpaing and Hmansi in Sittway Township were moved to Thekyelbyin School, 605 people from 168 households in Palinpyin, Pikeseik to Arjihtaw mound, 365 people from 80 households in weather station relief camp to BEHS No.4, 60 people from 16 households in Thaechaung relief camp to Ohntawche relief camp.

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Local authorities giving a real time coverage of information about cyclonic storm Mahasen in Rakhine State.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Crime

Theft of foreigner's belongings exposed

YANGON, 13 May — As Mr. Konoon Aich-ayavanich, a Thai citizen, reported that his belongings — some cashies in local and US currencies, a camera, a pair of eyeglasses and others—were stolen at Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay at about 4.30 am on 25 April, No (10) police station in Mandalay carried out investigations through the CCTV video recordings at the Buddha Image to trace the suspect over the theft.

According to the video recordings that revealed the similar points between the suspect committing a theft of belongings from a foreigner and Ma Chit Su (a) Baw Pyar, 24, of Thanhlyathmaw (south) in Chanmyathazi Township, police interrogated her in the presence of officials concerned on 27 April.

Upon interrogation, she confessed that she had stolen a bag from a foreigner who was taking photographs at the Buddha Image; that she threw the bag into the compound of Hsutaungpyae Dhammayon Pagoda in Kyunn Lone Okshaung ward after she had taken out Myanmar kyats and US dollars and camera; that she hid the camera at Hsutaungpyae Phaung-dawU Pagoda; that she had sold US dollars to a man; that she then gave a gold ring she bought from the stolen money and K 35,000 to her sister Moe Moe (a) Zali to keep them for a while and she spent the remaining money on purchase of other things.

Police seized USD 134, K 35,000, a gold ring worth K 50,000, the camera she hid at the Pagoda, a pair of eyeglasses and a bag from Ma Chit Su (a) Baw Pyar who was charged with the theft.

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Cattle smuggling exposed after arrest for car crash

WAW, 13 May— A driver and a conductor of a container truck was exposed as cattle smugglers after their arrest in a road accident near Town Hall on Yangon-Mawlamyine road in Chanmyathasi ward in the downtown of Waw Township of Bago Region on 5 May.

A six-wheeled container truck driven by Tun Min Latt, 31, of Hpa-an in Kayin State together with truck conductor Ye Tint, 23, of Thaton Township of Mon State collided head-on with a motorbike driven by Aung Gyi, 19, of Waw Township accompanied by Po Chan. 19, who lives in the same ward, near the Town Hall on the road. The two riders got injuries and they were sent to People's Hospital in Waw.

Regarding the crash, police carried out a search of the container. They discovered nine head of cattle worth K 4.9 million inside the container. The driver and the conductor were taken into police custody as they failed to show official documents on transportation of cattle.

Kyemon

Homecoming of two victims of human trafficking in Thailand come back home

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Central Body on Trafficking in Person of Myanmar confirmed its acceptance of one man and one woman who are in Pathumthani centre of Social Welfare and Development Department of Thailand where victims of human trafficking are being given care.

The two victims will be accommodated at a training school of Social Welfare Department in Myanmar and they will be subjected to close scrutiny before sending back them to their hometowns as data related to the victims in the case report sent from Thailand remained incomplete, it is leamt.

"We know in general that the female victim is thought to be from Lahu or Wa regions. The male victim is said to be from Mon state. They are not clear where they are from and their exact addresses because they have been in Thailand since their childhood. We have not found out any firm evidence that can prove they are citizens, but there would be a happy reunion with their parents and relatives for them when detailed scrutiny was over. When CBTIC is informed of those who have fallen victims to human trafficking, victims will be accepted if they can approve their citizenship status," an official said.

Kyemon

Latest developments of storm covered in real time in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 13 May— Kawthoung dwellers in downtown and coastal wards were informed of real time coverage of news about cyclonic storm "Mahasen" occurred in Bay of Bengal by local authorities at 7 pm yesterday.

They announced the latest developments of the storm released by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Department for the sake of fishermen and their families, whose livelihoods rely on the sea, suggesting that offshore and inshore fishing trawlers off and along Myanmar coastal areas need to avoid the possible danger of storm.

At the present time, weather in Kawthoung looked calm with no strong winds except cloudy.

Kyemon

Fallen tree kills two, hurts two others in Moehti Moemi gold mining region

YAMETHIN, 13 May— Two men were killed and two others wounded in a strong winds- related disaster at Shwe-Shewli gold mining block in Moehti Moemi region, over 20-mile south-east of Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region on 6 May.

Heavy rains and strong winds uprooted a tree which is one foot and six inches in girth and caused it fallen on a hut in the ravine at about 3.30 pm on that day. Myo Swe Win, 36, and Kogyi Pwar, 43, of Debayin Township who were in the hut were pronounced dead on the spot due to fallen tree.

Moreover, Nann Ngu Wah Aung, 20, of Shwegyin Township and Phyo Wai Lin, 21, of Meiktila Township who were in the ravine suffered injuries and they are being treated at the hospital in Yamethin.

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Disaster

Photo shows a staff of Twantay Township Information and Public Relations Department on the roof of a boat in Twantay canal giving a real time coverage of information about cyclonic storm "Mahasen" to fishermen and local people in Twantay Township in Yangon South District on 12 May.—KYEMON

Myeik dwellers informed real time coverage of storm news

MYEIK, 13 May— Myeik Township General Administration Department organized a programme to inform Myeik dwellers of a storm warning on cyclonic storm "Mahasen" centered at the area, south-east of Bay of Bengal, delivered by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology at 6 am on 12 May, announcing it in a motorcade at 11 am yesterday.

Officials concerned from the Township GAD and Information and Public Relations Department read out a public announcement that suggests offshore and inshore fishing trawlers off and along Myanmar coastal areas to avoid the possible danger of storm and delivered educative pamphlets to local people

Kyemon

686 candidates register for Iran's upcoming presidential election

TEHERAN, 13 May— The latest report released by Iran's Interior Ministry showed a total of 686 candidates have registered for the upcoming presidential election slated for 14 June. Among the contestants from diverse walks of life, a number of prominent conservative and moderate political figures as well as incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's independent candidate have more chances of winning the race.

Several conservative figures, or "principlists," as some of them prefer to be referred to, have signed up for the forthcoming race. On Saturday afternoon when the registration deadline was about to terminate, to many's surprise, Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili appeared in Iran's Interior Ministry and made an announcement about his decision to run for the country's upcoming presidential contest. Other hopefuls, either before or on the registration day, made comments on their campaigns, but Jalili left the Interior Ministry without making any remarks or talking to reporters.

A hardliner conservative, he currently leads Iran's negotiation team with the world powers on the country's nuclear issue and is also secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council. On Saturday, Mayor of Iranian capital Teheran, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, also signed up for the election.

Xinhua

Former Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati shows his inked finger after registration for Iran's 11th presidential election at the Interior Ministry in Teheran on 11 May, 2013.—XINHUA

MSDF vessels to make 1st port call in Myanmar

TOKYO, 13 May— Maritime Self-Defence Force training vessels will make a port call in Myanmar for the first time during an around-the-world voyage starting later this month, Defence Ministry officials said on Monday.

The ministry believes a goodwill visit to the rapidly democratizing Southeast Asian country that has close ties with China will benefit Tokyo amid rising tensions between Japan and China over a territorial dispute.

The world voyage by MSDF training vessels began in 1957 for young cadets. This year, about 710 MSDF members will leave Japan in late May aboard two training ships and a destroyer and visit more than 10 countries in Asia and Europe as well as the United States during a five-month trip, the officials said.

Kyodo News

Sharif closes in on majority in Pakistani parliament, world leaders congratulate

ISLAMABAD, 13 May— Former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has started talks to form a new government, as unofficial results from Saturday's general election showed on Monday that his Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz appears on course to secure a majority in Pakistan's parliament.

In a statement on Sunday, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh congratulated Sharif on his "emphatic victory", saying he hopes the two governments will work together to "chart a new course in the relations between Pakistan and India." Sharif has "received a strong mandate to lead Pakistan toward a stable, peaceful and prosperous future," Singh said, inviting Sharif for a visit to India. US President Barack Obama also vowed to work with the new government "as equal partners."During his election campaign, Sharif had pledged to end Pakistan's involvement in the US-led "war on terror", causing unease in Washington.

Sharif, who served as prime minister for two terms in the 1990s, already claimed victory on Saturday. "Thank God, it is now confirmed that the Pakistan Muslim League has emerged as the biggest party in the national assembly," Sharif said late Saturday in his "victory speech" at the party's office in Lahore. "Pray that we can have a government without crutches and we do not have to seek support from coalition partners," he said. Sharif called on all parties to agree on a national agenda, inviting opposition leaders to a conference to discuss the future of Pakistan.

Saturday's election saw one of the highest voter turnouts in the country's history, with votes still being counted. Official results could take days, election observers said on Monday.

Kyodo News

Supporters of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif celebrate the victory of the Pakistan Muslim League, the opposition party he leads, in the country's general election, in Lahore, eastern Pakistan, on 12 May, 2013, the day after the election.—KYODO NEWS

Bangladesh building collapse death toll reaches 1,126

DHAKA, 13 May— More than two weeks after the grim recovery work in Bangladesh's worst industrial tragedy, the death toll approached 1,200 on Sunday. Tarekul Alam of the Dhaka district administration's control room, which was set up outside the horrendous tragedy site to coordinate the rescue operations, told *Xinhua* "the confirmed death toll stands at 1,126 with recovery of two more bodies by 3 pm (local time) on Sunday."

He said 63 corpses have still been kept at the nearby Adharchandra High School ground for identification. But the official said only a handful of bodies with which rescuers got mobile phones or identification cards are now being identified by their relatives. "We are preserving tissue suitable for DNA test of the unidentified bodies, many of which have also been buried." Rescuers say the stench of decaying bodies still remained strong around the ruins of the sandwiched building Rana Plaza that crumbled like a pack of cards on 24 April at about 8:30 am local time.

Rescuers have pulled alive 2,438 people including a female garment worker named Reshmi, a seamstress buried for days in the wreckage of the collapsed building at Savar on the outskirts of capital Dhaka. It's believed that many more bodies were expected to be found in the rubble as cranes and bulldozers cut through the mountain of concrete and mangled steels at the building's basement where the " last survivor" was discovered. According to the officials, the recovery operation would likely end sometime on Monday as they expect to remove the entire debris from the catastrophe site within Monday.

"We're near the end," said an official who preferred to be unnamed. An initial government probe has blamed vibrations from giant generators combined with the vibrations of sewing machinery for the collapse of the building, allegedly constructed without proper permission with substandard materials. At least 12 people have been arrested, including the owner of the collapsed building and owners of the factories — Phantom Apparels, Phantom Tac, Ether Tex, New Wave Style and New Wave Bottoms — which make clothing for many major global brands.—*Xinhua*

Local people remove a body from the collapsed building in Savar, Bangladesh, on 24 April, 2013.—XINHUA

Police end hostage standoff in New Jersey, detain suspect

NEW ARK, 13 May—A tense weekend standoff in a South Trenton, New Jersey, neighbourhood ended early on Sunday when police took a man into custody after he held several children hostage for about 36 hours. "The hostage situation has been resolved," State Police Sergeant Adam Grossman told *Reuters*. "The children are safe." Grossman said the suspect was taken into custody at 3:45 am EDT (0745 GMT), but declined to comment on his identity or any other details of the standoff. The man barricaded himself inside a house in the New Jersey state capital on Friday afternoon after police were called to do a wellness check on a resident at the address, a Trenton police spokesman said on Friday.

