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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Khan receives Australian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Professor Andris Stelbovic of Curtin University of Perth in Western Australia at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this evening.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Zin Yaw, Deputy Education Minister Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Science and Technology Minister Dr Zaw Min Aung, the Director-General at the President Office and officials.

On the occasion, they discussed cooperation in education, science and technology, oil and gas and research sectors, investment in oil and gas sector of



Myanmar and sending scholarship students to Australia.

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Professor Andris Stelbovic of Curtin University of Perth in Western Australia.—MNA

IFAD to grant USD 36 million loans to Myanmar



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and party look around farmlands in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

Third Border Liaison Office for Myanmar-China anti-trafficking (Laukkai-Nansan) opens

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—The third Border Liaison Office for Myanmar-China anti-trafficking (Laukkai-Nansan) was formally opened in the compound of Yanlonkyaing Police Station in Laukkai this morning.

Police Brig-Gen Khin Maung Si, Joint Secretary of the Central Body on

Trafficking in Persons and Mr. Chen Shiqu, Director of Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China, cut the ribbon to commission it into service.

The liaison office was opened under the agreement on Myanmar-China anti-human trafficking activity. In 2007, Muse-Shweli border liaison office

was opened and Lwejel-Kyinphon border liaison office, in 2008.

Thanks to the border liaison offices, meetings on anti-human trafficking can be monthly held. Besides, exchange of information, saving victims from human trafficking and arrest of human trafficking suspects can be carried out. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing discussed with Director Dr. Ms. Hoomae Kim of Asia Pacific Region of IFAD (International Fund For Agriculture Development) and Prf. Dr. Wang, Ms. Rosal Riza, Mr. Yolando Arban on the programme for granting USD 36 million loans with low-interest as first phase, while viewing the farms of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

They inspected Alyinlo Village paddy farm in Pynmana Township.

They then proceeded to

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Alliance Stars Company's cattle farm and the construction site of Sa Ta Ka modern rice mill that can produce 70 tons of rice per day in Aungthukha Village.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party looked around Paletwe hybrid paddy strains, variety of crop seeds and value-added agricultural products on display at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and discussed possibilities for bilateral cooperation in promoting of agricultural sector between the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and IFAD.

Myanmar's trade, economy and power supply discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myin held discussions with Chairman of Kyodo News Agency Mr Hisafumi Koga and party, at his office, here, at 10 am today. He also met Chairman of Kyungil Engineering Co., Ltd Mr Lee Woo Gyou and party of Republic of Korea, at the same venue at 12 pm today.

They had cordial discussions on Kyodo's efforts in collecting information of Myanmar's trade and economy, matters related to sending information of each and every world country's trade and economy including Japan, and importation of material for power grid installation in Myanmar.

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LOCAL NEWS

Yangon installs CCTV cameras to keep a close watch on possible danger of fire

HPA-AN, 15 May— According to the Fire Service Department, CCTV cameras had been installed at telecommunication towers of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in the municipal area of Yangon.

Installation of CCTV cameras aims to know fire outbreak as soon as possible and to launch quick response to it, keeping a 24-hour close

watch on possible danger of fire in Yangon.

So far, Germany-made eight CCTV cameras that allow to run GPS have been installed at the tall towers in four places of Yangon. Thanks to CCTV cameras, the Fire Service Department will be able to trace the place where fire breaks out through pictures of smoke in daytime and a bright

stream of fire at night on the CCTV. Moreover, GPS also indicates to estimate the distance of fire scene.

As GPS had been put into service in over 100 fire engines stationed at 22 townships in the municipal area of Yangon, control room will be able to know the situation of fire trucks at the fire scene. Besides, control room will be given

live coverage of fire scene from supportive vehicles fitted with cameras to be able to control the situation, giving direct orders.

It is learnt that Fire Service Department is trying hard to gain a high level of competence in the fight against fire and carrying out rescue works in time of emergency by using modern devices.— *Kyemon*

Kawkareik man killed in old mine blast

NAYPYITAW, 15 May— A man killed in an old mine blast at a place, two-mile from Kawkareik-Myawady road, east of Kawkareik Township in Kayin State.

Kyaw Hein (a) Mat Kin of ward-7 in Kawkareik

disappeared after he left home to collect firewood in the forest on 6 May. He was found dead with severe injuries caused by mine blast there on 7 May. He is believed to have been killed after stepping on it while he was on his way to the forest

to collect firewood.

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Accident

Food poisoning after having boiled tapioca in Myeik

YANGON, 15 May — Members of a family in Myeik were admitted to the local hospital as they got sick after eating boiled tapioca on 10 May.

They had got caught in a food poisoning after eating boiled tapioca taken by Naung Kyi, one of crew of a fishing boat owned by U Naung Ni of Myothit

ward in Myeik from Leik Ugyun near Aleman village while the fishing boat docked there on 9 May.

As family members vomited up and got dizziness after eating them, they were taken to Myeik hospital and treated there. Now they have recovered from their sick.

Kyemon

Lightning strike kills trailer driver in Htantabin Township

YANGON, 15 May— A trailer driver was struck by lightning and killed on a motorway in Chaung Nyi-a-ko village in Htantabin Township about 5.15 pm on 8 May.

Ko Pyo (a) Khar Bae, 17, of Htantabin Township was pronounced dead on the spot at the scene with

no external injuries after he got caught in the lightning strike while trying to cover the trailer's engine with a tarpaulin as the rain came.

The dead body was sent to Htantabin hospital where investigation is ongoing to know whether or not there is foul play on it.

Kyemon

Two houses get caught in ember fire in Hpa-an Township

HPA-AN, 15 May— A fire broke out at Kadotseik ward in Hlarkar village-tract of Hpa-an Township in Kayin State at about 1.15 pm on 7 May. The fire is believed to have started from embers left in a wood-burning stove after cooking was over at the house of U Kyaw Oo in the ward. The fire swept through the whole house and spread to the house of Daw Thin Kyaing which is next to the house where the fire started in the kitchen. Fire fighters from Myaingalay fire station, auxiliary fire brigade members and local people managed to bring the fire under control with the help of one water bowser from the 900-ton cement plant and one at the village.

House owner U Kyaw Oo was charged with fire negligence and investigation is ongoing at Hpa-an police station. — *Kyemon*

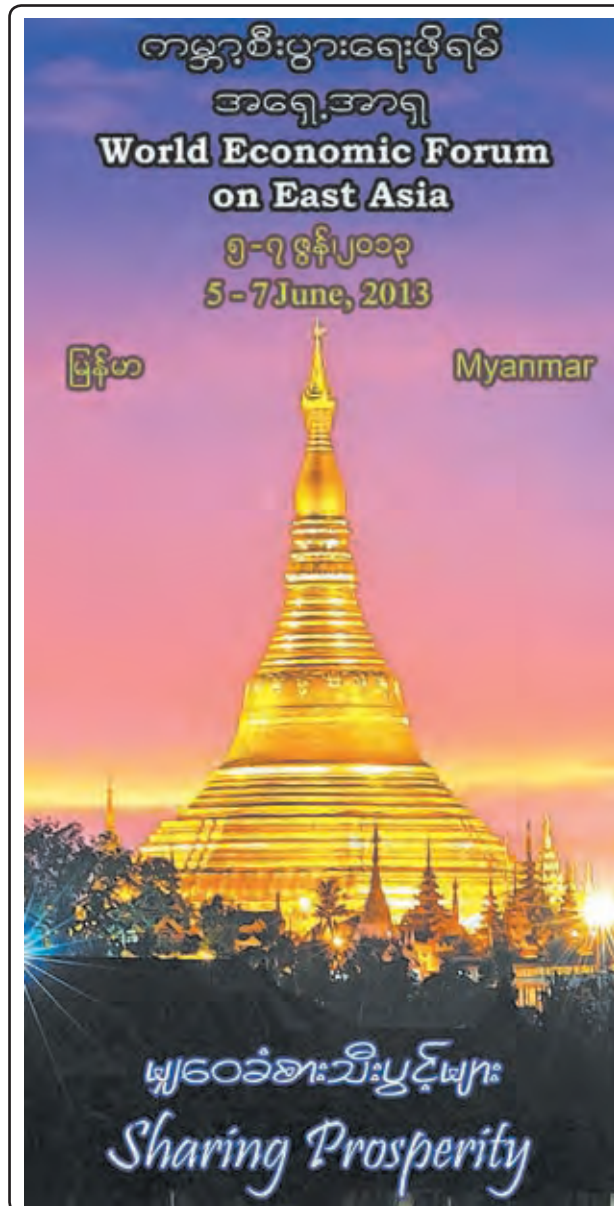
Shop fire in Lanmadaw Township

YANGON, 15 May— A fire occurred at a cold drink shop at the corner between Phonegyi street and Anawrahta road in ward-5 of Lanmadaw Township, here, at about 10 pm on 10 May.

An accident in which two shop workers— Win Thu Htay, 17, of Twantay Township and Nyan Tun, 18, of Pyawbwe Township dropped a gas cylinder while they were moving it into the shop from outside is said to have caused the shop fire.

Fire crews accompanied by four fire trucks rushed there and attended the fire that went down at about

10. 25 pm. Lanmadaw police station opened the case and investigation is ongoing. — *Kyemon*



Kitchen fire reduces one house to ashes in Pakokku Township

PAKOKKU, 15 May— A fire incident happened to a house at Chaung U-to village of Pakokku Township in Magway Region at about 4 pm on 12 May. The fire is believed to have started from a stove on which a pot of water was being boiled at the house of Maung Po in the village.

A shower of sparks from the stove had set fire to the bamboo wall of the kitchen and swept through

the whole house while Ma Sann Aye, 37, wife of Maung Po, was out of the house, leaving the boiling water pot. The fire died down 20 minutes later due to efforts of fire crews, police members and villagers. The house was reduced to ashes, causing a family of four members homeless. The house owner was charged with fire negligence by Kamma police station.

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Fire

Flood



Photo shows a fallen tree at a place on Botahtaung Pagoda Road after the rain poured down in Yangon on 13 May morning.— *KYEMON*



Photo shows a man wading into the ankle-deep water on Maha Bandoola Road in downtown area after Yangon got its first rains on 13 May morning.— *KYEMON*

WORLD

UN watchdog, EU's Ashton to press Iran in nuclear dispute

VIENNA/ISTANBUL, 15 May—Iran faces international pressure in two separate meetings over its nuclear programme on Wednesday, but with the Islamic state focused more on a June presidential election no breakthrough is expected in the dispute.

In Vienna, the UN nuclear agency will once again urge Iran to stop stonewalling its investigation into suspected atomic bomb research by Teheran, which denies any intent to make such weapons. The talks are due to start around 10 am. (9:00 am British time).

Later over dinner in Istanbul, the European

Union's top diplomat will meet Iran's chief nuclear negotiator — also now a presidential candidate — to discuss a broader diplomatic bid to resolve a row that could trigger a new war in the Middle East.

The two sets of talks represent distinct diplomatic tracks but are linked because both centre on suspicions that Iran may be seeking to develop the capability to assemble nuclear weapons behind the facade of a declared civilian atomic energy programme.

Any movement in the decade-old standoff will probably have to wait until after Iran's unpredictable 14 June election to choose



European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton speaks at the start of an EU foreign ministers meeting in Luxembourg on 22 April, 2013.—REUTERS

a successor to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, analysts and diplomats say.

Even though it is Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who decides Iran's nuclear policy, the conservative leadership may want to tread cautious-

ly ahead of a vote in which loyalists will be challenged by two major independents. With the election coming up, "the Iranians will do everything to keep everything stable," one Western envoy said.

Reuters

India to pursue nuclear energy with Japan during Singh's visit

NEW DELHI, 15 May — Nuclear energy is an important aspect of interactions between India and Japan at the highest level, and India will like to pursue it during the visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Japan later this month, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Tuesday.

The Indian Premier is visiting Tokyo from 27 to 30 May at the invitation of his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe.

