

Prime Minister of Japan and wife to pay a visit to Myanmar soon

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—At the invitation of U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, His Excellency Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan and wife Mrs Aki Abe will pay a state visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

President U Thein Sein visits Home of US first President George Washington

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and officials, visited Mt Vernon Estate where there was the residence of US first President George Washington is located in Virginia Gardens of the US at 8.45 am local standard time yesterday.

The President and party were welcomed there by Chairman of the Mt Vernon Board of Trustees Mr. Curt Viebranz and Relations Manager Mr. John

President U Thein Sein poses for photo together with local young people at Mt Vernon Home of President George Washington.
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Photo shows a room at the home of US first President George Washington.—MNA

Marshall who explained salient points of the Mt Vernon Gardens and Home.

Next, the President visited the Mt Vernon

Home of the President George Washington and observed the late president's plantation home. He then laid a wreath at President

George Washington's Tomb.

President George Washington had lived at the home for 45 years from 1754 to his final

day. At present, Mt Vernon Gardens and the Home are kept open as the museum.

President U Thein

Sein left for Washington along Potomac River by the vessel Virginia's Jewel of World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

CEO Mr. Robert Carter of WWF hosted a luncheon to the President on board the (See page (9))



President U Thein Sein enjoys luncheon hosted by CEO Mr. Robert Carter of WWF on board vessel Virginia.

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International Scouts meet Myanmar counterparts



YANGON, 20 May — A meeting between representatives of Asia and Pacific Regional Scouts and old and youth scouts in Myanmar took place at Thiri Yadana Hall of Basic

Education High School No (4), here, on 18 May.

Director-General of No (3) Basic Education Department U Min Zaw extended greetings.

Next, Chairman of

Asia and Pacific Regional Committee Dr. Chao Shao-Po spoke words of thanks.

Then, scout veterans recounted their experience to today's scouts.

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Accident

Car and bike crash kills one on bicycle

YANGON, 20 May — A vehicle, Toyota Crown, crashed into the back of a bicycle at the corner of Kaba-Aye Pagoda road and Thitsar street in ward-10 of Mayangon Township on 13 May, leaving one of two youngmen on a bicycle dead.

The vehicle driven by Aung Khaing Phy, 29, of Latha Township from north to south on Kaba-

Aye Pagoda road knocked down Aung Naing Oo, 24, and Htet Lwin Oo, 27, who were on the bicycle of South Okkalapa Township near the traffic lights at the corner of Kaba-Aye Pagoda road and Thitsar street at about 1.15 am on that day. The crash caused heavy damage to the bicycle and two riders severely wounded. Aung Naing Oo who got serious

injuries to his head, arms and legs is being given special care at Yangon General Hospital, but Htet Lwin Oo was pronounced dead on his way to hospital after sustaining serious injuries to his head in the accident.

Mayangon police station filed a lawsuit against driver Aung Khaing Phy.

Kyemon

Development

Mongkai accessible to everyone by road



YANGON, 20 May — Mongkai in Loilem District of Shan State (South) is a town linking Shan State (South) with Shan State (North). The town is situated on Loilem-Pan Kay Tu-Hsipaw Union Highway linking the southern part of Shan State with its northern part.

Loilem-Pan Kay Tu-Hsipaw road started serviceable in 1996 and it was also inaugurated in 2003 after it was upgraded.

"I have no idea whether bad weather and

maintenance problems weaken its durability. The road is very bad during the past one or two years, making all passengers difficult not only in summer but also in rainy season. Every vehicle has experience of stopping for the night in the middle of the journey," says a passenger who had have this experience on the road.

Now, it was over. The 34 miles long Loilem-Pan Kay Tu-Hsipaw road was constructed with the contribution of K 292 million from the budget of Union

Government during 2012-13 FY. Box culverts were also built for 50 bridges along the road by Loilem District and Yamethin District Public Works.

Moreover, the government spent K 384 million for upgrading of Kunhing-Mong Naung-Kehsi-Pan Kay Tu road and Mongkai-Kat Phwee rural road were upgraded into tarred ones.

New and upgraded roads thereby contribute to better socio economic status of local people. — Kyemon

MFF President meets Myanmar women's football team

YANGON, 20 May — President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw spoke words of encouragement to the players of the selected Myanmar women's football team who will take part in 2014 Asian Cup qualifying matches at MFF head office, here, on 17 May.

It was also attended by MFF General Secretary U Tin Aung and in-charges, Chairman of women football committee Daw Khin Sabei Kyi, Secretary Daw Myat Myat Oo and Head Coach Kumada. The MFF president expressed his belief that Myanmar women football team could

pass the qualification stage, taking a spiritual advantage as there was no difference in performance between the team and rivals. He called on players to surely catch the chance to go 2015 women's world cup.



National Sports

Myanmar women's football team left for Palestine to compete in 2014 Asian Cup qualifying matches of Group D on 18 May. Myanmar will play against India on 21 May, host Palestine on 23 May and China (Taipei) on 25 May. — Kyemon

Company worker's death under investigation

YAMETHIN, 20 May — Tatkon police said they had a report of an arrival of a dead body of man who is believed to have been killed after falling into a lake at District People's Hospital in Yamethin on 16 May.

Under initial investigation, the body was identified as Saw Nann Aung, 30, of Hsan Shwepyi Company in Moehti Moemi gold mining region and he was from Butalin Township. He is assumed to have

Crime

been killed after sustaining injuries to his head as he plunged into the lake on his way to the company on 15 May.

Investigation is ongoing after opening a case over the death of Saw Nann Aung.

Kyemon

Staff vehicles get caught in stone attack of vendors

YANGON, 20 May — Two stationary vehicles, Suzuki Pickups, got caught in stone attacks of some vendors while measures were being taken to curb undisciplined vendors at the corner of Maha Bandoola Road and 40th Street in ward-8 of Kyauktada Township on 14 May.

The incident happened

when YCDC staff and police members led by U Ngwe Soe of Yangon South District Executive Officer's Office were carrying out a crackdown on undisciplined vendors there.

Vendor Me Gyi and accomplices threw stones and sticks at two stationary vehicles of staff.

Windscreens of the two cars were broken due to the stone attack, losing K 120,000 in damage.

As the Kyauktada Township Executive Officer opened a case to sue perpetrators for damages, actions are being taken to arrest the suspects by Kyauktada police station.

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Water supply satisfies thirsty Dala wards

YANGON, 20 May — Supply of drinking water by water bowzers of YCDC is helping relieve local thirst in Dala Township which is under water stress, it is learnt.

The water has reached the wards with a desperate water shortage as of 8 April and so far 165600 gallons of

water have been distributed up to 3 May. Wellwishers also made drinking water donation there, supplying more than 4000 purified drinking water containers with a storage capacity of 200 liters each.

Officials said that Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister had ordered

to carry out supply of water with the use of 10 water bowzers, ensuring each and every house within easy reach of water supply.

According to data, there has been a great scarcity of water in Nyaungdon ward, 11/14 ward, Yazathingyan ward and staff housing ward. — Kyemon



WORLD

Obama to discuss al-Qaeda, drones, Guantanamo Bay in Thursday speech

ATLANTA, 20 May—President Barack Obama, under fire for security lapses at a US mission in Libya, will in a speech on Thursday lay out his wide-ranging counter-terrorism policy, from the controversial use of drones to efforts to close the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Obama's use of military drone aircraft to attack extremists has drawn fire and increased tensions in countries like Pakistan and been criticized by human rights activists in the United States.

His inability to follow through on a 2008 campaign pledge to close the Guantanamo Bay prison



US President Barack Obama steps aboard Air Force One after motorcading from the White House due to foggy conditions at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, on 19 May, 2013.—REUTERS

has been dramatized by a hunger strike among many of the terrorism suspects being held there.

And the resurgence in recent weeks of questions

surrounding the deaths of US ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens and three other Americans in an attack on a US facility in Benghazi, Libya, last year

has put Obama on the defensive.

In his State of the Union speech early this year Obama pledged to work with Congress to make certain that the US targeting, detention and prosecution of terrorism suspects was consistent with US law.

A White House official said Obama would address these issues in a speech on Thursday at the National Defence University in Washington.

He will say that al-Qaeda has been significantly degraded but remains a threat, along with its affiliates, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Reuters

IAEA inspector backs pumping Fukushima groundwater into sea

VIENNA, 20 May—A possible solution to the increasing amount of contaminated water inside the crisis-hit Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant could be to pump groundwater into the sea before it gets into the reactor buildings, as planned by the plant operator, the head of international inspectors has said.

"It will be very nice if they really get to bypass the main building through these systems — through this direct pumping of the water to the sea or whatever it is. Because it is clean water," Juan Carlos Lentijo, head of a 13-member team of the International Atomic Energy Agency that inspected the plant last month, told *Kyodo News* in

a recent interview.

Tokyo Electric Power Co has created a system to direct part of the groundwater into the sea before it flows and seeps into the reactor buildings and mixes with highly radioactive water accumulating inside, increasing the amount by 400 tons a day, but has yet to win approval from local fishermen to discharge the

water.

Lentijo, who is an expert on nuclear fuel cycles and waste technology, called the ongoing accumulation of water the biggest remaining problem at the site, given that it is possible a relatively stable condition at the reactors and spent fuel pools could be achieved.

Kyodo News

ISAF plane makes hard landing, leaving no casualty

KABUL, 20 May—A plane with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) made hard landing in Logar Province 60 km south of Kabul on Sunday, a statement of the alliance released here said.

"An International Security Assistance Force C-130 had a hard landing in Logar Province, Afghanistan today," the statement added.

The statement without providing more details stressed that, "There are no casualties, and there was no indication of insurgent activity in the area at the time."

Previously, in a similar incident, a helicopter crashed in Logar Province on 22 April, during which Taliban militants captured nine people including eight Turkish nationals aboard the chopper and set them free after nearly two weeks keeping in captivity.

Xinhua



Afghan border police display Afghan military uniforms and explosive devices from a terrorist in Afghanistan's eastern province of Nangarhar, on 19 May, 2013. Afghan border police captured a terrorist with Afghan military uniforms and explosive devices during an operation in Nangarhar Province on Sunday.—XINHUA

Nepal, India to discuss cross-border crime

KATHMANDU, 20 May—Nepal and India have decided to discuss cross-border crime to curb this phenomenon in the 1,700-km border shared by the two countries, officials said on Sunday.