On Saturday, the *Times of Trenton* cited two unidentified law enforcement sources as saying police officers checking on the house had discovered the partially decomposed body of the man's girlfriend, but pulled back when they saw he had a gun. The newspaper also reported that one of the woman's children was killed and that the man was holding three more of her children inside the house. A fifth child, age 19, was reportedly safe at another location with relatives.

State police said tactical units, including hostage negotiators, canine units and SWAT teams, were on the scene. Federal investigators and hostage negotiators were assisting state police, according to the FBI. Grossman said additional information would be released at a news conference in Trenton at 10 am EDT (1400 GMT). A spokesman for the Trenton police could not immediately be reached on Sunday morning.

Reuters

Syria rebels free UN peacekeepers held in Golan

A United Nations vehicle leaves a UN base near the Kuneitra border crossing between Israel and Syria, in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights on 8 May, 2013—REUTERS

MANILA/DUBAI, 13 May — Syrian rebels have freed four Filipino UN peacekeepers who they had captured on the ceasefire line between Syria and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights last week, the Philippines' foreign minister said on Sunday.

Al Jazeera English television, monitored in Dubai, quoted sources as saying the four had been transferred to Israel.Philippine Foreign Minister Albert del Rosario confirmed to *Reuters* in Manila that the four had been released. The ministry will issue a statement later in the day, he said. The rebel Yarmouk Martyrs Brigade had said they were holding the peacekeepers for their own safety after clashes in the area had put them in danger. There was no immediate word from the rebel group itself on Sunday.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Google+ struggles to attract brands, some neglect to update

The Google signage is seen at the company's headquarters in New York on 8 Jan, 2013.
REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 May—To mark the Cinco de Mayo holiday this year, Domino's Pizza festooned its Facebook page with a string of posts, including an image of a Mexican-themed guacamole pizza that garnered over 2,000 "likes". But visitors to Domino's companion Google+ page on that day found less festive fare: The most recent post was from October 2012.

Two years after introducing its social network, Google Inc is struggling to win over the brands and businesses that have been its most loyal customers in the Internet search market.

For Google+ to thrive, it is vital to draw in household names, not just to lay the groundwork for potential future business, but also because users of the site have come to expect being able to follow, comment on or even vent about their favourite brands.

Progress has been slow. Rival services from Twitter to Amazon.com Inc are increasingly competitive in vying for corporate attention and marketing budgets, while technical shortcomings of Google+ have put off some companies accustomed to the flexibility of Facebook, marketing and corporate executives say.

The biggest problem for Google+ is that many more consumers use Twitter and Facebook — and they log in to Facebook for much longer periods.

A Google spokeswoman said Google+ has been used by millions of brands and businesses, and that the benefit of the service extends beyond Google+ Web pages, by providing brands with social capabilities that enhance Google's other products.

Google+, which was first introduced in June 2011, has roughly 135 million users that it says actively use its website news stream, and about 500 million that have set up Google+ accounts at some point, according to the company. Still, Facebook has 1.1 billion users who engage with the service at least once a month, while Twitter has 200 million.

The average US visitor to Google+ spent 6 minutes 47 seconds on the site in March, versus more than 6 hours on Facebook.com, according to Nielsen Media Research, though the data does not include activity on the social networks' mobile apps.

"The main reason we are more active on Facebook than Google+ is because that is where our customers and our target demographic are spending their time," said Dave Gilboa, the co-founder of online eyewear company Warby Parker. Many businesses do build outposts on Google+, eager to benefit from its integration with Google's popular Internet search service. Some corporations have even used its online video feature for splashy product launches.

But the flurry of commercial activity common on other social networks —from restaurant promotions to movie trailers — is harder to spot on Google+, raising questions about its ability to rival Facebook or Twitter as a thriving online community.—*Reuters*

Hon Hai's Apple pie under threat from Pegatron

TAIPEI, 13 May—Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd (2317.TW), the world's largest electronics contract manufacturer, faces growing competition from cross-town rival Pegatron Corp (4938.TW), a company that is just a quarter of its size by revenue.

Hon Hai, better known by its trading name Foxconn, draws an estimated 60 to 70 percent of its revenue from assembling gadgets and other work for Apple Inc (AAPL.O). But it has been struggling to grow in a smartphone market increasingly dominated by Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (005930.KS).

Fellow Taiwanese manufacturer Pegatron wants to grab more orders to assemble the fast-selling iPhone and iPad from the California-based tech giant. Analysts say Pegatron offers more competitive pricing - at the expense of lower margins - and appears to be succeeding in pulling in more orders from Apple.

Pegatron's announcement last week that it would increase its number of workers in China by up to 40 percent in the second half of the year fuelled market speculation that it would be the sole assembler for a widely expected cheaper iPhone.

"Pegatron posts a long-term risk to Hon Hai because as it catches up on margins by supplying more components, it can provide more aggressive pricing," Daiwa Capital analyst Birdy Lu said. "Hon Hai's margin uptrend is not a guarantee."—*Reuters*

Models display Olympus's new hybrid mirrorless camera "OLYMPUS PEN E-P5" during a launch event in Seoul, capital of South Korea, on 13 May, 2012. The OLYMPUS PEN E-P5 will go on sale in Junein South Korea. —XINHUA

For banks in cyber heist, how to get their money back?

A man types on a computer keyboard in Warsaw in this 28 Feb, 2013 illustration file picture.
REUTERS

NEW YORK, 13 May—Because the sums were large and such attacks are relatively new, the two Middle East banks hit in a $45 million ATM heist face an uncertain path in trying to recover their losses, financial, insurance and legal experts say.

Oman-based Bank of Muscat lost $40 million and United Arab Emirates-based National Bank of Ras Al Khaimah PSC (RAKBANK) lost $5 million in the global heist, US prosecutors said on Thursday.

Computer hackers broke into third-party companies that processed transactions for prepaid debit cards issued by the banks, the prosecutors said. Then, gangs in 27 countries withdrew the money from cash machines in two coordinated hits, one on 21 December last year and the other on 19 February this year.

While details of what happened are still sketchy, experts said the banks could bring claims against the processing companies in court, or they could file claims with their insurers and those of the processing companies.

"There's no hard and fast rule," said Dan Karson, the Americas chairman of Kroll Advisory Solutions. "We're in very much a new cybersphere of finance, and allocating liability is still very much evolving."

Any claims by banks against the processing companies would depend on the contracts between the two parties, Karson and other experts said. Those contracts include industry security standards, which are required by the major credit card payment networks, in this case MasterCard.

In most security breach cases, the processing company in question did not fully comply with the standards, said Doug Johnson, vice president for risk management policy at the American Bankers Association.

However, even if the processor failed to comply with security standards, banks may still be unable to get back their money. That is because the contracts between processors and banks, under terms set by credit card companies like MasterCard or Visa, typically limit the processor's liability.

"They can't make everybody whole, or they'll be out of business," said Michael Klaschka of Integro Insurance Brokers, which has many financial institutions as clients. "The bank may have very little recourse against the credit card processor."

In the hit against Bank of Muscat, the processor is enStage Inc, based in Cupertino, California, a source close to the Bank of Muscat said.—*Reuters*

Icahn, Southeastern mount challenge to Dell buyout

NEW YORK/BOSTON, 13 May—Carl Icahn and Southeastern Asset Management Inc have mounted an aggressive challenge to Michael Dell's controversial $24.4 billion offer to take Dell Inc private, offering $21 billion in cash to shareholders while vying to wrest control of the company from its co-founder.

Michael Dell, major shareholders such as Southeastern and billionaire activist investor Icahn are waging a battle over the future of the world's third largest personal computer maker, once a tech-industry high flyer, but now struggling to evolve as people embrace smartphones and tablet computers.

Michael Dell and private equity firm Silver Lake want to take the company private for $13.65 per share, making it the largest buyout since the 2008 financial crisis. But many shareholders, including Southeastern and T Rowe Price, complain that offer severely undervalues the company.

A Dell laptop computer is pictured in New York in this on 26 August, 2008 file photograph.—REUTERS

Instead, Icahn and Southeastern, two of Dell's biggest shareholders, proposed a deal that gives shareholders $12 of cash for every share they own, as well as allow them to keep their stock.

Given that they retain their stake in the company and that the rival offer is for $13.65 a share, every stock owned takes on a value of $1.65, Icahn and Southeastern argue.

At $12 apiece, the cash portion of Icahn's and Southeastern' s offer will come to $21 billion.

Should Dell's board rebuff them and put the go-private offer to a shareholder vote, the pair will nominate a slate of 12 directors to challenge the current board.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

French Social Affairs and Health Minister Marisol Touraine (C) arrives at Roger Salengro hospital in Lille, on 11 May, 2013, where the patient with confirmed case of the SARS-like coronavirus is treated.
REUTERS

Second French coronavirus case confirmed

PARIS, 13 May—A second diagnosis of the new SARS-like coronavirus has been confirmed in France, the Health Ministry said on Sunday, in what appeared to be a case of human-to-human transmission.

The new infection was found in a 50-year-old man who had shared a hospital room with France's only other known sufferer, the ministry said in a statement.

Health experts are concerned about clusters of the new coronavirus strain, nCoV, which was first spotted in the Gulf and has spread to France, Britain and Germany. There has so far been little evidence of direct and sustained human-to-human transmission of nCoV — in contrast to the pattern seen in the related Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus, which killed 775 people in 2003. The first nCoV case in France, confirmed on 8 May, is a 65-year-old man who fell ill after returning from Dubai late last month.

Both French patients are in hospital in the northern city of Lille, where the younger man was transferred to intensive care on Sunday as his breathing deteriorated.

His case suggests that airborne transmission of the virus is possible, though still unusual, said Professor Benoit Guery, head of the Lille hospital's infectious diseases unit. "Fortunately, this remains a virus that is not easily transmitted," Guery told the BFMTV channel. "I don't think the public should be concerned — it has been out there for a year and we have 34 cases globally." He said the second French case had occurred because the first patient presented "quite atypical" symptoms and had not been isolated immediately. Health officials screened 124 people who had come into contact with him and carried out laboratory tests on at least five, including three medical staff.

Reuters

Firm dollar hits oil, gold, shares; Nikkei jumps on weak yen

TOKYO, 13 May — Oil and gold prices fell on Monday as the dollar strengthened, dragging Asian shares lower, but Japanese equities outperformed on the back of the yen's slide to a fresh 4-1/2-year low against the US currency.

Investors remained cautious ahead of a set of data due later in the session to gauge the current state of the world's top two economies, the United States and China. Both countries will report retail sales for April.

"A strength in the dollar is weighing on commodities across the board," said Ben Le Brun, analyst at OptionsXpress in Sydney. "For oil, worries of ample supplies is putting pressure. We have unprecedented levels of stockpiles in the United States, with uncertainty surrounding economic growth."

US crude futures slipped 0.8 percent to $95.23 (62.03 pounds) a barrel and Brent dropped 0.7 percent to $103.16.

The dollar's strong performance also took the shine off gold, which typically serves as an alternative to the US currency. Spot gold fell as much as 1.5 percent to a session low of $1,426.40 an ounce. The yen slid to a fresh 4-1/2-year low against the dollar of 102.15 yen in Asia on Monday morning, having earlier hit its highest point since January 2010 against the euro at 132.385.

The drop in commodities prices weighed on the Australian dollar, which eased 0.2 percent to $0.9980 after hitting an 11-month low of $0.9961 on Friday.

