

Japanese PM Mr Shinzo Abe visits Martyrs' Mausoleum, Japanese Cemetery, Letyetsan BEPPS, Thilawa Special Economic Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—The visiting Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe and wife Mrs Akie Abe laid wreaths at Martyrs' Mausoleum in Bahan Township here this morning and paid tribute to General Aung San and fallen martyrs.

The Japanese Prime Minister then went to Japanese Cemetery at Yeway in North Okkalapa Township and laid wreaths in remembrance of Japanese people entombed there. The Japanese delegation then paid tribute, lighting joss sticks.

The Japanese PM then visited Letyetsan post-primary school in Letyetsan Village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District which was constructed with Japanese assistance. The school



Thilawa Special Economic Zone Management Committee Chairman Deputy Minister U Set Aung explains salient points about the zone to Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe and party.—MNA

headmistress explained facts about the school. The

Japanese PM was pleased with the maintenance and

utilization of the school. He also promised continued assistance for development of Myanmar's education sector, describing it as the cornerstone of national development. He furnished the school with stationery.

The Japanese delegation together with the school head teacher and students posed for documentary photos and then looked around the classrooms. The Japanese PM then played tug-of-war

game together with the students.

A RC type building of the school was donated by members of House of Councilors of Japan and their families and transferred to Myanmar on 20 July, 2004. With the help of No.3 Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education, another RC type building was presented in 2011. The Japanese Prime Minister announced provision of one more building for the school in May, 2014. Currently, a total of 893 students are pursuing education there.

The Japanese PM then went to Thilawa Special Economic Zone. Chairman of Thilawa Special Economic Zone Deputy Minister U Set Aung explained salient points about the zone, saying: "Thilawa Special Economic Zone is the first of its kind in Myanmar and holds strong potential for win-win cooperation between governments and between private sectors. It will create

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Japanese PM Mr Shinzo Abe and party pose for documentary photo with headmistress and students of Letyetsan Post Primary School in Thanlyin Township.—MNA



UMFCCI President U Win Aung and Mitsubishi Co Chairman Mr. Ken KOBAYASHI sign MoU on development of Thilawa Special Economic Zone.—MNA

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Construction of arrival and departure building for Aung Mingalar bus terminal sees 60 per cent completion

Transport


YANGON, 25 May — According to the department concerned, construction of arrival and departure building for passenger buses are in progress at Aung Mingalar Highway Bus Terminal here.

With the aim of placing arrival and departure terminal into service at Aung Mingalar Bus Terminal where termini of highway bus lines are scattered, a system being practiced in airports and railway stations in international will be introduced there. According to the first phase of the system,

arrival terminal is under construction by Yangon City Development Committee in cooperation with Myint & Paing Company. So far construction works have been completed by 60 per cent. U Nyan Tun Aung, YCDC official, said that it is set to be commissioned into service in coming August.

Upon completion, the arrival terminal can hold 30 passenger buses at the same time under the same roof. Moreover, 120 seats and 200 trolleys will be available on the four platforms at the terminal entrance. The system will include LED signboards,

CCTVs, televisions, one 20-roomed bathroom, 10 shops with internet access, one clinic, parking spaces for 50 taxis and 132 downtown passenger buses, he continued.

The terminal being built by Myint & Paing Company is a steel structure. The project will be financed by the company, spending K 500 million in it. The terminal is a set of nine buildings on an area which is 312 feet long and 122 feet wide. It is set to be put into service coming August.

Kyemon

Mon State hopes to see a lower amount of fire cases this year

Fire

MAWLAMYINE, 25 May — Under the leadership of the Mon State government, fire services department in six townships of Mawlamyine district and four townships of Thaton district in Mon State have carried out fire preventive measures and conducted talks on danger of fire in cooperation with ward administrators and town elders for ensuring a significant reduction in fire outbreaks. Thanks to such efforts, 10 townships in Mon State saw a lower amount of fire cases, fire fatalities and loss of property caused by fire than the previous year.

A total of 54 people were left homeless by 40 fire cases reported in the period from January to December in 2012 in ten townships. During the period from January to 22

May in 2013, there were 27 fire cases in Mawlamyine, Mudon, Thanbyuzayat, Ye, Chaungzon and Kyaikmayaw Townships and 55 people were left

homeless. Mon State saw market fire in Thanbyuzayat, house fires in Chaungzon Township and rubber farms fires in Ye and Mudon Townships. — *Kyemon*

Kawthoung landslide destroys primary school's retaining wall

KAWTHOUNG, 25 May — A landslide brought about by heavy rains happened to a 40 feet long and 13 feet high gravel retaining wall at the left side of Basic Education Primary School No (1) in Shwe Zin Yaw ward in Kawthoung Township.

The incident occurred a few days after construction of the retaining wall built with cash contribution of well-wishers was completed. The sudden collapse of the retaining wall broke out a few days ahead



of the beginning of new academic year of the primary

Kawhmu fish farm murder suspect under custody

Crime

YANGON, 25 May — A young man suspected of beating his friend to death and hiding the dead body under thickets of water hyacinth in a fish lake was held in custody at Kyaikhtaw police station in Kawhmu Township.

Po Pein (a) Aye Ko Ko Kyaw, 25, of Khatthiya Village in Twantay Township was under interrogation about the murder of his colleague Yazar Htay, 23, of Kunchankonlay Village

in Kawhmu Township. Both are workers of a fish farm, one mile north of Kyaikhtaw North Village in Kawhmu Township.

Police said they were informed of the death of Yazar Htay who was beaten to death with a wooden plank which is 23 inches in length, 3.5 inches in width and 0.5 inch in thickness after having a quarrel with Po Pein (a) Aye Ko Ko Kyaw whilst they were drinking alcohol together at the fish farm at about 2

pm on 22 May.

Investigation revealed that the dead body was hidden under thickets of water hyacinth in the lake. Police plucked the body out of the water in the presence of the witnesses and Yazar Htay was found dead with serious injuries to his head and face. Po Pein (a) Aye Ko Ko Kyaw accused of murdering his colleague was placed into custody and investigation is ongoing.

Kyemon

Fish farm worker dead in quarrel over debt in Twantay Township

YANGON, 25 May — A man died of a single stab wound to a space below left rib while he was taken to the hospital at Twantay Township, here, on 19 May.

Po Zaw, 18, of Nat Sin Taung Village stabbed

Thet Swe, 25, who live in the same village, with a 10-inch long knife while they were picking a big argument over debt at about 6.30 pm on that day. Both are workers of the fish farm of U Min Lwin in the

village.

Thet Swe was pronounced dead on his way to Twantay Hospital. Po Zaw was taken into custody at Twantay police station and investigation is ongoing. — *Kyemon*

Man dies of hanging himself in Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — No (1) Nay Pyi Taw Myoma police station said that they had a report on a death of 35-year-old man who is believed to have committed suicide by hanging himself at Building No (207) in Mingala Theikdhi ward of Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township on 20 May morning.

Soon after receiving information given by U Wai Lwin, 54, brother-in-law of the victim, they rushed there. Soe Thiha Htwe, 35, was found dead hanging himself with a piece of nylon string and

a chain from a beam of window which is six feet

above the floor in his bedroom. — *Kyemon*

Rounds of ammunitions, hand grenades unearthed in Sittway Township

Odd News


SITTWAY, 25 May — A road construction group discovered rounds of ammunition and hand grenades kept in an old backpack while digging a drain near Ohndawgyi Village in Sittway Township at about 12.30 pm on 23 May.

The group carrying out construction of a road from Ohndawgyi Village to Palinpyin Village had unearthed an old backpack and found 21 No (36)

grenades and 900 9 mm rounds of ammunition in it when the drain they dig went about 2 feet below the ground.

The rounds of ammunition and hand grenades unearthed are believed to have been buried about 10 years ago. They are caked in rust and mud and absolutely deficient. These bullets and hand grenades were sent to local authorities.

Kyemon

WORLD

Taleban attack international compound in Afghan capital

KABUL, 25 May— Taleban militants launched a large-scale attack involving the United Nations in the centre of the Afghan capital Kabul on Friday, sparking a five-hour battle with security forces.

A plume of smoke hung over Kabul after the attack was launched, with the sound of .50 calibre heavy machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and sniper fire clearly audible throughout the city centre as night fell.

An Afghan police officer was killed and 10 other people were wounded during the attack, which began at 4 pm (12.30 pm British time) with a suicide car bomb outside a compound used by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Afghan police said.

While the IOM is not part of the United Nations,

it is affiliated with it in Afghanistan.

The attack came eight days after six American soldiers and civilians and nine Afghans were killed in a suicide car bombing in Kabul.

The Taleban, fighting to expel Western forces and establish Islamist rule in Afghanistan, claimed responsibility for Friday's attack, saying a "rest house" used by the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had been attacked.

After the initial bombing, about six Taleban fighters engaged in a firefight with nearby guards, officials said.

Two were killed and the remaining three or four militants entered an unused building across the road from the IOM compound and continued to fight.

There were at least four large blasts during the



A wounded Afghan policeman (C) is helped away from the site of an explosion in Kabul on 24 May 2013. Several large explosions rocked a busy area in the centre of the Afghan capital, Kabul, on Friday with Reuters witnesses describing shooting in the area.

REUTERS

course of the evening, and witnesses said that at 9 p.m. (1630 GMT) exchanges of fire were still going on between the attackers and Afghan forces supported by Norwegian special forces.

"As a result of the attack, three IOM staff and one International Labour Organization (ILO) staff were wounded," UN spokesman Eduardo del

Buey told reporters in New York. He said one of the IOM personnel was in serious condition, and that all UN staff in Kabul had been accounted for.

The ILO is a subsidiary of the United Nations and operates in Kabul under the banner of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

Reuters

Brazil President plans Japan visit in June to discuss economic ties

LIMA, 25 May— Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff is planning to visit Japan next month for talks with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on enhancing bilateral economic relations that would help boost Japan's exports to one of the most rapidly growing economies in the world, government sources in both countries said on Friday.