"A secretary-level meeting is scheduled for June first week. Exact date will be fixed soon. Cross-border crime will be a key feature of the meeting," Nepal's Home Ministry spokesperson Shankar Koirala told *Xinhua*.

In the meeting, Home Secretary Nabin Ghimire will lead the Nepali side, while Indian Home Secretary RK Singh will head the visiting delegation.

In Birgunj, Nepal's trade point with India in the mid-Terai plains, two clothing merchants Raju Shah and Manoj Agrawal were murdered within 10 minutes on 13 Oct, 2010.

In the same month, yet another merchant Binod Agrawal was hacked to death in the same city.

In the past seven years, there were 40 incidents of shooting, bombing and murder of businessmen in Birgunj, according to Nepali officials.

The motive of most of the crimes has been to extort a hefty ransom by the convicted or non-convicted criminals, who flee India to escape punishment back

home.

"The unregulated open border between Nepal and India is the root cause for cross-border crime," said Kedar Bhakta Shrestha, a foreign affairs expert and former Nepali ambassador to the United States.

Both countries should develop a simplified border management system, in which there is no bureaucratic hassle for the locals, but records of identity cards of individuals crossing the border can be strictly kept, Shrestha added.

The last Nepal-India security talks at the secretary level was held in New Delhi on 16-17 Jan, 2012.

Xinhua

UNESCO head welcomes recommendation of Mt Fuji for World Heritage list

KABUL, 20 May—UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova has said Japan's iconic Mt Fuji is "a bearer" of cultural and intangible heritage for its influence on tradition, expressing



UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova speaks during an interview with Kyodo News in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 18 May, 2013. KYODO NEWS

pleasure that the mountain is almost certain to become a World Heritage site.

"We are all happy about this recommendation" by the advisory panel

to the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Bokova said in a recent interview with *Kyodo News* during her visit to the Afghan capital Kabul.

The 60-year-old director general also said the mountain is "a bearer both of messages of cultural heritage but also of intangible heritage because I know it is a part of Japanese identity."

The UNESCO advisory panel, the International Council on Monuments and Sites, known as ICOMOS, has recommended the listing of the 3,776-metre mountain as a world cultural heritage site as it is a national symbol of Japan and blends religious and artistic traditions.

To the disappointment of local people, ICOMOS did not accept Tokyo's request to add cultural assets in the ancient city of Kamakura, Kanagawa Prefecture, as the World Heritage list, citing scarce assets linked to the medieval shogunate.

Kyodo News

Venezuela says taking steps to restore US diplomatic ties

CARACAS, 20 May—Venezuela's recent designation of an acting head of its diplomatic mission in the United States shows the OPEC nation's desire to restore full diplomatic relations, the foreign minister said in an interview broadcast on Sunday.

Disputes between Caracas and Washington were common during the 14-year-rule of late socialist leader Hugo Chavez, leaving both nations without ambassadors in each other's capitals.

Foreign Minister Elias Jaua suggested in a televised interview that the move to name govern-

ment ally Calixto Ortega as charge d'affaires in Washington could be a prelude to restoring ambassadors.

"This is a message for US politicians so they understand Venezuela's desire to normalize relations ... via the designation of the highest diplomatic authorities," he said. "Why? Because the United States remains our top trade partner."

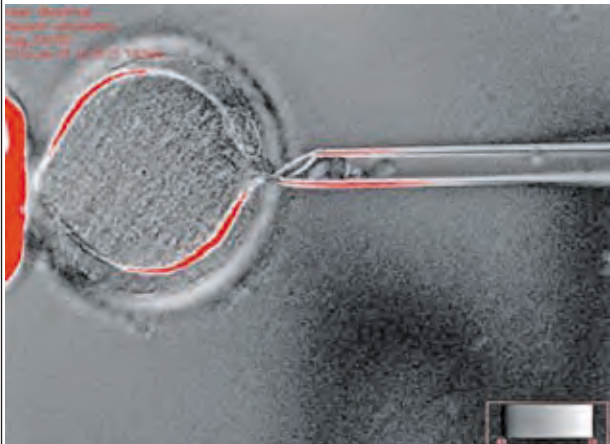
Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has in recent months said he wants better ties with Washington as long as the relationship is respectful. But he has also accused the United States of seeking to destabilize the country.—*Reuters*



Venezuela's Foreign Minister Elias Jaua speaks during a press statement with his Brazilian counterpart Antonio Patriota (not pictured) at the Itamaraty Palace in Brasilia on 9 April, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Scientists create human stem cells through cloning



NEW YORK, 20 May—After more than 15 years of failures by scientists around the world and one outright fraud, biologists have finally created human stem cells by the same technique that produced Dolly the cloned sheep in 1996: They transplanted genetic material from an adult cell into an egg whose own DNA had been removed. The result is a harvest of human embryonic stem cells, the seemingly magic cells capable of morphing into any of the 200-plus kinds that make up a person.

The feat, reported on last Wednesday in the journal *Cell*, could re-ignite the field of stem-cell medicine, which has been hobbled by technical challenges as well as ethical issues. Until now, the most natural sources of human stem cells have been human embryos, whose use in research poses ethical quandaries. The technique announced on Wednesday, by scientists at

Oregon Health & Science University and the Oregon National Primate Research Centre, uses unfertilized human eggs.

Eliminating the need for human embryos could boost attempts to use stem cells and their progeny to replace cells damaged or destroyed in heart disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries and other devastating conditions. But the achievement could also revive fears of reproductive cloning, or producing genetic copies of living (or dead) individuals. Even before the study was published, a British watchdog group called Human Genetics Alert protested the research. "Scientists have finally delivered the baby that would-be human cloners have been waiting for: a method for reliably creating cloned human embryos," said Dr David King, the group's director.

Reuters

Bloomberg snooping scandal alerts China on data security

BEIJING, 20 May—The recent snooping scandal involving global financial information and news provider Bloomberg LP has sounded an alarm for the Chinese financial industry and its heavy reliance on foreign data services. Bloomberg LP announced on Friday the appointment of former IBM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Samuel J Palmisano as an independent adviser regarding privacy and data standards.

It was the company's latest move to placate client concerns after it acknowledged that Bloomberg reporters had long been able to access information on clients' use of Bloomberg's data terminals, including their login history and functions used. As the US Federal Reserve and central banks in Europe and Japan have all reportedly started looking

into the issue or contacted Bloomberg for information on the matter, China would also do well to stay vigilant about financial data safety.

"For a country like China that has such huge foreign exchange reserves, its forex investment portfolio has always been under the global spotlight," said financial commentator Yu Fenghui.

Xinhua

Visitors look at a presentation of a simulative star field during a science exhibition in Beijing, capital of China, on 19 May, 2013. The exhibition is a part of the National Science and Technology Week and will last till 25 May.

XINHUA



Yahoo's board approves \$1.1 billion Tumblr acquisition

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 May—Yahoo Inc's board has approved a deal to buy blogging and social networking site Tumblr for \$1.1 billion in cash, the *Wall Street Journal* cited people familiar with the matter as saying on Sunday.

Such an acquisition would be Marissa Mayer's largest deal since taking the helm of the once-iconic Internet company in July 2012. Yahoo is keen on fast-growing Tumblr because its younger user base would bolster the older website's "cool factor," the technology blog AllThingsD cited the sources as saying.

Mayer, who spent 13

years at Google Inc, is trying to revitalize a former Internet powerhouse that in recent years has struggled with declining business. On its home page, Tumblr says it hosts 108 million blogs, with 50.7 billion posts between them. Yahoo declined to comment, while Tumblr did not respond to requests for comment.

The deal comes after a recent failed attempt to buy a controlling stake in French video site Dailymotion, owned by France Télécom SA. Tumblr, one of the more successful Internet start-ups out of New York, has only just begun earning revenue through



The Yahoo logo is shown at the company's headquarters in Sunnyvale, California on 16 April, 2013.—REUTERS

advertising. On its home page, Tumblr says it hosts 108 million blogs, with 50.7 billion posts between them. Yahoo has invited press to

an event in Manhattan on Monday at which it promised to "share something special," without elaborating.—Reuters

New Xbox more than a game console for Microsoft

SAN FRANCISCO/SEATTLE, 20 May—Microsoft Corp is set to make a splash this week with the eagerly awaited unveiling of its new Xbox game console, eight years after the last version, as it seeks a larger share of the \$65 billion a year global computer gaming industry. But the small device faces some big competition from

the PlayStation 4 by Sony Corp and the Wii U by Nintendo Co Ltd in a shifting market.

Gamers are gravitating to online play — suggesting the hey-day of console games are over — while Microsoft wants its sleek new toy to finally cross the bridge to the mainstream and become the family's

entertainment centre. "Core gamers are very hungry for a new machine but the difference between 2005 and now is that the stakes are so much higher," said Ryan McCaffrey, executive editor at entertainment website IGN.com, harking back to Microsoft's last Xbox release. "The entire Xbox experiment from Microsoft was for it to be the centre piece of your living room."

To that end, industry-watchers are expecting a raft of improvements from the new Xbox, when Microsoft unveils it at its Redmond, Washington, headquarters on Tuesday, from closer integration with the TV and link-ups with mobile devices to access to new and even exclusive content.

Reuters



Visitors play with Microsoft's Xbox 360 consoles at the Tokyo Game Show in Chiba, east of Tokyo, on 15 Sept, 2011.—REUTERS

China says EU solar duties to "seriously harm" trade ties

BEIJING, 20 May—China warned the European Union on Thursday that imposing duties on Chinese solar panels would "seriously harm" bilateral trade ties, upping the tone of its criticism a week after the EU said it would move ahead with hefty penalties in June. The European Commission has agreed to impose average import duties of 47 percent on solar panels from China, according to officials, a move they say is to guard against the dumping of cheap goods in Europe. China's Ministry of Commerce spokesman Shen Danyang said he hoped reports about the duties were unreliable.

"If this information is true, this action by the European Union would seriously harm China-Europe trade

relations," Shen told a news conference. Shen said "provoking trade friction with China" was like "dropping a boulder on one's own foot" and would not help Europe break free from economic crisis. Trade friction between China and the EU is already high. The EU has 31 trade investigations, 18 of them involving China. The solar case is the largest to date, impacting 21 billion euros (\$26.9 billion) of imported Chinese solar panels, cells and wafers.