The dollar's firmness was also cemented after Japan avoided criticism from its peers for pursuing bold reflationary policies which have resulted in a steady decline in the Japanese currency, which improves earnings prospects for exporters and underpins the export-reliant Japanese economy.—*Reuters*

Passers-by are reflected on a stock quotation board at a brokerage in Tokyo on 13 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Hong Kong has world's most expensive retail space

NEW YORK, 13 May—There's expensive and then there's Hong Kong.

The Asian shopping haven in the first quarter kept its crown as having the world's highest rent for prime retail properties, at nearly 50 percent more than for similar districts such as upper Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. Rents were more than four times the rate in similar areas in London and Paris, according to a report by global property advisor CBRE Group Inc (CBG.N).

The 10 most expensive cities for retailers benefit from strong demand and modest new supply, a recipe for stable record-high prime rental rates, the report released on Sunday showed. In some markets, such as Hong Kong and London, the sky-high rents have prompted some newcomers to look nearby. For example, in London, Mayfair has benefited from those priced out of Bond Street.

Annual retail rent in high-end shopping areas in Hong Kong averaged $4,328 per square foot (36,351 euros per square metre).

"Given that space is so expensive in Hong Kong's prime shopping streets largely driven by continued demand from international luxury brands, many traditional retailers have moved into more niche secondary retail locations as they still want to be in and access the market, but have been priced out of the prime space," Joe Lin, CBRE's executive director of retail, said in a statement.

Reuters

Mainland Chinese visitors enter a jewellery store opening for daily business inside a shopping mall in Hong Kong near the border with mainland China on 23 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Research on Alzheimer is major challenge for Europe

MILAN, 13 May—Researchers attending an Alzheimer Disease (AD) conference in Italy's Milan on Friday said this devastating illness is a major challenge for scientific research in Europe.

AD is the most common of the brain-related disorders which cost nearly 800 billion euros (about 1,035 billion US dollars) in Europe every year, according to a study of the European Brain Council.

"Consequently the brain-related disorders, the AD in particular, and research on new treatments represent a challenge and one of the priorities in the strategic programmes of all European countries," said Monica Di Luca, a professor of pharmacology at the University of Milan.

The conference was organized by the Italian Society of Pharmacology (SIF) as part of the European Month of the Brain, a full May of events and activities to make aware of the successes achieved and the challenges still laying ahead for brain research.

Europe has invested heavily in brain research. Between 2007 and 2012, it funded projects and scientists with an investment of almost two billion euros.

By 2025 some 20 percent of Europeans will be 65 or over. Di Luca said at present the number of those living with dementia, of which the AD is the most common cause, is around 6.5 million including some one million in Italy, but could rise to some 14 million by 2030, according to estimates.

"Currently there is no cure for AD, but I am confident in research considered that it has made great progress over the last few years," a biology professor at University of Rome Tor Vergata and group leader at the Belgium-based Flemish Institute for Biotechnology, Claudia Bagni, told *Xinhua*.

Bagni said that improved knowledge of the molecular mechanisms of neurodegeneration has allowed experts to increasingly work on drugs to treat AD.

"We do not have the right drug yet and it is possible that we will need a cocktail of drugs," she noted.—*Xinhua*

Mixed signals for the global economy

WASHINGTON, 13 May —A flood of data this week will paint a mixed picture of the global economy, with belt-tightening continuing to dampen activity in the euro zone, but accommodative policies helping to stimulate growth in Japan.

Reports from the United States are expected to show some slowdown in momentum early in the second quarter, and the Chinese economy's prospects are unlikely to have changed much.

The anticipated improvement will mostly reflect a return to growth in Germany, which will help offset ongoing weakness in France and Italy. In another hopeful sign for the austerity-hit region, industrial production likely accelerated in March, but the gains remain uneven.

"We have had a mix of weak survey data at the start of the second quarter, but some strengthening in IP should give us a fairly firm base going to the second quarter, plus car sales have been fairly strong," said Nick Matthews, a senior European economist at Nomura International in London.

While the euro zone is trying to climb out of recession, Japan's economy is expected to have perked up a bit after a flat performance in the fourth quarter — thanks in part to the government's radical steps to end two decades of deflation.

Reuters

Pedestrians walk towards the (L-R) Irish, Greek, Spanish and French national flags outside the European Parliament in Brussels on 3 May, 2013.—REUTERS

WORLD

Despite winning top world trade job, even Brazil looks beyond WTO

Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff gives a joint statement with her Argentine counterpart Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner (not pictured) at the government house in Buenos Aires on 25 April, 2013. REUTERS

BRASILIA, 13 May—Brazil campaigned hard to get the top job at the World Trade Organization this week but behind closed doors even it acknowledges that the WTO's main mission — pushing forward in global trade talks — looks for the moment like a lost cause.

Instead, President Dilma Rousseff's government is moving, albeit cautiously, towards less ambitious bilateral and regional deals that may have a greater chance of success. Rousseff's hope is that more trade could shake Latin America's most insular major economy from a surprisingly deep recent slump. Rousseff was thrilled that Brazilian diplomat Roberto Azevedo won an election on Tuesday to head the Geneva-based WTO, cheering the choice as a victory for developing nations in a trade club long dominated by the rich.

Azevedo's victory over a Mexican candidate, made possible by support from African nations with which Brazil has worked hard to cultivate ties during the past decade, was also hailed as another sign of Brazil's growing economic clout. Yet officials in Brasilia who do the heavy lifting on trade matters say their focus remains elsewhere. With WTO-led talks in limbo for years, several officials told *Reuters* they have been instructed to prioritize greater integration with the United States and the European Union.—*Reuters*

Nineteen shot in New Orleans Mother's Day parade

NEW ORLEANS, 13 May—Nineteen people including two children were shot in New Orleans on Sunday when gunfire erupted at a Mother's Day parade, and city police said they were searching for three suspects. Ten men, seven woman, a girl and a boy both age 10 were hit when wild gunfire opened up at about 1:45 pm as the parade marched along North Villere Street, according to police spokesman Garry Flot.

Two victims are undergoing surgery, Flot said in a statement.

The children were grazed and are in good condition, he said. It was unclear if the victims were marching or bystanders watching the parade. Police superintendent Ronal Serpas told reporters that officers saw three suspects running away, with one about age 18 to 22. No arrests were made.

"It appears that these two or three people, for reasons unknown to us, started shooting at, towards or in the crowd," Serpas said, adding that the incident was over in "just a couple of seconds."

Serpas said a witness reported hearing two different types of gunshot, which he said indicated two weapons were involved.Mayor Mitch Landrieu called the shooting part of "the relentless drum beat of violence" on the streets of New Orleans."It's a culture of violence that has enveloped the city for a long, long period of time," Landrieu told a news conference outside University Hospital, where three victims were being treated for serious injuries.

Photographs of the aftermath in the *Times-Picayune* newspaper showed a man lying on his stomach beside a pool of blood, being helped by two bystanders. Other photos showed a man in shorts sitting on a cobbled street, his calf bleeding and covered with a bandana.

Emergency medical responders took 11 people to Interim LSU Public Hospital in New Orleans, according to hospital spokesman Marvin McGrawViolent crime in New Orleans ranks above the national average in FBI surveys.

A poll of city residents in 2010 found crime to be their greatest concern. In February, four people were wounded in a shooting outside a nightclub in the city's French Quarter as crowds gathered for Mardi Gras celebrations.

Reuters

12 people killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 13 May—A total of 12 people were killed and a government official was wounded in separate incidents in central and northern Iraq on Sunday, the police said. In northern Iraq, the police found five bodies in execution-style near the town of Hamam al-Alil in southern Mosul city, some 400 km north of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The five victims were handcuffed and blindfolded with bullet holes in different parts of their bodies, the source said. In a separate incident, three people were killed by unidentified gunmen who opened fire on a crowd of civilians in the town of Mashahda, some 40 km north of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source anonymously told *Xinhua*. Also on Sunday, gunmen broke into a house in Karrada District in central Baghdad and shot dead four women, the source said without giving further details.

In addition, gunmen using weapons fitted with silencers seriously wounded Jumaa Yousif, a director general in the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity, while he was driving on a highway near the district of Shula in northern Baghdad, the source added. Violence is still common in the Iraqi cities despite a dramatic decrease from its peak in 2006 and 2007, when the country was engulfed in sectarian killings.—*Xinhua*

Visitors walk through the Bosphorus Bridge which standing behind the miniature of Maiden's Tower in the Miniature park in Istanbul, Turkey, on 11 May, 2013. The Miniaturk park is the first miniature park in Istanbul and has welcomed 6.5 million visitors over the past 10 years.—XINHUA

Afghan district prosecutor dies in bombing in Helmand

LASHKAR GAH, (Afghanistan), 13 May—An Afghan district prosecutor was killed in bomb attack in the country's southern province of Helmand on Sunday morning, said a provincial government spokesman.

"The Marja District prosecutor, Mohammad Lal Hakimi, was travelling to office at around 7 am local time on Sunday but his car was struck by a roadside bombing in the district, killing him on the spot," spokesman Omar Zhwak told *Xinhua*.

He blamed Taleban insurgents for the attack in the province 555 km south of capital Kabul. The armed outfit which launched an annual rebel offensive late last month has said anyone working for government and the NATO-led troops are legitimate target.

Earlier this month, the provincial Peace Council chief and a local elder were shot dead by militants in Helmand.

A total of 2,754 civilians were killed and 4,805 injured in conflict-related violence in the war-hit country last year, according to a UN report released in February in Kabul. Out of total casualties last year, up to 698 civilians were killed and 379 were wounded in targeted killings across the country.—*Xinhua*

Israeli air force crash-lands drone due to malfunction

JERUSALEM, 13 May — The Israel Air Force (IAF) has downed one of its surveillance drones into the sea on Saturday night due to a technical malfunction that prevented a safe landing, a military source confirmed on Sunday.

The Heron-class drone, also known as "Shoval," was crash-landed into the waters off the coast of Netanya in central Israel after its operators discovered an engine malfunction. The unusual decision to down the drone was made in light of fears that it might crash into a populated area and harm civilians.

"The drone was flying a routine security patrol over the sea when a malfunction forced crashing it. The IAF searched the crash site and has recovered the remains," a military spokeswoman told *Xinhua* on Sunday. She said the IAF has grounded its fleet of Heron-class Shovals until the conclusion of an investigation.

The Shoval, regularly used for surveillance and reconnaissance missions, is considered relatively rare. The drone has a wing span of 16 metres, reaches an altitude of 30,000 feet (9,144 metres), carries a payload of 250 kg and can remain aloft for more than 30 hours.

A week ago, a drone known as "Sky Rider," which is operated by the Israeli Defence Force's ground forces, crashed while flying near the Gaza Strip. Last January, the IAF's flagship drone, nicknamed "Eitan," crashed during a test flight in southern Israel. Local media speculated at the time that the craft crashed due to an irregularly heavy payload.

Xinhua

People visit the antique and classic auto show, which is part of the Madeira Island Flowers Festival, in Madeira Island, Portugal, on 11 May, 2013.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Officials meet press on Inlay hotel zone project

NYAUNGSHWE, 13 May—Union ministers, the Shan State chief minister, state ministers and officials met Inlay lake occupants and media on hotel zone construction in Inlay lake in Nyaungshwe Township in Shan State on 8 May.

At the press call at Aureum Palace Resort Spa in Inlay in Nyaungshwe Township, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat briefed them on construction of Inlay Hotel Zone and answered queries raised by the media men.