The visit, if realized, would be the first for Rousseff since she took office in 2011. The meeting with Abe is expected to be held on 27 June and another with Emperor Akihito the following day, but the schedule has not been fixed as the president is also planning to visit India and Vietnam during her trip, according

to the sources. Rousseff's talks with Abe would focus on potential participation by Japanese companies in Brazilian projects such as oil development in deep waters and building a high-speed railway system in the country, one of the BRICS group of emerging economies along with Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Tokyo is also seeking to sign a nuclear safety accord that would enable Japan to export atomic power plants to Brazil. Japan recently reached similar agreements with other developing countries, including Turkey and the United Arab Emirates, as part of Abe's strategy for economic growth.

Kyodo News



Former UN secretary-general Kofi Annan (L) speaks at the Global Centre for Pluralism in Ottawa, Canada, on 23 May, 2013. All countries must play a role in promoting pluralism and diversity to deliver peace, security and prosperity in the 21st century, says Annan.

XINHUA

Kerry, Lavrov hold phone call on Syria peace conference



Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov (R) welcomes Syria's Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad during a meeting in Moscow, on 22 May 2013.—REUTERS

Moscow, 25 May— US Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov spoke by phone on Friday to discuss efforts to bring Syria's warring parties to a peace conference, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

"The situation in Syria was discussed in the context of an international conference for a political settlement in the country," the ministry said in a statement on its website.

Kerry and Lavrov last met on 7 May in Moscow and agreed to try to get the Syrian government and opposition to discuss an end to the more than 2-year-old civil war.

The diplomats are due to again hold talks on Syria on Monday in Paris, a US official said on Friday.

Reuters

Radiation leak reported day after incident at Ibaraki laboratory

TOKYO, 25 May— Radioactive substances were released into the atmosphere on Thursday outside the controlled area at one of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency's nuclear physics laboratories in Ibaraki Prefecture, the Nuclear Regulation Authority's secretariat said early on Saturday morning.

Fifty-five researchers and others who were engaged in experiments and other work at the laboratory may have been exposed to radiation as a result of inhaling the substances, but none were taken to hospital, the government body said. Four have so far undergone checkups and the highest radiation dose detected was 1.6 millisievert.

No impact from the radiation is expected beyond the premises of the accelerator laboratory in Tokaimura.

The NRA secretariat said it received a report on the incident at the laboratory of the Nuclear Science Research Institute from the JAEA at around 9 pm on Friday. The incident occurred at 11:55 am on Thursday. Officials of the JAEA said in a press conference held early Saturday in Tokyo that it failed to report the incident to the NRA immediately because it believed the leak had been confined to the laboratory.

The Ibaraki Prefectural government said it was notified at around 9:40 pm on Friday, adding that it

will conduct an on-the-spot inspection of the facility on Saturday afternoon.

The latest incident follows the resignation of the president of the state-run JAEA last week. Atsuyuki Suzuki resigned over the agency's failure to conduct a proper inspection of its Monju prototype fast-breeder reactor in Tsuruga, Fukui Prefecture. The researchers at the lab in Ibaraki were engaged in an experiment to generate particles by applying a proton beam to gold. The equipment they were using suffered a malfunction, causing it to overheat, which resulted in the evaporation and release of radioactivated gold, the authorities said.

Kyodo News

Fighters escort Pakistan plane to airport, two arrested

LONDON, 25 May— British fighter jets escorted a Pakistan International Airlines passenger plane to Stansted Airport near London on Friday, where police went on board and arrested two men on suspicion of endangering an aircraft.

Passengers were leaving the plane and no one was hurt in the incident, a spokesman for

the airport said.

Flight PK709 from Lahore in Pakistan had been due to land at Manchester in northern England with 297 passengers on board, but was diverted shortly before arrival.

Britain is on high alert after a soldier was hacked to death on a London street on Wednesday in what the government are treating as a terrorist incident.

A security source said early indications were that the plane was not the target of a terrorist attack.

A passenger who had just got off the plane told the BBC the pilot had informed passengers after landing that he had diverted to Stansted because of threats. The passenger, named by the BBC as Mr Munsif, said two men had been handcuffed on board and removed. "We landed safely and then he announced that they had some kind of threat from someone and that's why he landed the plane," the passenger said, speaking by telephone. "Essex Police have boarded a passenger plane diverted to Stansted Airport and two men have been arrested on suspicion of endangerment of an aircraft. They have been removed from the plane," the police said in a statement.—Reuters



A Pakistan International Airlines Boeing 777 aircraft is seen parked on the tarmac at Stansted Airport, southern England, on 24 May, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Japanese online retailer will release the world's smallest infrared remote-control helicopter. The tiny helicopter has been named Nano-Falcon and measures just 65mm in length while weighing a mere 11 grams. XINHUA

Commercial human ventures planned for the moon: NASA study

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 25 May—Corporate researchers may be living on the moon by the time NASA astronauts head off to visit an asteroid in the 2020s, a study of future human missions unveiled on Thursday shows.

The study by Bigelow Aerospace, commissioned by NASA, shows “a lot of excitement and interest from various companies” for such ventures, said Robert Bigelow, founder and president of the Las Vegas-based firm.

The projects range from pharmaceutical research aboard Earth-orbiting habitats, to missions to the moon's surface, he said on Thursday, citing a draft of the report due to be released in a few weeks.

NASA intends to follow the *International Space Station* programme with astronaut visits to an asteroid by 2025 and to Mars about a decade later.

President Barack Obama's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning 1 October requests \$105 million for the US space agency to begin work on a mission to find a small asteroid and reposition it around the moon for a future visit by astronauts.

But private companies, including Bigelow Aero-

space, have more interest in the moon itself, Bigelow told reporters on a conference call on Thursday.

William Gerstenmaier, NASA's head of space operations, said on the call “it's important for us to know that there's some interest in moon activity and lunar surface activity.”

“We can take advantage of what the private sector is doing” in areas such as space transportation, life support systems and other technologies needed for travel beyond the space station's 250 mile high orbit, he noted.

NASA typically completes its mission planning before looking at what partnerships and collaborations may be possible, Gerstenmaier added.

“We thought that this time we would kind of turn that around a little bit, that we would ask industry first what they're interested in ... where they see human presence that makes sense, where they see potential commercial markets.”

Bigelow Aerospace surveyed about 20 companies as well as foreign space agencies and research organizations for the NASA study, which the company undertook at its own expense.

Reuters



The moon is pictured above Earth in this handout photo courtesy of Col. Chris Hadfield of the Canadian Space Agency.—REUTERS

Google eyes Waze as Facebook circles hot Web maps property

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 May—Google Inc is in talks to buy Waze, an Israeli mapping start-up that has held discussions with several large technology companies, two sources familiar with the matter told *Reuters* on Friday.

Google's discussions with Waze, which one of the sources told *Reuters* remained fluid and could change in tenor at any time, come amid reports Facebook is willing to pay \$1 billion for the crowd-sourced service, which relies on information provided by its 47 million members to craft its mobile-oriented maps.

By buying Waze, the Internet search giant would prevent the company from falling into the hands of Facebook, which is delving deeper into mobile technology as it tries to grow its user base.

Mapping services are among the five most-used applications on smartphones and are crucial to engaging and retaining mobile users.

The key advantage of owning, rather than licensing, a mapping service is that it allows for the product to be tailored and personalized for users.

“Whoever holds the mapping data is going to be a hot commodity,” said Brian Proffitt, author of several books on mobile technology and an adjunct instructor of management in the University of Notre Dame. “As larger vendors acquire mapping data, businesses and consumers will discover that it's more difficult to

gain free access and correct errors.”

Waze's real-time traffic information, generated continuously from data on users' smartphones about traveling speed and direction, is considered a particularly valuable asset that poses a threat to the search giant's existing offering, Google Maps.

“Sometimes the best offense is defense,” said a third source close to the situation, explaining Google's motivation to acquire Waze.

Still, Marcus Thielking,

co-founder of rival mapping service, skobbler, said Facebook could easily develop a real-time traffic service similar to Waze's, thanks to its massive social network of more than one billion users.

As a result, he said, it would be “shortsighted” for Google to acquire Waze strictly to keep it away from Facebook.

“I can't really see much sense in a Google acquisition, especially not at a price that's close to what we're talking about,” said Thielking.

Indeed, deals are heating up in the tech-startup space. This week, Yahoo Inc announced a \$1.1 billion acquisition of widely used blogging service Tumblr, in one of the largest purchases this year of an Internet company.

Due diligence between Waze and Facebook had been under way and a term sheet signed after six months of discussions, Israeli business daily *Calcalist* reported this month.—Reuters



Waze, an Israeli mobile satellite navigation application, is seen on a smartphone in this photo illustration taken in Tel Aviv on 9 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Unhappy with how your fave series is faring? Amazon gives you a say

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 May—Amazon is once again shaking up traditional publishing models. This time, it's giving fans a chance to add their own personal touches to their favourite fiction — and get paid in the process.

This week, Amazon.com Inc announced “Kindle Worlds,” which offers aspiring writers an opportunity to pen their own takes on franchises in books, TV, movies, even games and comics. The world's largest Internet retailer plans to license content, then accept submissions online that may then be sold through its Kindle ebook store.

Things will kick off with Amazon licensing

three teen TV series — “Gossip Girl”, “Pretty Little Liars” and “The Vampire Diaries” - from Warner Bros Television Group's Alloy Entertainment, Amazon said on its website. More content deals will be announced in coming weeks.

Amazon has in the past decade emerged as the most disruptive force in publishing. It popularized digital books with its Kindle store and e-reader, contributing to the demise of traditional bookstores such as Borders.

In its effort to legitimize fan fiction, the company is establishing a model under which it acts as publisher and pays fan-writers between 20 and 35

percent of sales, depending on length. “There's probably not an author/fangirl alive who hasn't fantasized about being able to write about her favourite show,”

Reuters



A zoomed illustration image of a man looking at a computer monitor showing the logo of Amazon is seen in Vienna on 26 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Rocket lifts off with US military communications satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 25 May—An unmanned Delta 4 rocket blasted off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on Friday to put a multi-use, broadband communications satellite into orbit for the US military.