The Commission said this week it was prepared to launch another investigation into anti-competitive behaviour by Chinese producers of mobile telecoms equipment. China is expected to decide in June whether to levy its own duties on imported Eu-

ropean, US and South Korean solar-grade polysilicon, a raw material used in solar panel production. The English-language China Daily newspaper cited an official with the surname Zhang as saying the Ministry of Commerce was likely waiting for an official EU decision before issuing its polysilicon ruling.

The EU solar duties would come into effect once the Commission publishes the decision in its Official Journal. Beijing has said it will defend against what it calls protectionist behavior. On his first overseas trip since taking the office in March, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang at the end of May will stop in Germany, the world's biggest solar market last year.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Global shares grind higher, yen edges up on Amari comments

LONDON, 20 May—Rising optimism about global growth pushed world shares to a near five-year high on Monday, while comments from Japan's economy minister that consumers could suffer if the yen falls further lifted it off a 4-1/2 low.

Data last week that showed US consumer sentiment at its strongest in nearly six years continued to support equity markets. MSCI's world index. MIWO00000PUS is at its highest since June 2008 as top European shares. FTEU3 started the week up 0.2 percent. With risk appetite dominating, safe-haven German Bunds fell 45 ticks, while gold, also

pressured by signs the US Federal Reserve could start winding down its support, extended its longest losing streak in four years to hit a 1-month low.

"We have started to see a series of positive readings coming out of the United States. We are positioned for a rising market and think that the best way is to invest in financials," said HSBC equity strategist Robert Parkes.

In the currency market, focus remained largely on the yen and it edged up from last week's 4-1/2 year low after Japan's economy minister suggested over the weekend the government might be satisfied with its level after its recent slump.



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange, on 16 May, 2013.

REUTERS

"People say the excessively strong yen has corrected quite a bit. If the yen continues to weaken steadily from here, negative effects on people's lives will emerge," Japanese Economics Minister Akira Amari told a Sunday talk

show. As European trading gathered pace Brent crude held steady at \$104.60 a barrel while copper eased 0.36 percent to \$7,282.50 a metric ton (1.1023 tons) as the talk of the Fed tapering its bond purchases weighed on sentiment.—Reuters

Nikkei hits new 5-yr, 5-month high on yen's slide, rosy US data

TOKYO, 20 May—Tokyo stocks rose on Monday morning, with the Nikkei hitting its highest point in five years and five months as expectations of better corporate earnings were bolstered by the yen's further slide following the release of rosy US economic data. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended the morning session up 208.89 points, or 1.38 percent, from Friday at 15,347.01, after climbing to as high as 15,356.31. The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was up 17.29 points, or 1.38 percent, at 1,270.53. Gainers were led by sea transport, utilities and oil shares while decliners included the real estate, pharmaceutical and banking sectors.

changed hands in the upper 102 yen range, up from the lower to the mid-102 yen level seen on Friday in Tokyo on a sound economic outlook in the United States following the release of a better-than-expected consumer sentiment index for May, brokers said. Among export-oriented shares, Toyota Motor gained 140 yen, or 2.2 percent, to 6,610 yen and Mitsubishi Motors soared 16 yen, or 12.3 percent, to 146 yen.

Electronics maker Sony climbed 120 yen, or 5.9 percent, to 2,166 yen while semiconductor testing equipment maker Advantest rose 57 yen, or 3.3 percent, to 1,769 yen. On the second stage of Japan's growth strategy announced by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Friday, Nishi said

Greece to buy 142 ships from China

SHANGHAI, 20 May—Greek Shipping Minister Kostis Moussouroulis said here on Saturday Greek shipowners have recently signed contracts to buy 142 new ships from Chinese shipbuilding companies. The orders, which were signed in April, accounted for more than 60 percent of the recent global orders of Greek shipowners, said the Greek official. The shipping industry, including shipbuilding, is one of the most important sectors for economic and trade co-operation between the two countries.

In the next decade, China will remain an important global exporter and become an increasingly important importer, according to the minister. The new orders are the investment of Greek shipowners for the future, said Moussouroulis. Wang Qi, general manager of Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co., Ltd, said Greece has become an important client of China's shipbuilding enterprises.

As one of China's major shipbuilding companies, Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co., Ltd has built a total of 67 ships for Greek shipowners in recent years, accounting for about 30 percent of the company's output, Wang said. Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras is on an official visit to China from Wednesday to Sunday. Leaders of the two countries have vowed to boost cooperation.

Xinhua

H7N9 more likely to transmit among humans than other bird flu

BEIJING, 20 May—A China, World Health Organization (WHO) joint report said the H7N9 bird flu virus has a higher potential for human-to-human transmission than any other known bird flu virus. The report, compiled after the WHO's week-long field assessment of the influenza, was publicized by China's National Health and Family

Planning Commission on Saturday.

It said, the H7N9 virus, compared with other bird flu virus, has infected more in a shorter time, and some H7N9 virus have shown genetic alterations which means they have adapted to be more contagious than other avian influenza virus.

Besides, the WHO offered the Chinese govern-

ment several suggestions, including staying alert despite the virus' seasonal weakening during the summer, as the virus poses grave hazards and a lot of its basic information are still not known. The report admitted there are still uncertainties surrounding this fresh strain of virus, asserting that exposure to live poultry is a major risk factor. The WHO last month sent a joint mission of experts to China to survey areas affected by H7N9 in Shanghai and Beijing for a week-long assessment of the influenza. From late March when the first H7N9 case was reported to 13 May, the Chinese mainland had reported a total of 130 confirmed H7N9 cases. Thirty-five of these cases ended in death, and 57 patients have recovered and been discharged from the hospital, according to official statistics.—Xinhua

Lundbeck says drug shows improvement in depression symptoms

COPENHAGEN, 20 May—Danish pharmaceutical group Lundbeck and Japanese partner Takeda said on Saturday that data from clinical phase III studies with the antidepressant vortioxetine had shown significant improvement in patients' symptoms.

Lundbeck said in a statement that the trial showed safety levels consistent with previously completed studies at lower doses. Lundbeck and Takeda submitted vortioxetine, also known as Brintellix, for regulatory approval in the United

States and Europe at the end of last year.

Industry analysts at Deutsche Bank see the new drug having sales potential in excess of \$1.5 billion and possibly up to \$3 billion a year, although consensus forecasts for 2016 are a more modest \$500 million, according to Thomson Reuters Pharma. Lundbeck hopes the new drug will provide a new source of revenue as its existing antidepressant, Cipralex, sold as Lexapro in the United States and Japan, comes off patent protection.

Reuters



Danish pharmaceutical group Lundbeck.



Nikkei Osaka head office.

"Despite a sense of overheating, the trend of the yen's drop versus the dollar is again boosting hopes that firms will upgrade their earnings (outlook)," said Hiroichi Nishi, assistant general manager of equity research at SMBC Nikko Securities Inc., adding the market also benefited from rising global equities after the Dow Jones Industrial Average and Germany's Dax index hit record highs last Friday. The dollar

it was generally taken positively by market players, but many viewed it as somewhat insufficient as it lacked corporate tax cuts, considered by many crucial to turning around businesses. In the speech made on Friday, Abe pledged to double the scale of Japan's crop exports and agricultural earnings as well as to promote capital spending among other steps.

Kyodo News

Higher-stakes soccer matches tied to more injuries

NEW YORK, 20 May — Soccer matches played at a high level of competition are more likely to result in injuries — and in more serious ones — compared to less important games, according to a new study. The finding makes sense, according to Håkan Bengtsson, who led the research, because prestigious games are likely to be "higher intensity and (result in) more situations with higher risks."

Bengtsson, a physiotherapist at Linköping University in Sweden, said previous studies have shown differences in how athletes play depending on the type of match, "but how that relates to

injuries has not been studied before." He and his colleagues used an injury database from the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), which includes 26 professional soccer teams from 10 countries. From 2001 to 2010, athletes sustained 2,738 injuries in 6,010 soccer games.

Moderate or severe injuries, which required more than one week of absence from play, were more likely at UEFA Champions League games — the most important tournament in European soccer — than at regular league games. For instance, championship matches had

a 57 percent increased risk of two or more injuries over league games. This meant there were 33 injuries for every 100 Champions League games compared to 24 injuries per 100 league matches, according to Bengtsson.

Greater risk taking in high-stakes matches might explain the results, but "it's also possible that the importance of a competition may influence a team's willingness to let players with minor, not fully rehabilitated injuries play," Bengtsson and his colleagues write in the *American Journal of Sports Medicine*.—Reuters

NATIONAL

Government's action is just to intimate relationship between "pluralist media space" and the exercise of "social responsibility model" media culture

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May— Myanmar hosted the second conference on Media Development in Myanmar at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel in Yangon with an address by Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi.

It was cosponsored by the Ministry of Information and Myanmar Media Development Thematic Working Group in partnership with UNESCO and International Media Support (IMS).

The Union Minister said: First of all, I'd like to say we recognize and highly appreciate the previous conference, the very first media event held in Myanmar, as it has fostered the historic move of the Myanmar media sector toward the today's media development steps on which we are working together. Moreover, it has paved the way for accelerating the speed of our democratic reforms.

We also acknowledge that the freedom of expression—"the right to speak" and the freedom of information—"the right to know" cannot be properly exercised without the

media pluralism—"the right to choose," which can be obtained by the presence of rival media resources which are free from the influences of political and commercial interests. The key ground for our government's action is just to intimate relationship between "pluralist media space" and the exercise of "social responsibility model" in our media culture. I hope the future media landscape of Myanmar will have diversity in terms of media ownership and in terms of content for different media audiences including women, children, ethnic communities and differently abled individuals. From the stage of idea formulation, of which we discussed here in the same conference last year pertaining to a diagnosis of the principal needs and problems, its main potentials and constraints, we have engaged with parliamentary committees, non-governmental sectors and civil societies in strategy formulations as well as the action plans, and we are now at the stage of implementing these action plans at the national level.

The abolishment of

censorship board and online accessibility of publishing rights have clearly illustrated as the first phase of media reform while the return of independent commercial daily newspapers and the repeals of existing rigid printing laws as the second phase. As we have reached a compromise on the latter issue with the press council, I hope it will open up for discussions in the parliament soon.