Addressing reporters in New Delhi, ministry spokesman Syed Akbaruddin said that nuclear energy is a major component of India's energy mix, "but we also understand that there are issues in Japan domestically on this matter related to security of nuclear energy. So, we will take it at a pace that is dictated by our Japanese counterparts on this."

He said that all issues of bilateral interest, such as economic interaction, will be discussed between Singh and Abe.

"We recognize that Japanese overseas development assistance has played a unique role in India, catalyzing advance projects of exceptional nature in India," he said.

The two leaders will also discuss political and security cooperation also, he added.

Kyodo News

Japan to host UN disaster conference in Sendai in 2015

TOKYO, 15 May—The UN-sponsored World Conference on Disaster Reduction will be held in March 2015 in Sendai, a northeastern Japanese city devastated by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, the government said on Tuesday. "It is extremely significant that the conference will be held in the disaster-affected

city to share our country's lessons and experiences with the international community," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a Press conference.

About 60,000 people are expected to attend the Sendai meeting to discuss a new framework on disaster prevention, replacing it with the Hyogo Framework for

Action 2005-2015 agreed upon at the previous meeting in Kobe, a western Japan port city hit by the Great Hanshin Earthquake in January 1995. Japan will be hosting the UN meeting for the third time in a row, with the first one held in Yokohama in 1994 and the second in Kobe in 2005.

Kyodo News

Syrian rebels unite to retake strategic town near Damascus

BEIRUT, 15 May—Syrian rebels including the al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front have counter-attacked east of Damascus to retake a town that served as a conduit for arms from Jordan into the capital before it was seized by government forces last month, rebel sources said.

The rebels' struggle to end four decades of Assad family rule has been complicated in part by internal divisions along ideological and political lines, as well as a shortage of heavy weaponry that could decisively turn the tide of conflict.

But in a rare move, bri-

gades operating in Ghouta, a largely agricultural region on the eastern outskirts of Damascus, have united under one command to wrest back the town of Otaiba, two miles (3 km) northeast of Damascus international airport.

"This is a huge target no brigade can deliver on its own, even al-Nusra cannot do it alone, so we all agreed to unite to retake it," said a commander whose brigade is one of the 23 taking part in the battle.

"With God's will this will be a decisive battle in rural Damascus that will stop the advance of the re-

gime army and reopen the supply route."

Brigades from the Western-backed rebel General Command and units joined forces over the weekend and pledged to share weapons and fighters. They took as their flag a white banner with the Muslim declaration of faith: "There is no god but God; Mohammad is God's prophet". "We are fighting for the same goal and that is to topple Assad — so why shouldn't we unite?" said a commander from an Islamist brigade involved in the battle.—Reuters



A man walks among the ruins of a damaged building at the site of a blast in the town of Reyhanli in Hatay Province, near the Turkish-Syrian border, on 13 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Cameron faces leadership questions over Europe

LONDON/NEW YORK, 15 May—Prime Minister David Cameron faced questions on Tuesday after he bowed to pressure from inside the ruling Conservative Party to bring forward draft legislation enforcing a referendum on Britain's European Union membership.

Just hours after US President Barack Obama cautioned against rushing towards the EU exit, Cameron was forced by a rebellion in his party into promising a bill that would

"The whole reason that we are now having this debate is because of the act of leadership I gave," he told ITV News, referring to an earlier promise to hold a referendum.

Yet the more ground Cameron concedes to his eurosceptic MPs, the more they want, deepening the 25-year battle in his party over Europe and undermining his own chances of leading it to victory in a general election set for 2015.

Divisions over Europe helped bring down the last



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron listens to a question during a news conference at Number 10 Downing Street in London on 14 March, 2013.—REUTERS

pave the way for an in-out vote on Europe.

Cameron denied the move was a desperate measure to placate his increasingly restive and eurosceptic party, where many see the EU as an oppressive and wasteful "superstate" that threatens Britain's sovereignty.

"I think when all the dust has settled people will be able to see the substance of the issue," he said.

"That is that one party, the Conservatives, has a clear agenda: renegotiate, change Europe, have a referendum on it — the others parties don't take that approach," he told Sky news.

On the contrary, he said, he had shown leadership on the issue.

two Conservative prime ministers, Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and many politicians compared Cameron's position to that of Major whose premiership was riven by rows over Europe.

"There is no way that he (Cameron) can give in any further because he's undermining his own position," said Sheila Gunn, who served as spokeswoman to Major.

Conservative MPs who back the new bill deny the move undermines Cameron. For them, it is a way of showing a sceptical public that the Conservatives really do want a referendum on Britain's EU membership, but are being held back.

Reuters

EU FinMins agree to protect depositors with under 100,000 euros in closed-down banks

BRUSSELS, 15 May—European Union (EU) finance ministers had agreed to protect depositors with less than 100,000 euros in a bank that is being closed down, an EU official said on Tuesday.

"There was general agreement that deposits below 100,000 euros in any resolution will be sacrosanct," said Michael Noonan, finance minister of Ireland, which is holding the rotating EU presidency,

at a Press conference after a meeting of EU finance ministers. Large depositors have also secured partial protection in the bankruptcy of a bank, according to EU Commissioner in charge of internal market Michel Barnier at the same Press conference.

Most EU finance ministers were in favour of the view that depositors with more than 100,000 euros should enjoy a privileged status, and stand as the last

to lose any funds, after senior bondholders, Barnier told reporters.

Protection of depositors has evolved into a hot issue after the failed attempt by international lenders to impose a levy of 6.7 percent on bank deposits below 100,000 euros in the bailout of Cypriot banks in March.

EU finance ministers are expected to make a final decision on the issue in June, according to Noonan.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Amazon buys display maker Liquavista from Samsung



SEOUL, 15 May—Amazon.com Inc said on Monday it had acquired Liquavista NV from Samsung Electronics Co to help the world's largest Internet retailer develop new displays for mobile devices. Amazon also launched its own digital currency, Amazon Coins, on Monday, allowing people to buy apps and games in its app store and on its Kindle Fire tablet computers.

The purchase price for Liquavista was not disclosed. *Bloomberg News* reported earlier this year

that Samsung was seeking less than \$100 million for the business. Samsung bought the Netherlands-based company in early 2011 for an undisclosed sum. A Samsung spokeswoman did not respond to requests for comment on Monday.

Amazon is the leading e-reader company and has a range of Kindle Fire tablets that compete with Apple Inc's dominant iPad and similar gadgets from Google Inc and Samsung. Amazon is also testing and developing other gadgets, such as smart

Sharp to tap Samsung, banks for survival after \$5.4 billion loss

TOKYO, 15 May—Japanese display maker Sharp Corp, a supplier to Apple Inc, will aim to boost sales to the iPhone maker's rival Samsung Electronics Co under a three-year rehabilitation roadmap after posting a worse-than-expected \$5.4 billion net loss in the last financial year.

The business plan, released on Tuesday, will also lean on banks for another 150 billion yen (\$1.5 billion) in funds after they saved it last year from failure, with a 200 billion yen convertible bond falling due in September.

"For Sharp, the way forward is to forge various alliances to generate new opportunities," said Kozo Takahashi, who was named president on Tuesday after his predecessor held the post for barely a year.

Takahashi said Sharp,

which took big writeoffs last year after a focus on making screens for its own struggling TV business left it with excess capacity, will double to two-thirds the portion of panels produced for customers such as Samsung and Apple.

He added that Sharp would look at expanding cooperation with Samsung in technology for small screens used in smartphones and other mobile devices.

Sharp forecast an 80 billion yen operating profit for the year to next 31 March, exceeding the 52.9 billion yen average estimate of 13 analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

That follows a 146.27 billion yen operating loss in the business year just ended and a 545.35 billion yen net loss.—Reuters



People ride an escalator past Japanese display maker Sharp Corp's advertisements at an electronics retail store in Tokyo on 14 May, 2013. REUTERS

phones and an Internet-based set-top TV box, according to recent reports in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Bloomberg Businessweek*.

Liquavista focuses on a technology called electrowetting, which it says makes displays clearer in all lighting conditions and can show video without using much power.

The technology can be used in mobile gadgets such as e-readers, smart phones, GPS devices, portable media players and cameras. Over the long term, electrowetting can be used in larger display products such as laptops and TVs, Liquavista said on its website.—Reuters

Nokia unveils new metal-body Lumia smartphone

LONDON, 15 May—Nokia unveiled a lighter, metal model in its Lumia smartphone range, as it tries to catch the eye of buyers to close the huge market lead of rivals Samsung and Apple Inc in the lucrative handset

market.

The Lumia 925, to be sold for 469 euros (\$610) before taxes and subsidies through carriers such as Vodafone and China Mobile, is the latest in Nokia's range using Windows Phone

software, on which Chief executive Stephen Elop has pinned the future of the loss-making company to reverse a dramatic drop in revenue over the last two years. The phone weighs 139 grams, compared with 185 grams for the earlier 920 model, which some critics had said was too heavy.

The new phone will be rolled out globally starting in June, and is due to be sold in the United States by T-Mobile and in China by China Mobile and China Unicom, it said. On Friday, Nokia unveiled the Lumia 928 for the US market, priced at \$99 after a rebate and a two-year deal with Verizon Wireless.—Reuters



Close on the heels of the launch of the Nokia Lumia 928 in the US, Nokia has unveiled the much talked about Lumia 925 smartphone at an event in London.

Google unifies cloud storage across Gmail, Drive and Google+, 15GB of free space offered

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 May—As a part of the process of integrating its various products, Google has now made changes to the way data is used, accessed and stored in free cloud storage offered with products such as Gmail,

instead of offering 10GB storage for Gmail and another 5GB for Drive and Google+ Photos, it will now offer 15GB of unified storage, which can be used between Drive, Gmail, and Google+ Photos.

The move would give

for the service they use the most. For instance, users who majorly use Gmail would be able to get 15GB of space instead of 10GB if they don't use Drive or Google+ photos. Similarly, users who store lots of data in Drive but don't use Gmail would get much more space in Drive compared to what they were getting earlier.

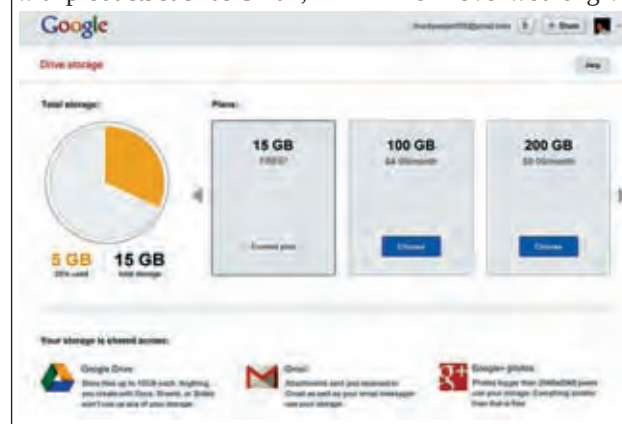
It also means that Gmail users who could earlier upgrade to a 25GB mailbox at max when they upgraded to a 100GB Drive plan, would be able to use the full 100GB offered in the same plan and upgrade to up to 16TB storage.

The consolidated space would be grouped under Drive and users will also be able to check how much of

the space they've been using for individual services. They'll be able to see a breakdown of storage use across Drive, Gmail, and Google+ Photos when they hover over the pie chart that depicts Drive usage on the Google Drive storage page.

The changes to Google Drive storage will be rolled out over the next couple of weeks, according to Google. Google Apps users will also be getting shared storage shortly and they'll be able to share their 30GB unified space across Gmail, Drive and Google+ photos. Google had earlier announced a "Save to Drive" button to save files directly from websites if websites added a code to enable it.

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Google Drive and Google+ Photos.

Google announced that

more flexibility to users, allowing them to make optimal use of cloud storage

Starman falls to Earth after five-month space odyssey

ALMATY, 15 May—The Canadian astronaut who became a music sensation when his zero-gravity version of David Bowie's "Space Oddity" went viral on the web returned to Earth along with two crewmates on Tuesday after a five-month stint on the *International Space Station*.