The 217-foot (66-meter) tall rocket lifted off at 8:27 pm EDT (0027 Saturday GMT), soaring southeast over the Atlantic Ocean as it headed into orbit.

Perched on top of the

rocket was the fifth member of the Wideband Global SATCOM, or WGS, satellite network, which provides the US military, national leaders and allies with high-capacity broadband communications.

The satellites also can be used by remotely piloted aircraft, or drones, and other users simultaneously.

“One WGS satellite has the equivalent capacity of the entire legacy system,” David Goldstein, deputy

director of military satellite communications at Los Angeles Air Force Base, said during a launch webcast.

The \$342 million spacecraft, built by Boeing, is expected to be joined by five more WGS satellites over the next several years.

Friday's launch was the second in nine days for rocket manufacturer United Launch Alliance, a partnership of Boeing and Lockheed Martin. A United Launch Alliance Atlas 5

rocket carried a Global Positioning System satellite into orbit on 15 May.

Friday's launch was the 71st successful flight since the company was formed in December 2006.

The company hasn't flown a Delta 4 since a problem surfaced during a launch in October. That rocket's satellite, another GPS, successfully reached its intended orbit despite a leak in the rocket's upper stage engine.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Gold dips slightly ahead of 3-day holiday weekend

CHICAGO, 25 May—Gold futures on the COMEX division of the New York Mercantile Exchange dipped slightly Friday as investors abstained from trading ahead of the three-day holiday weekend.

The most active gold contract for June delivery dropped 5.2 dollars, or 0.37 percent, to settle at 1,386.6 dollars per ounce.

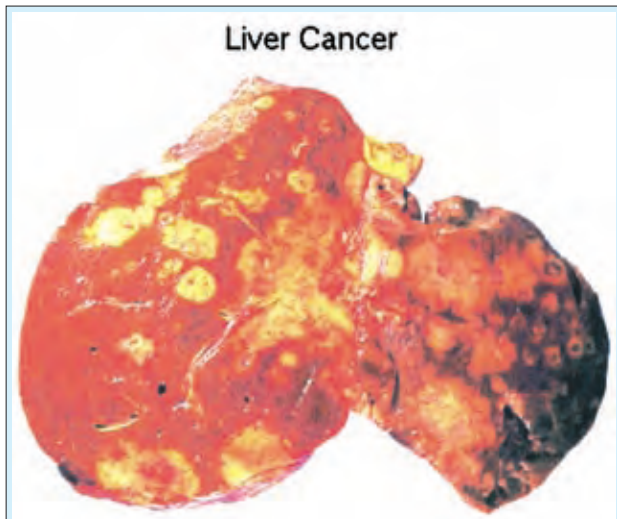
Gold traded quietly Friday, as the US Commerce Department announced that orders for durable goods climbed 3.3 percent in April to a seasonally adjusted 222.6 billion dollars, higher than the market expectation for a rise of 1.4 percent.

Favourable factors such as a weaker dollar and decline in stock markets failed to exert any influence on gold market Friday.

In short term, gold's future will hinge on the direction of the US dollar and the prospects of quantitative easing policy by the US Federal Reserve, according to market analysts.

Gold trading on COMEX will reopen Tuesday after the Memorial Day holiday which falls on Monday.

Silver for July delivery lost 1.2 cents, or 0.05 percent, to close at 22.496 dollars per ounce. Platinum for July delivery slipped 5.3 dollars, or 0.36 percent, to close at 1,451.9 dollars per ounce.—Xinhua



Cancer that begins in another area of the body, such as the colon, lung or breast, and then spreads to the liver is called metastatic cancer, rather than liver cancer.—REUTERS

Canadian study supports suicide contagion hypothesis among teens

VANCOUVER, 25 May—Suicide contagion, which means exposure to suicide may increase the risk of suicide and related outcomes, does occur among adolescents, according to a latest Canadian study.

The study, published earlier this week in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, also concluded that teens do not have to personally know the suicide victim to generate suicide thoughts and attempts.

In the study, researchers examined data from over 22,000 participants between the ages of 12 and 17. They found that teens aged 12 to 13 who had been exposed to suicide were five times more likely to be thinking about suicide themselves or to say that they had attempted suicide.

Although the risk was most dramatically in the

youngest age group, it is quite high in other age groups as well: teens aged 14 to 15 who were exposed to suicide were three times as likely to think about or attempt suicide, while teens aged 16 to 17 were twice as likely.

Meanwhile, there is almost no variance in these statistics when the teen's personal knowledge of the deceased is factored in, which means personally not knowing the decedent did not reduce the risk of suicidality.

Dr Ian Colman, author and Canada Research Chair in Mental Health Epidemiology, said when someone dies, the deceased is talked about by their loved ones, in the media and in social media in glowing and romantic terms, which could lead to dangerous consequences.

Reuters

US researchers identify drug targets in inherited childhood disorder

WASHINGTON, 25 May—US researchers reported on Friday they have found first drug targets for an inherited childhood tumour disorder known as infantile myofibromatosis, for which the only current treatment option is repeated surgical removal of the tumours.

Researchers from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai found that mutations in two genes called PDGFRB and NOTCH3, which are central to the development of the debilitating disorder that develops in infancy or even in utero, could provide new treatment options.

Tumours involving the skin, bone, and soft tissue developed in this disease could present throughout life.

The tumors do not metastasize, but can grow large enough to invade the tissue surrounding them causing physical limitations, disfigurement, bone destruction, intestinal obstruction, and

even death.

Currently, the standard of care is to excise the tumors when possible, which can be invasive, painful, and disfiguring, and most patients require multiple surgeries throughout their lives.

In the study published in the *American Journal of Human Genetics*, researchers using whole-exome sequencing, an approach that decodes the regions of the genome that contains protein-coding genes, analyzed blood samples from 32 people from nine different families affected by the disease and found the two mutations.

"We are very excited about the findings of this study, which started 10 years ago with the enrollment of the first family," John Martignetti, lead author of the study, said in a statement.

"The newest developments in sequencing technology have led to a new

breakthrough in understanding this debilitating disease and we can therefore begin identifying drug-based treatments to save lives for some and avoiding the negative quality of life impact of extensive and repeated surgery in others," Martignetti said.

PDGFRB and NOTCH3 are two genes that are targeted by existing drugs, including imatinib and sunitinib. Next, Martignetti and his team plans to test whether cells grown from myofibromatosis tumors are susceptible to these drugs. They also hope to learn why mutations in these two genes result in disease.

"If we can learn how these mutated genes get hijacked to cause cellular miscommunication, and also test existing and novel therapies to see if they shrink the tumors, we hope to improve the lives of the individuals battling this disease," said Martignetti.

Xinhua

Yahoo joins growing list of bidders for Hulu: sources

LOS ANGELES/NEW YORK, 25 May—Yahoo Inc has submitted a formal proposal to buy Hulu, joining a growing list of bidders for the video service owned by News Corp and Walt Disney Co, two sources with knowledge of the bid told Reuters on Friday.

Yahoo just this week announced a \$1.1 billion acquisition of blogging service Tumblr. It now joins rival bidders for Hulu, including Time Warner Ca-



Yahoo Inc Chief Executive Marissa Mayer attends the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos on 25 Jan, 2013. REUTERS

ble Inc, DirecTV, former News Corp president Peter Chernin and Guggenheim Digital Media, sources have said.

It is unclear how much the Internet company bid.

Sources have said Chernin is bidding \$500 million, excluding an additional sum to cover Hulu's debt and programming commitments. But a source close to the bidding told Reuters his offer was too low, that Hulu could be worth as much as \$1 billion to \$2 billion.

Time Warner Cable's bid was fashioned as an equity investment, another person said, as the cable operator hopes to set up a joint venture with other cable companies to operate Hulu.

Yahoo did not respond to requests for comment. Its shares closed up 1.2 percent at \$26.33.

At least five bidders have emerged for the five-year-old video service with 4 million users, potentially setting up a bidding com-

petition. A second source close to the bidding said the offers submitted so far were non-binding and dependent on Hulu amending content licensing agreements the bidders found too restrictive.

Silver Lake, a minority owner of influential Hollywood talent agency William Morris Endeavor, has also submitted an indicative letter of interest, the source familiar with the Hulu bidding said, confirming an earlier Bloomberg report. The private equity firm teamed up with William Morris Endeavor, which it invested in a year ago, for the bid, according to the source.

Hulu, which generated revenues of around \$700 million last year, streams TV shows online in similar fashion to Netflix Inc. It is being advised in the sale by Guggenheim Partners, a separately funded group from the digital media unit that placed the bid.

Reuters

News Corp to take charge of up to \$1.4 billion this quarter



Chairman and CEO of News Corporation Rupert Murdoch talks next to Laurene Powell Jobs (R), founder of Emerson Collective and widow of the late Apple founder Steve Jobs, as they take part in a panel discussion titled "Immigration Strategy for the Borderless Economy" at the Milken Institute Global Conference in Beverly Hills, California on 29 April, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 25 May—News Corp said on Friday it will write down the value of

its Australian and US publishing assets by up to \$1.4 billion, as the company pre-

pares to split its business between its newspaper and entertainment operations.

The company said the goodwill impairment charge was primarily for its Australia newspapers though it gave no more details. It also said it expected reduced cash flows in the future.

The charge will be taken in the quarter ending 30 June and could effectively wipe out News Corp's profit. Analysts were expecting News Corp to report a pretax profit of \$1.4 billion, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

Earlier on Friday, News Corp said its board authorized a \$500 million stock repurchase program for the publishing operation, partially answering

the question of how the new News Corp will use \$2.6 billion in cash it will have when the spinoff takes place, expected to occur on 28 June. News Corp is preparing to hive off its publishing assets as newspapers around the world face unprecedented challenges because of plunging advertising revenue and readers who increasingly prefer to read news on smartphones and tablets.