The state chief minister highlighted the role of media the Fourth Estate in building the nation. He said the hotel zone construction work plan had been drafted systematically under the guidance of the President.

The press conference was aimed at fostering transparency in implementing the project, he added.

He called on the media to report inclusively and accurately about the project.

He added the media is at the centre of fostering transparency between the government and the public. The purpose of the hotel zone project is to conserve the environment and to ensure comfortability for tourists visiting Inlay Lake.

The media and the members of the public at the meeting frankly participated in discussions.

Myanma Alinn

Myanmar cooperates with Lebanon, ROK in economic sector

YANGON, 13 May—Political, economic and social development, reform process and investment opportunities in Myanmar were discussed at the meeting between President of UMFCCI U Win Aung, Vice-President Dr Maung Maung Lay and Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Lebanon Mr. Elie Debahy and party, on 7 May morning.

Likewise, KD Power Co Chairman Mr. Ban Ki Ho called on the UMFCCI President in the afternoon. They concentrated on cooperation between the federation and KOTRA, participating in Strategies for successful business in the ASEAN Markets-Seoul, Korea and meeting with KCCI's and KOIMA's vice-chairmen, plans for the presence of some 30 Myanmar entrepreneurs at Korea Myanmar CEO Summit at the invitation of KOTRA, supports for development for education and health sectors and supply of electricity with the use of solar energy for rural development, attending the introduction of new products of the company in May, plans for producing food of animals in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, potentials to cooperate with local entrepreneurs and giving a helping hand to enhancement of socio-economic status.

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Nation-Building Endeavours

Mandalay Region transport minister visits road construction sites

MANDALAY, 13 May—Mandalay region road transport minister U Kyaw Hsan on 6 May visited road construction sites in the region.

The construction sites are being developed by private companies through BOT system.

A total of 11 private companies are engaged in the construction of 717 miles and seven furlongs.

GULF Power company is working on Yewun-Myingyan road section and Tun Nyo Lu Company on Myingyan-Taungtha-Meiktila road section. Taungpawthar company nearly completed construction of Meiktila-Thazi-Nantpantet road section.

He called on officials of the construction sites for installing road warnings and proper construction of draining system.

He said the road must be prepared for future extension and upgrading.

Myanma Alinn

Public works repair Bhamo bridge

BHAMO, 13 May—Public Works in Bhamo Township repaired an old wooden bridge linking Maubin village and Manyay village.

The bridge is one of the major bridges on Dawphoneyan-Myitkyina road in Bhamo.

The repair of the bridge is for convenience of commuters.

Myanma Alinn

Self-reliant dam built in KhinU Township

KHINU, 13 May—A self reliant diversion weir was built in Shin Min Bwe village in KhinU Township under arrangement of Sagaing region government.

It was built on 21500-ft long Paukpinhlwe village.

The project covers production roads and irrigation system for 1200 acres of farmland.

More 11 self-reliant diversion weirs are poised to be built in the region.

The estimate cost for a dam is K 1.5 million.

Village-tract administrator U Thein Kyaw Thu, rural development supportive committee chairman U Kyaw Hsan Naing and region lawmaker U Aung Myo Nyein inspected the construction of the bridge on 7 May.

Myanma Alinn

Interfaith leaders to meet in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 13 May—Toungoo's religious leaders of four major religions Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity will meet at Honewun hall in Kan street Toungoo on 15 May, secretary of the organizing committee U Zaw Min Oo of Islamic group.

The interfaith meeting organizing committee was formed with Buddhist townselders in Toungoo, Hindu religious leader U Maung Mya, Christian churches council U Yaw Shu and Islamic social welfare group U Tin Shwe.

The meeting is aimed at promoting friendship between followers of different religions in the region.—*Myanma Alinn*

One Added donates CI sheets to victim of strong winds

KYAUKME, 13 May—One Added, a philanthropic group, donated CI sheets to storm victims in Kyaukme Township of Shan State on 7 May.

A total of 672 corrugated iron sheets worth K 12 million were donated to victims of strong wind of Mawma, Htantabin, Pakha, Khetonekyaing villages in Kyaukme Township.

Myanma Alinn

Accident

Four passengers missing as motorboat capsizes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Four passengers are missing as a motorboat capsized in Ayeyawaddy River in Ywadaw village in Minhla Township on 6 May morning.

The boat was carrying six passengers and sand when it capsized.

The driver is being charged with reckless driving by Minhla police station.—*Myanma Alinn*

Temporary household registrations misapplied in low-cost SIM card draws

YANGON, 13 May—Complaints over misapplication of temporary household registration certificates for low-cost SIM card draws arise as certain individuals use the certificates to apply for SIM cards.

The tricks were exposed as the officials contacted the addresses in the applications for winning SIM card draws.

There are an influx of mis-filled household registration certificates in Myanmar's commercial city Yangon as the residents of apartments do not inform the officials for changes in the list of dwellers.

The increasing number of temporary certificates were exposed by the SIM card draws, according to a Yangonite.

The officials fail to approve the applications whether the applicants are actual dwellers of respective area. The sales in the black market could be reduced if it is thoroughly checked.

Myanma Alinn

Fire

Fire breaks out in Kyaukse

KYAUKSE, 13 May—A fire broke out at a filling station in Kyaukse Township in Mandalay Region on 8 May.

Firefighters put out the fire 15 minutes after the outbreak with the use of eight fire engines.

Kyaukse police charged the owner with reckless use of fire.—*Myanma Alinn*

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 14 May, 2013

Inlay Lake conservation

Inlay as we all know is one of the very few lakes that have permanent dwellers making the natural water body more attractive and interesting through their culture, customs, traditional food and products and the leg-rowers.

Located at an altitude of nearly 3000 feet above the sea level on the Shan table mountains, it is the highest lake in Myanmar and with an estimated surface area of 44.9 square miles (116 km^2) it is the second largest natural water body after Indawgyi in Kachin State. During the dry season, the average water depth is 7 feet (2.1 m), with the deepest point being 12 feet (3.7 m), but during the rainy season this can increase by 5 feet (1.5 m).

Last April saw water level of the lake going down to lower marks. But thanks to the rains that came earlier, the water surface began to rise. Like its counterparts in everywhere around the globe, Inlay is also facing environmental degradation mostly from man-made problems.

The remaining slash-and-burn cultivation on the hills surrounding the lake is causing silt and nutrients to run off into the rivers that feed the lake. This silt fills up the lake; the nutrients encourage the growth of weeds and algae. The development of floating garden agriculture also has some side effects on the environment.

Another major cause is water hyacinth. It grows rapidly, filling up the smaller streams and large expanses of the lake, robbing native plants and animals of nutrients and sunlight. Now the departments and organizations concerned are implementing Inlay Lake conservation projects and gaining success to a certain degree.

As the lake is our natural heritage, the home to and source of food for our ethnic Inthas and the source of income for tourism business, seeking the best ways for sustainable conservation of the inland sea has become a must.

CCA teaching training multiplier course opened in Myeik

MYEIK, 13 May— Opening of township-level child-centered approach teaching training multiplier course for 2013-2014 academic year took place at No. 1 Basic Education High School yesterday, with an address by Myeik District Education Officer Deputy Director U Kyi Than.

Myeik Township Education Officer U Bo Maung and Assistant Lecturer of Dawei Education College Daw Aye Aye explained the CCA courses.

A total of 650 teachers are taking the 12-day course.

Kyemon

ARTICLE

A Literary Lifetime Award

By Ba Than

On 4th May 2013 Saturday, the 20th Pakokku Literary Award ceremony was held at Traders' Hotel in downtown Yangon. It was attended by Honourable Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi, State and Region dignitaries, heads of department, the President and members of the Myanmar Writers Association, the President and members of Pakokku literary supervision and scrutiny committees, literary prize winners, outstanding students, and distinguished guests, lending grace and stature to the ceremony. This ceremony had special significance for the author because he was honoured with the **'Literary lifetime Award',** a prestigious citation for 2012 and the 23rd recipient. The author and his wife were invited to attend the ceremony.

The author mused, as he listened to the agenda of the ceremony, to recount the inauguration of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award in 1992 and its 20 years of progress of literary history. On 31st May 1992 U Ohn Pe, resident of Pakokku, owner of 'Theintayar Virginia Tobacco Treatment Plant' pioneered a private literary endowment fund for the progress and perpetuation of Myanmar literature. He donated K 7,601,279.00 to the State in a trail blazing ceremony. He stipulated that (1) the literary fund be named as 'Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Fund'; (2) the Management and Scrutiny Committee be formed under the auspices of the Information Ministry and Myanmar Writers' and Journalists' Association (MWJA); (3) manuscript copies be accepted for literary competition; (4) the prizes be classified under 5 categories; (5) one literary lifetime award be nominated for the most outstanding writer of the year; and (6) the literary award ceremony be celebrated alternately in Pakokku (origin of the Fund) and Yangon.

The first literary award Ceremony was held in pomp and grandeur at Pakokku on 7th February 1994. The first literary lifetime award was presented to two renowned doyen writers, U Htin Fatt (Maung Htin) and U Tin Myint (Thinkhar). Since then the literary award ceremonies were held annually in the open season after the National Literary award ceremony and Sarpay Beikman manuscript award ceremony. The National Literary Lifetime award conferred by the State was the highest in ranking, and Pakokku Literary Lifetime award came second.

It would be pertinent to pause a second to delve into the interesting biography of this humble hardworking philanthropic donor U Ohn Pe. A typical *Anyar* village lad, he was born in Htanaungkone Shartaw village in Meiktila Township in 1279 Myanmar era (1918. AD). Sadly enough his parents were too poor to provide basic education until at the age of ten when he was entrusted to the village Sayadaw Venerable U Zawana to study primary monastic education till 15 years. From thence onwards till 1956 he struggled through stressful arduous life as migrant worker shifting from job to job, place to place. In 1956 he established **'Theintayar Virginia Tobacco Treatment Plant'** in Pakokku also involving in tobacco business, and honest trading. He was a disciplinarian in work, humble and honest in social relations. He kept accounts up to date entering to the last detail. Though he was frugal he donated generously to humanitarian causes like promotion of Myanmar literature, education, medical care, caring for the aged poor, alms donation for three large Pariyatti teaching monasteries, building a hospital, a library and sundry worthy causes. He kept a diary not missing a single noting of daily events till his last breath. He walked daily to his tobacco fields, only at times riding on a bicycle. Being denied formal education, he highly admired the value of learning, knowledge and wisdom. In spare time he voraciously read and absorbed what reading materials came by, a manifestation of lifelong learning.

In addition to literary endowment fund, U Ohn Pe also donated K 5201279.00 towards education endowment funds on January 1997, to award prizes and stipends to deserving outstanding Matriculate pass and university students, supervised by the Education Ministry. All in all the total amount of charity given to worthy causes during his lifetime amounted to K 25 million.

U Ohn Pe was a star speaker at every annual literary award meet. He had a frail frame, silvery hair, bespectacled face, and tanned skin typical of a hardworking **Aynar** gentleman. He was a skilled orator as he enthralled the audience into rapt attention with his work life, love life and charity life. At times, his voice choked, tears welled up his eyes as he spoke fondly of his bygone belle or belles which only he knew so fondly. He was also a good writer too, noting his lifelong experiences in simple legible Myanmar. His biography: **'My life experiences'** won him Dr Tin Shwe literary award in 2001. In his later years he became feeble though his spirit never sagged. Finally in 13th April 2008 he passed away. The literary legacy was taken over by his junior philanthropist U Tint Swe, a no less accomplished and boisterous orator with booming voice and plump Anyar personality and equally captivating as his mentor. The Pakokku Literary Fund also went publicas the original savings could not meet rising cost of expenditures. Generous donors came forward contributing K 63 million in this ceremony for the noble cause.