Chris Hadfield landed safely in central Kazakhstan with his American and Russian colleagues. Their Soyuz space capsule descended under an orange parachute and raised clouds of dust as it ignited an engine to cushion its landing about 150 km (90 miles) southeast of the town of Zhezkazgan.

"The crew are feeling well," Mission Control outside Moscow said in a radio transmission, as several search and rescue helicopters hovered around the capsule

on a bright morning.

The three astronauts were shown smiling, seated in semi-reclined chairs and covered with blue thermal blankets, waiting for medical tests after their landing.

Space station commander Hadfield, NASA astronaut Tom Marshburn and Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko had left the \$100-billion orbital outpost about 3-1/2 hours earlier as it sailed 255 miles over eastern Mongolia. "It's just been an extremely fulfilling and amazing experience," Hadfield radioed to flight controllers on Monday. Hadfield, the first Canadian to command the space station, made more history on Monday when he released the first music video shot in space—his poignant "cyberspace" rendition of

Space Oddity, which was first released in 1969 just before the *Apollo 11* moon landing.

The space mission included an impromptu spacewalk on Saturday to fix an ammonia coolant leak that had cropped up two days earlier. Without the repair, NASA likely would have had to cut back the station's science experiments to save power. The cooling

system dissipates heat from electronics on the station's solar-powered wing panels. Their replacements are due to launch from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on 28 May. Until then, a skeleton crew commanded by Pavel Vinogradov and including NASA astronaut Cassidy and cosmonaut Alexander Misurkin will keep the station operating.

Reuters



US astronaut Tom Marshburn (R), Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko (C) and Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield.—REUTERS

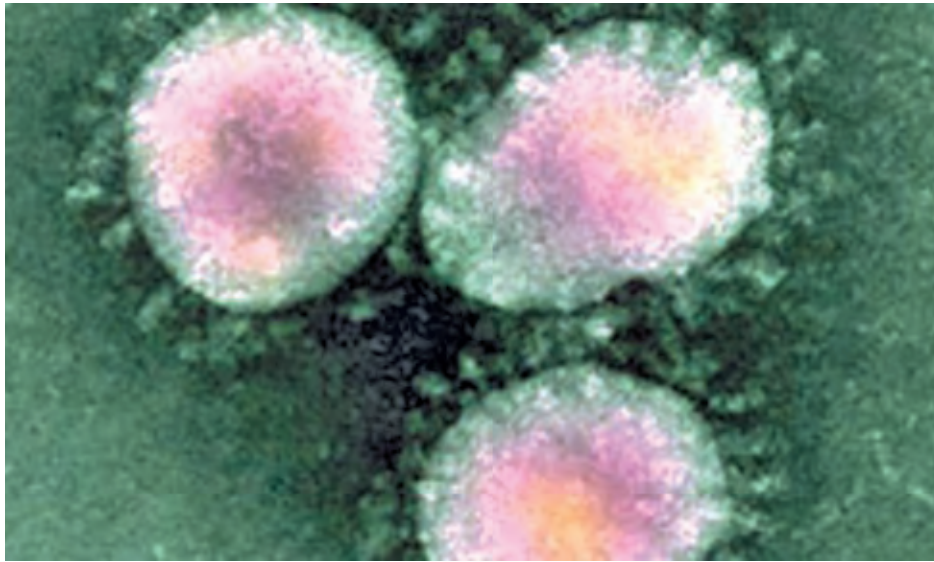
BUSINESS & HEALTH

New coronavirus outbreak causes uneasiness

SYDNEY, 15 May—A new coronavirus, related to SARS, has been identified as the cause of an increasing number of illnesses and deaths in several countries in the Middle East and Europe.

A second case of the new coronavirus in France was announced on Monday, and confirmed to be the result of patient-to-patient transmission in a French hospital. The virus is from the same group of viruses responsible for the 2003 outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), and is prompting uneasiness about the potential for another global pandemic.

“There have been over 30 cases of infection by a novel coronavirus in the past few months, most in Saudi Arabia, where over half of those infected have died,” said Charles Watson, a professor of health science at Curtin University. “The good news is that each of the clusters of infection in the Middle East and in Europe has been small, indicating that the infection is not easily passed from one person to another,” he added.



Dr Sue Huang, director of the WHO National Influenza Centre in New Zealand, said that although there have been “small clusters” of person-to-person transmission, there is no evidence that the virus has the ability to spread throughout a wider community. “Thus, this new virus has not reached a point to cause a pandemic,” she said.

Huang added that this new outbreak is quite different to the SARS virus, and not as severe. “Coronavirus represents a group of viruses. Some of them cause mild symptoms such

as common colds. However, some corona-viruses — such as the SARS virus which caused nearly 1,000 deaths in 2003 with thousands of people infected — are much more severe”. “This new coronavirus is not the SARS virus and they are different from each other. However, the fact that it is related to the SARS virus and that it can cause severe pneumonia is raising concerns,” Huang said.

Australian health experts say there is no special risk to Australia, but those travelling in the Arabian Peninsula

should be vigilant about personal hygiene and avoid contact with people who have a respiratory illness. “My main concern would be with the Hajj in mid-October this year, when about 2 million Muslims visit Saudi Arabia for the great pilgrimage.” “If the number of novel coronavirus cases continues to rise, Australia may have to consider setting up a special system to track returning pilgrims in case they develop a respiratory illness,” said Watson.

Xinhua

US oil boom leaves OPEC sidelined from demand growth

LONDON, 15 May—Rising US shale oil production will help meet most of the world’s new oil demand in the next five years, even if the global economy picks up steam, leaving little room for OPEC to lift output without risking lower prices, the West’s energy agency said.

The prediction by the International Energy Agency (IEA) came in its closely watched semi-annual report, which analyses mid-term global oil supply and demand trends.

“North America has set off a supply shock that is sending ripples throughout the world,” IEA Executive Director Maria van der Hoeven said on Tuesday.

“The good news is that this is helping to ease a market that was relatively tight for several years,” she added.

Oil on Tuesday traded near \$103 a barrel, well below its peak of \$147 in 2008.

The IEA said it expected

global demand to rise 8 percent on aggregate between 2012 and 2018 to reach 96.7 million barrels per day (bpd) based on a fairly optimistic assumption by the International Monetary Fund of 3 to 4.5 percent global economic growth a year during the period.

That incremental demand will be met mainly by non-OPEC production, which will rise by more than 10 percent between 2012 and 2018 to 59.31 million bpd, the IEA said, increasing its estimate of non-OPEC supply in 2017 by 1 million bpd versus its previous report in October 2012.

The United States will overtake Russia as the world’s largest non-OPEC producer as early as 2015, the IEA said.

That may leave OPEC, which had been long seen as the last resort for the world to meet rising demand, with output fluctuating around the current levels of 30 million bpd for the next five years.

Reuters

Airbus ‘more confident’ on A350 as profits rise

PARIS, 15 May—Airbus expressed growing optimism about the schedule for the keenly-awaited maiden flight of its A350 on Tuesday, amid speculation that its first new jet in almost a decade could debut before next month’s Paris air show.

Scooping headlines at the world’s largest aerospace event would give a boost to the A350, which went through several false starts in design but for the time being seems relatively immune from problems which have plagued Boeing’s 787 Dreamliner.

Airbus parent EADS (EAD.PA) described the A350 project as “challenging,” but stuck to a summer target date for the maiden flight of Europe’s response to the commercially successful 787. In the best-case scenario, that could mean a flight before the 17-23 June show at Le Bourget, according to industry experts, while other likely working dates extend into July. “You will not hear me today giving any new comment on any date; we are preparing the aircraft, we are doing ground tests, we are continuing structural tests,”

Harald Wilhelm, the finance director of both Airbus and parent EADS, told reporters.

“The important thing is that it is a ‘mature’ first flight and this will happen in the summer I think. On this we are more and more confident.”

The optimistic tone added extra polish to better than expected EADS first-quarter results, driven by higher production of the most profitable existing Airbus jets, analysts said, Gains at Airbus, which recovered the industry’s top spot in deliveries from Boeing (BA.N) in the first



quarter, eclipsed a weak performance at the EADS helicopter division. But the group also had to contend with a large outflow of cash in the quarter. Results from

Europe’s largest aerospace group confirmed a solid industry outlook after Boeing beat quarterly forecasts, marking a rare bright spot in the economy as planemakers

ramp up output to meet strong demand from Asia and the Middle East. EADS shares rose 1.5 percent to 41.83 euros against a weaker market.—Reuters

Eurogroup approves 7.5-bln-euro bailout tranches for Greece



BRUSSELS, 15 May—The Eurogroup President Jeroen Dijsselbloem announced late Monday that finance ministers of the eurozone had approved two bailout tranches of 7.5 billion euros (about 9.7 US

dollars) for Greece. The first part of the bailout tranche, 4.2 billion euros, will be approved in the next days and then disbursed by the European Financial Stability Facility, Dijsselbloem said at

a Press conference.

The rest of the money, amounting to 3.3 billion euros, is expected to be unleashed in June, depending on the progress of the Greek economic recovery programme, Dijsselbloem told reporters after a meeting of eurozone finance ministers.

The decision was taken after the Eurogroup noted “with satisfaction” in a written statement after the meeting that “Greece has made further substantial progress in implementing the fiscal and structural reforms foreseen in the agreed policy

conditionality.”

In the statement, the Eurogroup “commends the authorities for their continued strong commitment to the adjustment programme and reiterates its appreciation for the efforts made by the Greek citizens.”

The Eurogroup also concluded that “Greece is quickly regaining cost competitiveness,” while urging product and services market reforms to accelerate to allow gains in cost competitiveness to “translate more rapidly into prices.”

Xinhua

Small business optimism rises to six-month high

WASHINGTON, 15 May—A gauge of confidence for small businesses rose in April to its highest in six months, a sign of resilience in an economy beset by Washington’s austerity drive. The National Federation of Independent Business said on Tuesday its Small Business Optimism Index rose 2.6 points to 92.1, the highest reading since October. About half the gain was because businesses expect better business conditions over the next six months. Firms also were more optimistic about creating jobs and about sales.

Economic growth is being crimped this year by tax hikes enacted in January and federal budget cuts that started in March. Congress and President Barack Obama agreed to the measures in a bid to tame the federal budget deficit. Offsetting some of austerity’s bite, the US Federal Reserve has kept interest rates exceptionally low, while falling gasoline prices have recently helped household finances. The NFIB reported earlier this month that small businesses added workers in April.—Reuters

WORLD

Japan seeks greater involvement in reducing space debris

TOKYO, 15 May—Japan is seeking greater involvement in efforts to reduce space debris by sending a senior Foreign Ministry official to an EU-led meeting on relevant international rule-making in Ukraine this week, ministry officials said on Tuesday.

Japan is hoping to actively engage in the efforts to address rapidly moving debris in space, such as satellite and rocket fragments, at a time when China has stepped up efforts to explore space in the absence of an internationally agreed code of conduct there.