News Corp publishes 140 newspapers in Australia including The Australian. Its US assets include the *New York Post*, Dow Jones' *The Wall Street Journal* and the coupon insert company News America Marketing and the book publisher HarperCollins.

Reuters

WORLD



The visiting Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla (L) meets with his Indonesian counterpart Marty Natalegawa in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 24 May, 2013.

XINHUA

Indonesia, Cuba explore further bilateral cooperation

JAKARTA, 25 May—Indonesian and Cuban foreign ministers discussed here on Friday on possibilities to expand further cooperation in various fields between the two countries, strengthening the cooperation of the countries that jointly co-founded the Non-Aligned bloc in 1960s.

Speaking in a joint Press conference attended by the visiting Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa said that the two governments were interested to expand cooperation in various fields aside of trade.

Bilateral ties between Indonesia and Cuba has been increasing well, particularly in social and culture section. The two nations have exchanged athletes and coaches to undergo training programmes in respective countries.

During the occasion, the two ministers witnessed the signing of MoU on sports and culture cooperation, conducted by senior officials of both countries.

Indonesia-Cuba diplomatic ties was initiated on January 1960 by Fidel Castro and former Indonesian president Soekarno. It was immediately followed

by the visit of Soekarno to Cuba in May 1960. Since then Indonesia and Cuba preserve strong relationship in Non-Aligned Bloc forum that was established in 1961. Even though it has been up and down in the last five years, the two-way trade between the two countries increased by 8.6 percent to 13.9 million US dollars in 2012 from 12.8 million US dollars in 2008.

Indonesia's exports rubber products, plastics, electronics, footwear and office equipment to Cuba. Meanwhile its import from the latter consists of vaccine and cigars.—Xinhua

29 prefectures to stop testing all cattle for BSE

TOKYO, 25 May—A total of 29 out of 44 prefectures, or 66 percent of prefectures where slaughterhouses are located, have decided or plan to end the testing of all cattle for mad cow disease after the government eases testing requirements in July, a Kyodo News survey showed on Friday.

The remaining 15 have yet to decide on ending the testing of all cattle for the disease, formally known as bovine spongiform enceph-

alopathy, but none plan to continue or are considering continuing the tests, the survey showed.

Meat-processing centers are located in 44 of Japan's 47 prefectures.

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare plans to raise the maximum age for exempting domestic cattle from BSE testing to 48 months from 30 months on 1 July.

The ministry also plans to ask local governments to

stop conducting voluntary blanket testing of domestic cattle.

The first case of mad cow disease in Japan was reported in 2001. Japan began blanket testing of domestic cattle in October that year but eased requirements in August 2005, testing only cattle aged 21 months or older. The threshold was again raised from 21 months to 30 months on 1 April this year.

In the survey, the

Saitama, Aichi, Wakayama, Hiroshima and Fukuoka prefectural governments responded that they intend to end testing all cattle for BSE. Mie Prefecture, which is known for its Matsusaka beef brand, and Kagoshima Prefecture, which ranks top in terms of the number of Japanese black cattle raised, were among the 24 prefectures that said they are considering ending all testing of cattle for BSE.

Kyodo News

UN chief to visit Japan to attend Africa conference

TOKYO, 25 May—UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will visit Japan from 31 May to attend a gathering of Japanese and African leaders on African development to be held in Yokohama, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

During his four-day stay through 3 June, Ban is scheduled to meet with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida.

The three-day fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development from 1 June is co-sponsored by Japan, the United Nations and other multinational organizations. The summit-level meeting will be chaired by Abe, with former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori serving as his deputy. Ban will be visiting Japan for the seventh time as the top UN official.

Kyodo News

Aircraft crash in Kyrgyzstan kills three



Photo taken on 24 May, 2013 shows the wreckage of an AN-2 plane crashed in Jalal-Abad region, Kyrgyzstan. The aircraft crashed here on Friday, killing three.

XINHUA

BISHKEK, 25 May—An AN-2 plane crashed on Friday in southern Kyrgyzstan, killing three.

According to the Press service of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan, the accident happened about 10 am lo-

cal time when the plane was processing the fields with chemicals against locusts in the Aksy District of Jalal-Abad region. The three victims included a pilot-trainee, a commander and one specialist of chemicals, plant protection and quaran-

tine. After the plane caught fire, the bodies of the dead were found at the scene.

The Transport Prosecutor's Office of Kyrgyzstan has opened a criminal investigation into the crash, and the probe is underway.—Xinhua

18 injured in bus crash near Atlanta airport

WASHINGTON, 25 May—At least 18 people were injured on Friday in a crash involving a hotel shuttle bus and a tractor-trailer near Atlanta's airport in the US state of Georgia, local report said.

According to the local WSB-TV, The crash happened on North Loop

Road, in front of an AirTran hangar. The crash involved a Hampton Fairfield Hilton shuttle, the Atlanta Fire Department said. Eighteen people have been transported to area hospitals, the fire department said.

The fire department said nine people have been taken

to Grady Memorial Hospital, one in critical condition. The other nine patients have been taken to Atlanta Medical Centre. Atlanta police and fire departments are at the scene. It is not immediately clear what caused the accident or who the victims are.—Xinhua



Builders lay the foundations of a castle at the Shanghai Disney Resort in Shanghai, east China, on 24 May, 2013. Intended to open at the end of 2015, the resort will initially be comprised of Shanghai Disneyland, a Magic-Kingdom-style park as well as two themed hotels, a large retail, dining and entertainment venue, recreational facilities, a lake and transportation hubs. Covering an area of 1.16 square km, the theme park inside the 3.9-square-km Shanghai Disney Resort will be the world's sixth Disney amusement park and the first on the Chinese Mainland.

XINHUA

Turkey bans alcohol advertising, curbs sales

ANKARA, 25 May—Turkey banned alcohol advertising and increased restrictions on alcohol sales on Friday in a move likely to anger secularist Turks who accuse the government of having an Islamic agenda.

The sale of alcohol will be outlawed from 10 pm to 6 am. Alcohol producers will have to place health warnings on packaging.

The law, which needs presidential approval before coming into effect, also bans alcohol-producing companies from sponsoring events and venues where alcohol is sold and consumed can no longer openly display drinks.

Turkey is an overwhelmingly Muslim nation with a secular constitution. Critics of the ruling AK

Party say it is responsible for Islamism taking root in Turkey. Islam forbids the consumption of alcohol.

Conservative Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's government denies those accusations.

It says it is not trying to limit people's freedoms but aims to bring Turkey, which wants to join the European Union, up to European standards by tightening restrictions on the sale of alcohol and protecting the young.

Since coming to power in 2002, the ruling party has taken various measures to limit alcohol consumption, including imposing high taxes on alcoholic drinks. National carrier Turkish Airlines has stopped serving alcohol on some domestic flights.—Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

NATION-BUILDING ENDEAVOURS

Yangon Region Chief Minister attends opening of GE International Office

YANGON, 25 May—A ceremony to open GE International Office and dinner took place at Chatrium Hotel yesterday evening. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Region Electric and Industry Minister U Nyan Tun Oo, Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Virginia E. Murray of US Embassy and ASEAN Chief Executive Officer Mr. Stuart Dean from GE International formally opened the office and hosted dinner to those present.

Region Kason Water Pouring Ceremony was held in the precinct of Hsandawshin Alanpya Pagoda in Dagon Township this morning. The region chief minister and wife, region ministers and their wives donated offertories to the Sayadaws and poured water to Bo Tree.

The opening of Yangon ICT Fair (Computer & Mobile) May 2013 was held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road this morning. The region electric and industry minister, the chairman of region computer professionals association and the chairman of region computer entrepreneurs association cut the ribbon to open the exhibition.

Then, the region chief minister and Deputy Minister U Thaung Tin launched the Show and looked round the booths.

At the exhibition, 57 companies from the field of Mobile and IT will display computer and accessories, mobile phone and software, electronic products, communication devices and technology in 160 booths and the show will last till 26 May.—MNA

Teak saplings provided to villagers in Hsipaw Township

HSHIPAW, 25 May—Forest Department in Hsipaw Township in northern Shan State provided three teak plants each to 70 households in Kyaungpyein village in Tonsin village-tract as part

of its effort to establish community forests in the township on 20 May.

Township Forest Department's staff officer U Soe Moe, forester U Nu Win and staff helped the villagers plant the teak saplings.

Myanma Alinn

Yangon social group sinks two artesian wells

YANGON, 25 May—Yangon Yunnan Buddhist philanthropic association in Insein street here has funded sinking of two artesian wells in arid areas.

The ceremony to present cash for sinking of two artesian wells was held at the hall of Rural Region Development Department in Yangon on 15 May.

An official of the association presented K 5 million to deputy housing director U Ohn Khaing.

Yangon also saw another donations of cash, food and clothes to Kyaikwaing youth training school and nunneries by social organizations to mark the Mothers' Day.

Myanma Alinn

Matric classes opened in Myeik 10 days ahead of start of academic year

MYEIK, 25 May—Matriculation classes for 2013-2014 academic year in 10 townships in Taninthayi Region have been opened since 20 May 10 days ahead of the regular opening of an academic year under the directive of the region

government aimed at ensuring the higher pass rate in the matriculation examination.

Remaining basic education classes will be reopened on 1 June as per the academic calendar.

Myanma Alinn

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Sitagu eye hospital plans free eye care



KALAY, 25 May—Foreign ophthalmologists will provide free treatment to eye patients at Sitagu eye hospital in Kalay from 22 July to the end of the month.

Eye treatment and surgeries will be provided to more than 3000 patients.

The programme was initiated by Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ñanissara and Kalay

Maha Thandayon Sayadaw Puññasettha. If necessary, specialists will perform surgical operation at eye patients.

Myanma Alinn

ODD NEWS

Japanese soldier's remains found in Indaw Township



Insignia of a Japanese soldier found with remains unearthed in U Kyar Bo's home compound.

YANGON, 25 May—Bones of a Japanese soldier were unearthed in Nanaung village in Kyandaw village-tract in Indaw Township in Sagaing Region on 14 May.