The Sarpay Beikman manuscript award competition was the pioneer award scheme born of The Myanmar Translation Society of Sorrento Villa in 1947. The Pakokku literary manuscript award scheme was the second to follow the glorious trail. By 2012 the 20th award had accumulated 237 award winning masterpieces being published by the Sarpay Beikman. And the Pakokku Literary Lifetime Award was the significant distinction of the year. In fact the literary lifetime award was the highest citation conferred to a writer acknowledging his lifelong pursuit of literature and culture to perfection, with determina-tion, diligence and dedication. Twenty three writers were awarded the coveted prize. Fifteen writers had passed away as the remaining eight and the world of letters at large mourned their demise.

On behalf of the award winners the author was invited to give a speech of thanks. He eulogized the late U Ohn Pe a remarkable personality, his donation, the literary beneficiaries, the outstanding students and the pleasure he had engendered all through these years of sublime legacy. He thanked all most deserving of gratitude and wished this prestigious literary legacy to give joy to all, on and on.

In the course of years it was heartening to see the emergence of private literary foundations (now three to date) to enrich the literary landscape. They were prosperous corporate enterprises and their awards and citations were commensurately generous. It is hoped that with the opening up of the national environment following the transforming of the nation towards transparency, good governance, and economic growth, many philanthropic donors will follow suit resulting in the boom of Myanmar literature into dizzying heights comparable to the Bagan and Inwa periods of the ancient Myanmar sovereignty and the era of new literary bloom from the early years of Independence.

The State is also the foremost pioneer in the mainstream movement to let the hundred flowers blossom. In the 2013 Independence citation and honours list, the Citation **'Sithu'** was conferred to National Literary Lifetime Award Winners among the deserving recipients.

This article is a sublime commemoration of the late Pakokku U Ohn Pe, the philanthropist, pioneer donor, and his literary donation. May he enjoy the fruits of his dana (charity), sila (morality) and bhavana (contemplation) in his afterlife, and may his literary legacy flourish for years to come.

Departments concerned, Region/ State governments to help ...

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economic performance of the country. Private sector entities will cooperate and coordinate under the aegis of Union ministries, and region and state governments for private sector development. The President called for effective cooperation between government and private sector during his recent tour of small and medium enterprises of the private sector.

We will meet private entities and ask them to form working groups that can operate effectively and government departments will also form efficient working groups. These working groups will make field studies to collect accurate data on the ground and take an important part in implementation process.

Q: What would be the steps of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and other ministries for development of private hospitality industry?

A: U Htay Aung (Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism)

The private sector takes the most part in tourism industry. When the visitors come, they stay and spend in the country. All of these contribute to private sector. So, I would like to see the systematic development of private sector. In so doing, we need to form working groups to get better results and to bring more benefits for the beneficiaries instead of working through regular procedures.

Working groups from government side and from private sector side will operate together. Those groups won't interfere in works and projects of local administrative bodies. But, they will see to the real situation and collect accurate information, systematically compile the data and report to the respective region and state governments. The respective local governments will put them forward to the Union government. Only when it obtains comprehensive and accurate information, the Union government can give necessary guidance and determine the policies.

We met here today with this intention. The main point is, I believe, would be the best to assign the departments concerned with relevant tasks after those working groups are formed. Other departments are to support the main implementer. The same theory should be applied in private sector. We have hotel zones across the country. Chairman of the hotel zone of a specific region will take the lead role in the group with the help of a personal assistant and the group should comprise hoteliers concerned, hotel managers, restaurants, transporters and tour guides. They will cover the true situation on the ground and submit the report. Departments for example, if it is about hotel industry, a staff officer from Hotels and Tourism Ministry will take the lead and find out what is required and what should be done for development of hotel and tourism industry.

Which points are required to be fulfilled by ourselves, which are required to be fulfilled by departments concerned, which are to be fulfilled by the remaining departments and information and real situation are occasionally reported. In this way, local governments concerned and Union ministries concerned will collect necessary data and report to the upper arm. It thereby contributes to speed of our operation.

For example, these work procedures are similar to tasks being carried out in ASEAN. Working groups and tasks group comprising directors are formed. They implement the tasks and submit reports to the NTO comprising directors-general who make necessary coordination and submit reports to the ministerial meeting. After reviewing the reports at the ministerial meeting, final work procedures are sent to the summit that gives guidance.

Q: May I know preparations to be done by departments concerned and region/state governments for private sector development?

U Zaw Oo (Member of National Economic and Social Advisory Council to the President)

A: The President initiated political and economic reforms in the county. This year saw administrative reform and initiatives for development of important sectors. The focus is placed on emergence of people-centered development works through market economy. In implementing the task, private sector is very primary because it encompasses public participation. Development of people-centered businesses is the main objective of reform process initiated by the President.

Third stage of reform processes that targets emergence of public administration, good governance and clean government will also lead the country to private sector development. Looking at the market and development tasks, private enterprises and civil societies take more responsibility as a result of reform processes we laid.

Government departments and service organizations encourage private sectors. At the fourth stage of private sector development, a plan to form working groups that foster inter-operability and cooperation between the government and private sector is being taken into consideration.

Township level supportive groups comprising the administrator, departmental officials and townselders are being formed to produce initiatives for development of the township. This new formation can be said as fruitful results of reform processes. I would like to urge all to be ready to move towards development schemes that are more sustainable and stronger through the present formation.—*MNA*

Works underway to evacuate victims and local people to safety in Rakhine State

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On 12 May, victims in relief camps in Phayagyitaung in Kyaukpyu Township were evacuated to eight temporary quarters in Kanyintaw Village, victims in Kuayktalone relief camp to 30 newly-built makeshift tents, and the remaining victims to temporary schools, a clinic and two warehouses.

Storm warning has been repeated across townships/wards/villages in Rakhine States and preparations—storing of drinking water, installing cordless phones and walkie-talkies and stockpiling foods—have been made ahead of the storm.

Likewise, storm warning has been shouted with motor throughout urban areas in Myeik with motor vehicle under the arrangement of Myeik Township General Administration Department on 12 and 13 May.

In so doing, storm news issued by Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Department and instructions to inshore and offshore fishing trawlers were informed and educative pamphlets circulated by General Administration Department and Public Relations Department.

Likewise, storm warning is provided across Ayeyawady Region, urging the public to prepare foods, torches, candles, lighters and life-vests.

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Tatmadawmen and volunteers help local people to move to safe haven in Rakhine State.

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Five-member armed group kills two civilians

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May— A five-member armed group killed two civilians of Mankholon Village, Kyukok (Pangsai) Sub-township in Shan State (North) and at 9.45 pm yesterday.

The group opened fire at U Ko Ko Naing's house and left for the southeast of the village.

The shooting spree left U Ko Ko Naing, 40, dead with injuries at the right temple, left shoulder, left groin and right buttock and U Kyaw Thu aged 32. They died on the way to Muse People's Hospital.

The wife of U Ko Ko Naing opened a lawsuit at Kyukok (Pangsai) Police Station.—*MNA*

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13th May, 2013

1. According to the announcement at (13.00) hrs today by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, cyclone "Mahasen" over Southeast Bay of Bengal is centered at about (410) miles to the west of Cocogyun, about (540) miles southwest of Pathein, about (590) miles southwest of Kyaukpyu of Myanmar and approximately (380) miles southeast of Chennai of India. The cyclonic storm is likely to move northward and the wind speed near the eye of the storm may reach 60 mph.
2. Rakhine Coast and off and along coastal areas of Delta Region are likely to see high tide with strong wind during the storm. Instructions have been aired through radio and television on how to response in the storm.
3. Dwellers living in huts and makeshift tents throughout the places with the likelihood of facing storm and high tide within Rakhine State have been instructed to move to safety by 14/15 May.
4. The administration team comprising Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun and personnel from administrative work committee has been tasked with giving close supervision based in An of Rakhine State as of 14 May.
5. The military have been prepared planes, helicopters, vessels, and vehicles at commands situated in coast areas with livelihood of storm risk, in case of emergency and it has also formed medical teams and other supportive teams.

Information Team

LOCAL NEWS

UN officials visit Mawlamyine

MAWLAMYINE, 13 May— The Mon State Hluttaw Speaker and representatives held talks with Transition Manager Mr. Christian Hainzl of UNDP and Regional Technical Advisor Mr. Christopher Kaczmarski of UNCDF at the meeting hall of Hluttaw Office in Mawlamyine on 9 May. The meeting aimed at providing assistance in the project signed between UNDP and the government to realize the democratic transition process and poverty alleviation scheme in Myanmar and to promote regional administration sector.

The UN officials also held discussions with the members of supportive committee for development of Mawlamyine Township and ward administrators at Shwe Myaing Hall of Mawlamyine Township administrator's office.

They also met social organizations separately at the same venue.— *Kyemon*

New school building handed over in Paung

PAUNG, 13 May—The new school building of Ywathit Basic Education Middle School in Nyaunggongyi Village, Paung Township, Mon State was handed over to Department of Education on 7 May, with an address by township administrator U Myint Naing.

The chairman of school board of trustees handed over related documents to the township education officer on the occasion. The building measures 60 ft x 30 ft x15ft and complete with three rooms. It is of one-storey CI sheet-roofed brick facility built at the cost of K 21.6 million.—*Kyemon*

Mohnyin's 1500-Kyat SIM cards at 60000 Kyat per unit

MOHNYIN, 13 May—Though Mohnyin Township got its fair share of 1517 low-priced SIM cards, authorities concerned of the township have only sold 339 to civil servants, 678 to the public, totaling 1017 on 24 April, arising at complaints in town.

"I'm sure that we had accepted some 1517 SIM cards. But I have no idea where 500 cards have gone," said a member of township management committee for distribution of mobile phones.

Regarding the gone 500 SIM cards, a servant of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications said, "Due to our failure to sell them off, Nay Pyi Taw Council took them back."

A man impatiently waiting for drawing lots said, "There shouldn't be any more like that at the time when transparency manners are being taken."

In a phone interview with an official from Kachin State Posts and Telecommunications Office, he said, "It is true that 500 SIM cards have been sold to Kantawyan Village."

"Kantawyan is a small village with 100 households in Waingmaw Township. Since it has been damaged by battles, there are only Tatmataw men left there. So, it is impossible that the village has the share of 500 units of SIM cards," said a Kachin national race leader from Myitkyina.

In Mohnyin, one 1500-Kyat SIM card is resold for K 60,000.—*NLM 001*

Staff from Yangon City Development Committee (Landscaping) seen cutting the tilting trees into desired shapes on Anawrahta Street on 12 May in an effort to create convenience for pedestrians and drivers.
KYEMON

Transport

India-Myanmar bus line to be launched

KALAY, 13 May— Passenger bus line will be run between the border town Imphal in Manipur of India and Mandalay of Myanmar, according to Mandalay-based Indian Consulate.

The bus line is aimed to develop tourism, bilateral trade and smooth transportation between the two countries, said an official from the Indian Consulate. Imphal is about 400 miles from Mandalay and negotiations are under way with the Sagaing Region government to launch the bus line soon, confirmed the consulate, adding that the buses will stop in Moreh, Tamu, Monywa between Imphal and Mandalay. "Talks are under way for opening of Myanmar Consulate in India to ensure smooth transportation. Visas will be issued in Imphal or Moreh and we are working on it," said the official.