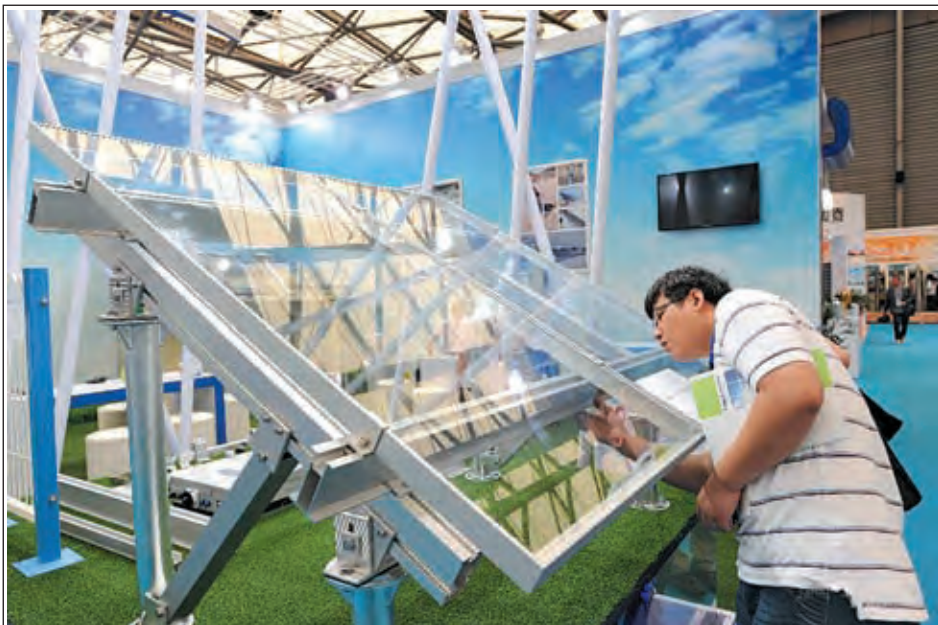
Kazuyuki Yamazaki, deputy director general of the ministry's Foreign Policy Bureau, will attend the meeting on Thursday and Friday, in which dozens of other countries, such as the United States, Australia and China, are expected to attend the two-day meeting.

In 2007, China tested the destruction of an artificial satellite in space with a ground-based missile, sparking fears of numerous satellite fragments floating in space. The European Union has already drawn up a draft code of conduct under which countries would refrain from blowing up satellites.

While the amount of debris is believed to have grown because of the Chinese test and a collision between Russian and US satellites in 2009, both China and Russia remain cautious about setting international rules on reducing space debris.

Japan, the United States and Australia support the EU-drafted code of conduct, with Tokyo planning to seek cooperation from other Asian countries in the effort, according to the officials.

Kyodo News



A visitor watches a photovoltaic product during the 2013 international photovoltaic exhibition in east China's Shanghai Municipality, on 14 May, 2013. The four-day exhibition, with the participation of more than 1,500 exhibitors, opened here on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Five flights affected by bomb hoax

BEIJING, 15 May—Three Chinese airlines were targeted by false bomb threats on Wednesday morning, according to sources with the airlines.

Five flights operated by China Eastern Airlines, Juneyao Airlines and Shenzhen Airlines were affected.

Juneyao Airlines received a threatening call and arranged for flight HO1111 departing from Shanghai to return to the city so that the plane could be checked. Police found that there was no danger posed to the craft, the airline said.

The flight took off us-

ing another plane after all passengers and luggage passed a safety screening, the company said.

China Eastern Airlines flight MU2325 from Lanzhou to Xi'an was also safely cleared after the airline received a similar threat.

Xinhua

UN peacekeeping chief expresses commitment to support Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, 15 May—The UN peacekeeping chief on Tuesday reaffirmed the organization's commitment to work with the Lebanese authorities to safeguard the country against negative regional developments.

Following his meeting in Beirut with senior government officials including President Michel Sleiman, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Herve Ladsous said that "the United Nations places the utmost importance on security and stability in Lebanon, particularly during these extremely turbulent times," UN spokesman Martin Nesirky

told reporters here at a daily news briefing.

Discussions in the meetings were focused on the situation in the area of operations of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), and the cooperation between UNIFIL and the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) in southern Lebanon, according to a news release.

Ladsous assured his interlocutors of the UN's complete support and engagement at every level to bolster the efforts of the Lebanese leadership to safeguard Lebanon from the negative impact of regional developments, Nesirky said.

Xinhua



Mali's interim President Dioncounda Traore meets with Togolese troops, part of African-led International Support Mission in Mali (AFISMA), during his visit to their base in Mopti, on 4 May, 2013.—REUTERS

BRUSSELS, 15 May—The European Union will pledge more than half a billion euros (426 million pounds) to help Mali rebuild after months of conflict, European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said on Tuesday.

"Tomorrow we will

commit 520 million euros for Mali between 2013 and 2014," Barroso told reporters ahead of a conference of aid donors in Brussels on Wednesday.

Mali's President Dioncounda Traore also told the briefing the country will hold presidential elections

on 28 July.

"I do believe it will be kept to the 28th of July, we will do everything for the presidential elections to start on that day," Traore said.

The Malian government is seeking roughly 2 billion euros in support from the conference, which is being organised by the European Union, to help fund a 4.34 billion euro plan to keep the peace and help restore infrastructure to the country.

"If we can get to 1.5-1.6 billion then I would say we are about there," Mali's President Dioncounda Traore told the briefing.

"Mr Barroso announced a figure. I think that's a good start. Tomorrow or the day after tomorrow, in a week or in a month, it is clear that the international community, the European Union, will

inject a lot more than that."

The former French colony in West Africa sought urgent military support from Paris in January to halt advances by rebels who had seized control of the northern two-thirds of the country.

Since the intervention, rebels have been pushed back from the main urban centres of northern Mali into the mountains and desert, but the French action has failed to stop rebels from waging a guerrilla war.

Over a year of conflict has also resulted in the exodus of tens of thousands of refugees to the surrounding countries of Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and Niger.

France is looking to withdraw thousands of its troops and hand over security duties to a UN peacekeeping mission.—Reuters

Arctic body to meet as Japan, China seek involvement as observers

LONDON, 15 May—Eight countries, such as the United States and Russia, will hold a ministerial meeting of the Arctic Council in Sweden on Wednesday, with the question of whether Japan, China and South Korea would be granted permanent observer status in the group expected to top the agenda.

The meeting in Kiruna, northern Sweden, comes as countries increasingly look to the Arctic for its untapped oil, gas and rare earth deposits, and possibilities for new shipping routes and fishing grounds due to rapidly melting ice.

Asian countries are particularly interested in new trade routes that could

be opened in the region to drastically reduce time needed to transport goods between Europe and Asia.

Japan applied for observer status in 2009. As part of its efforts to seek the status in the council, the Foreign Ministry created a new ambassadorial post in charge of Arctic affairs in March.

The council, which was

launched in 1996 and serves as a body for international rule-making on the Arctic, is made up of the United States, Russia, Canada and five Nordic countries facing the Arctic. Not just Japan and China but India and Singapore are also seeking permanent observer status in the council in a bid to gain a foothold in Arctic affairs.—Kyodo News

Cyclone kills seven in Sri Lanka; thousands displaced

COLOMBO, 15 May—A cyclone caused by a tropical depression in the Bay of Bengal killed at least seven people in Sri Lanka, government officials said on Tuesday.

Cyclone Mahasen, which brought heavy rains and landslides to Sri Lanka, was expected to hit Bangladesh and Myanmar later this week.

"Seven people have died and 10 people have got injured. There are 7,399 people from 1,947 families affected," Lal Sarath Kumara, the spokesman at Sri Lanka's Disaster Management Centre, told Reuters. The Centre said 3,881 people had been displaced due to the cyclone. Three people were missing due to heavy rains and landslides.

Reuters



Afghan girl students from Khorasan Girl High School receive treatment at a hospital in Balkh Province in northern Afghanistan on 14 May, 2013. More than 150 girl students were hospitalized as a possible gas poisoning hit a girl school in Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital city of northern Province of Balkh on Tuesday morning, police said.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Fire

Two minor fire outbreaks in Yangon ignited by negligence

YANGON, 15 May—A fire broke out at an apartment on sixth floor of building No. 25 at the corner of Anawrahta street and 23rd street in Latha Township here on 12 May.

Acting on tip-off, 30

firefighters rushed to the scene with 11 fire engines from six township fire brigades and put out the fire within 28 minutes at 10.28 am.

It was learnt to be a kitchen fire.

Despite less loss and

damages, the township police force charged owner Daw Than Than Hsint with reckless use of fire.

There was a fire outbreak on 10 May in Lanmadaw Township's Ice Berry Soft Drink and Bakery which was put out within ten minutes by Kyauktada and Latha Township fire brigades.

The fire was ignited by the gas container which fell to the ground from a worker.

The worker and the owner are being charged with negligence by Lanmadaw Township police force.

Myanma Alinn



Religious Affairs

Religious leaders hold inter-faith dialogue in Myitnge



MYITNGE, 15 May—Religious leaders in Myitnge held an interfaith dialogue at a mosque in Myitnge of Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region on 10 May.

Bhaddanta Tejobhassa of Khantetkon Masoeyein

Monastery said, "Whatever religion anyone follows, the peaceful co-existence is a way to tranquility."

Muslim leader U Maung Maung said he was heartened by the appearance of leaders of different

religions.

The ceremony was also attended by Hindu leader U Tin Maung Swe, Myitnge Myoma ward administrator U Maung Maung, Oyindaw village-tract administrator U Ye Myint and media.

Myanma Alinn

Transport

Mandalay Region minister inspects city's traffic flow

MANDALAY, 15 May—Mandalay Region Road Transport Minister U Kyaw Hsan accompanied by officials inspected traffic clearance in Mandalay on 8 May.

He called on officials to help vehicles park systematically at Man Myanmar Plaza.

He stressed the need of passenger buses in the city to abide by traffic rules.

The minister also visited the site of Mandalay-Monywa buses where they parked illegally.

The group also inspected the functioning of passenger buses at the corner of 86th street and 40th street. They also inspected the traffic along Strand Road up to the junction of Shanlay road.

Myanma Alinn



Shwe Myanmar Airline launches Yangon-Bangkok-Yangon flight

YANGON, 15 May—Myanmar's private airline Shwe Myanmar launched Yangon-Bangkok-Yangon air link at Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok of Thailand on 10 May.

Officials of Shwe Myanmar Airline and Airport of Thailand (AOT) formally launched the flight and exchanged gifts.

The airline will fly the route daily departing Yangon at 8.05 pm and arriving at Bangkok at 8.55

pm, departing Bangkok at 10.10 pm and arriving at Yangon at 10.55 pm.

Shwe Myanmar Airline is flying Yangon-Mandalay Yangon route and Yangon-Singapore route.

It is the third route launched by the airline.

Shwe Myanmar Airline started with domestic flights and then extended to international routes with Singapore and Thailand.

Myanma Alinn

Odd News

Cash and kind donated to Meiktila conflict victims

MEIKTILA, 15 May—Daw Yi, Daw San San Win, Daw Po and Daw Htay Htay Yi of Mandalay donated relief aids worth K 2.5 million, and U Kyaw Soe of Mandalay, foods worth K 0.2 million and Shan State (South) Muslims Group, relief aids

worth K 5 million for victims in Meiktila conflicts at Township's transit centre on 12 May.

A total of K 199,575,000 in cash and relief aids worth K 644,309,740 have been received as donations for victims of the conflict.

Myanma Alinn

Mani Sithu market cooperatives society disburses loans to vendors

NYAUNGU, 15 May—Cooperatives society of Mani Sithu market in NyaungU Township has started granting loans to shopkeepers and vendors of the market.

Staff officer of Township Cooperative Department U Kyaw Than explained purposes of loans at the ceremony to disburse

loans to the vendors at the market on 7 May.

Vice-chairman of township cooperative syndicate U Myint Aung and chairman of the market cooperative society U Tun Lwin discussed disbursement of loans.

A total of 100 vendors of the market received K 0.1 million each as loan.

Myanma Alinn



Nay Pyi Taw staff quarters prone to thefts

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Government staff quarters in Zabuthiri Township here are prone to thefts.

Motorbikes of staff and sometimes fuel are often stolen.

Burglaries even in day times when almost all government employees are at offices are also reported.

Police in Zeyathiri Township is chasing a thief who stole a Zaw Kenbo motorbike from Danatheikdhi ward of the township.

Asked about the increasing thefts, a member of a staff family said, "There were thefts in the past. But we had a police station in

our ward, a police patrol at night in the past. The situation wasn't not so bad. Now we don't have a police station in our ward. There is only police outpost staffed with less number of police, weakening it to ensure the security of the ward."

The source said there were 10 police stations in the past and the number is reduced to five now. They were replaced with police outposts.

Thieves are taking advantage of it and committing crimes regularly.

He said there are less police patrols in the ward.