They were found while sinking a well in the compound of U Kyar Bo, accompanied by insignia of a Japanese soldiers.

"When I sank well in my home compound,

I found a skeleton of a man buried with the head towards northeast at the depth of three feet. Being inquisitive, I carefully unearthed it with the insignia of a Japanese soldier so that I could tell it is the Japanese soldier's remains," U Kyar Bo said.

One sword and other artifacts were excavated.

Myanma Alinn

Vendors vote against major renovation of Kalay market

KALAY, 25 May—A coordination meeting was held in Kalay on 21 May to rebuild its Myoma market.

The meeting was opened with an address by township management committee chairman U Aye Naing. The Township Development Affairs Committee's executive officer fulfilled the requirements to upgrade the market. The market's chairman briefed on background history of the market.

Vendors and shopkeepers at the meeting complained over the timing of the construction, saying the construction in monsoon could lead to unnecessary damages and losses. They also said they had suffered losses in Tarhan market fire in 2006 and Letpanchaung market fire in 2007. The construction will take one year to complete, prompting

the shopkeepers to concern over preparation for trading before the construction completes.

As the clear majority of 90% of shopkeepers did not vote for the construction of the new market, the project has been suspended.

Myanma Alinn

Myanmar U-23 to play friendly with MNL All Stars

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Myanmar U-23 national football team are being camped in Taunggyi on 21-31 May as part of preparation for XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar.

The team of 30 are formed with young players who has displayed their brilliant performance in Myanmar National League.

Myanmar Football Federation has arranged a friendly between the

Low-priced SIM cards sold in Yangon

YANGON, 25 May—Low-priced SIM cards are sold at ward administrator offices in Lanmadaw Township in Yangon on 23 May morning in lottery-style sale.

Yangon Region got the share of 78750 SIM cards in April and the number was

increased to 101219 in the second batch of sale in May.

But the share of SIM cards for Lanmadaw Township was reduced to 440 from 600 in the previous month, according to a source from the ward administrator office.

In 5th ward in Lanmadaw Township, 41 SIM cards were sold through lot to 215 appearing applicants though some 380 residents in the ward had applied for the cheap SIM card which worth less than two USD.

The SIM cards have been sold to 14% of the households in the ward, and 30% of applicants have the chances to purchase the SIM cards.

Applicants in Yangon Region's SIM card sales were seemed to be convinced by the draw and some await that their time comes in next batches of sale.

Myanma Alinn

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PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 26 May, 2013

Manners before learning

This is the second time for all basic education primary schools in Myanmar where all primary students are allowed to enroll free of charge for their new academic year that will begin soon. Free primary education system was initiated last year as a move to enabling all boys and girls starting from five-year-old children to complete primary level where there was a 50 per cent drop-out rate in 2006-07 academic year, based on UNICEF.

Urban children who had had their first taste of academic works at nurseries are ready for their Grade I at school while rural children are keen to meet their very first day of the school life. Nonetheless, what the important point is that children of these ages must be developed both mentally and physically before academically. Instead of encouraging them to pay attentions to lessons, they are to be allowed to more actively take part in nonacademic activities. Establishing good manners and developing their characters are needed before trying to judge their knowledge or learning through lessons.

Their very first days of school life should be free from a culture of rote learning. The method of manners before knowledge or learning should be introduced. Children are taught behavioral habits through activities that encourage them to embrace cooperation and school spirit. They are introduced to the basic principals of good manners, enabling them to get into the habit of waiting their turn, showing respects to teachers and elders and kind behavior to their peers and youngsters, and saying polite words like please, thanks and sorry when they are due.

Primary schools are breeding ground for good morals that stay with people through adulthood. So each and every primary schoolchild are taught to be plain and sweet in their talks, to be sincere in their attitude, to be deeply ashamed of making fake promise and deceiving others. We would like to leave a message to our primary teachers, simply requesting to teach your students good manners rather than the focus on academic abilities.

First conference of Myanmar Pharmacists Association held

YANGON, 25 May—Myanmar Pharmacists Association held its first conference at Myanmar Medical Association in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe said that holding of its first conference could open a new

chapter for the country as well as for pharmacists.

The meeting followed after Director-General of Health Department Dr Min Than Nyunt and Chairman of Myanmar Pharmacists Association U Pho Kyar extended greetings on the occasion.

MNA

Donate Blood



Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe visits Thilawa Port.—MNA



Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe and wife Mrs Akie Abe pay tribute to General Aung San and fallen martyrs at Martyrs' Mausoleum.—MNA

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jobs and help Myanmar to have access to technologies and to get investments."

The deputy minister added that social and environmental impact assessment is expected to be completed in coming August and plans are being formulated with the assistance of JICA for resettlement within project area in line with international norms. He mentioned the cooperation between the two governments as one of the contributors to success of the project which would be beneficial to three parties—locals, citizens and investors.

UMFCCI President U Win Aung and Mitsubishi Chairman Mr Ken Kobayashi signed

MoU on development of Thilawa Special Economic Zone. Nine companies from Myanmar side and

three corporations from Japan side—Mitsubishi, Marubeni and Sumitomo—will implement the joint-venture project.

The Japanese PM then observed freight handling activities at Myanmar

International Terminal Port (Thilawa). Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay hosted a luncheon to the Japanese PM and wife at Kandawgyi Palace.—MNA



Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe and wife Mrs Akie Abe pay tribute at Japanese Cemetery in Yeway in North Okkalapa Township.—MNA

NATIONAL

Japanese PM addresses Myanmar-Japan Business Seminar

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May— Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe addressed the Myanmar-Japan Business Seminar at Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Building at 2.30 pm today.

First, the Japanese Prime Minister posed for documentary photos together with those present.

Next, he delivered an address.

Then UMFCCI President U Win Aung presented gifts to the Japanese Prime Minister.

Afterwards, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and the UMFCCI President spoke on the occasion.

Next, the Japanese Prime Minister met Chairperson of National League for Democracy (NLD) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Chatrium Hotel at 4.30 pm.—MNA

UMFCCI President U Win Aung presents gifts to Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe at Myanmar-Japan Business Seminar at UMFCCI building.

MNA



Myanmar labour, employment & social security delegation arrives back from Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May— A Myanmar delegation arrived back in Yangon today from Japan after paying visit to Japan on 20-25 May.

During the visit, the delegation led by Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint held talks with officials of Japan International Training Cooperation Organization-JITCO over sending Myanmar workers to Japan.

The delegation also visited Nishiyama Industry Co Ltd, IO Industry Co Ltd and Kosai-shi Co Ltd.

They also held talks with the group led by Mr Yoshio Tateisi, chairman



Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint visits factory in Tokyo, Japan.—MNA



Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe shakes hands with Chairperson of NLD Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.—MNA

Passenger bus rollover kills 11, hurts 16

TOUNGGOO, 25 May—A passenger bus heading to Mandalay from Yangon overturned at Bridge No 124/3 (Koegwa Bridge) of Public Works between mile post 125/3 and 125/4 on Yangon-Mandalay

Express-way in Ottwin Township of Bago Region at 6:30 am yesterday. Of 27 on board, 11 passengers were killed and 16 got injured in the accident.

Man Shwemyot-on Yangon-Mandalay

daw passenger bus which



departed from Yangon to Mandalay at 8:30 pm on 24 May hit the traffic island after having a flat tyre and plunged headlong onto the retaining wall under the bridge No 124/4 (Koegwa Bridge). In the accident, driver Nyunt Wai was missing (under investigation) and bus conductor Min Min, 30 years, (son of U Aung Lun) got injured seriously. The members of First Aid from Pyu 115th Mile, expressway maintenance group of Public Works and fire brigade members rushed there and sent the injured to Pyu People's Hospital.—Kyemon

and officials of Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the group Ms Yuri Konno, deputy chairman of Tokyo Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the group led by Deputy Minister Mr Jun-ichi Kaneko of Health, Labour and Social Security of Japan separately.

During the meetings, they discussed matters on producing skilled labourers and conducting vocational trainings.

Union Minister U Maung Myint gave talks on the future of skill trainee and

development of Myanmar at the Diet Members Hall in Tokyo and discussed labour issues in Myanmar with representatives from factories and plants.

The delegation attended dinner hosted by member of the House of Representatives Mr Hirohiko Nakamura and

held falls on labour affairs.

The delegation held talks with Director-General Mr Kazushi Nishida of International Cooperation Project of Japan Vocational Ability Development Association (JAVADA) over human resource development programs in Myanmar.—MNA

Myanmar weightlifting delegation leaves for China

YANGON, 25 May—A Myanmar weightlifting delegation left Yangon

International Airport at 11 am today for the People's Republic of China.—MNA

NATION-BUILDING ENDEAVOURS

Bago development in good shape

BAGO, 25 May—Under the instruction of Bago Region Government, Bago Township Development Affairs Committee is carrying out urban development and sanitation tasks here.

Shwethalyaung Pagoda asphalt road has been upgraded to concrete one which is 22 ft wide, nine inches thick and 2000 ft long, total value is over K 100 million. Another plan is underway to upgrade 1200



ft long concrete road section from Mazin (1) junction to western Kalyarni Min road.

Shin Saw Pu road near Shwemawdaw Pagoda, which is 18 ft wide, nine inches thick and 600 ft long, was being concreted spending K 25 million and it will be completed on 31 May.

Historic Leikpyagan Lake was upgraded at 660 ft long bund. This year, the 610 ft long western bund will be improved with gravel-filled retaining walls, concrete paving, steel rails and electrification. Moreover, the eastern and southern bunds will be upgraded.—Kyemon

Integrated farming system in Kyaukhtu Township

GANGAW, 25 May—As part of integrated farming system, excavation of fish pound is being carried out under the supervision of Kyaukhtu Township General Administration Department at Panhsan village of Kyaukhtu

Township in Gangaw District in the last week of May. Water needed for the lake measuring 60 ftX60 ftX6ft will be irrigated from Minlaetaw channel. Fish breeding and poultry breeding will be made at the integrated farm.