Now we focus on the transformation of State-owned media into the public service media in order to contribute to both media pluralism and democracy in our society. Free from political interference and commercial interest, the existence of public service media is to listen to different voices and to speak to everyone in equality. I hope our country is one of the success stories of the media reform model in Asia as it has moved this far within a short period while comparing with other media environments.

Ambassador of Denmark Mr. Mikael Hemniti Winther believes media development conference would serve as a platform for diverse opinions



Union Minister U Aung Kyi poses for documentary photo together with those present at the second conference on Media Development in Myanmar.—MNA

of media, noting the public participation in media.

He called for joint work of government, international organizations, UN agencies, and media person under the law precondition for media development of Myanmar, noting it has been set on right track. Regional Deputy Director of UNESCO Bangkok Mr. Etienne Clement sees Myanmar's reforms taking place at rapid speed and its media becoming free and more open than ever. He on behalf of UNESCO welcomes the women's participation in

Myanmar's media world and begins to see equality in its media activities. He stressed the role of media for justice and freedom of expression in line with democratic practice. He called the media persons to join hands with the government and international media organizations to speed up the hard-won momentum.

U Thiha Saw, Chief Editor of Open News Journal and member of interim Myanmar Press Council said changes are tangible. He said the two draft press laws have been tabled and

the Information Ministry and the MPC (Interim) met three times for the drafts. Thanks to the cooperation, the drafts could be push forward. He said much progress could be seen against hindrance in the past.

A total of 369 persons—personnel from UN agencies, international media organizations and foreign media agencies, local departmental personnel, editors, reporters and guests were present at the conference which concludes tomorrow.

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Although the government's money is involved, it is important to acknowledge to the public, that the government is not controlling its Public Service Media



Danish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikael Hemniti Winther.

The 2nd Conference on Media Development in Myanmar is being held from 20th to 21st May at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel in Yangon. The theme of the conference is "The Role of Media in Democratic Transition: Successes, Challenges and the Way Forward".

The news team of the News and Periodicals Enterprise had an exclusive interview with the Ambassador of Denmark



Deputy Director Mr. Etienne Clement of Bangkok-based Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education of UNESCO.

to Myanmar, Mr Mikael Hemniti Winther, which is as follows;

Question: *His Excellency, we understand that the media sector of Scandinavian countries, including Denmark, is Public Service Media. We in Myanmar are also undertaking measures for the Public Service Media. Please give us your advice and comment*

on the implementation for our Public Service Media?

Answer: Public Service Media must ensure its independence, with a balanced view. It is extremely important. The government, as a Public Service Media provider, has to ensure that it is not a government propaganda but a truly independent media. Some kind of a media committee can be formed where the members are representing various segments of society. Then the government can assure that it is not controlling what its media is providing. Although the government's money is involved, it is important to acknowledge to the public, that the government is not controlling its Public Service Media.

Question: *What issues will be focused in this conference?*

Answer: There will be

many angles to be discussed. One issue will be on how to establish true independent public media, which is very important. Another issue is to ensure professionalism among the journalists. There must be some kind of basics for the media. Freedom of speech needs responsibility, because media can create conflicts and make waves. That is why media needs professional training. These are the issues to be discussed during this conference.

Question: *What can we expect from this conference on media development in Myanmar?*

Answer: We can expect very open discussions here in this conference. We can also increase the awareness and can lay-out the work programme. This is not something that we can achieve today or tomorrow. This conference will be finding different directions on what and how things

should be done.

Moreover, the news team of NPE also had an interview with Deputy Director Mr. Etienne Clement of Bangkok-based Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education of UNESCO.

Question: *We understand that UNESCO is cooperating with Myanmar on our plan for the implementation of Public Service Media. What can Myanmar expect from UNESCO?*

Answer: UNESCO is advising and helping to ensure that the legislative framework of Myanmar's Public Service Media, whether it is written press or broadcasting, is up to international standard. We will be ensuring that the interest of all involved will be preserved, such as the public, the journalists, the readers, and the viewers. This is something that UNESCO will be advising Myanmar. We are giving the advice of what UNESCO believes in.

Question: *Can you please comment on our current reform process of the State-owned media sector?*

Answer: I have seen tremendous changes since about a year and a half. Though I am based in Bangkok, whenever I visit Myanmar I always read the "The New Light of Myanmar" and a few others. So yes, of course, I have seen a lot of changes.

Question: *Please give us your advice for the successful implementation of our Public Service Media?*

Answer: Myanmar has to make sure that its Public Service Media remains a service. It means serving for the people. Nowadays, the media sector including the Public Service Media will be watched, whether it provides information as service to its people. The people will realize that it is becoming a service, when they are given information which will be useful in their daily lives. Then it can be defined as a service to the public. That is what UNESCO would want to advise and would like to be implemented. The Public Service Media is funded with public money, therefore it has to render its service to the people.

LOCAL NEWS

HRD

Meiktila University gets new three-storey facility



The newly constructed three-storey building in Meiktila University Campus.

MEIKTILA, 20 May—PyinOoLwin Pandaing Construction completed construction of a new three-storey school building of Meiktila University in February.

The construction started on 9 September, 2012.

It has the length of 210 ft, the width of 48 ft and the height of 56 ft.

It costs a fortune to build the new school building that will hold more than 1200 students as of 2013-2014 academic year.

It is the second three-storey building in Meiktila

University in addition to the first one built in 2012.

The combination of the two buildings could host more than 2000 students.

A convocation hall will also be built in the university campus.

Myanma Alinn

YeU primary school repaired



YE U, 20 May—A Basic Education Primary School in Nabaung village in YeU Township in Sagaing Region damaged by the strong winds earlier this month has been

repaired.

Leader of the village U Myo Aung, headmistress Daw Thein Thein Aye, and member of School Board of Trustees U Myo Zaw managed to collect adequate fund to

repair the building with the contribution of the local residents. The repair of the school which was badly damaged by 2 May stormy winds completed 14 days later on 16 May.

Myanma Alinn

Mandalay Region Chief Minister meets Indian guests

MANDALAY, 20 May—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint met with Charge d' Affaires ai Mr YK Sailas Thangal of Indian Embassy and the Mandalay-based Indian Consul-General at the meeting hall of the Region Government Office at 1 am on 13 May.

Also present at the call together with the region Chief Minister were Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing and Secretary of Region Government Office U Ohn Lwin.

The meeting focused on bilateral relations, skills development in Mandalay Region, nurturing of skilled labour, tourism and trade.

Myanma Alinn

MEB relaxes banking procedures

MANDALAY, 20 May—Myanma Economic Bank under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has relaxed procedures in their banking services since 2 April, according to MEC's Mandalay Region Office.

The bank run under strict procedures as it is the most trusted bank in Myanmar, an official at the office said.

But the changes have been under way to ensure



Ingysin market funeral service group receives sermons from members of Sangha on its first birthday.

Ingysin market funeral service group marks first birthday

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Ingysin market funeral service group in Dana Theikdi ward in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw marked the group's first anniversary at the new Dana Theikdi Dhammayon near Ingysin market at 9.30 am on 15 May.

The congregation re-

ceived Five Percepts from Seventh Vaipulla Sayadaw U Vepulla and members of Sangha of Dana Theikdi ward. The group then donated offertories. The group contributes K 1500,00 to each funeral and provides necessary assistance for the final rites. It is formed with residents and government servants. "We're now celebrating our first anniversary and receive sermons from Sayadaws with joint efforts. We would continue to celebrate in this way in the years to come."

Myanma Alinn

Over 60,000 SIM cards to be sold in Mandalay this month

MANDALAY, 20 May—A total of 69,395 low-priced SIM cards was sold at Township General Administration Department offices in Mandalay Region today.

The price of CDMA 800 MHz SIM card is K 1500.

The share from 350,000 SIM cards for nationwide monthly sale was for 20 townships where CDMA 800 MHz connection is

accessible.

In this second batch, the number of SIM card rises by 4395 than the first one in the previous month.

Seven townships in Mandalay district received a share of 4000 SIM cards.

Those who win the previous month's draw will not be allowed to participate in this month's draw.

Myanma Alinn

Global Business Association Co donates clothes for Sagaing, Mandalay quake victims

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Global Business Association Co Ltd donated bales of cloth for victims of earth quake in Mandalay and Sagaing Regions at Yangon Region Relief and Resettlement Department Office on 9 May.

Officials accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

Myanma Alinn

Gokdwin road on Mandalay-Muse Union Highway needs repair

MUSE, 20 May—Traffic blockage on Gokdwin road on Mandalay-Muse Union Highway used to squander hours and poses a threat to Myanmar-China trade, according to a merchant.

The road has more than 30 turnovers between Nawnghkio Township and Kyaukme Township.

The traffic jam was attributed to increasing traffic and narrow turnovers.

The lighter vehicles passed over the trucks in traffic jam only to increase waiting hours.

While perishable veg-

etables, eel and crabs are being transported to China, the longer hours stuck in traffic cost millions. The undisciplined passing over should be avoided and traffic rules abided by, a driver suggests.

U Peter of Shweli Truck Line said, "Traffic jams are very often, sometimes twice a month."

A traffic congestion could take seven or eight hours to get cleared.

"We want the road to be wider. There should be a crane in Gokdwin, or Kyaukme or Nawnghkio,"



he said.

"If a vehicle stops, the

crane could move it over."

Myanma Alinn

Gokdwin road on Mandalay-Muse Highway.

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NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein gives interview to CNN, Washington Post media men

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein gave an interview to CNN's Chief International Correspondents Mrs.

Christiane Amanpour and Editor of Washington Post Mr. Fred Hiatt and Political Correspondent Mrs. Anne Gearan about ongoing reform processes



President U Thein Sein gives an interview to CNN's Chief International Correspondents Mrs. Christiane Amanpour.—MNA

in Myanmar at Four Seasons Hotel in Washington of the United States of America at 4 pm local time yesterday.

Next, the President met Myanmar community in the US at VOA Building.

Then, the President attended a dinner hosted by a Center for Strategy and International Study (CSIS), Think-Tank at Jefferson Hotel in Washington.

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President U Thein Sein presents gift to officials from CSIS.—MNA

It is imperative to overcome water-related crises through regional collaboration...

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soon reach 72 per cent. But, the quality of water and water supply facilities still need to be improved.

Myanmar will spare no single effort to address the issue of water scarcity that has become more and more visible these days.