Myanma Alinn

Water donated to villages in Padaung Tsp

PADAUNG, 15 May—Myanmar Red Cross Society Community-based Health Development Project, Padaung Township Fire Services Department and

wellwishers provided water to water-scarce Yedwinhla village in Talokebin village-tract and Kya-in village in Kyokyar village-tract in Padaung Township in Pyay District in Bago Region on 11 May.

Water was distributed with 1600-gallon and 800-gallon water tankers to the villages under the supervision of Head of Township Fire Services Department U Soe Min, U Kyaw Myint of the Community-based Health Development Project.

U Aye Kyu, owner of Ananda Myitta Store in Okshitbin village, contributed 1200-gallon vehicle of drinking water for the donation.

Myanma Alinn

NATIONAL

Yamethin Township Sasana Beikman opens



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint offers alms to Sayadaws at opening ceremony of Sasana Beikman in Yamethin Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attended the opening ceremony of Yamethin Township Sasana Beikman on Yangon-Mandalay Highway of Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region this morning.

It was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, region ministers, Region Hluttaw representatives, district/township level departmental officials, donors, townselders and local people.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives U Bo Ni, Region Forestry, Mines and Religious Affairs Minister U Than Soe Myint and the donors formally opened the Sasana Beikman. Those present offered offertories and alms to Sayadaws.

Site chosen for construction of the Sasana Beikman and formation of

committees started on 17 May, 2002. It took 10 years to finish the building. It was built with the contribution of K 70 million by local people and other donors. But it could not finish till 2010 as it was a huge workload.

At the requests of the Sayadaws, former Culture

Minister U Khin Aung Myint supervised the continued construction of Sasana Beikman. Then, it was built with the contributions of K 65 million, 300 bags of cement and labour by Original Construction; K 12 million by district/township level departments and townselders and K 30 million by National

Prosperity Group Company in Moehit Moemi region, totaling K 106 million. The construction had been competed by 75 percent.

As of 9-4-2013, National Prosperity Group Company contributed K 85.1 million for the remaining 25 percent of finishing works.

MNA

Some people in Rakhine State moved to safer places



NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Victims in Bengali relief camps in Sittway of Rakhine State are being moved to the safer hills as of 12 May as Sittway may face dangers of cyclonic storm “Mahasen” tides. A total of 43 victims from 10 households in Ohntaw beach relief camp in Bumay village-tract in Sittway Township were evacuated to Ohntaw village by Tatmadawmen.

Tatmadawmen also help evacuation of 339 the aged and child from Pynphumaw village in Kyaukpyu to Mularrama monastery and 231 people from wards in Kyaukpyu to Thanphyu monastery, Phayagyi monastery and No.2 Basic Education High School.—MNA

Tatmadawmen giving helping hands to victims in Bengali relief camps in Sittway.—MNA

Announcement released to inform the public of relaxation of restrictions to be undertaken by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology which have been submitted to the Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

Relaxation of procedures on licence and recommendation needed in doing ICT business

Sr.	Undertakings before relaxation of restrictions	Undertakings after relaxation of restrictions
1.	Regarding the trading of telephone devices and related accessories- (a) It is required to submit a bank statement in applying licence (b) It is required to get documents and seek recommendation of the Directorate of Telecommunications for every time on import.	(a) It is not required to submit a bank statement. (b) It is not required to get one more recommendation for import of same devices during a one-year licence period.
2.	Regarding the recommendation it is required to seek for import of communication devices- (a) It is required to seek recommendation for every item on import of phones, excluding satellite phone. (b) It is required to seek recommendation for import of fax machine. (c) It is required to seek recommendation for import of ICT devices to be used at home and office—wireless routers, access points, switches and so on.	(a) It is not required to seek recommendation if two phones, excluding satellite phone, are brought for personal use. (b) It is not required to seek recommendation for import of fax machine. (c) It is not required to seek recommendation for import of ICT devices operating in 2.4 GHz wave and IEE 802.11 (a/b/g/n) regarding wireless routers, access points, switches to be used at home and office and Bluetooth devices.

Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 16 May, 2013

Educational reform: Where to start from?

Pride of most Myanmar schools not so many years ago often came from uniformity of handwriting of each and every students and forced discipline, rather than from nurturing free or creative thinkers. A variant answer surely gets a cross. Let alone creativity, questioning printed words is a rarity. The headmasters or head monk of monastic schools govern the schools strictly. Pupils “love, fear and respect” them and all other teachers. Counter-questioning teachers in classrooms is an absolutely alien thing to a group of disciplined students. Even when the teachers invite queries from students, almost all students shouted, “We’ve got it, Sir!” As Myanmar society itself has often supported somewhat conservative views, it leaves less space for creative ideas.

There is a joke about our education system that otherwise hurts. An education official visits a country primary school whose headmaster is very proud of his pupils’ brilliance. The doubtful official seize the chance to see if the boastful headmaster is right. He enters a classroom and points out a curve on a huge map hung on the wall. He asked, “What’s the name of this river?” All students there stare at him through wide-open eyes. He points out another larger curve and asks, “So, what’s this river?” The students continue to stare and remain silent. He tries another even more distinct part of the map only to receive the same response. The headmaster intervenes, “You’re employing wrong techniques. See how I ask them.” He starts to point out the same parts of the map and asks, “Which-Yawady River?” All students resoundingly answer, “Ayeyawady River!” “Which-Lwin River?” “Thanlwin River!” “Which-Taung River?” “Sittoung River!”

Our education system also pose danger of standardization to our society, turning out the people who follow the same path. While enhancing quality of education, we must put special emphasis on reviewing and reforming the fundamental educational philosophy of our society as well.

NATIONAL

MYANMAR GAZETTE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred Rector Dr Mi Mi Thet Thwin of University of Computer Studies (Mandalay) of Advanced Science and Technology Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology to Rector of Yangon University of Computer Studies under the same department from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Director-General Dr Har Yin Naing Ti Yan of Meteorology and Hydrology Department under the Ministry of Transport on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Myanmar, Philippines promote bilateral economic cooperation

YANGON, 15 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) U Win Aung, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin and General Secretary Dr Myo Thet held discussions with Philippine Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Alex G. Chua at the UMFCCI's Office on 13 May afternoon.

The meeting focused on promoting of economic cooperation between Myanmar-Philippines, Philippine's technical assistance for growing banana and pineapple plants in Myanmar, choosing sites

for banana and pineapple plantations in Myanmar, undertakings for Myanmar's agriculture, potentials for exporting of Myanmar products to European market, sharing profits from economic cooperation with ASEAN member countries when ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) emerges in 2015, signing an MoU with Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, conducting human resources development courses and job-training courses, sharing Philippine experience on exporting of rice, as well as paying visits of Philippine delegates to Myanmar.

MNA

Pre-SEA Games funfair at People's square on 17 May

YANGON, 15 May—The Pre-SEA Games funfair will take place at the people's square, here, from 17 to 19 May.

On 17 May, Naw Naw,

ThaO, Moe Moe, Kaung Kaung, Myint Myat, Shi, Zamnu, Moh Moh Lwin, Jenny, Irin Zin Mar Myint, Su Chit Zaw, SGB, X-Girls, Lu Min, Aung Ye Linn,



Slight earthquake hits inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.1 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 3 miles north of Thabeikkyin) about 66 miles north of

Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 17 hrs 9 min 52 sec M.S.T today, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.

MNA

Myanmar becomes member of Global Sun Movement

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—A ceremony to sign to be a member of Global Sun Movement was held at the hall of National Health Committee under the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said that Global Sun had laid down Road Map in 2010, and nutrition was a global push for action and investment to improve maternal and child nutrition and to reduce child mortality and to improve maternal health.

Moreover, he also pointed out that related ministries and national and international organizations should make efforts in promoting of peoples' food consumption while



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin delivers an address at the ceremony to sign to be a member of Global Sun Movement.—MNA

implementing Global Sun Movement.

Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of Department of Health

explained Global Sun (Scaling up Nutrition Movement initiative).

After signing the Letter of Intent, the Union

Minister presented it to Mr Bertrand Bainvel, Resident Representative of UNICEF in Myanmar.

MNA

Necessary assistance, health care for homecoming of locals given

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Six households from Naungmatar village, 22 of Mankun village, five from Naungkham village, among local households who had fled to a neighboring country due to the engagements between a Tatmadaw military column and an armed group of SSA (Ywatsit)

in the neighborhood of Naungmatar village on 9 May, returned homes on 13 May as calm returned to their respective villages.

As officials concerned of Tatmadaw and departmental personnel met the locals and village administrators and provided

them with health care and relief supplies and carried out security measures and necessary assistance in the villages, there will be more homecomings of local people in the neighboring country soon, it is learnt.

MNA

Nearly 70,000 local people moved to places of safety in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—While evacuation of local people and national race and Bengalis at relief camps are in progress, a total of 69789—4320 on 12 May, 1299 on 13 May, 24932 on 14 May and 39238 on 15 May—have been moved to places of safety so far in order to avoid the possible danger of cyclonic storm "Mahasen".

Based on facts and figures of state government regarding the township-wise evacuation, 1628 Bengalis in Sittway Township, 383 national race and 1590

Bengalis in Kyaukpyu Township, 781 national race in Maungdaw Township were relocated to safe places on 12 May, 970 national race and 60 Bengalis in Sittway Township and 269 national race in Myebon Township on 13 May, 371 national race and 673 Bengalis in Sittway Township, 7736 Bengalis in Pauktaw Township, 3167 Bengalis in Yathedaung Township, 5247 Bengalis in Kyauktaw Township, 3589 Bengalis in MraukU Township, 90 national race and 4306 Bengalis in Minbya Township, 1345 Bengalis in

Myebon Township and 408 national race in Maungdaw Township on 14 May, and 3830 national race and 8139 Bengalis in Sittway Township, 7057 national race in Pauktaw Township, 11039 national race in Myebon Township, 648 national race in Minbya Township, 707 national race in Ponnagyun Township, 6074 national race in Thandwe Township, 63 national race in Taungup Township and 1601 national race in Buthidaung Township on 15 May.

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Tatmadaw vehicles transport local people to safe places in Kyaukpyu Township of Rakhine State. (News on page 8)

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Nation-Building Endeavours

YCDC constructs more car parks

YANGON, 15 May—A plot for free car park is being reclaimed at vacant areas between new and old Strand Roads, here.

So far, the reclamation task has been completed by Yangon City Development Committee by 75 per cent.

The car park is being constructed from Thittaw Bus Stop in Ahlon Township to Market Road in Botahtaung Township for smooth flow of commodities and better transport for local people. In addition, the local people can stop

over at the car parks conveniently.

The YCDC plans to reclaim more car parks near Htawligway Bus Stop in Ahlon Township, Sule Pagoda Road, Pansodan Street and Bo Aung Kyaw Street.—Kyemon



Water treatment plant, No.8 pumping station provide enough drinking water to Mandalarians

MANDALAY, 15 May—Opening of water treatment plant and the water pumping station No. 8 in Aungmyethazan Township in Mandalay took place on 14 May morning, in the presence of Mandalay Region Hluttaw

Speaker U Win Maung and members of Mandalay Region government.

On the occasion, the Hluttaw speaker pressed the button to open the Waterworks.

The water treatment plant distributes 10 million

gallons of water per day.

The facility with four pumps that can produce 0.25 million gallons of drinking water per hour each makes ensure sufficient drinking water of locals.

Kyemon

Natogyi sees dredging of lakes

NATOGYI, 15 May—Natogyi Township Administrator Assistant Director U Kyaw Khaing accompanied by Mandalay Region Hluttaw Representative of Natogyi Township U Kyi Pe, Township Development Supporting Group and adviser groups to Township Develop-

ment Affairs Committee and Township Irrigation Department inspected dredging of Kanna Lake today.

He called on responsible persons to ensure work site safety for timely completion, and make disaster preparedness and response. The dredging of lake has been finished by 14

per cent.

Next the party looked into dredging of Gwaypintaw and Dauntboe Lakes. A total of 12 lakes and public-used 3 lakes have been excavated in Natogyi under the supervision of Mandalay Region Government.