Kyemon



Maintenance of village water lake in Pakokku Township



PAKOKKU, 25 May—United Nations Human Settlements Programme and local people are carrying out maintenance of lake and sanitation tasks for safe drinking water supply, at east Bangon village of Pandaingchone village-tract in Pakokku Township as of 21 May.

“Thanks to the lake, safe drinking water will be distributed to about 4000 people in Bangon, Kwanthikan and Myauklukan villages. The cost of the maintenance of the lake is expected to reach K 7.4 million,” said a village volunteer.

Kyemon

Fire breaks out in Bago

BAGO, 25 May—A fire broke out at a store house at the back of U Kyaw Win's tea shop on Shwemawdaw pagoda road in Shin Saw Pu Ward, Bago on the evening of 21 May. The fire was due to electric shock, causing

damage to Myanmar beer boxes. Three fire engines and people could put out the fire after 25 minutes. There was no any causality in the accident. Bago Police Station No. 1 filed a lawsuit over the case.—Kyemon

Educative talks held in Technological University (Myeik)



MYEIK, 25 May—Educative talks on narcotic drugs, drug laws and traffic rules was held at Technological University (Myeik) on 23 May.

Principal Dr Tin Hsan delivered an address and Myeik District Judge U Tin Htoo gave talks on traffic accidents; Myeik District Judicial Officer U Hla Tun, narcotic drug and drug laws;

and Head of Myeik District Road Transport Administration Directorate U Aung Htay, traffic rules.

Myeik District Traffic Rules Supervisory Committee Police Captain Nay Win shared knowledge about traffic rules for drivers and distributed pamphlets to 130 faculty members and students.

Kyemon

Tha Khin Lay bus line launched in Katha

KATHA, 25 May—Launching ceremony of Tha Khin Lay Light Truck passenger bus line was held at Ayeyashweli gymnasium of Katha Township in Sagaing Region on 23 May.

Katha Township Administrator U Zaw Min Htike, Head of Katha District Transport Planning Department U Thein Min

Aye and officials launched it.

Tha Khin Lay bus line will run Katha-Nabar, Katha-Indaw, Katha-Chaungwa Village, Katha-Moetargyi Village and Katha-Moretarlay Village on schedule. The Chairman of the bus line and the Secretary explained the purposes of running the bus line.

Kyemon

Stimulant tablets seized in Toungoo

TOUNGGOO, 25 May—A combined team comprising members of Bago Anti-Drug Special Squad, Toungoo District Special Crime Combating Squad, Toungoo District Special Investigation Unit and Toungoo Police Station No. 1, acting on tip-off, searched a motorcycle without licence driven by U Nyunt Thaung of Khabaung Village Road in Zeedaing Village-tract of Toungoo

District at Khabaung Lanmadaw Road at the corner of Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Mingyinyo Ward of Toungoo at 2 pm on 21 May.

They seized one packet of 200 pink stimulant tablets with WY brand in his shirt pocket weighing 20 grams and one packet of 110 stimulant tablets weighing 11 grams, worth K 1.55 million.

According to the investigation, U Nyunt

Thaung confessed that he bought these tablets from Aung Lwin Tun (a) Bo Ni, 50, son of U Maung Ko from Shwehintha Street in Extended Ward 2 of Toungoo.

Toungoo Police Station No. 1 opened a lawsuit against the two persons under sections 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon

Cleaner dies of electric shock

PYU, 25 May—Cleaner Ma Khaing Zar Soe (a) Fattyma, 18, daughter of U Win Lwin, of Kyaungdawya village in Pyu Township died of electric shock when she plugged off the power

line in carrying out sanitation at the construction site of Pyu diversion weir in Pyu township, Bago Region, at 8 am on 20 May.

SIP Than Oo and Myanmar police force

members of Pyu Police Station with witnesses inspected the incident and they saw injury at her palm. The police station opened a file of lawsuit over the death incident.—Kyemon

CRIME

Sleeping drunken man killed by train in Latpadan

LATPADAN, 25 May—A drunken man was accidentally killed by a passing train in Latpadan Township, Bago Region at 4.30 am on 19 May.

The victim died on the spot.

Police found out that the victim was engaged in a drinking spree at his friend's wedding reception. While

being hit by 71-Up Yangon-Pyay train between mile posts 76/3 and 76/4, he had got blind drunk. The victim was identified as Mi Thon, 27, son of U Pa Ha Thi, who lives in Thanchaung Ward in Pyay.

Latpadan police station opened the case.

Kyemon

Gamblers seized in Pyu Township

PYU, 25 May—Acting on a tip-off, SIP Kyaw Zin Htike of Pyu Police Station and members searched Daw Soe Soe's house at Thamada of Butartaung ward, Pyu of Bago Region on 19 May. The

police found Daw Soe Soe, Daw Hla Oo and Ma Thwe Thwe Win playing cards in the house. Pyu police station filed a lawsuit against the gamblers.

Kyemon

Illegal cows seized in Waw Township

WAW, 25 May—Acting on a tip-off, 28 illegal cows worth K 11.2 million were seized by Police Captain Tin Naing and police members from Waw Police Station on a Fuso car at Shwethanlwin Toll Gate in Waw Township on 21 May. Waw Police Station filed a lawsuit against driver Kyaw Zin, Ko Ko Lwin and Zaw Myo Oo in accord with Section-5 of Important Goods and Services Law.

Kyemon

REGIONAL

Cambodian PM firmly confident of victory in forthcoming polls

PHNOM PENH, 25 May—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Friday expressed his “firm confidence” that his Cambodian People’s Party would undoubtedly win in the July general election.

“The opponents always say that Hun Sen will lose in the election, but Hun Sen will win forever because of the support from the people,” Hun Sen said during the inauguration of a large-scale Buddha statue in eastern Kampong Cham Province, which was attended by about 15,000 people.

The premier recalled that during the last election in 2008, the opposi-

tion group also said that he would lose the election, but at the time, his Cambodian People’s Party won up to 90 seats out of the 123-seat parliament.

Hun Sen, 61, has been in power for 28 years and vowed to stay in the office until he is 74.

Meanwhile, he appealed to people to continue supporting him as the Prime Minister by casting their ballots for the Cambodian People’s Party in the general election on 28 July.

He also urged people not to use violence or discriminate against the others in different political parties during the upcoming elec-

tion campaign and on the Election Day.

Eight political parties will run in the forthcoming election, which will be voted by some 9.67 million eligible Cambodians, according to the National Election Committee. Three major parties among them are the ruling Cambodian People’s Party of Prime Minister Hun Sen, the main opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party led by self-exiled leader Sam Rainsy, and the royalist Funcinpec Party headed by Princess Norodom Arun Rasmeay, the youngest daughter of late King Father Norodom Sihanouk.—Xinhua



Teachers stack books to be distributed for the coming school year students in Bagong Silangan Elementary School in Quezon city, Philippines, on 24 May, 2013. The Department of Education (DepEd) of the Philippines is expecting around 23.8 million students to go into public and private elementary and high schools nationwide for the school year 2013-2014 that starts on 3 June.—XINHUA

Japan gov’t alleges 124 documents as having leaked in cyberattacks

TOKYO, 25 May—Japan’s agriculture ministry said on Friday cyberattacks on its information system could have led 124 internal documents to leak out between January and April last year.

But no classified information was in the documents that included personal data of 193 people and some business records, the ministry said in a report on its internal investigation

into the cyberattacks

Senior and other ministry officials had lacked a sense of crisis about information leaks, the report said, recommending the ministry employ outside experts and train officials thoroughly.

The report also pointed out that ministry officials had failed to analyze communications records as required and that security and system divisions in the

ministry had failed to sufficiently share information.

Based on the report, the ministry imposed admonitions on eight officials including Vice Minister Yoshitsugu Minagawa, who was subjected to an admonitory warning. The investigation covered 103 personal computers and found some contaminated with the Trojan Horse virus that leads computer-stored data to leak out.—Kyodo News

Japan, Vietnam agree to expand Japanese-language education

TOKYO, 25 May—Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and visiting Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Tien Nhan agreed on Friday to expand Japanese-language education in the Southeast Asian nation, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said at a separate meeting in To-

kyo, Kishida and visiting Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Keat Chhon, who doubles as finance minister, confirmed plans to strengthen bilateral ties through investment promotion and economic cooperation.

In his talks with Kishida, the Vietnamese deputy prime minister expressed

hope for greater bilateral cooperation in human resources development, according to the ministry. In Vietnam, interest in learning Japanese has been growing, mainly among young people looking to Japanese companies for employment.

Kyodo News

Large fire forces evacuation of New Zealand’s Queenstown CBD

WELLINGTON, 25 May—Hundreds of people have been evacuated after a massive fire engulfed New Zealand South Island resort town of Queenstown’s most popular bars on Friday afternoon.

The fire started in the kitchen of a pizza parlour on the ground floor of The World Bar on Shotover Street at 3.30 pm local time, Radio New Zealand reported. Fire-fighters from across the Wakatipu Basin are in attendance and thick, black smoke enveloped the resort town. The roof collapsed on the second story, blowing the windows out and sending flames into the air.

Xinhua

President Xi vows strict observation of ecological “red line”

BEIJING, 25 May—Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday vowed to set and strictly observe an ecological “red line” amid the country’s rapid urbanization in order to protect the environment. China should accelerate the implementation of a functional zoning strategy, said Xi, at a study session with members of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.

The government should set and strictly observe an ecological “red line” which requires all regions to optimize, prioritize, restrict or prohibit their industrial

development according to their defined nature, he said.

The concept of the ecological “red line” should be firmly established, Xi said, adding that more space should be provided for nature to restore itself.

“On issues of ecological and environmental protection, [people] should not cross the [red] line or they will get punished,” he said.

The functional zoning strategy should be carried out to advance urbanization, agricultural development and ecological security in a scientific and balanced way, he added.