Myanmar government has been cooperating with international agencies, including JICA to help

reduce climate change. Myanmar is determined to continue these active collaborations.

It is imperative to overcome the water-related crises through regional collaboration and to strike a balance between political stability, economic growth and social harmony while maintaining water security and environmental conservation.

It is required to increase technology and knowledge transfer and to minimize and adverse impact of water-related risks and disasters.

He concluded that the result of the deliberations at the 2nd APWS will bring about comprehensive measures to address the issue of water security, to overcome challenges and difficulties and to build up more opportunities for resilience in the years to come.

Next, the Vice-President observed commemorative booth of the Summit.—MNA

Myanmar media golden age

You know, censorship board has been abolished.

Aha! An obvious step of media reform!

Another thing is the online accessibility of publishing rights.

Great! It's user-friendly!

Now, independent commercial daily newspapers are cropping up one after another.

Aww! It's freedom of expression!

And you'll see repeals of existing rigid printing laws soon.

I see, it's the result of collective compromises.

What's more! State-owned media will become public service media for sake of democratic society.

Wow! We can hope for one of the success stories of media reform model in Asia!

Cartoon Tha Byay

XXVII SEA Games' game logo, game marks, game mascot caution

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Nay Pyi Taw Office No. 26, XXVII SEA Games Fundraising and Prize Presentation Committee has registered the game logo, game marks, game mascot illustrated hereunder to use in XXVII SEA Games under the ownership of the committee at Nay Pyi Taw Register Office with registration document nos. 36/2013, 37/2013 and 38/2013 on 17 May.

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Game Logo

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Secretary
XXVII SEA Games Fundraising and Prize
Presentation Committee

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President U Thein Sein visits National Aquarium in Washington. —MNA



President U Thein Sein visits Home of US first President...

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vessel and discussed progress of Wildlife

Conservation Society (WCS)'s cooperation in tiger conservation in

Myanmar, potentials of WWF and cooperation of Global Environment

Facility (GEF) in wildlife conservation and teaching of environmental

conservation for students in academic years. Later, the President

visited the National Aquarium in Washington. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—"The meeting is intended to seek ways and means to end all disputes between employees and employers, to negotiate the matters by the region government, to set rights and privileges accurately in accord with the laws by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security so as to address the disputes and to continuously implement the procedures of the commission", says Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint at the meeting of the Joint Study Commission on Rights of Employee and Employer held at Amyotha Hluttaw Building, here, this afternoon.

It was also attended the Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Chairman of the joint study commission U Mya Nyein, Vice-Chairman Dr Myint Kyi and commission members and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint delivers an address at meeting of the Joint Study Commission on Rights of Employee and Employer.
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The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker called for in-depth discussions to be able to effectively carry out the functions of the commission, based on meeting outcomes and difficulties it had had experienced. He stressed the importance of the

commission to conduct meetings and coordinate with employees and employers for their future.

Next, the commission chairman explained its role and activities on disputes between employers and employees.

Then, Commission

Secretary U Khaing Maung Yi, leader of study group (1) Daw Khin Waing Kyi, leader of study group (2) Dr Myat Nyana Soe and leader of study group (3) U Swe Aung recounted their experience and explained measures should be taken.

Commission Vice-

Chairman Dr Myint Kyi made a supplementary report and those present took part in discussions.

In his concluding remarks, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker stressed the need to make both employees and employers know labour laws and rights

and to distribute pamphlets that carry laws. He called for inspection tours of factories to ensure labour rights, highlighting Hluttaw's efforts to ensure labour laws to come into effect, to improve industrial relations and to develop productivity.

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Senior Level Officials Management Course No. 1 at CICS (Phaunggyi)

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—In accordance with the guidance of President U Thein Sein, and under the supervision and management of the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB), the Senior Level Officials Management Course No (1) was successfully introduced today at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) for the Director and Deputy Director-General level officials who are discharging duties at Union-Level administrative bodies,

Government Ministries and Region/State Governments.

At the opening ceremony of the training course, U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the UCSB, delivered an inaugural speech. Present on the occasion were U Khin Maung Aye, Member of UCSB, Mr Toyli Kurbanov, Country Director of UNDP (Myanmar), officials from World Bank and International Management Group (IMG), Rector and faculty/staff of Central

Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) and trainees from various ministries and organizations of the Union and Region/State Governments.

The four-week course covers subjects on politics, economics, sociology, management, law, national defence and security. High-ranking officials from various line ministries and organizations as well as foreign experts and resource persons from abroad give lecture.—MNA

Every civil servant should abide by the civil service law: Union SWRR Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin met the principals and in-charges of training schools, departments and nurseries in Yangon Region at the meeting hall of Social Welfare Training School yesterday morning.

At the meeting, the Union minister urged those present to abide by civil service law and disclosed that she would take action

against the law breakers. The Union minister called for making efforts in implementing eight tasks in conformity with democracy practice.

The Union minister inspected relief items in preparation for natural disasters at central relief warehouse and fulfilled the requirements. She also inspected preparation works for opening Day Care Center for Older People and Central Early Childhood Care & Development

Center at No 64 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

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USDP members delegation visit Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—A 105-member delegation of Bawlakhe District Union Solidarity and Development Party of Kayah State visited Hluttaw Building being held today.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Painting, cartoon, poster and computer painting contest held in Pakokku



PAKOKKU, 20 May—In commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2013, the 16th high/middle/primary level painting, cartoon, poster and computer painting contest was held at Pynnya Yadana Hall of No 1 Basic

Education High School in Pakokku on 17 May morning.

A total of 40 participants from Pakokku, Yesagyo, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu Townships took part in the contest. Acting Commander of District Police Force Police

Major Khin Aung Wai, District Education Officer U Moe Swe, Township Administrator U Aung Naing Oo and Commander of Township Police Force U Than Soe enjoyed the contest supervised by the headmaster and teachers.

Kyemon

CCA introduced to teachers in Pyuntaza

PYUNTaza, 20 May—The opening ceremony of Child-Centred Approach course for 2013-2014 academic year at township level was opened at Basic Education High School in Pyuntaza of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region on 12 May morning.

Assistant Director U Ye Lwin of Bago Region Education Department

made an opening address. Township Education Officer Daw Nay Chit May explained facts about the training course.

Assistant Lecturer Daw Aye Thida Mya of Toungoo Education College reported on programme of JICA of Japan and Deputy Township Education Officer U Win Lwin introduced trainers

to the trainees.

Altogether 905 trainee teachers from basic education schools in Nyaunglebin Township are attending the course from 12 to 23 May.

The ceremony was also attended by heads of basic education primary schools and trainees totalling about 1000.

NLM

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Pauk

PAUK, 20 May—Staff Officer U Thein Nyunt and staff from Immigration and National Registration Department in Pauk Township of Magway Region on 17 May made a field trip to Kasinza Village for issuing citizenship scrutiny cards, under the Moe Pwint 5 Plan.

Region Hluttaw Representative U Myint Soe Win of Pauk Township and party visited issuance of CSC to 59 eligible persons.

Kyemon



Hluttaw representatives meet locals in Chanayethazan Township

MANDALAY, 20 May—Hluttaw representatives of Chanayethazan Township met local people from Kankauk, Pyigyimyetshin, Pyigyimyetshin and Patkonpyawbwe wards at the hall of Shan nationals social association in the township on 15 May morning.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr Kyaw Myint, Amyotha Hluttaw

representative Dr Soe Tun and Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative Dr Kyaw Hla of Chanayethazan Township recounted their experience on respective Hluttaws.

The local people reported on their desires and requirements. The Hluttaw representatives fulfilled the requirements and responded to their questions.—Kyemon

Kyaukkyi gets Phupwintsa Library

KYAUKKYI, 20 May—Opening of Phupwintsa Library took place at Yelae Village, Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Region, on 16 May morning.

The library was built at the cost of K2.5 million—K1 million contributed by Myanmar Libraries Foundation, K750,000 by locals, and K750,000 by Ward Administrator U

Chit Thein.

At the opening, Township Administrator U Myint Khine, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Nyan Swe Win, Head of Region Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Nyunt gave educative talks on gaining knowledge from reading.

Publications and K



750,000 were donated for the library by well-wishers.

Kyemon

Quadruplets twins welcomed at Thaton People's Hospital



THATON, 20 May—A woman gave birth to quadruplets twins at Thaton People's Hospital in Thaton District, Mon State at 11.25 am on 17 May.

Mother Daw Mya Thida from Wutkyi Village

of Paung Township, who had welcomed her two baby girls and two baby boys, was donated cash and medicines by Thaton District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Sein

Sein Soe and members and District Medical officer Dr Tin Maung Nyunt and well-wishers.

The newborns are now under health care at the intensive care unit of the hospital.—Kyemon

Firefighters put out fire at Red & Blue Cigarettes Factory at No. 49 in Mazikon Street in Hline Township in Yangon Region on 19 May. The fire was under control at 9.35 pm on that day.

KYEMON



Drainage system to be improved in Nyaunglebin Tsp



NYAUNGLEBIN, 20 May—Nyaunglebin Township Development Affairs Committee members carried out sanitation tasks.

Agroupped by Executive Officer U M Hla Thauang made a close supervision on sanitation tasks in the staff quarter's compound of Township Development Affairs Committee and along Yadana Street on 18 May.

Kyemon

NATIONAL

Publication of measures of ministries concerned for complaints sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

Measures of the Ministry of Education for complaints about employment of B.Ed graduates and issuance of matriculation exam score sheets

1. B.Ed graduates and Dip in Ed holders are appointed as teacher. In response to teacher demand, those graduated in such specialized subjects taught in basic education schools are appointed as teachers and trained at Dip in Ed courses. However, promotion to gazette officer, the post of the basic education school principal, is limited to B.Ed graduates and superior degree holders.
2. Matriculation exam pass certificate and score sheets are issued at Nay Pyi Taw Office No. 52, Yangon (Latha) Office and Yangon, (Zwekabin) Office. Currently, Mandalay has no centre to issue such.
3. Beginning 2013, score sheets can be taken at Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon branches within a day and are posted to home within a week's time upon application by mail. In submitting admission application to University Entrance Selection Board, it is just required exam score sheet from respective examination center and not the original exam score sheet issued from Department of Examinations Board.