If the bus line was launched before the agreement was reached on visa issuance, travelers from India would need to transit at Moreh border as buses from India still are not allowed to cross Myanmar border.

Executive Director U Aung Kyaw Hsan of Yemon Construction which won the tender for construction of Sagaing expressway bus terminal said, "We're planning to construct a bus terminal in Sagaing for buses from India." India is interested in investing in mining, solar power generation and agricultural sectors in Sagaing and Mandalay regions, said the Sagaing Region government.—*Kyemon*

Meeting on curbing of thefts in Dhanatheikdhi ward held

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May— A meeting between the Danatheikdhi ward administrator and in-charges of staff quarters was held at the administrator's office in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 11 May.

The meeting focused on measures to be taken for curbing of thefts in the ward. The administrator urged those present to inform police and officials concerned of the suspicious matters in real time, calling for voluntary services to take part in police patrol at nights.

Kyemon

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

Pink stimulant tablets seized in Muse

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Pink stimulant tablets were confiscated in Hsaingkhaung village of Muse Township recently.

Police members led by Sub-inspector Hsan Win Aung of Muse special anti-narcotic squad conducted a search of a vehicle driving from Namtkham to Muse by Tun Naing and discovered 186 pink stimulant tablets hidden in his trouser pocket and in a secret box near the car gearbox.

Kyemon

Illegal logging at large in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 13 May— Illegal logging of timber and various kinds of hardwoods has been rampant in a forest four miles from Nanpate Village near Indawgyi Lake in Mohnyin Township, according to locals.

"Illegal logging and transport of sawn timber logs to Phakant Township in bulk can have direct impact on Nanpate Dam which is irrigating 300 acres of farmland in Nanpate Village. No one has taken actions against those illegal loggers, nearly 20 with two elephants and two saws," said a local.

Though gold mining and logging are prohibited in the surrounding areas of Indawgyi Lake for its conservation, enforcement has been apparent to be weak in taking punitive actions against lawbreakers, criticized the environmental activists.

NLM-001

Crime

Seizure of stimulant tablets, heroin in Waingmaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Stimulant tablets were seized in Waingmaw Township of Kachin State on 3 May.

Police member led by Sub-inspector Tun Khaing of Waingmaw Township police station raided the house of Chan Dein in Wahshaung village at about 7.55 pm on that day and to uncover 200 WY brand stimulant tablets and 15.45 grams of heroin kept in a metal box in the bedroom.

Kyemon

Vietnam politburo selects its first US-educated member

HANOI, 13 May — Vietnam's ruling Communist Party has appointed for the first time a US-educated official to its powerful politburo, a landmark decision as pressure mounts to reform an economy stagnating after years of boom growth.

The top decision-making body of the party that has ruled Vietnam since 1975 voted to increase its membership and bring in Nguyen Thien Nhan, a deputy prime minister overseeing education, health and technology, it said on its website (dangcongsan.vn).

Nhan, 59, has a master's degree in public policy from the University of Oregon and joins an elite group long dominated by politicians educated locally or in the former Soviet Union.

Vietnam's ruling party is facing its toughest economic challenges in years and has vowed reforms to tackle crippling debt in its banking system, and mismanagement at scores of cash-sapping state-owned firms.

Economists say policymakers have acted effectively to rein in inflation but have been too slow, or reluctant, to implement the sweeping structural changes needed to revive what was a promising "tiger" economy now growing at its slowest pace in 13 years, and put Vietnam back on foreign investors' radar. Vietnam's economy is hamstrung by weak credit growth and consumer demand that has forced 113,000 businesses to close since 2011, when inflation soared to over 20 percent and foreign investors delivered only a sixth of the $64 billion pledged.

The politburo also picked its second female member, Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, as deputy chairwoman of parliament. Ngan, also 59, is a former deputy minister of trade and finance.

The two appointments will increase the politburo's size to 16 members. Nhan studied in the former East Germany in the 1970s before being awarded a scholarship to the United States. He also served as vice mayor of Ho Chi Minh City.

Reuters

First female candidate to run for Mongolian presidency

ULAN BATOR, 13 May —The Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP) has nominated Health Minister Natsag Udval for the 26 June presidential election, making her the first woman to run for the country's top office. Udval, a pediatrician and staunch supporter of jailed former president Nambar Enkhbayar, actively took part in demonstrations demanding his release.

Enkhbayar, who was in office from 2005 to 2009, was sentenced to two and half years in prison last year for corruption. The ruling Democratic Party of Mongolia named incumbent President Tsakhia Elbegdorj as its candidate and two minor parties, the Mongolian National Democratic Party and the Civil Will-Green Party, said they would support Elbegdorj's reelection. The opposition Mongolian People's Party nominated former champion wrestler Bat-Erdene Badmaanyambuu, who is popular in rural areas. The decision late Saturday by the MPRP, which is part of the Justice Coalition with the National Democratic Party, to run its own candidate indicated a split within the coalition, analysts said. They predict Elbegdorj is likely to win reelection.— *Xinhua*

Soldiers stand guard on the highway a day before national and local elections at Shariff Aguak town in Maguindanao, the Philippines, on 12 May , 2013. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) declared the highest state of alert throughout the country to make smooth operation of coming Monday's national and local elections. —XINHUA

A model presents a creation made of warp knitted fabric during the 8th China International Knitting Design Awards in Shanghai, east China, on 11 May , 2013. —XINHUA

A-bomb survivors pass on own experiences to support Fukushima

NAGASAKI/HEROSHIMA, 13 May—"I wonder if I can ever have children in the future?"

These words were written in a note from a Fukushima high school girl to 83-year-old Masahito Hirose in the fall of 2011, outlining her worries about the health effects from radiation.

The girl and her classmates had visited Nagasaki on a school field trip and listened to Hirose speak about his experiences as a survivor of the 1945 US atomic bombings.

This prompted Hirose to decide he wanted to use his own experience of living with the impact of radiation to support young people in Fukushima Prefecture in the long term.— *Kyodo News*

Photo taken on 11 Feb, 2013 in the city of Nagasaki shows Masahito Hirose, a survivor of the 1945 US atomic bombing in Nagasaki who set up a group to liaise between Fukushima and Nagasaki to support young people in the nuclear crisis-hit Fukushima Prefecture in the long term.
KYODO NEWS

Khurshid hopes govt will continue good ties if Sharif voted to power

External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid.

NEW DELHI, 13 May— External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid on Sunday hoped that India will continue to have good relations with Pakistan if former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif comes to power after the general elections there.

"India welcomes whatever result that comes out of a democratic election. Our government has had relations with Nawaz Sharif. From Prime Minister's side also congratulations will be offered to him," Khurshid said.—*PTI*

Singapore police arrest 21 Malaysians for protest over Malaysian elections

SINGAPORE, 13 May — Singapore police arrested 21 Malaysians for staging a protest related to the Malaysian elections at the tourist icon Merlion Park on Saturday afternoon.

The Malaysians were arrested after the group gathered in the park in downtown Singapore in the afternoon, the police said in a statement.

The police said those who break the law will be seriously dealt with. Under Singapore law, it is necessary to obtain a permit before a demonstration is held.

The protest comes after the police gave conditional warnings on Friday to nine Malaysians for participating in an illegal gathering at the Merlion Park on Wednesday to protest over what the participants said were irregularities in the Malaysian general elections.

The police said on Saturday that foreigners must abide by Singapore laws, and should not import their domestic issues from their respective countries into Singapore.

Xinhua

Over 5,000 patients treated on 'Lifeline Express'

BHUBANESWAR, 13 May — More than 5,000 patients living in southern part of Odisha have received treatments on board the 'Lifeline Express', a hospital-on-wheels sponsored by Tata Steel at Chhatrapur railway station in Ganjam District.

The unique health camp, inaugurated on 18 April and concluded on 10 May provided free surgical interventions in areas of post-polio deformities, hearing disorders, dental ailments, cleft lip and eye problems of the people.

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13% of middle-aged men quit jobs for taking care of parents

Tokyo, 13 May— Middle-aged men are quitting paid work to care for elderly parents in increasing numbers, a survey by a research institute showed on Sunday. According to the study by the Institute for Research on Household Economics, 13.4 percent of men aged between 40 and 64 living with parents requiring nursing care had quit jobs at some stage to tend to the relatives, compared with 27.6 percent of women in the same bracket.

"Turnover among men to provide care (to their parents) is rising," said Keiko Tanaka, a researcher at the institute. The increase apparently reflects more men remaining unmarried and not having reliable siblings around them. Women, meanwhile, are more likely to be in a position to quit work and care for parents due to having a primary breadwinner spouse.

The survey was conducted between September and November in 2011 via the Internet, with 206 men and 264 women responding. The average age of the respondents was 52.6, and that of their parents stood at 82.7. Given that the respondents have to spend around 69,000 yen on average per month for home-based care, Tanaka said, "They are squeezed by high nursing costs," stressing the need for providing enough public support to caregivers.

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Houston hosts world's biggest art car parade

Houston, 13 May— The world's largest art car parade traveled through the city of Houston on Saturday, giving art car-lovers a rare chance to view about 300 art cars of every shape and design imaginable.

Entries for the parade, which is in its 26th year, include anything on wheels from unicycles, bikes, lawnmowers, to cars and go-carts, and participants include everyone who is interested in art cars, from community groups, public and private schools, professional organizations to ordinary individuals.

Bob Wink changed his go-cart body up every two years to keep things fresh. This year his entry was titled "Fried Chicken" and Wink dressed up as Colonel Sanders who founded the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant chain. Artist Andy Hazell brought his entry "Heroicar" to the Houston art car parade. He imagined a driver being rescued from some unseen peril as Superman swoops in and picks him up, car and all. The Houston Art Car Parade was first held in April, 1988, with a 40-car parade seen by an estimated 2,000 spectators. Today, the parade features cars from across the country as well as from Canada and Mexico, and draws an estimated 250,000-plus spectators. Its official website said the two-hour parade wants to send the message that art is an integral part of everyone's everyday life.

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ENTERTAINMENT

‘Iron Man’ beats strong ‘Gatsby’ in box office showdown

*Cast members Robert Downey Jr and Gwyneth Paltrow pose at the premiere of “Iron Man 3’’ at El Capitan theatre in Hollywood, California on 24 April, 2013.—*Reuters

Los Angeles, 13 May—Tony Stark’s superpowers lifted blockbuster “Iron Man 3” back to the top of movie charts in the United States and Canada, beating out a strong debut over the weekend for lavish Jazz Age drama “The Great Gatsby.” Coming off a gigantic opening a week earlier, “Iron Man 3” commanded $72.5 million (47.1 million pounds) in ticket sales from Friday through Sunday in its second weekend. “Gatsby,” starring Leonardo DiCaprio as millionaire Jay Gatsby in the classic F Scott Fitzgerald tale, earned a strong $51.1 million, according to studio estimates.

Domestic ticket sales for “Iron Man 3” dropped 58 percent from a week earlier, when the film hauled in $174.1 million for the second-biggest movie opening of all time. The film from Walt Disney Co’s Marvel Studios stars Robert Downey Jr as Stark, a billionaire businessman with a superhero alter ego.

International sales for “Iron Man 3” reached a massive $664 million through Sunday after adding $89 million from the weekend, Disney said. The film’s worldwide take now stands at $949 million.