Xinhua



The construction of the main towers of the Jiaxing-Shaoxing Sea-crossing Bridge is finished in Shaoxing, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 24 May, 2013. The bridge is expected to be open to traffic by the end of June this year. It will halve the driving time from Shaoxing to Shanghai in east China after it is finished.—XINHUA

Indian PM to visit Japan next week

NEW DELHI, 25 May—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will embark on a three-day visit to Japan next week, which was scrapped last year following announcement of general elections in Japan, sources said Friday.

During Singh’s tour from 27 to 30 May at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, both India and Japan are to raise their security relationship to new heights by working out modules for a set of annual bilateral exercises between

the navies of the two countries in Indian waters, the sources said.

India is also likely to buy two amphibious search-and-rescue aircrafts from Japan during Singh’s visit, the sources said, adding that deal would be the first sale of military hardware by Tokyo.

Singh’s visit to Japan will be reciprocated by a rare gesture by the Japanese Emperor and Empress, who would for the first time visit India at the end of this year, they added.—Xinhua

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Abhishek Bachchan sees Indian football team in FIFA finals

MUMBAI, 25 May — Actor Abhishek Bachchan, an avid football fan, wishes that the Indian football team qualifies for the FIFA finals slated for 2014. The 2014 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in Brazil on 12 June-13 July. As of now, only Brazil is the qualifier team for the finals.

Abhishek believes the Indian team will be able to make it through with hard work and determination. “I am a big football fan and I have a small dream that India’s national football team should qualify for the next world cup finals,” Abhishek told reporters here on Thursday at the Indian Football Awards 2013, where he was accompanied by football player Bhaichung Bhutia.



Abhishek Bachchan is an avid football fan.—PTI

Besides, the actor is said to have been invited as a special guest to watch the UEFA Champions League 2013 final at Wembley, London on Saturday with veteran cricketer Kapil Dev and Bollywood producer Buntty Walia. “It’s a very difficult task. There is a rough road ahead, but I really hope that we can popularise the sport enough and when everyone will work hard, we will be able to qualify,” he added.—PTI



Ayesha Kapur

Love for shopping led to Ayesha Kapur’s own label

NEW DELHI, 25 May—Black fame actress Ayesha Kapur enjoys shopping for accessories so much that she decided to make it her business and launched her own label — Ayesha Accessories. “Ayesha (her company) is an inspiration for me and my mother Jacqueline, who is also the co-founder and MD of Ayesha Accessories, that grew out of the fun that we have while shopping for accessories,” said the 18-year-old student-cum-entrepreneur. As a teenager she splurged all over the world while accompanying her mother for her merchandising trips, except in India as no “girls-have-fun things” were available here.

After realizing that “there are more young girls in India than anywhere else, the idea of designing and creating an accessory brand for young girls and women came up”, she said and added: “It started over the dinner table.” Ayesha Accessories is a one-stop candy shop for everything

funky and young, including fashion jewellery, hair accessories, sunglasses, watches and much more. Her father Dilip Kapur, who owns accessory brand Hidesign, supported her in her endeavour.

“He was not one of the inspirations behind starting the brand, but he offered a lot of support to both me and my mother while making business decisions,” she told from Deerfield Academy, US, where she is currently studying. Since she is away from her home, it is difficult for her to be completely involved, but her contribution to her brand can’t be ignored. Her job involves offering different, young, perspective to Ayesha Accessories. She is also involved in trend research and works with design team. In addition to these, she also communicates with young customers by updating blog.

“I am in the boarding school in the US and, therefore, it is difficult at times to be completely involved.

I do, however, keep doing work through email and Skype,” she said. She started her brand in October 2010 with a small space in her mother’s department store Casablanca in Pondicherry. In two-and-half year it has grown into 40 stores that are located in malls in cities like Chennai, Hyderabad, Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore. It is also available through shop-in-shops at Shoppers Stops.—PTI

Elizabeth Taylor’s first wedding dress up for auction



A security guard walks past an image of Elizabeth Taylor

LONDON, 25 May—The wedding dress worn by film star Elizabeth Taylor for her first marriage to hotel heir Conrad Hilton in 1950 will go up for sale next month, auction house Christie’s said on Friday.

The simple, but elegant garment created by Hollywood costume designer Helen Rose for the then 18-year-old Taylor is an oyster shell-coloured, floor-length satin gown with a fine silk gauze off-the-shoulder illusion neckline.

The dress, which was a gift from MGM film studios, has a top estimate of 50,000 pounds (\$75,300). Rose also designed Grace Kelly’s wedding dress for her marriage to the Prince of Monaco. By the time Taylor married Hilton she was already a veteran actress and was just a year away from her Oscar-nominated performance in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer’s “A Place in the Sun”. The A-list of old Hollywood — Greer Garson, Gene Kelly, Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire, Esther Williams, and Van Johnson — were among the many stars who came to congratulate the bride.—Reuters

Tom Cruise to make David Beckham a movie star

BEIJING, 25 May — Tom Cruise has promised to help David Beckham become a movie star, according to reports. The soccer player is looking for a fresh challenge now he has decided to retire from the sport and thinks he has what it takes to be a star in Hollywood and wants the ‘Oblivion’ actor to help him establish himself on the screen.

A source told *National Enquirer* magazine: “David has always wanted to be an action film star, and Tom promised him a long time ago he can make those dreams come true. “David still loved soccer but feels that now is a great time to

transition into film while he’s still young enough to land top-notch roles.”

David and his spouse Victoria became good friends with Tom and his now ex-wife Katie Holmes several years ago and their bond was strengthened when they were living in America when David was playing for Los Angeles Galaxy.

The sportsman is said to have his eye on a role in Tom’s planned action sequel ‘Mission: Impossible 5’. The source added: “Who knows? We could see David in ‘Mission: Impossible 5’.” David, 38, has appeared on the big screen before in the ‘Goal!’ trilogy

playing himself when he was a member of the Real Madrid squad.

Xinhua

David Beckham



One Direction sweeps awards for most popular social media stars

SINGAPORE, 25 May — British boy band One Direction has swept the inaugural awards recognizing

the most popular people in social media globally, coming top in four out of 10 categories at a star-studded

ceremony in Singapore. One Direction was named most popular music group, most popular UK musicians, most popular in the UK, and most popular in west Europe, at the Social Star Awards, but did not show up to collect their prizes, sending their thanks by videolink.

Canadian pop star Justin Bieber won the award for best solo artist, Selena Gomez for most popular

actor, Ellen DeGeneres for top TV show, and Portuguese soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo for most popular sports star.

The awards highlight viral sensations and people who garner the most social media attention globally based on data from Singapore-based Starcount that tracks the social media activity of 1.7 billion people across 11 social media networks.—Reuters

British pop band One Direction perform during the BRIT Awards, celebrating British pop music, at the O2 Arena in London on 20 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS



SPORTS

President Obama again to serve as honorary Cup chairman



US President Barack Obama lines up a putt on the first green at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, on 18 June, 2011.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 25 May—President Barack Obama has accepted an invitation to be honorary chairman of this year's Presidents Cup, the second time he will fulfil the role at the biennial team competition, the PGA Tour said on Friday. Obama, an avid basketball player who often escapes the pressures of the Oval Office by taking to the golf course, served as honorary chairman when the event was last played in the United States, at San Francisco's Harding Park in 2009.

"We are truly honoured that President Obama has once again accepted our invitation to be honorary chairman of the Presidents Cup in October," PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem said in a state-

ment. "In 2009, he was gracious enough to continue the long-standing tradition of world leaders' support of the event, which dates back to the first Presidents Cup in 1994. "His involvement again this year serves to only further enhance the stature of the Presidents Cup and the game of golf as a whole."

The Presidents Cup, a Ryder Cup-style competition which pits a US team against a line-up of International players from countries outside Europe, will be played at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, from 4-6 October. The United States won the trophy at Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Australia in 2011 for the seventh time in nine editions.—Reuters

Sao Paulo eyes former Villarreal forward Nilmar

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 May—Sao Paulo are reportedly in talks to sign former Villarreal and Brazil international striker Nilmar.

The 28-year-old, currently playing with Al Rayyan in Qatar, hopes a return to Brazil could lead to an international recall ahead of next year's World Cup, *Lancenet* reported on

Friday. Nilmar has scored 17 goals in 26 appearances for Al Rayyan since joining the club in July last year.

Sao Paulo are seeking cover for veteran striker Luis Fabiano, who has struggled this year with a series of injuries. Nilmar, who began his career with Porto Alegre club Internacional, has won 24 caps for Brazil and scored nine goals since making his international debut in 2003.

Xinhua



Villarreal forward Nilmar

Swimming: Kitajima wins 100 breaststroke at Japan Open

SAGAMIHARA, (Japan), 25 May—Former Olympic champion Kosuke Kitajima powered to victory in the men's 100 metres breaststroke on the first day of action on Friday at the Japan Open. Kitajima touched the wall in 1 minute, 44 seconds at Sagami-hara Green Pool, while Yasuhiro Koseki was second in 1:00.87 and Ryo Tateishi in third in 1:00.98.

Akihiro Yamaguchi, the world record holder in

the 200 breaststroke, tied for seventh. In the men's 100 backstroke, Ryosuke Irie won in 53.36 seconds. Kosuke Hagino, who beat Irie at the national championships in April, was third in 54.15.

Hagino made Japanese swimming history when he became the first swimmer to win five titles at the nationals. In women's action, Aya Terakawa took the 100 backstroke in 59.50, Natsumi Hoshi prevailed in the



Former Olympic champion Kosuke Kitajima

200 butterfly in 2:06.43 and Satomi Suzuki won the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.94. *Kyodo News*

Kuchar one ahead at weather-hit Colonial

LOS ANGELES, 25 May—American Matt Kuchar held a one-shot lead at 10 under par after 15 holes when the weather-hit second round was suspended for the day at the Crowne Plaza Invitational in Fort Worth, Texas on Friday. Kuchar, who clinched his fifth PGA Tour title at the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship in February, will line up a 40-foot birdie putt at the par-three 16th when play resumes at 8:15 am EDT on Saturday.