Measure of the Communications and Information Technology for complaint about poor access to internet within Thongwa Township, Yangon Region and call for increased operation hours of GSM microwave station in Kyaukhtu Township in Magway Region

1. GSM Only (S444) was installed in Thongwa in Yangon Region, causing traffic congestion following the workload going far beyond the installed capacity and required hardware were extended and configured and 2E1 extended to upgrade to (S666). The works were completed on 27 April, 2013 and traffic analysis is being monitored now.
2. ZTE SDR (S666) is installed in Kyaukhtu Township. The station is in operation with 24 units of 2 volt/cell 400 AH, one battery bank and 10 KVA engine with 18 720-watt solar panels

as it has no commercial power. The station gets transmission from Mindat Microwave Station in Chin State. Six solar panels and one battery bank will be added to be able to expand the operation hours of the station. In this period, diesel supplies would be increased to more power with generator.

Measure of the Yangon City Development Affairs Committee for complaints about flow of dirt even in front of house as there is no conduit on Aung Theikdhi Street, Zeyathiri Ward, Dawbon Township

1. As the construction of conduits need temporary blockage in certain places, some places on Aung Theikdhi Street and 80-ft Street in Zeyathiri Ward in Dawbon Township are waterlogged from 25 March, 2013 to 30 March, 2013. It was due to earth piles to be sued in upgrading the 80-ft Street into concrete one and temporary blockage for construction of conduits to ensure proper flow of water. Upon completion of the conduit construction on 31 March, 2013, drains were dredged and thus there is no submersion on streets.

Undertakings over complaints about banking services

1. Regarding the complaints that K 500 is charged for the use of fax machine in depositing and drawing cash at Myanmar Economic Bank in Kyaukhtu Township, cash are charged in the name of

donation for local and international money transfer and 50 pyars worth of stamps are priced K 500, money transfer is underway using signature and telegraphs and transfer of money using fax has not been allowed at Kyaukhtu Township (branch) of Myanmar Economic Bank.

2. In transferring money, K 500 is charged as transfer fee and a charge for use of telegraph in accord with Directive No (249) dated 27-8-2012 of Myanmar Economic Bank (Head Office) and collected money are to be registered as income of money. Banking services fees are prescribed, no cash donation is allowed for local and international money transfer. Fifty pyars worth of stamp used to draw money at bank increased to K 5. As Directive No (354) dated 17-12-2012 had already been issued by the department of scrutinizing and supervising loan of Myanmar Economic Bank (Head Office) to register the collected stamp fees which are subtracted from the transfer money at Internal Revenue Department, there was no sale of K 500 stamp.

If there are further complaints and questions over undertakings of the ministries concerned, public service capacity assessment committee, more complaints are invited to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.

Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

REGIONAL

New Zealand Transport Minister to attend OECD International Transport Forum

WELLINGTON, 20 May—New Zealand Associate Minister of Transport Michael Woodhouse on Monday departed for Germany Monday for multilateral talks on major transport

issues.

Woodhouse will represent New Zealand at the annual summit of the OECD (organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) International Transport Forum in Leipzig.

He will sit on the panel for a roundtable on

“Attracting New Sources of Private Finance to Transport Infrastructure,” which would focus on the potential to broaden the range of financial investors in transport infrastructure.

He will also meet with transport ministers from the United Kingdom, China, France and Norway

to discuss transport issues and to share knowledge and experience.

The summit “is a good opportunity to be part of a global conversation on strategies for transport, as well as engaging in debates with international decision-makers including business leaders and leading academics,” Woodhouse said in a statement on Monday.

Xinhua

Chinese premier says China, India to make new engine of world economy

NEW DELHI, 20 May—China and India are both willing and able to foster new highlights in cooperation among Asian countries and make new engine of the world economy, Chinese

Premier Li Keqiang said on Sunday.

“The two countries have the will, wisdom and capability to jointly nurture new bright spots in cooperation among

Asian countries, create new engine of the world economy, provide huge growth potential and market demand for Asia and the world, and push forward China-India strategic cooperative partnership for peace and prosperity,” Li said at a smaller meeting with his Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh.

The Chinese premier arrived in New Delhi earlier in the day for an official visit to India, the first leg of his maiden foreign tour after he took office in March.

“I want this visit to show the whole world that the mutual political trust between China and India is rising, practical cooperation is expanding and there are more common interests than differences,” said Li.

He hailed the progress made in the bilateral relations in recent years, adding that the leaders of both countries have agreed to raise the ties to a new high.—Xinhua

Gov't plans to discuss wage hikes with business, union reps

TOKYO, 20 May—The government plans to set up a forum to discuss wage hikes with business and labour union representatives to help shorten the time it takes for the fruits of its economic policies to be felt by workers, the minister in charge said on Sunday.

Economic revitalization minister Akira Amari said in an NHK talk show that he is coordinating with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on the matter as the policies dubbed “Abenomics” have buoyed stock prices and

driven the yen sharply lower but have yet to improve wage levels.

Abe is expected to include the plan in a set of growth strategies he is due to deliver in June, following the first two packages released in April and on Friday, which will centre on the promotion of private finance initiative projects, Amari suggested.

“I hope it will be a forum for consensus-building where we can frankly discuss the problems faced by the business side,” he told reporters after the TV show.—Kyodo News

Australia boosts official development assistance to Fiji

SUVA, 20 May—The Australian government announced on Monday it will provide more than 100 million Fiji dollars (54.1 million US dollars) in official development assistance to Fiji in the 2013/14 financial year.

The previous financial year's allocation was around 48.6 million US dollars. “We're very proud to announce that for the first

time this year we will be providing over 100 million Fiji dollars (54.1 million US dollars) in aid funding. This demonstrates the Australian government's unwavering commitment to the people of Fiji,” said Joanne Choe, Counsellor for Development Assistance in Fiji. The increased aid flows deliver on the Australian government's promise to double the

size of the Australian Agency for International Development's (AusAID) bilateral budget to Fiji over two years, according to a statement from the Australian government on Monday.

Managed from the Australian High Commission by the AusAID, Australia's aid programme is focused on reducing poverty and improving basic health and education services in Fiji.

“AusAID is helping the poorest children to attend school more regularly and working to see more babies growing safely through their early years. We're also helping to promote food security and increase incomes for poor families. With this increased allocation, we will be able to improve the lives of tens of thousands more people and to reach every province of Fiji,” said Choe.

Xinhua



Tourists visit a scenic spot of the Changbai Mountain in Changchun City, northeast China's Jilin Province, on 19 May, 2013. —XINHUA

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Photo taken on 19 May, 2013 shows waterlogged roads and fields in Wenfu Township of Jiaoling County in south China's Guangdong Province. The National Meteorological Center (NMC) Sunday issued a blue alert, the lowest level in a four-color warning system, for rainstorms in the south in the next three days.—XINHUA

HK air traffic movements up 5.1 pct in April

HONG KONG, 20 May—Passenger trips and air-traffic movements at Hong Kong International Airport rose 1.1 percent and 5.1 percent year-on-year in April, to 4.9 million and 30,530, while cargo volume increased 4.5 percent to 342,000 tons, data released by Hong Kong Airport Authority on Sunday.

The Airport Authority said that for the first four months of the year, the airport handled 19.2 million passengers, 1.28 million tons of cargo, and 119,025 flight movements, representing year-on-year growths of 4.1 percent, 2.2 percent and 4.2 percent.

Visitation was the main driver behind the growth in passenger traffic, with a 7 percent increase on the same month in 2012. Routes to and from Chinese Mainland and Southeast Asia performed particularly well.

Xinhua



Children follow their teacher to play a game during a psychological support course at a psychological support workstation joined by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) inside a school in the quake-hit Lushan County, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 14 May, 2013. The CAS has set up four psychological support workstations scattered in the disaster areas in the wake of the Lushan disaster so as to provide psychological intervention to help local survivors deal with the quake's emotional impact and move on. By far, a total of ten specialists and 32 volunteers were sent by the CAS's Institute of Psychology and helped more than 1,000 people.—XINHUA

Fighter jet crashes into sea off Taipei

TAIPEI, 20 May—A *Mirage 2000* fighter jet, which was on a flight training mission, crashed into waters off northwest county Hsinchu in Taipei on Monday morning, according to local media reports.

Two pilots have been rescued following an ejection from the craft before the crash.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

The latest accident came five days after an

F-16 fighter jet crashed during a routine training in waters near southwest Taipei's Chiayi County.

The pilot was also rescued during the 15 May crash.

Xinhua

Australian building, construction industry to see slow recovery

SYDNEY, 20 May—The Australian building and construction industry will see a mixed recovery over 2015-16 after a number of challenging years, according to Master Builders Australia (MBA) forecasts released Monday. While the forecasts predict a positive growth for the industry, MBA reports that the current economic climate is creating headwinds that may impede the timing and strength of recovery.

There's light at the end of a very long tunnel, but no sign of a return to boom era levels, said MBA Chief Economist Peter Jones.

"Master Builders ... reinforces its call for ongoing microeconomic reforms at all levels of government in order to underpin the length and strength of the recovery. This will allow the industry to enter a sustained recovery and reclaim its role as one of the economy's key drivers," Jones said. The residential building sector is forecast for strong improvement, as low interest rates release pent-up demand after a long period

of underbuilding during a surge in population growth, MBA reports.

After marginal growth in 2012-13, the value of residential building work is predicted to grow from 46.2 billion Australian dollars (46.1 billion US dollars) in 2012-13 to 60.9 billion Australian dollars (60.7 billion US dollars) over 2015-16.

"The stronger performing states are forecast to be Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia. "The key risks to the forecasts are frail consumer confidence, economic uncertainty, asset price volatility and ongoing softness in the labour market," said Jones. Despite signs of a peak in the investment boom, the engineering construction sector is expected to remain strong, with activity increasing to 122.1 billion Australian dollars (121.7 billion US dollars) in 2012-13, before falling by 12 percent over the next three years to 108 billion Australian dollars (107.7 billion US dollars).

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ENTERTAINMENT



Cast members Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Tannishtha Chatterjee, Vijay Varma and director Amit Kumar pose during a photocall for the film 'Monsoon Shootout' at the 66th Cannes Film Festival in Cannes on 18 May, 2013. REUTERS

Indian cinema on a mission at Cannes to dispel Bollywood image

CANNES, 20 May — Indian movie actors and a new wave of directors are on a mission at the Cannes film festival — to show that their industry, which turns 100 this year, is more than just Bollywood. The largest Indian contingent to date is on the French Riviera at the world's leading cinema showcase to promote the world's biggest film industry that makes over 1,000

films a year, compared with about 600 in Hollywood.