Kyemon

Press conference on tender selection for construction of an incinerator and methane gas plants held

YANGON, 15 May—A press conference on tender selection for construction of an incinerator and Methane gas plants that can generate 92 percent of methane in Hlaingthaya and Dagon Myothit (North) was held at Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of Yangon City Development Committee yesterday morning. Ten of 43 local and foreign companies submitted tenders for it. Japan JFE Co, Myanmar-Singapore, Malaysia-Myanmar, Korea-Japan-Myanmar company and England etc companies will have to carry out environment and sanitation tasks within two months period. Among them, the two best companies will be scrutinized. According to deputy head U Khin Win of department and Dr Aung Myint Maw, two methane gas plants and an incinerator in coming November.

Kyemon

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

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

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

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

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

Health

Door-to-door medical talks given

DABAYIN, 15 May—Talks on health knowledge was given in a ceremony at Kyi Village BEMS, Dabayin Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region, on 13 May morning.

It was attended by Township Administrator U Nyein Chan Aung and Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Soe Lwin Oo. Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Htwe Thida gave talks on MMCWA's notes.

Head of Township



Health Department Dr Aung Kyaw Win, Saipyin Village Health Assistant Tin Maung Swe and health staff gave free medical treatment to

local people. Next the medic performed medical check-up, especially DHF, one house after another.

Kyemon

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Second Leg of Elite Tech Open Golf Championship 2013 kicks off

YANGON, 15 May—Second leg of Elite Tech Open Golf Championship 2013, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation (MGF) and Myanmar PGA and mainly sponsored by Elite Tech Group Company was held at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in Insein, here,

yesterday morning.

Yangon Golf Club Captain U Zaw Min and CEO U Chan Nyein Zaw of Elite Tech Group Co opened it. A total of 29 professional golfers and 66 amateurs are participating in the championship. The second round continues tomorrow.

It was attended by MGF Patron Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), President U Teza, Vice-Presidents U Aung Kyi, U Min Thein and U Zaw Min and General Secretary U Aung Hla Han and executives, officials from Elite Tech Group Co, golfers and enthusiasts.—NLM

Disaster preparedness information on notice board for public awareness

YANGON, 15 May—Jointly organized by Township General Administration Department and Township Information and Public Relations Department, information of cyclonic storm Mahasen and disaster preparedness,

noticeable facts for disaster preparedness and disaster response issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Department of Nay Pyi Taw were presented on the notice board in order to make public awareness on 13 May.—Kyemon

REGIONAL



Delegates attend the 5th East Asia Gender Equality Ministerial Meeting in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 May, 2013.—XINHUA

Japan to lower tariffs on Australian frozen beef under FTA

TOKYO, 15 May—Japan is set to reach an agreement in principle as early as June, in free trade negotiations with Australia, to lower the tariffs it imposes on Australian frozen beef, government sources said on Tuesday.

The tariff will be reduced from 38.5 percent to 30 percent, rather than eliminated as Australia called for. The two sides are also in the last stage of talks on the elimination of tariffs Australia imposes on vehicles imported from Japan, the sources said.

Japan and Australia launched bilateral talks on a free trade agreement in 2007, with Japan seeking to expand its exports of automobiles and secure stable supply of energy resources from Australia, while Australia seeks to boost exports to Japan of its agricultural products such as beef.—Kyodo News

Nissan to keep Infiniti luxury car production in Japan

TOKYO, 15 May—Nissan Motor Co CEO Carlos Ghosn said on Tuesday the yen's exchange rate was returning to a level suited for competition, adding that his company will maintain Japanese production of its Infiniti luxury models that are exported overseas.

Ghosn was speaking to reporters at the company's factory in Tochigi Prefecture, where the automaker held an event to mark the start of mass-production of the Q50, a new Infiniti sedan, for release in summer in the United States.

When the yen was

Asia-Pacific region sees projected spending of 200 bln USD in naval market in 20 years

SINGAPORE, 15 May—The Asia-Pacific region is now the world's second largest naval market, with projected spending of over 200 billion US dollars in the next two decades on more than 1,000 ships, according to an overview by Experia, organizer of the International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (IMDEX) Asia.

The IMDEX Asia 2013, the ninth edition of the biennial event, held its official opening ceremony on Tuesday, featuring 194 participating companies from 29 countries around the world.

The organizer's knowledge partner, a US-based consultancy company named AMI International, revealed at the Press conference that in a 20-year period, the world naval market will reach a total spending of 800 billion dollars, a quarter of which will be spent in the Asia-Pacific region.

"That is about 3,000 news ships and submarines, of that about 1,000 of those, one third, are being procured

in the Asia-Pacific region. Those two numbers alone tell you the significance of the Asia-Pacific region," Bob Nugent, vice president of the Advisory Service in AMI International said in an interview.

Nugent said the huge potential naval market in the Asia-Pacific region will be mainly driven by its increased reliance on the sea for trade. Meanwhile, the positive economic growth of the countries in this region will also provide funding for naval investments.

The changing global security environment also requires "all aspect" naval capability. "Our firm forecasts naval spending on new ships and submarines and, as we've done this over the last five years, it's been remarkable to watch the transition of the Asia-Pacific region from an interesting market to the world's second largest market, and that's not just a few countries," Nugent added.

Nugent said many of the countries in the region have developed first-rate

naval technologies, not only for their own domestic use, but also for the world market. "China is one of them," he added.

Besides the exhibition, some 15 warships, including latest patrol vessels, frigates, corvettes and destroyers, from nine countries including Australia, Malaysia, France, South Korea and Singapore, are also displayed at the berth of the city-state's Changi Naval Base.

The USS Freedom (LCS-1), the newly deployed Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) of US Navy, is also opened to the trade visitors here.

Its manufacturer, the defence major Lockheed Martin, also promoted their next-generation Multimission Combat Ship (MCS) on Tuesday.

They said the MCS is the international edition of LCS and. With a shallow draught, it can execute missions in the coastal waters or open seas typical of Southeast Asia with equal adeptness.—Xinhua



Nissan Motor Co CEO Carlos Ghosn (R, below) visits the company's factory in the town of Kaminokawa, Tochigi Prefecture, on 14 May, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

stronger than the current prevailing rate of around 100 yen per dollar, Infiniti cars generated less than 1 percent of Nissan's operating profit, according to the executive. He expressed hopes that the Japanese currency loses further ground to return to around 110 yen to the dollar.

Nissan is planning to raise global sales of Infiniti models to 500,000 units in fiscal 2016 from just over 100,000 now. Ghosn indicated that production at the Tochigi plant will be maintained intact, while overseas production will be expanded.

Kyodo News

Around 100,000 tuberculosis cases found yearly in Vietnam

HANOI, 15 May—Vietnam is among 12 countries worldwide having the highest rate of tuberculosis (TB) patients, with about 100,000 new cases detected a year, local Press reported on Wednesday.

The information was released at a recent conference to sum up a TB management project at general hospitals jointly conducted by the Health Ministry and the World Health Organization.

Four dead, many still trapped in Freeport Indonesia's tunnel collapse

JAKARTA, 15 May—Four workers were killed while many others are still missing following the collapse of a mine tunnel of the local subsidiary of US mining giant Freeport-McMoran in eastern Indonesia's Papua Province early Tuesday, local Press reported on Wednesday.

"Fourteen workers have been evacuated from the tunnel until Wednesday morning with four men dead," Tito Karnavian, chief of the Papua Regional Police Command, was quoted by Indonesia's news portal metrotvnews.com as saying.

At least 40 workers were in the tunnel when the

accident happened at 07:30 am local time on Tuesday and the cause of the accident is still unknown, it said.

Freeport Indonesia has reported the incident to Indonesian government authorities, including the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources. Production at Freeport Indonesia's Grasberg mine where the tunnel collapsed was not expected to be significantly affected, according to local media.

The Grasberg mine which started its production in the 1970s holds the world's biggest gold and second-biggest copper deposit, employing more than 20,000 people.—Xinhua



Citizens walk in rain on a waterlogged road in Nanchang, capital of east China's Jiangxi Province, on 15 May, 2013. A heavy rainfall hit Nanchang overnight.—XINHUA

Air India to resume Dreamliner flights, says civil aviation minister

NEW DELHI, 15 May — After a gap of four months, India's national carrier Air India will resume flights of its Boeing 787 Dreamliner planes from Wednesday, the country's Civil Aviation Minister Ajit Singh said on Tuesday.

"The first commercial flight of the Dreamliner will start on Wednesday from the national capital to the eastern city of Kolkata. The first international flight of the Dreamliner will be launched from 22 May. The remaining

four of the total six Dreamliners with Air India now would become operational by this month end," Singh told the media. Air India would also acquire eight more Dreamliners by December this year, the minister added.

The carrier had grounded its fleet of six Dreamliners some four months back, following global incidents of overheating in the batteries providing auxiliary power, which forced other airlines to ground their fleet too.

Xinhua

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People participate in the "Turkish Day", organized by the Federation of Turkish American Associations (FTAA), at Grand Central Terminal in New York, on 14 May, 2013.—XINHUA



Fatah, Hamas agree to form national government within three months

CAIRO, 15 May — The two Palestinian rival groups, Fatah and Hamas, have agreed here on Tuesday to form a national unity government within three months, Egyptian official news agency MENA reported. The leaders of Fatah and Hamas, who met in Egypt to resume their reconciliation dialogue, "have agreed to form a national consensus government according to Doha declaration within

New Zealand approves Qantas-Emirates alliance on trans-Tasman operations

WELLINGTON, 15 May — Competition on trans-Tasman flights is expected to heat up after the New Zealand government on Wednesday approved a partnership between Australian national carrier Qantas and the United Arab Emirates-based Emirates airline.

Transport Minister Gerry Brownlee said he had authorized a master coordination agreement between the two carriers, allowing shared services on routes between Australia and New

Zealand.

Qantas and Emirates would be able to cooperate on passenger and cargo transport operations and other related services for an initial period of five years, Brownlee said in a statement.

"Exporters and travellers will benefit from strengthened connections with Emirates' international network, including 30 points in Europe, as well as the growing Middle East region and Africa," said Brownlee.

The partnership also allowed Emirates to offer South Island mountain resort Queenstown and Wellington as tourism destinations on its network.

"Trans-Tasman competition will be maintained through existing carriers on the route and the threat of entry by new carriers."

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission had already approved the partnership subject to the airlines maintaining their pre-alliance aggregate capacity.—Xinhua

IEA forecasts supply shock from North America to reshape global oil markets

PARIS, 15 May —The supply shock caused by the North American oil production booming in the next five years will not only have impact on global investment but also reshape transportation, storage and refinery of oil, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Tuesday.

"North American supply growth now looks higher than expected in both absolute and relative terms," and it "has set off a supply shock that is sending ripples throughout the world," said IEA Executive Director Maria van der Hoeven while launching IEA'S annual Medium-Term Oil Market Report (MTOMR).

The MTOMR forecasts North American supply to

grow by 3.9 million barrels per day (mb/d) from 2012 to 2018 and world liquid production capacity is expected to grow by 8.4 mb/d, "significantly faster than demand which is projected to expand by 6.9 mb/d," said the IEA. The IEA noted that the new supply does not spell the end of OPEC and its oil will be necessarily needed.

"It will remain an essential part of oil mix for as long as we can tell," said Hoeven, adding that challenges is laying ahead as the bloc is exposed to risks of political uncertainty in North Africa and the Middle East that will have negative impact on oil production growth in those areas. However, the IEA chief sees the ongoing North American hydrocarbon re-

volution as a "game changer", not just because of the volumetric growth involved, "but for a host of compounding reasons," given a few factors such as crude quality, infrastructure requirements, current regulations, and the potential for replication elsewhere that are bound to spark a chain reaction that will leave few links in the global oil supply chain unaffected. "Although shale oil development outside North America may not be a large-scale reality during the report's five-year timeframe, the technologies responsible for the boom will increase production from mature, conventional fields, causing companies to reconsider investments in higher-risk areas," the IEA said.—Xinhua

Peru, Turkey agree to drop travel visa requirements

LIMA, 15 May—Peruvian and Turkish citizens will no longer need visa to visit the other country beginning on 11 June, Peru's Foreign Ministry announced on Tuesday in a statement. The Ministry said this follows the an-

nouncement on Monday by the Turkish government that it has concluded the ratification process of the bilateral Agreement on Mutual Elimination of Visas, signed by both countries on 22 June, 2012.