“Gatsby” outpaced preweekend forecasts for an opening of up to $45 million. Directed by Australian filmmaker Baz Luhrmann, it is the latest Hollywood rendition of Fitzgerald’s classic American novel, “The Great Gatsby.” A 1974 version starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow fared poorly at the box office.—*Reuters*

Caro Emerald scores first UK number one album

Dutch singer Caro Emerald

London, 13 May—Dutch jazz singer Caro Emerald scored her first British number one album on Sunday after a close battle with last week’s chart-toppers, London drum and bass quartet Rudimental. “The Shocking Miss Emerald” notched up 3,000 more sales than Rudimental’s “Home” to secure top spot, the Official Charts Company said.

British actor Hugh Laurie, best known for his role in US TV medical drama “House”, was new at number three with blues album “Didn’t It Rain”, his second top five release following on from the success of his 2011 debut. Canadian crooner Michael Buble’s “To Be Loved” dropped to fourth, with singer-songwriter Alison Moyet’s “The Minutes” in fifth, her first top five album in more than 26 years.

In the singles charts, French electronic duo Daft Punk held on to top spot for a third week with “Get Lucky”, well ahead of New York-based DJ Chris Malinchak who debuted in second place with “So Good To Me”. Singer-songwriter Passenger was up a place to third with “Let Her Go”, with Rudimental in fourth with “Waiting All Night” and “Can’t Hold Us” by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, featuring Ray Dalton, falling to fifth.—*Reuters*

Mike Tyson, with pigeon sidekick, to star as TV cartoon detective

Los Angeles, 13 May—Former world heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson will star as a cartoon detective, with a pigeon as a sidekick, in a new animated series, US cable network Adult Swim said on Friday.

Tyson, who recently toured his one-man autobiographical stage show, “Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth,” will give voice to his cartoon character on the “Mike Tyson Mysteries” crime-solving series.

Tyson, 46, will be aided by a magical tattoo on his character’s face and a foul-mouthed pigeon as a partner on the 15-minute show, Adult Swim said. Tyson in real life owns racing pigeons.

The network, which is known for its zany youth-oriented programmes, did not say when the show would premiere.

Some plot lines include attempting to defeat a super computer at chess and why an author/werewolf cannot finish a novel, Adult Swim said. Tyson, who became better known for his erratic behaviour and 1992 rape conviction than for his skill in the ring, has seen his reputation rise following a cameo in the 2009 hit comedy “The Hangover.”—*Reuters*

Boxer Mike Tyson (L) and his wife Lakiha Spicer arrive at the premiere of the film “Scary Movie 5’’ in Hollywood on 11 April, 2013. Reuters

*Journalist Barbara Walters arrives for the Time 100 gala celebrating the magazine’s naming of the 100 most influential people in the world for the past year, in New York, on 23 April, 2013.—*Reuters

“Django Unchained” finally on screens in China

Beijing, 13 May—“Django Unchained” was back on Chinese theatre screens on Sunday more than a month after the movie was suspended due to “technical reasons.”

The oscar-winning film, which is Quentin Tarantino’s first commercial release in China, is not expected to be a big winner in terms of ticket sales as it faces fierce competition from other blockbusters, according to analysts at mtime.com, a popular entertainment website.

Tom Cruise’s sci-fi adventure “Oblivion,” debuted on Friday, with “Iron Man 3,” by American director Shane Black, currently the box office champion.

Also showing is “The Croods,” a cartoon set in the stone age. There will also be competition from domestic productions like “American Dreams in China,” a drama by Hong Kong director Peter Chan, which is scheduled to open on Saturday.

A statement posted on mtime.com said “Django Unchained” is expected to rake in 60 million yuan (9.68 million US dollars) at Chinese cinemas.

An official with Saga Cinema in downtown Beijing late Saturday said tickets for the opening showings of “Django Unchained” were still available.

Xinhua

Barbara Walters to announce retirement on ‘The View,’ says ABC

New York, 13 May—Pioneering journalist Barbara Walters, the first woman to co-anchor a US evening news programme, plans to announce her retirement on “The View” on Monday, the host network ABC said. In an entertainment blog posting on Sunday, the network said Walters, 83, would announce on Monday on “The View,” the all-women talk show she created in 1997, that she would retire from television journalism next summer.

“Until then, she will continue to anchor and report for ABC News, appear on ‘The View,’ and anchor specials throughout the year,” the blog stated, noting that Walters would remain an executive producer of the show. “I am very happy with my decision and look forward to a wonderful and special year ahead both on ‘The View’ and with ABC News,” the blog quoted her as saying.

Reuters

SPORTS

Ferguson bows out a winner at emotional Old Trafford

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson (C) lifts the English Premier League trophy at Old Trafford stadium in Manchester, northern England on 12 May, 2013. REUTERS

MANCHESTER, 13 May —Alex Ferguson's last home match in charge of Manchester United ended in a 2-1 Premier League victory over Swansea City as the Old Trafford crowd gave their long-serving manager a warm and emotional send-off on Sunday.

Defender Rio Ferdinand struck the winner for the champions three minutes from time, yet another one of the late goals which have been a feature of Ferguson's trophy-laden 26-year reign at the club.

Ferguson, in his 1,499th game at the helm, received a rapturous reception from the fans and a Guard of Honour from the players of both teams as he walked out in heavy rain at Old Trafford.

He returned to the pitch with a microphone after the match. "Everyone at the club and you the fans have been the most fantastic experience of my life," a clearly emotional Ferguson told the crowd. "Thank you. I have been very fortunate to manage some of the greatest players in the country. These players have won the championship in fantastic fashion. Well done to them. "When we had bad times here, everyone stood by me and your job now is to stand by your new manager (David Moyes)."

Ferguson, 71, left the field to deafening applause before returning with his players to collect their medals and the Premier League Trophy, Ferguson's 13th and the 20th top-flight crown in the club's history.

United captain Nemanja Vidic was handed the silverware but he passed it on to Ferguson who gleefully held it aloft.

"I think it is a special day," Vidic said. "In one way we are happy to get the trophy but in another we are sad the manager is not here another year." Ferguson proved before the game he was still prepared to make tough decisions by leaving striker Wayne Rooney out of the squad and the manager confirmed after the match that the England international had asked for a transfer.

United started brightly and Javier Hernandez scooped a shot on to the underside of the crossbar after five minutes.

The home side dominated possession and they opened the scoring after 39 minutes when Mexican Hernandez reacted sharply to sweep a loose ball low into the net from six metres.—*Reuters*

Woods holds on to win Players as Garcia implodes

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 13 May—Tiger Woods held on to clinch his second Players Championship by two strokes on Sunday after long-time adversary Sergio Garcia spectacularly imploded on his last two holes.

Spaniard Garcia shared the lead on 13-under with Woods when he teed off at the short but treacherous 17th, but hit into the water twice to crash to a quadruple bogey, after the world number one had parred the famed island hole.

Tiger Woods

The 2001 champion Woods parred the 18th to complete a two-under 70 for a 13-under total of 275, surviving a late challenge from Sweden's David Lingmerth at the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass.

The impressive rookie Lingmerth missed a monster putt to bogey the last hole for a 72, and finished tied for second with Americans Jeff Maggert (70) and Kevin Streelman (67).

Garcia, the 2008 champion, compounded his miserable finish by finding water on the 18th to sign off with a double-bogey and plunge well down the leaderboard.

Woods had appeared in complete command, and led by two strokes before stumbling at the 14th after hooking his tee shot into the water on the left.

That set up a four-way tie with Garcia, Lingmerth and Maggert for the lead at 12-under.

"It was a tough battle. I felt like was in control of it after I birdied 12 and gave it right back at 14 with a double," said Woods after claiming his 78th PGA victory in his 300th career start.

"It was game on and anybody could win the golf tournament."

The 49-year-old Maggert, bidding to become the oldest Players winner, slipped out of contention when he hit his tee shot in the water on the way to the 17th green and Lingmerth took a step back with a bogey at the 14th.

It narrowed to a tie at 13-under between Woods and Garcia, who had exchanged some mean-spirited barbs as well as birdies and bogeys in their third-round pairing on Saturday.

Reuters

Nadal wins Madrid to lay down French Open marker

MADRID, 13 May—Clay king Rafa Nadal sent another reminder he is not about to surrender his Roland Garros crown without a fight when he crushed Swiss 15th seed Stanislas Wawrinka 6-2, 6-4 to win the Madrid Open on Sunday.

It was the Spanish world number five's fifth title since he returned from a seven-month injury layoff in February and was more evidence that his trouble some knees are not about to bring his career to a premature end.

Nadal now heads to Rome, where he beat world number one Novak Djokovic in last year's final, for another Masters event on his favoured surface before the French Open starts at the end of this month.

Since he recovered from his latest knee problem, the 26-year-old has won the events at Sao Paulo, Acapulco, Indian Wells, Barcelona and now Madrid.

He also reached the final at Vina del Mar and Monte Carlo and Sunday's triumph was his third in front of his adoring home fans in the Spanish capital.

"Maybe this win is even more special given where I have come back from," Nadal, a seven-times French Open champion, said in an interview with local television broadcaster La Sexta.

"Playing in Madrid is always very exciting for me and the tournament couldn't have worked out better."

Wawrinka, who came through gruelling matches against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Tomas Berdych on the way to his second Masters final, never looked like claiming a first win against Nadal at the ninth attempt.

Nadal broke Wawrinka's serve three times in the match and such was his dominance, the Spaniard did not face a single break point. He collapsed on to his back in celebration when Wawrinka's backhand went long on match point.

The red dirt clinging to Nadal's shirt was a reminder that a year ago he had threatened to boycott the 2013 tournament if organizers had stuck with the controversial blue claycourt they had unveiled last year, when he was knocked out in the third round by compatriot Fernando Verdasco.

Wawrinka has never taken a set off Nadal in their nine meetings and said he had not been at his best physically or mentally on Sunday after an intense couple of weeks.

Rafael Nadal of Spain poses with the Ion Tiriac's trophy after winning the Madrid Open final tennis match against Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland in Madrid, on 12 May, 2013.—REUTERS

The 28-year-old arrived in Madrid having beaten Nadal's countryman David Ferrer in the final in Estoril last Sunday, his fourth career title. "Even if I'm playing my best tennis and completely fresh, it's really, really tough to beat him (Nadal)," the Swiss told a news conference.—*Reuters*

Moyes bids emotional farewell to Goodison Park

LONDON, 13 May—Everton manager David Moyes said his goodbyes at Goodison Park on Sunday in perfect fashion with his talented side cruising to a 2-0 win over West Ham United in the Premier League.

Goals in each half from their Belgium striker Kevin Mirallas ensured Moyes departed from the blue half of Merseyside a winner after 11 years in charge of the Toffees. Moyes, 50, is joining Everton's rivals Manchester United as the replacement for fellow Glaswegian Alex Ferguson, who is stepping down after 26 years in charge at Old Trafford. It was not clear how Everton fans would feel about their manager leaving for United but he was warmly received by the crowd, who showed their appreciation for the progress the club has made under him despite the failure to win a trophy.

Everton's manager David Moyes waves goodbye after their English Premier League soccer match against West Ham United at Goodison Park in Liverpool, northern England, on 12 May, 2013. REUTERS

Their reaction was also helped by the fact they will finish above great rivals Liverpool for the second consecutive season. "There's always a worry when you're joining another club, but Everton fans were magnificent for me today," Moyes told the BBC. "David Unsworth scored my first goal at Goodison 11 years ago after about 25 seconds and I'm delighted I finished it off here with a win.—*Reuters*

GENERAL

Serena subdues Sharapova to defend Madrid title

Serena Williams of the US is lifted up in the air by ball boys as she poses with the Ion Tiriac trophy after winning the Madrid Open final tennis match over Maria Sharapova of Russia, in Madrid on 12 May, 2013. REUTERS

MADRID, 13 May— World number one Serena Williams racked up the 50th title of her illustrious 18-year career when she thumped Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-4 to defend her Madrid Open crown on Sunday.