Movies from Bollywood's Mumbai studios and other regional films have struggled at the global box office, with Indian cinema largely dismissed as lengthy, song-and-dance numbers. But the industry sees the 66th Cannes festival, where India is a "guest country" to mark its centenary, as a chance to show-

case a new genre of Indian movies globally and to promote India as a place to both make films and win a massive audience. "If you use the term Bollywood, it really represents the song-and-dance, credibility-stretched story kind of film," said director Amit Kumar, whose gangster-cop thriller "Monsoon Shootout" held its premiere at Cannes on Sunday.

Reuters

'Star Trek' sequel tops weekend box office in North America

LOS ANGELES, 20 May — "Star Trek Into Darkness," the newest installment in the classic intergalactic franchise, blasted to the top of movie box office charts with \$70.6 million in weekend ticket sales at theatres in the United States and Canada. The new 3D voyage for Captain Kirk and the crew of the Starship Enterprise knocked mighty "Iron Man 3" into second place, while the Marvel superhero sequel grabbed \$35.2 million. Jazz Age drama "The Great Gatsby" finished third with \$23.4 million, according to studio estimates. Weekend ticket sales for "Into Darkness" failed to reach the level of 2009 movie "Star Trek," which took in \$75.2 million at US and Canadian theatres without a lift from higher 3D ticket prices.



Actor Chris Pine, cast member of the new film "Star Trek Into Darkness", poses as he arrives at the film's premiere in Hollywood on 14 May, 2013. REUTERS

However, its overall take from Wednesday through Sunday beat the 2009 numbers, with "Into Darkness" taking in \$84.1 million. The 2009 installment took in \$79.2 million for the same period, according to distributor Paramount. "Into Darkness," a \$190 million production, opened late on Wednesday to grab a head

start on the weekend. The take through Sunday was shy of the \$100 million some box office analysts projected. Paramount said the film's audience was comprised largely of long-time "Star Trek" fans, but was optimistic that good reviews and word of mouth would bring in a broader audience in coming weeks.

Reuters

Denmark wins Eurovision on ABBA's turf with folksy ballad



Denmark's Emmelie De Forest smiles at a news conference after winning the 2013 Eurovision Song Contest with her song "Only Teardrops" during the finals of the contest held at the Malmo Opera Hall in Malmo on 18 May, 2013. REUTERS

MALMO, (Sweden), 20 May — Denmark's Emmelie de Forest won Eurovision on Saturday before an international TV audience of around 125 million, clinching the coveted crown of euro-pop with a folksy ballad backed by a wall of fire, flutes and drums.

The barefoot 20-year-old blonde stole the show as predicted by bookmakers with "Only Teardrops" in a final that saw 26 countries battle it out in the southern Swedish city of Malmo for

the top prize in glitzy European pop music. "I could feel the fans and all the energy in the arena," de Forest said after the event, adding that she was particularly proud to win in Sweden as her late father was Swedish and a Eurovision fan.

"It's a once in a lifetime experience. I'm just the happiest girl in the world," she said. Denmark, which has won the contest twice before — most recently in 2000 with the Olsen Brothers' "Fly on the Wings of Love"

— was clearly in the lead even after just half of the votes were cast. The show's host, Swedish comedian Petra Mede, went ahead and announced the country's win before the final votes were read out, with the red and white Danish flag flashing on her gown in a classic over-the-top Eurovision moment. Azerbaijan took second place in the competition with "Hold Me", followed by third place for Ukraine with "Gravity".

Reuters

Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift big winners at Billboard Awards

LAS VEGAS, 20 May — Pop stars Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift won the big prizes on Sunday at the Billboard Music Awards, which also honoured legendary performers Madonna and Prince. Bieber, who was named top male artist, also performed at the show at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. He also took home Billboard's first Milestone Award, chosen by fans, for musical innovation and ingenuity. "I'm 19 years old. I think I'm doing a pretty good job", Bieber said. "It should really be about the music. This is not a gimmick. I'm an artist and I should be taken seriously. And all this other bull should not be spoken of." The teen heartthrob did not elaborate, but in recent months he has been involved in several high-profile incidents ranging from driving offenses to reports of hard partying and drugs being found on his tour bus in Sweden.

Reuters



Singer Justin Bieber performs during the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada on 19 May, 2013. REUTERS

SPORTS

Nadal and Williams win easily in Rome



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after winning the men's singles final match against Roger Federer of Switzerland at the Rome Masters tennis tournament on 19 May, 2013.—REUTERS

ROME, 20 May—Rafa Nadal made short work of his great rival Roger Federer to win the Italian Open, his sixth trophy of the year, 6-1, 6-3 on Sunday. The crowd sitting in the sunshine at Rome's Foro Italico watched Nadal race to victory in 69

minutes on the red clay. The Spaniard, back in his best form after last year's long injury layoff, spent less time on court than Serena Williams who won her fourth consecutive tour title when she thrashed former world number one Victoria Azarenka

6-1, 6-3 to take the women's title earlier on Sunday. Nadal, seeded fifth, dominated the first set, winning 20 of 25 points at one stage, as the Swiss second seed produced a string of unforced errors. Federer raised his game in the second set, breaking a nine-game losing streak to go 1-3, but Nadal was in no mood to slow down. Despite being broken as he served for the match at 5-1, Nadal went on to complete his 36th win in 38 matches this year. "It's a very important day, a very happy day for me after a difficult year last year," Nadal, speaking in Italian, told the crowd after the trophy presentation. "It is really emotional for me to win a tournament with such a long history as Rome. See you next year."

Nadal, 11 times a grand-

slam winner, was sidelined for seven months with a knee problem and said he was delighted to be back in form. "I am just enjoying the moment and valuing it more than ever because I know where we were just a few months ago," he said. "Being here a few months later with all I have achieved is really more than a dream." American Williams, who has not lost a match since Azarenka defeated her in the Doha final in February, completely overpowered the Belarusian in the women's final. The top-seeded Williams, 31, hit nine aces and 41 winners in the two sets, taking 93 minutes for victory. Her win, 11 years after she won her only previous Rome title, follows successes in Miami, Charleston and Madrid and



Serena Williams of the US hits a return to Victoria Azarenka of Belarus during their women's singles final match at the Rome Masters tennis tournament on 19 May, 2013. Williams won 6-1, 6-3.—REUTERS

will give her confidence for the French Open which starts next weekend. "It wasn't easy, nothing is ever easy," Williams said. "Last year I was feeling excellent on clay but didn't do that great at Roland Garros; this year I'm cautious and I want to work hard and stay focused and

win every point I play, and not slack at all." Williams admitted that she would, however, allow herself one deviation from her usually strict training diet—an Italian ice cream. "This is what I was waiting for," she said. "I'll have pistachio—it's the only one I get."—Reuters

Emotional swansong for Beckham in Paris

PARIS, 20 May—A capacity crowd chanting his name, the Eiffel Tower in the background: even by his own glamorous standards, David Beckham got a special send-off on Saturday as he headed into retirement with another title in the bag. "Tonight was a nice way to go out, in front of my family and in front of the capacity crowd who were excited because we won the league," the 38-year-old former England captain told reporters after his 10th and probably final Ligue 1 appearance.

"The celebrations were incredible so it's a nice way to walk off the pitch," he added, having wiped away a few tears when he was substituted in the 81st

minute of a 3-1 win against Stade Brest at the Parc des Princes. "It started 20 minutes before, the emotion started kicking in; it was hard to run, let alone kick a ball," said Beckham who was made captain for the game.

"It was an emotional night, to see the reaction of the players, to see the reaction of the fans when I came off was special. "I did feel good (physically) but I know it's the right time," added Beckham, the only English players to have won league titles in four countries — England, Spain, United States and France. PSG, who sealed their first league title since 1994 last weekend with a 1-0 win at Olympique Lyon, still have



Paris Saint-Germain's David Beckham raises the French Championship trophy at the end of their team's French Ligue 1 soccer match against Brest at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris on 18 May, 2013.—REUTERS

one game to play, next Sunday at Lorient.

Beckham, who announced he was retiring on Thursday, is highly unlikely to play on the Brittany side's artificial pitch,

though. "We have to decide, but I don't think he will play. He will come with the team but I don't think he will play," coach Carlo Ancelotti told a news conference.—Reuters

Arsenal win Champions League race, Fergie bows out

LONDON, 20 May—Arsenal won the race for fourth place in the Premier League with a 1-0 victory at Newcastle, while Alex Ferguson's extraordinary career ended in remarkable fashion as Manchester United drew 5-5 at West Bromwich Albion.

Arsene Wenger's side needed three points to guarantee a spot in next season's Champions League qualification rounds ahead of north London rivals Tottenham and Laurent Koscielny's second-half strike ensured they achieved that aim.—PTI

Senators avoid 3-0 deficit with double OT win over Pens

LOS ANGELES, 20 May—The Ottawa Senators clawed their way back into their Eastern Conference semi-final series against Pittsburgh on Sunday, Colin Greening's goal in double overtime giving them a 2-1 win over the Penguins in Game Three. Af-

ter losing the first two games of the series and trailing 1-0 on the night to Tyler Kennedy's second period goal, Ottawa were just seconds away from losing a third straight to the top-seeded Penguins.

However, Daniel Alfredsson scored with 29

seconds left in regulation, despite the Senators being shorthanded, before Greening's goal cut the deficit in the best-of-seven series to 2-1. Game Four is in Ottawa on Wednesday. Sidney Crosby was coming off a hat-trick that gave the Penguins command in Game Two but he was held without a point on Sunday. Craig Anderson made 49 saves for the Sens, while Tomas Vokoun had 46 for the visitors. The Senators also got a boost from the return of forward Jason Spezza, who had not played since January after undergoing back surgery. He was on the ice for just under 19 minutes and did not register a point. Greening has now scored in all three games against Pittsburgh.—Reuters



Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Tomas Vokoun (C) makes a save as Ottawa Senators' Chris Neil falls on him as Penguins Tanner Glass (L) watches during the third period in Game 3 of their NHL Eastern Conference semi-final playoff hockey game in Ottawa on 19 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Bae wins first PGA Tour title at Byron Nelson

IRVING, (TEXAS), 20 May —South Korean Bae Sang-moon made a fast start, then overcame strong winds and a mid-round wobble to clinch his maiden PGA Tour title by two shots at the Byron Nelson Championship in Irving, Texas on Sunday. The 26-year-old, an 11-time champion on various professional tours in Asia, held his nerve in difficult conditions on a firm, fast-running layout to close with a one-under-par 69 at the TPC Four Seasons Resort Las Colinas.