The Peruvian Foreign

Ministry said the bilateral agreement is expected to boost tourism and help strengthen bilateral ties.

Peru has entered into similar agreements with Mexico, Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela and Bolivia.—Xinhua



Employees, some clad in summer cotton kimono called "yukata," raise their fists in a ceremony marking the commencement of orders for "chugen" summer gifts at the Takashimaya department store in Osaka on 15 May, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

UN welcomes China's Mideast peace efforts

UNITED NATIONS, 15 May—The United Nations on Tuesday welcomed China's efforts in support of Middle East peace process.

"We welcome China's efforts in support of Middle East peace and the resumption of meaningful Israeli-Palestinian negotiations," said a note to correspondents released by the spokesperson of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

The world body also expressed support for the broad engagement of key regional and international partners in this regard, saying that concerted international action is essential to helping achieve the two-state solution.

Both Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited China earlier this month.

During their visits, Chinese President Xi Jinping made a four-point proposal for the settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Abbas and Netanyahu did not hold direct talks in Beijing but China's hosting of them highlighted the country's active involvement in Middle East affairs and its role as a responsible power.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Angelina Jolie: I had a double mastectomy

NEW DELHI, 15 May —Angelina Jolie revealed on Tuesday that she has undergone a preventive double mastectomy to reduce her risk of breast cancer. The American actress wrote in an opinion piece entitled “My Medical Choice” in *The New York Times* that she had chosen the procedure because she carries a faulty gene that increases her risk of breast and ovarian cancer. Angelina wrote in *The New York Times*, “My

mother fought cancer for almost a decade and died at 56.

We often speak of “Mommy’s mommy,” and I find myself trying to explain the illness that took her away from us. They have asked if the same could happen to me. I have always told them not to worry, but the truth is I carry a “faulty” gene, BRCA1, which sharply increases my risk of developing breast cancer and ovarian cancer.” Angelina revealed

that doctors had told her that she carried an 87 percent chance of developing breast cancer and a 50 percent risk of ovarian cancer, after which she decided to undergo a preventive double mastectomy.

She wrote, “On 27 April, I finished the three months of medical procedures that the mastectomies involved. During that time I have been able to keep this private and to carry on with my work. “I wanted to write

this to tell other women that the decision to have a mastectomy was not easy. But it is one I am very happy that I made. My chances of developing breast cancer have dropped from 87 percent to under 5 percent. I can tell my children that they don’t need to fear they will lose me to breast cancer,” she added.—PTI

Angelina Jolie reveals she underwent a double mastectomy as a preventive measure against breast cancer.—PTI



Shraddha Kapoor likes to compete with herself

MUMBAI, 15 May — Happy with the success of her recent release *Aashiqui 2*, actress Shraddha Kapoor says she does not believe in competition and is her own competitor. While there are a lot of new comers in the film industry, Shraddha Kapoor is not insecure about her position. “I like to compete with myself and let my work do the talking,” Shraddha Kapoor told. The actress also talked of how she deals with success, post the release of *Aashiqui 2*.

“I keep this thought of success at the back of my mind. I don’t let success go to head and failure to heart. Today I am smiling big when I see my parents smiling and enjoying the success of the film,” Shraddha Kapoor said.

Even her brother Siddhanth made his acting debut with a successful film *Shootout at Wadala*. “We converse a lot about films as that is generally the atmosphere at home,” she said. Shraddha Kapoor would be seen with Imran Khan and Kareena Kapoor in *Gori Tere Pyaar Mein*.

“I am happy and feel lucky to do a film with Karan Johar’s home production. It was great working with Imran Khan, unfortunately I don’t have many scenes with Kareena. I wish I could work with her,” she expressed. When

asked if she was snobbish as a child, Shraddha Kapoor, the daughter of popular actor Shakti Kapoor and niece of renowned actress Padmini Kolhapure, admitted that she was so but was very much proud of being from a filmy background.

“I did go through that phase (of being snobbish). I was extremely proud of being my father’s daughter... I had my head held high. But I have also always been grounded, thanks to my parents,” she said.

PTI

Shraddha Kapoor does not believe in competition. PTI



“Iron Man 3” stays atop China’s box office

BEIJING, 15 May —“Iron Man 3” continued to rule the Chinese box office by taking in 206 million yuan (33.5 million US dollars) in the week ending Sunday, *China Film News* reported on Tuesday. Adding to its take since it opened with record ticket

sales amounting to 116 million yuan on 1 May, the superhero sequel by American director Shane Black had raked in 610 million yuan by the end of the week.

“So Young,” a domestic drama by actress-turned-director Zhao Wei, who was catapulted to fame in TV series “Huan Zhu Ge Ge,” or “Princess of Pearl,” first shown in 1998, was a respectable no. two, taking 145 million yuan in the week. Tom Cruise’s sci-fi adventure “Oblivion,” debuted on Friday, came third with 59 million yuan. Not far behind was “The Croods,” a cartoon set in the stone age, which took 54 million yuan in the week, according to the paper.

In fifth spot was “Django Unchained,” back on Chinese theater 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, raked in 3.8 million yuan on its opening day, according to *China Film News*.

Xinhua

Jack Bauer is back: TV thriller ‘24’ to return in 2014

LOS ANGELES, 15 May—Emmy-winning television thriller “24” will return in the summer 2014 with its lead star, Kiefer Sutherland, after a four-year hiatus, Fox network said on Monday. “24: Live Another Day” brings back Sutherland as counter-terrorism agent Jack

Bauer in the series that follows his race against the clock to foil presidential assassination attempts and chemical weapons attacks.

The new 12-episode mini-series will represent 24 hours in Bauer’s life, following the same real-time format that became the series’ trademark.

“The response

to ‘24’ is unlike anything I have ever experienced as an actor before,” Sutherland said in a statement. “To have the chance to reunite with the character, Jack Bauer, is like finding a lost friend.”

The series, which originally ran for eight seasons between 2001 and 2010, won an Emmy award for Outstanding Drama Series in 2006, and Sutherland won an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series in the same year. Fox is owned by News Corp.

Reuters

Cast member Kiefer Sutherland poses at the party for the television series finale of “24” in Los Angeles on 30 April, 2010.

REUTERS



Jennifer Aniston is getting fond of yoga these days.—PTI

Jennifer Aniston opts for yoga

LOS ANGELES, 15 May —Actress Jennifer Aniston is using yoga to de-stress ahead of her wedding day. The 44-year-old is reportedly getting married to actor Justin Theroux in August.

“Yoga kind of helps

you prepare for everything, honestly,” eonline.com quoted her as saying. “It’s like meditation. It sort of just allows anything that’s coming at you at the end of the day to be kind of doable,” she added.

PTI

SPORTS



Manchester City's manager Roberto Mancini (L) and his assistant David Platt instruct their team during their FA Cup soccer match against Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, northern England on 8 Jan, 2012.
REUTERS

Assistant manager Platt leaves Manchester City

LONDON, 15 May — Assistant coach David Platt has left Manchester City following the sacking of manager Roberto Mancini on Monday, the Premier League club said on their website (www.mcfc.co.uk).

"David was offered the opportunity to continue his work with us but has declined the invitation. He has

decided to leave his role with his close friend Roberto Mancini," City said. "David has made a significant contribution to the club's success since joining in 2010 and we wish him well with his career wherever that now takes him."

Platt, 46, and Italian Mancini were team mates in Serie A at Sampdoria, then

managed by Sven-Goran Eriksson, in the 1990s after the England midfielder had spells at Bari and Juventus. Platt, who also played for Aston Villa and Arsenal, returned to Sampdoria as manager before taking charge of Nottingham Forest and then the England Under-21s from 2001 to 2004.—Reuters

Singapore's Ng Ser Miang to make IOC presidency bid

BERLIN, 15 May — Singapore's Ng Ser Miang is expected to announce a bid for the International Olympic Committee (IOC) presidency on Thursday, a source close to the Olympic movement told Reuters on Tuesday.

The IOC Vice President is set to become the second candidate for one of the top jobs in world sport after German Thomas Bach, also an IOC Vice President, announced his bid last week.

The 64-year-old businessman has been an IOC member since 1998 and becomes the first Asian to throw his hat into the ring for the election on 10 September in Buenos Aires at the IOC session. Singapore's Ambassador to Hungary and a former

nominated member of parliament, Ng has seen his international sports profile considerably improved after he staged successful inaugural Youth Olympics in Singapore in 2010, the brainchild of outgoing president Jacques Rogge.

Rogge, who succeeded Juan Antonio Samaranch in 2001, sees his two-term presidency come to a mandatory end in September.

Asia will host the 2018 winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea while Tokyo is bidding for the 2020 summer Games. Ng could not be reached for a comment though the Singapore Olympic Committee sent out a media advisory saying Ng would "deliver remarks" in Paris on Thursday.

Reuters

Chairman of the Singapore Youth Olympic Committee Ng Ser Miang arrives with a safety lantern containing the Youth Olympic flame at Changi Airport in Singapore on 5 Aug, 2010.
REUTERS



Messi likely to miss La Liga season finale

MADRID, 15 May — Barcelona forward Lionel Messi is likely to miss the rest of the La Liga season after tests showed he had aggravated a hamstring injury but he should have recovered in time to captain Argentina in two World Cup qualifiers next month.

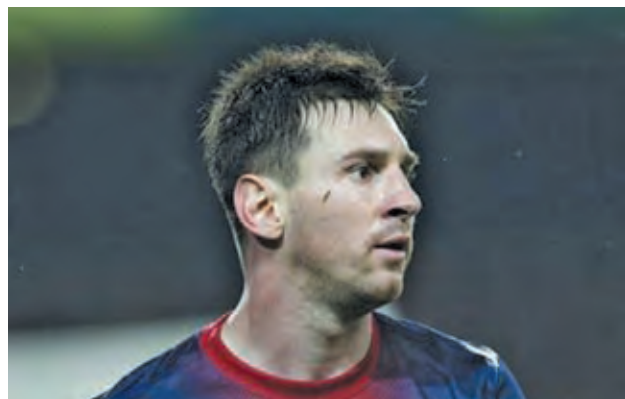
The lingering injury, sustained in the Champions League quarter-final first leg at Paris St Germain on 2 April, has kept the World Player of the Year out of several key games and he

was forced off on Sunday during a league match at Atletico Madrid.

"The period of absence will be two to three weeks," Barca said on their website (www.fcbarcelona.es). Messi is likely to miss Barca's remaining three La Liga matches, including Sunday's game at home to Real Valladolid—the club's first at their Nou Camp stadium since they wrapped up a fourth title in five years at the weekend.

The 25-year-old will

also miss out on a chance to equal or break his record for league goals of 50 set last season. He currently has 46 from 32 appearances. However, he should be fit for Argentina's World Cup qualifiers at home to Colombia on 7 June and away to Ecuador four days later. Argentina top South American qualification with 24 points from 11 matches. Ecuador are second on 20 and Colombia third on 19 with both having played one game fewer.—Reuters



Barcelona's Lionel Messi

Honda decides to return to Formula One in 2015

TOKYO, 15 May — Honda Motor Co has decided to return to Formula One racing in 2015 as an engine supplier to the automaker's former partner McLaren of Britain, people familiar with the plan said on Wednesday.



Honda President Takanobu Ito will officially announce the move as early as this week, they said.

The company plans to supply new engines with small displacement.

Kyodo News

FIFA: Sao Paulo could lose World Cup matches

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 May — World football's governing body FIFA has warned Sao Paulo could be stripped of its status as a 2014 World Cup host city due to stadium construction delays. Local officials last week said the Itaquerao stadium would not be ready until at least March next year, more than two months after the FIFA deadline.