Williams' victory, her fourth tournament success of 2013 and only the seventh on clay since she turned pro in 1995, prevented Sharapova from leapfrogging her to the top of the rankings.

It also showed the 31-year-old American, a 15-times grand slam singles champion, is on red-hot form as she prepares her bid to add to her sole French Open title at Roland Garros starting later this month.

With the sliding roof over the Manolo Santana show court open to a cloudless sky, Sharapova struggled to find her range as Williams battered winners to all corners to race into a one-set lead.

The Russian world number two mounted a fightback at the start of the second set but could not sustain it and Williams broke her for a fifth time in the match to secure a first title on red clay - the Madrid courts were blue last year - since the 2002 French Open. "It's not the ultimate title, but it's a good start in the right direction," Williams, who was upset by Virginie Razzano in the first round at Roland Garros last year, told a news conference.

"I don't know how many more (titles) I can win," she added.

"Like I say every day, who knows if I'll ever win another title? I just want to live the moment and the dream every chance I get."

Sharapova, 26, the French Open champion, has a woeful record against Williams. She has only beaten her twice in 15 attempts, and never on clay, with both victories coming almost a decade ago. She did not seem too dejected by her latest reverse to the American and said she was pleased with the way her preparations for Roland Garros were going.

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8. SEA Games (Teleplay)

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21. Documentary

6:00 pm
22. News / Weather Report

6:20 pm
23. Sing A Song

6:50 pm
24. TV Drama Series

7:00 pm
25. News

7:15 pm
25. TV Drama Series

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

8:35 pm
27. Documentary

9:00 pm
28. News
29. Teleplay
30. Bakery World
31. India Drama Series

Kohei Uchimura performs on the horizontal bar in the individual all-around national championships at Yoyogi National Stadium in Tokyo on 12 May, 2013. Uchimura, London Olympic gold medalist and reigning world champion, secured victory to become the first man to win six individual all-round national championship titles in succession.
KYODO NEWS

18 rescued before ship sinks in Yangtze River

NANJING, 13 May — Eighteen crew members of a ship were rescued shortly before their vessel sank in the Yangtze River after hitting a bridge pier, local maritime authorities said on Sunday.

The vessel, *"Xinchuan 8,"* was transporting 12,500 tonnes of limestone from Tongling in east China's Anhui Province to Luoyuan, a coastal county in southeast China's Fujian Province, when the accident happened at around 4:20 am, according to sources with Nanjing Maritime Bureau.

The ship collided with one of the piers of the Nanjing Yangtze River Bridge when it was trying to pass through. The vessel, belonging to Rushan Xinchuan Shipping and Transportation Co, Ltd, was damaged in the collision and water began to leak in.

The Nanjing municipal maritime relief centre sent a rescue team to the scene, and all 18 crew members were taken to safety by 4:55 am.The ship sank at around 5 a.m. some 3.5 km away from the bridge. Maritime authorities in Nanjing are organizing the salvage of the ship. An investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.—*Xinhua*

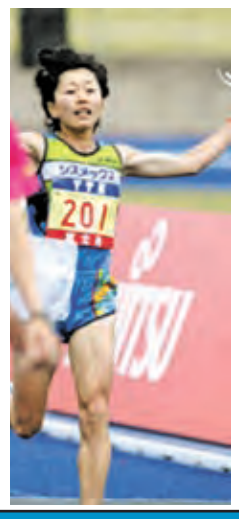
*Photo taken on 12May, 2013 shows the water area where a cargo vessel sunk near the Nanjing Yangtze River Bridge in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province. The vessel, loaded with 12,500 tons of limestone, sunk after rubbing against a pier of the bridge on Sunday. A total of 18 sailors on board were all saved.—*XINHUA

Athletics: Athens Olympic champ Noguchi wins Sendai half marathon

SENDAI, 13 May — Resurgent Athens Olympic gold medalist Mizuki Noguchi won her first official race in five years on Sunday when she triumphed at the Sendai International Half Marathon.

Noguchi, who marked her latest comeback from a succession of injuries with a third-place finish at the Nagoya Women's Marathon in March, cut the tape in a winning time of 1 hour, 10 minutes, 36 seconds at Sendai City Athletic Stadium. It was the first victory for the diminutive 34-year-old since she won this race in 2008.

Kyodo News



Athens Olympics marathon gold medalist Mizuki Noguchi of Japan crosses the finish line at Sendai City Athletic Stadium in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture, to win the women's race of the Sendai International Half Marathon in a time of 1 hour, 10 minutes, 36 seconds on 12 May, 2013.
KYODO NEWS

Airport Metro, govt lock horns over CISF payment

NEW DELHI, 13 May —The Delhi Airport Metro Express has locked horns with the central government over payment of dues to CISF which has been deployed at the facility to secure it from possible terrorist attacks or sabotage.

The Central Industrial Security Force had some time ago raised a bill of about Rs 12 crore for securing the airport metro line facility for the six months' period when it was shut for repairs in the civil infrastructure.—*PTI*

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Union Peace-Making Work Committee meets responsible persons of SSPP/SSA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-Making Work Committee U Thein Zaw and members held talks with a SSPP/SSA delegation led by Vice-Chairman U Sao Kei Taing at Yan Aung Myin Hall in Tangyan station of Tangyan on 11 May.

The work committee vice-chairman acknowledged hopes and aspiration of national races leaders on peace and stability and called for taking lessons from the past for the betterment of the future. He stressed the importance of peace talks at the negotiating table, calling for participation of all based on constructive engagement for the sake of the Union and border regions.

He said he would like those present to explore every avenue for a comprise which is acceptable to all, upholding the compassion and desisting away from putting blames on each other. The country is in transition and people are hoping for the better outcomes of such kind of peace talks. Thanks to the efforts of the President and all stakeholders in nation-building endeavors, the country has been recognized by international community. Cooperation with neighbouring countries is in progress on the basis of mutual friendship and amity. Plans are underway for the enactment of a law to protect the rights of national races for the sake of the Union brethren.

The SSPP/SSA vice-chairman said he was deeply touched by unwanted engagements occurred after agreements on implementation of Union level peace-making were reached. He vowed to hold frank and honest talks between the two sides to continue peace process.

Next, a responsible person of SSPP/SSA elaborated regional development undertakings, tasks for ensuring peace and stability and economic matters.

Then Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe and U Win Myint, the commanders and officials focused on cooperation in road transportation, education, and health sectors, peaceful co-existence for an eternal peace and bilateral coordination between the two sides.

In his concluding speech, the work committee vice-chairman remarked the meeting was successful for the entire people and both sides. He highlighted the importance of cooperation not only in upper level but also in lower one to be able to enhance bilateral relations.

After the meeting, a joint-statement was released as follows:-

(1) Both sides are to be serious about, agreements made in state level and Union level peace talks.
(2) Officials concerned of Tatmadaw and SSPP/SSA are to put in place troop movements and deployment of both sides.
(3) To avoid unlawful acts that may cause public burdens.
(4) In case of suspicions and problems, represen-tatives of both sides are to meet as soon as possible to negotiate and resolve them transparently.

After the meeting, representatives of both sides posed for a documentary photo. Next, they met local national races who are there due to security reasons at Maha Vihaya monastery and comforted them and presented rice, edible oil and foodstuff.

Then, the work committee vice-chairman and members attended a luncheon hosted by SSPP/SSA Vice-Chairman U Sao Kei Taing.—*MNA*

***Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-Making Work Committee U Thein Zaw delivers a speech in meeting with responsible persons of SSPP/SSA delegation.*—MNA**

Evacuation starts in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Locals from villages along the coast in Sittway Township of Rakhine State which are likely to face the danger of high tide from cyclonic storm Mahasen in the southwest of Bay of Bengal have been evacuated onto hills as of this evening.

Five monks and 388 persons from 96 households in Palinpyin Village in Sittway were evacuated to Kyeiktawgon in Sittway, and 365 persons from 52 households in Yenwe Ward relief camp to No.4 Basic Education High School with the help of soldiers and military vehicles this evening.

MNA

Htikhi border trade camp opened

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Htikhi border trade camp in Myitta sub-township in Dawei District in Taninthayi Region was opened on 11 May, with an address by Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko.

Thanks to the opening of the border trade camp, bilateral trade between Myanmar and Thailand would be able to be promoted. Smooth transportation in the region comes first because four of the six border trade camps along Myanmar-Thailand border are located in Taninthayi Region. Therefore, Dawei-Myitta Htikhi Road would be put on schedule to upgrade in collaboration with the Union Government and the Union ministries for the enhancement of commodity flow, the region chief minister said. The border trade camp (Htikhi) is the second one of its kind launched this month in Taninthayi Region.—*MNA*

Myanmar wrestling team leaves for Turkey, Azerbaijan

YANGON, 13 May—Myanmar wrestling team left Yangon International Airport for Turkey and Azerbaijan for taking joint trainings this morning.

The team will go under joint trainings with Turkey from 10 May to 7 July and with Azerbaijan from 8-31 July.

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Low-priced SIM cards sales plans of MPT for May

1. Beginning 24 April, 350,000 units of low-priced SIM cards have been sold to the public by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology under the sale plans of respective region and state governments.
2. The actual use of the sold SIM cards up to 13-5-2013 is estimated to be around 344,002 and about 6,000 units have to be in active use yet.
3. The survey of the data of mobile exchanges to examine the quality of service delivery shows that Yangon, Pathein, Bago and Pyinmana are using more mobile phones than the sold-out amount and thus required equipment have been added for convenience of potential subscribers.
4. Therefore, the sales of further 350,000 units of SIM cards will be continued as of 20 May, 2013 under the sale plans of respective region and state governments.
   (a) The unit price of a SIM card with K-300 top-up sells for K 1,500.
   (b) The SIM cards are of CDMA Mhz system and WCDMA (3G) SIM cards will be sold at the same price in Chin State which still does not have facilities for CDMA Mhz mobile system.
5. As the sales is intended for end users to be able to have access to mobile phones at low cost, the subscriber must fill at least K 5,000 top-up before using up the original K-300 top-up within 15 days from the date of purchase. In order to prevent the transferred sale of SIM cards, SIM card would be deactivated if it is not used within the 15 days.
6. As it is intended to cover the cost of equipment and installation from phone charges, at least K 2500 is to be spent on calls with those low-priced SIM cards. Failure to spend up the K-5000 top-up within two months is subject to reducing the balance to zero and failure to recharge within 15 days after the top-up is used up is subject to deactivating the SIM card.
7. SIM cards will be sold monthly to help potential end users avoid purchase of SIM cards through middlemen.
8. Upon completion of installation of adequate requirement by MPT and other licensed operators, the SIM card sales will be free without any restrictions.

Storm News

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—According to the observations at 5.30 pm MST today, Cyclonic Storm Mahasen over Southeast and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal is centered at about 430 miles southwest of Cocogyun, 560 miles southwest of Pathein, 600 miles southwest of Kyaukpyu (Myanmar) and 360 miles southeast of Chennai, (India). Cyclonic Storm Mahasen is moving North wards with maximum wind speed is estimated 60 miles per hour near the cyclone center.

Under the influence of Cyclonic Storm, occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. 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.

According to the latest observations and forecast, it is 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*