Bae, who had charged four strokes clear with 11 holes to play, fell back into a tie for the lead with overnight pacesetter Keegan Bradley after bogeying the 15th but recovered with a birdie on 16 to post a 13-under total of 267. "I am very, very happy," a smiling Bae told CBS Sports after sinking a three-footer for par on the 18th green and thrusting both arms skywards in jubilation. "I had a great time. "Actually I was a little nervous the last hole but that was not a big thing. I did it. This course was really

tough and the winds were very strong but I did very well this week."

American Bradley, the 2011 winner who had led after the first three rounds in pursuit of a fourth PGA Tour victory, had to settle for second place after battling to a 72. "I am disappointed but I will get over it," said Bradley, who took initial control of the tournament after opening with a blistering course record 60. "There is some good that I can bring out of this but I am happy for Moon. He played really good today."

Former Masters champion Charl Schwartzel of South Africa, who missed several birdie putts from between eight and 15 feet as 40mph winds gusted across the course, was a further stroke back at 10 under after closing with a 68. Bae, who topped the 2011 Japan Golf Tour order of merit after winning three times, was a stroke behind Bradley overnight but benefited from a two-shot swing at the third to edge one ahead.—Reuters



South Korea's Sang-Moon Bae tees off on the first hole during third round play in the Arnold Palmer Invitational PGA golf tournament in Orlando, Florida on 23 March, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL

Mexican border agents rescue 36 migrants

MEXICO CITY, 20 May—Mexican immigration agents on Sunday rescued 36 undocumented migrants who were held in the town of San Juan Chamula, in southern Chiapas state, for allegedly damaging some crops, the National Immigration Institute (INM) said.

An INM press release said the rescued migrants included four Indians, six Bangladeshis, seven Guatemalans, 18 Salvadorans, including five minors, and another minor from Honduras.

According to investigations, the truck the migrants were riding in, which had plates from Mexico's southern state of Guerrero, drove over a patch of cultivated land, destroying the crops and leading the authorities of the communal farm to detain them for the damage.

The truck's unidentified driver and his companion both fled the scene and the 36 migrants, meanwhile, were taken to a nearby school.

Later, the INM office in the nearby city of San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, was notified of the incident, and INM personnel were sent to negotiate the group's release with the local indigenous community of Chamula.

Community members agreed to free the detainees in exchange for getting the truck removed from their property.

Xinhua



Artists draw on models' costumes during the opening ceremony of the China Tourism Day and the 3rd Western China Tourism Industry Expo, in Chongqing, southwest China, on 19 May, 2013. Chongqing is the main venue for the 2013 China Tourism Day.

XINHUA

Thiripyanchi U. K. F. Ho
I.C.S (Retired)
B.C.S (1) (Retired)
Retired Secretary
Age 99 years old

Beloved husband of Daw Aw Ken Hai of No. 2 Shweli Street, Kamaryut Township, Yangon, father of Dr Khin Khin Tint (Melissa), Dr Khin Aye Tint (Tanja), Dr Hla Shain (Shane), U Thein Shwe (Wayne)-Sirena; elder brother of Caroline May Yone, Jessamine May Yim and Drana; grandfather of Petrina and Erika, passed away peacefully on 23-1-2013 (Wednesday) at Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Bereaved Family

Brazil midfielder Paulinho denies transfer rumours



Brazil international midfielder Paulinho.

RIO DE JANEIRO, 20 May—Brazil international midfielder Paulinho has denied speculation that he is on the verge of a move to Europe. The 24-year-old Corinthians star is reportedly on the radar of Inter Milan, Shakhtar Donetsk and Chelsea, among other European clubs.

Speaking after Corinthians' 3-2 aggregate victory over Santos in the final of the Campeonato Paulista on Sunday, Paulinho said he would remain at the Sao Paulo

outfit. "It's not a goodbye. I will continue at Corinthians. Maybe because of our Copa Libertadores elimination many people said that I would leave."

"When I receive an offer, I will make it known. But there is still nothing official." Paulinho, who has consolidated a place in Brazil's national team as a holding midfielder under Luiz Felipe Scolari, is understood to have a buyout fee of 20 million euros.

Xinhua

Four injured after 5.5-magnitude quake hits off Algeria's Bejaia

ALGIERS, 20 May—Four people were injured after an earthquake measuring 5.5 magnitude on the Richter scale hit off Algeria's northern coastal province of Bejaia on Sunday morning, a local media source told Xinhua.

The earthquake which took place at 10:07 am (0907 GMT) on Sunday, and the epicentre was in the sea—some 20 km northeast of downtown Bejaia, the capital of Bejaia province and a Mediterranean port city, according to a

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Serbia, Croatia to boost cooperation on global agricultural markets

NOVI SAD, (Serbia), 20 May—Serbia and Croatia will deepen agricultural cooperation to enhance their competitiveness on global markets, senior officials from both countries said on Saturday.

"Cooperation with Croatia and former Yugoslav republics is of great importance, as only together can we be visible" on Chinese and global markets, Zeljko Sertic, president of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, told Xinhua at an ongoing agriculture fair in this Serbian city.

"We are now in the process of meeting on different levels and discussing how to make joint consortia," he said. "That is the future of this region."

His Croatian counterpart, Nadan Vidosevic, shared a similar opinion, noting that all Balkan countries have failed to catch up with the "dramatic changes" in the agricultural industry in the past 25 years.

Projecting a big economic development between East Asia and the European Union in the next decade, he said Balkan countries will have to cooperate more in the future, because otherwise they will remain too small to be noticed.—Xinhua



Citizens ride past a wall decorated with graffiti in Nanchang, capital of east China's Jiangxi Province, on 19 May, 2013. Two graduates from the Academy of Arts and Design in Hunan University of Science and Technology designed those graffiti to express their opinions of fashion.—XINHUA

Xinhua

It is imperative to overcome water-related crises through regional collaboration

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses second Asia-Pacific Water Summit



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham making a speech at second Asia-Pacific Water Summit.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the second Asia-Pacific Water Summit at International Convention & Exhibition Centre at Chiang Mai of Thailand today.

At the opening ceremony, Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Plodprasop Suraswadi of Thailand explained the summary on outcomes of the meeting

regarding the seven sectors discussed.

Next, Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra made an opening address. President of the 67th session of UNSG Mr. Vuk Jeremic, President of Asia-Pacific Water Forum Mr. Yoshiro Mori, UNESCAP Executive Secretary Dr. Noleen Heyzer and WB President Mr. Takehiko Nakao spoke

on the occasion.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham held talks with President Mr. Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia on promotion of bilateral relations at the meeting hall of the centre.

Next, the Vice-President attended the luncheon hosted by the Thai Prime Minister together with delegates to the summit.

The Vice-President met the Thai Prime Minister separately.

In his speech at the forum, the Vice-President said the theme of this year's Summit—“Water-related Disaster Challenges: Leadership and Commitment”—highlights the strong commitments of leaders around the world to address the issue of water security and challenges cropping up with water disasters.

Water insufficiency is the most challenging issue with the rapid increase of global population and climate change.

Based on water scarcity alone, a series of water-related conflicts among countries occurred in the 20th century. Many disputes concerning the ownership of water resources have also been rife because

of its indispensable role in the socio-economic development.

Another issue our region has to cope with is water insecurity that has been spurred by natural disasters since Asia and the Pacific is the region which had had bitter experience of all forms of natural disasters.

We have also had bitter experiences of our own when cyclone Nargis, Giri and Mala as well as flash flood during the last decade. In response to these, the government of Myanmar took all necessary measures to reduce the damage and casualties as much as possible in the face of natural disasters.

Most recently, cyclone Mahasen in the Bay of Bengal was about to strike the western part of Myanmar and Bangladesh.

This time because we have time to prepare and with the lessons learned, the rapid mobilization of the institutions at all levels including the UN, NGOs, INGOs was done, bracing for the inevitable. Luckily, the cyclone passed into the areas without any damages and casualties.

The Vice-President continued that in Myanmar, the annual internal

renewable freshwater resource has been calculated at 880 cubic kilometers, ranking second to Indonesia among the ASEAN countries. But, the majority

The government has coordinated with individual wellwishers, relevant agencies and international community to ensure sufficient water supply in



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham shakes hands with Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra.—MNA

of the households in the dry zone in the central part of the country have to spend most of their time and much of their efforts to fetch water for drinking and utilization, hence, depriving them of other income generating opportunities.

these regions. However, we will need more coordinated and multi-faceted efforts for long-term solutions.

With these efforts, the percentage of total population with easy access to safe drinking water will (See page 8)

Proposal about declaration of the state of emergency submitted



The first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw special session in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May — The first Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw special session took place at Hluttaw Building,

here, this morning with the submission of two

proposals and approval for formation of a commission.

First, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint explained matters related to the summoning of today's special session, saying that approval would be sought for extension of Ordinance No (1/2013) issued on 22 March to declare the state of emergency in Meiktila, Wundwin, Mahlaing and Thazi Townships.

Next, U Ba Shein of Kyaukpadaung Constituency submitted a condolence proposal over the demise of Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Maung Saw Pyu of Rakhine State Constituency No. 4 and it was approved and documented.

Then, Acting Union Minister for Home Affairs U Hsan Hsint submitted a proposal to approve the declaration of the state of emergency through Ordinance No (1/2013) and to extend the duration of the Ordinance.

Discussions on

the proposal of Hluttaw representatives and seeking the approval of the Hluttaw will be made tomorrow.

“There has been an impact of the population explosion of the other country. Outraged response and unwanted casualties occurred.

In fact, authorities who were publicly criticized did not receive any orders from their superiors. I have no idea why they receive no order”, says U Win Htein of Meiktila Constituency.

Formation of a joint study commission on rights of employer and employee was approved by the Hluttaw at the special session.

“Formation of the commission will be of great benefits to employees and employers. It is a good thing for the sake of the country”, says Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (8).

The special session continues tomorrow.

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