But FIFA secretary

general Jerome Valcke said on Tuesday there would be no compromise on a requirement that construction work on Brazil's 12 World Cup venues be completed by December. "Work has to speed up," Valcke said during a visit to Brasilia's Mane Garrincha stadium. "And don't forget, it's not a threat. We can change everything until the first minute of ticket sales on

the first of August." Each of the country's six host stadiums for next month's Confederations Cup—considered a dry run for the World Cup—overshot their original deadlines of December 2012. But Itaquerao, which will stage six World Cup matches, including the tournament opener and one of the semifinals, has caused the greatest concern for FIFA.—Xinhua

Serena gains sisterly revenge on Robson in Rome



Serena Williams of the US hits a return to Laura Robson of Britain during their women's singles match at the Rome Masters tennis tournament on 14 May, 2013.
REUTERS

LONDON, 15 May — World number one Serena Williams inflicted swift revenge on behalf of her older sister when she beat Britain's Laura Robson 6-2, 6-2 in the Rome Masters on Tuesday. Venus Williams was despatched in straight sets by Robson in Mon-

day's first round but Serena, fresh from her defeat of Maria Sharapova in the Madrid Open final at the weekend, was a different proposition once she had warmed up.

Robson broke serve in the opening game but the American quickly hit her

stride to take the first set. Robson battled hard early in the second to reach 2-2 but then folded in the face of Williams' power and placement. Robson's second service was picked apart by Williams and the Briton did her chances no good with eight double faults. "It

was a good match —she played really well and really smart," said Williams. "She's just a great player and I think she has such a big future."

"I've played lots of matches, but I'm the kind of player who likes to keep playing matches, at least now in my career," Williams said of her current 20-match winning streak. "I just want to keep the confidence there." Despite being handed a tennis lesson, 19-year-old Robson said she wanted to play Williams again soon. "She's number one in the world for a reason. She played really well today (and) didn't give me many opportunities," Robson said on the official Tour website (www.wtatennis.com). "I thought it could have been a little bit closer—I had some break points I didn't take advantage of -- but it was a learning experience and hopefully I'll play her again soon." —Reuters

GENERAL

Pacers smother Knicks again in 93-82 win

LOS ANGELES, 15 May—Indiana grabbed a 3-1 lead over the New York Knicks in their Eastern Conference second round series on Tuesday, the Pacers suffocating the Knicks on defence and winning the battle of the boards en route to a 93-82 victory.

Game Five is in New York on Thursday when the Knicks will have to win to stay alive in the series, while the Pacers can reach the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time since the 2003-04 season. The Knicks, who scored just 71 points in an 11-point loss on Saturday, failed to show much sign of urgency on Tuesday and trailed by 14 at halftime.

George Hill scored 26 points for Indiana, who out-



Indiana Pacers forward Paul George (24) shoots the ball as New York Knicks guard Jason Kidd defends during the first half of an NBA Eastern Conference second round playoff basketball game in Indianapolis, Indiana on 14 May, 2013.—REUTERS

rebounded the Knicks 54-36 and held them to just 35 percent shooting from the field. Carmelo Anthony scored a team-high 24 points and had nine rebounds but made just nine of 23 shots, while

a misfiring JR Smith shot 7-for-22. Paul George added 18 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists for Indiana, who are a perfect 5-0 at home in the playoffs.

Reuters

US unveils new measures to promote organic agriculture

WASHINGTON, 15 May—US Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced on Tuesday new initiatives to support the growth of organic agriculture, including revising the federal crop insurance programme to lower premium price for organic crops.

During remarks to the Organic Trade Association, Vilsack affirmed government's support to organic agriculture. He said the federal crop insurance programme will increase coverage options for organic producers this year and provide more options in 2014. In addition, the programme will remove the current five percent organic rate sur-

charge on all future crop insurance policies beginning in 2014. "These new options will extend the safety net provided by crop insurance and provide fair and flexible solutions to organic producers," said Vilsack.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is also responsible, under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), for establishing national standards for organically-produced agricultural products. The USDA organic seal serves as an important marketing edge. With USDA certifications, farmers and ranchers can charge much higher prices on their organic products.

Over the past 10 years, the number of certified organic farms and businesses in the United States has expanded to roughly 17,750, representing a 240 percent increase.

Meanwhile, the retail value of the organic industry grew almost 9.5 percent in 2011 to 31.4 billion dollars, climbing to 4.2 percent of US retail food sales in 2011.—Xinhua



A worker helps a blind woman to walk across the street by using a crutch at the Yuhuangge Square in Yinchuan City, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 14 May, 2013. An activity aimed at helping the blind to walk was held here on Tuesday, in which more than 100 blind people were provided with crutches as they were helped to walk with them ahead of the 23rd national day for helping the disabled on 19 May.—XINHUA

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| 6:25 am | 3:15 pm |
| 2. To Be Healthy Exercise | 18. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and State Traditional Orchestra |
| 6:30 am | 4:15 pm |
| 3. Dance & Song of National Races | 19. Myanmar Language |
| 6:45 am | 4:45 pm |
| 4. Documentary | 20. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Home Economic) |
| 7:00 am | 5:00 pm |
| 5. News / Weather Report | 21. News |
| 7:20 am | 5:15 pm |
| 6. People Talk | 22. Road to 27th SEA Games (Gymnastics) |
| 8:00 am | 5:30 pm |
| 7. News / International News | 23. India Drama Series |
| 8:25 am | 6:00 pm |
| 8. My Mind Game My SEA Games | 24. News / Weather Report |
| 9:00 am | 6:20 pm |
| 9. News / International News | 25. Approaching Science Discovery World |
| 9:20 am | 6:45 pm |
| 10. How It's Works | 26. TV Drama Series |
| 10:00 am | 7:00 pm |
| 11. News | 27. News |
| 10:15 am | 8:00 pm |
| 12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than | 28. News / International News / Weather Report |
| 11:20 am | 8:35 pm |
| 13. Sing & Enjoy | 29. People Talk |
| 12:00 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 14. News / International News / Weather Report | 30. News |
| 12:25 pm | 31. Pyi Thu Ni Ti |
| 15. Myanmar Video | 32. CLEVER |
| 2:30 pm | 33. Songs Of Pianist Hla Htut |
| 16. Documentary (Weather Report) | |

Uran moves into overall third place after solo win



Silver medalist Rigoberto Uran of Colombia celebrates during the victory ceremony after the men's cycling road race at the London 2012 Olympic Games on 28 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Alberto Betancur, with Nibali making a late surge to take third place. Nibali has

now increased his overall lead on Australia's Cadel Evans, fifth on the stage,

to 41 seconds. "I should have attacked a bit earlier, but I'm still content with this result," Uran, the 2012 Giro's best young rider and silver medalist in the London Olympic road race, told reporters.

"After what we achieved last year in the Olympic Games, this is another important day for Colombian cycling." Sky's dark-clad riders set the pace on the front of the bunch over the narrow roads of the race's first major mountain pass, the Passo Cazon di Lanza, before Uran blasted away from the pack on the 21 kms final climb.

Reuters

Daiichi Sankyo's India unit to pay \$500 million in settlement

MUMBAI, 15 May—Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd, an Indian subsidiary of Japan's Daiichi Sankyo Co, has agreed to pay \$500 million to the US Justice Department to settle felo-

ny charges related to drug safety, local media reported on Tuesday.

In the largest-ever drug safety settlement case involving a generic drug-maker in the United States,

Ranbaxy admitted falsifying data from its drug facilities and knowingly making false statements to the US Food and Drug Administration. Ranbaxy also pleaded guilty to manufacturing

adulterated drugs at two plants in India.

Daiichi Sankyo earmarked \$500 million in reserves in relation to the case in its business year through March 2012.—Kyodo News

State is taking care of victims on humanitarian ground, without racial and religious discriminations



Chairman of National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun makes address in meeting with officials.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee meeting was held at the meeting hall of An Station of Rakhine State this morning, with an address by Chairman of National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun.

In his address, the Vice-President said that National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee and National Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Committee were formed with the aims of carrying out natural disasters preventive

measures and relief and aids programme. He met with the Rakhine State chief minister and members and officials from departments, social organizations and UN agencies and UNHCR while visiting temporary relief camps in Sittway yesterday. Arrangements are being made to move the victims in the makeshift camps to safer quarters, warehouses and workshops. Those places have been provided with food and health care. Officials from the relief camps and UNHCR have visited those places and were satisfied with the arrangements. He continued that he urged the officials to quickly move

the victims to the safer places arranged by the government and to prioritize the evacuation of the aged, child and the sick.

In the face of natural disasters, the State is taking care of the victims on humanitarian ground, without racial and religious discriminations. Victims need to follow government's measures without any fears. What the most important thing is to avoid casualties.

Cyclone "Mahasen" is going to cross the regions near Chittagong of Bangladesh soon. Sittway and Maungdaw townships will experience the impact

of the storm the most. It needs to move people there to safer places quickly. It is impossible to reduce disaster level to zero and needs to make efforts for minimum damages.

After that, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win reported the evacuation of people; Union Minister U Aye Myint, assistance provided for socio-economic development of local people in Rakhine State; Secretary of the Central Committee Deputy Minister U Phone Swe and Subcommittee Chairmen Deputy Ministers, their respective sectors.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Hla Min from the Office of Commander-in-Chief

(Army) and Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko Naing presented the reports on Tatmadaw's participation in preparedness and assistance to be given in the aftermath of the storm.

State Government has made necessary arrangements for swift move of victims to safer places as the victims in the makeshift camps delay and fear to move to other places.—MNA

Cyclone warning

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—According to the observations at (6:30) pm M.S.T today, Cyclonic Storm (MAHASSEN) over West central Bay of Bengali is centered at about (270) miles southwest of Maungdaw, (280) miles southwest of Sittway and (300) miles west of Kyaukpyu (Myanmar), (260) miles south of Kolkata (India). It is forecast to move Northeast wards and likely to cross between Chittagong (Bangladesh) and Maungdaw (Myanmar) next (18) hrs commencing this evening.

Current stage of Cyclonic Storm (MAHASSEN) is coded as Red emergency color, it means cyclone is moving toward between Bangladesh and Northern Rakhine coasts.

Maximum wind speed is estimated to be (60) mph, gusting (70) mph during landfall time. And probable maximum storm surge of about (8) to (10) feet in Maungdaw district, (6) to (8) feet in Sittway district and (4) to (6) feet in Kyaukpyu district.

Isolated heavy fall are likely in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States. Due to heavy fall, landslide and flash floods may occur over the hilly regions.

Frequent squalls with rough sea will be experienced Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (60-70) mph. All fishing boats, ships and vessels are advised to remain for safety.—MNA

Press conference on preparations for cyclonic storm "Mahasen" held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—"Proper preparations have been undertaken to overcome the possible danger of unpreventable natural disaster with least damage and casualties, taking lessons from cyclonic storm "Nargis". In accord with the guidance given by the President, humanitarian assistance will be provided to everyone, regardless of race and religion. All undertakings will be carried out in transparency," Union Minister U Aung Min said at the press conference held at Myanmar Peace Centre on Shweli Street, here, this morning.

Next, the Union minister explained evacuation of local people in townships under the threat of cyclonic storm "Mahasen" in Rakhine State.

Then diplomats, responsible persons of



Union Minister U Aung Min addresses press conference on preparations for cyclonic storm Mahasen.—MNA

UN agencies and NGOs suggested matters to make coordination in the face of the natural disaster.

Afterwards, Union Minister at President Office U Tin Naing Thein elaborated on evacuation works, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw, coordination with international organizations,

Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut, real time coverage of storm news, Union Minister U Aung Min, arrangements for relocation in accord with the laws, Retired Ambassador U Maung Maung Soe Tint, matters related to cooperation with international organizations.

Next, Union ministers

and deputy ministers answered the queries raised by media men.

Then, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe made a supplementary explanation on serious measures being undertaken taking lesson from the experiences given by "Nargis".

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