World number 13 Kuchar, the highest-ranked player in this week's field,

raced to the turn in four-under 31 before recording his fifth birdie of the round at the par-four 14th to take over at the top. The second round had already been suspended for just over two hours earlier in the day due to the threat of lightning at Colonial Country Club, giving the late starters no chance of completing the full 18 holes. Overnight pacesetter Ryan Palmer, who tied the tournament record low for the opening round after a flawless 62 on Thursday, was at eight under with six holes to play after mixing three birdies with one bogey

and a double-bogey. Canadian Graham DeLaet was the leader in the clubhouse, having succumbed to the infamous "Horrible Horseshoe" before rebounding with two closing birdies to grab the early spotlight. In pursuit of his first PGA Tour victory, the 31-year-old from Saskatchewan put a welcome smile back on his face as he carded a three-under-par 67 in overcast conditions to post a nine-under total of 131. Americans Josh Teater (67), Jordan Spieth (67) and 2004 champion Steve Flesch (64) were tied for second, with Swede Fredrik Jacobson (67) and American Chris Stroud (66) a further stroke back at seven under.

Reuters



Matt Kuchar of the US tees off on the 11th hole during the second round of The Players Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida on 10 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Djokovic adopts head in sand approach for French Open

PARIS, 25 May—Despite the popularity of social media and the widespread presence of traditional media, Novak Djokovic appeared to believe he could be spared the unbearable truth of discovering who his second-round opponent at the French Open might be. Just before his pre-tournament conference at Roland Garros on Friday, the moderator announced: "Novak has requested he would like to answer only questions about his first round opponent, nothing else to do with the draw at all, top half, bottom half, and he's asked his team not to mention anything about the draw, either."

"If you could respect that request. Thank you very much." If Djokovic cannot face the fact that he will meet unheralded journeyman Croatian Ivan Dodig or Argentine Guido Pella in

the second round, one can only guess how shocked the world number one will be when he discovers he will probably have to face seven-times Rafael Nadal in the semi-finals. Djokovic repeatedly stressed on Friday that the French Open was "the number one priority of my year, of my season".

With the stakes set

high, the Serbian felt confident going into his first-round match against baby-faced Belgian David Goffin as he had beaten Nadal in last month's Monte Carlo Masters final. "I won Monte Carlo tournament. I mean, that was important for my confidence level," Djokovic told reporters.

Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia

Woods heads potent field for next week's Memorial



Tiger Woods reacts after being presented with The Players Championship trophy after winning the PGA golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida on 12 May, 2013. —REUTERS

NEW YORK, 25 May—Next week's Memorial tournament at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio will feature one of the season's strongest fields with the world's top six players all taking part in the PGA Tour event hosted by Jack Nicklaus.

Top-ranked Tiger Woods will be back to defend the title he claimed by two shots last year while Rory McIlroy (second), Adam Scott (third), 2010 champion Justin Rose (fourth), Brandt Snedeker (fifth) and Luke Donald (sixth) will also be competing.

Apart from five-times winner Woods and Rose, seven other former champions will be returning - KJ Choi (2007), Fred Couples (1998), Ernie Els (2004), Jim Furyk (2002), Kenny Perry (2008), Carl Pettersson (2006) and Vijay Singh (1997).

"We are always extremely proud of the fields we are able to assemble ... and this year's stands as one of our finest," tournament founder Nicklaus said in a statement on Friday after the 120-strong field was set for the 30 May - 2 June event.—Reuters

GENERAL



A farmer checks the greenhouses damaged by the hail in Yun County, Shiyang City, central China's Hubei Province, on 23 May, 2013. Hail and heavy rainfall hit Shiyang on 22 May, leaving 85,000 people in 15 townships and villages affected. XINHUA

UN agency says Syrians in need of humanitarian aid on rise

UNITED NATIONS, 25 May — The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) said on Friday the number of Syrians to seek safety and assistance across international borders will keep growing as violence in the Middle East country continues to roil.

The Refugee Agency called on all parties "to

protect civilians and allow safe passage for those wishing to flee" and encouraged all countries, not just those bordering Syria, "to keep their borders open to offer protection to Syrian refugees," said Eduardo del Buey, Ban's deputy spokesperson, at a daily Press briefing here.

While governments have given assurances that borders will remain open, UNHCR voiced concerns over reports that many Syrians trying to flee may be held up at the borders in areas that are extremely dangerous, del Buey said.

The Refugee Agency also commended the neighbouring governments

of Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq for hosting more than 1.5 million Syrian refugees so far and recognized the heavy burden the refugee influx is exerting on their societies, said del Buey.

The humanitarian need has been growing rapidly in Syria, where more than 70,000 civilians have lost their lives since the uprising seeking to oust President Bashar Al-Assad began in March 2011.

The total number of people in need of assistance as a result of the crisis is now placed at 8.3 million, representing about 38 percent of the country's population.—Xinhua

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FISA head Oswald to run for IOC president

LONDON, 25 May— International Rowing Federation president Denis Oswald on Friday announced he is going to run for the International Olympic Committee presidency.

Oswald, 66, became the fifth candidate to succeed Jacques Rogge after IOC vice presidents Thomas Bach of Germany and Ng Ser Miang of Singapore, Richard Carrion of Puerto Rico and CK Wu of Chinese Taipei joined the race. Rogge is stepping down in September after 12 years as president. The election will be held on September 10 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Xinhua



Denis Oswald
International Rowing Federation president
Denis Oswald

147 Egyptian students hit by food poisoning treated, discharged

CAIRO, 25 May—A total of 147 students hit by food poisoning on Friday at Zagazig University in Egypt's Nile Delta Province of Sharqiya have been treated and discharged from hospitals, a senior health ministry official told Xinhua.

"As many as 147 of the poisoned students have been treated and dis-

charged," Health Ministry's spokesman Yahya Moussa said, confirming the cases were mass food poisoning.

For his part, Salem al-Deeb, general manager of Zagazig University Hospital, said "most of the affected students were females and we're now wrapping up the procedures of discharging the last three of

them," Deeb told Xinhua.

He said some of the students showed him the tuna cans they had eaten but that the tuna was not expired. "The expiry date of the tuna cans was 2015."

"We decided to open a permanent clinic at the students' hostels to provide immediate medical services for them," Deeb said. Xinhua

Chicago agricultural commodities drop on profit taking

CHICAGO, 25 May— Chicago agricultural commodities dropped across the board on profit taking Friday, as the three-day US Memorial holiday weekend comes.

The most active corn contract for July delivery dipped 4.75 cents, or 0.72 percent, to close at 6.5725 dollars per bushel. July wheat lost 5.75 cents, or 0.82 percent, to settle at 6.975 dollars per bushel.

July soybeans dropped 23.25 cents, or 1.55 percent, to close at 14.7625 dollars per bushel.

July corn traded lower Friday on light profit taking, and on producer reports that emerged corn looks healthy in areas of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio so far, negative to corn prices. But the fall was somehow curbed as corn planting in the northwestern part of the Eastern Corn Belt may be halted over the

next five days due to rainfall, and some analysts put the corn planting acreage loss at 1-1.5 million acres as prevent plant dates are approaching.

July wheat dropped Friday on active weather forecasts, besides profit taking. Weather forecasts show that shower will shift into the US western plains and the areas of the Black Sea this weekend, negative to wheat prices.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 26 Feb, 2013, shows the painting process for "Kutani-yaki" porcelain by Ruri Takeuchi at a Kutani-yaki craft centre in Nomi, Ishikawa Prefecture. Takeuchi has begun pursuing a new career as a Kutani-yaki porcelain artist at a kiln she recently opened in Komatsu in the prefecture, after training for around nine years.—KYODO NEWS

China's satellite data network reaches South China Sea

SANYA, 25 May—A satellite data receiving station was launched on Friday enabling China to now obtain observation information about the South China Sea.

The station, in Sanya in south China's island Province of Hainan, was launched by the Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth under the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

China will now be able to obtain satellite remote sensing data of the country's southern territorial waters for civil use directly from its ground-based receiving facilities, according to an institute statement. The station has two sets of data receiving and transmission systems, getting information from more than 10 satellites, the statement said.—Xinhua

Mrs Akie Abe visits nunneries, youth development center in Yangon



Mrs Akie Abe, wife of Japanese Prime Minister, delivers an address at ceremony to present certificate of honour to two Japanese wellwishers at Zalun Nunnery in Mingaladon Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — Mrs Akie Abe, wife of Japanese Prime Minister, attended a presentation ceremony of certificate of honour to two Japanese wellwishers at Zalun Nunnery in Mingaladon Township in Yangon this morning.

First, Principal of Zalun

Nunnery Nun Daw Esingi presented certificate of honour to the Japanese wellwishers who made cash donation for construction of a three-storey building at the nunnery.

Wellwishers explained the purpose of donation. Then Mrs Akie Abe spoke words of praise and presented

gifts to the principal of the nunnery.

A nun-led post primary school is being kept open at Zalun Nunnery at Kone Talapaung Model Village (North) and there are 638 students there.

In the afternoon, the wife of the Japanese Prime Minister and party visited

Myaing nun-led school in Shwepyitha Township.

Principal of the school Nun Daw Thu Nandar conducted them round the two-storey building donated by the family of Japanese Prime Minister in 2010.

Next, Mrs. Akie Abe posed for documentary photos together with students.

A total of 658 students are pursuing their education at the school. Among the students, 60 are orphans.

Then, the wife of the Japanese Prime Minister and party proceeded to Dream Train Youth Development Centre at ward-48 in Dagon Myothit (North) Township. Dr Yuna Yoshioka, wife of Dr. Hideto Yashioka who established the centre, and U Myat Thu, patron member of the centre, gave accounts of the centre.

The centre was established with the contributions of Surgeon Dr Hideto Yashioka of Japan-

based Japan Heart and donors on 24 December 2010. Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement awarded the centre as a youth development center on 12 September 2011. It is home to 156 school children who are attending from Grade I to Grade XI.

Next, the wife of the Japanese Prime Minister and party observed vocational training classes being kept open at the centre.

MNA



Mrs Akie Abe, wife of Japanese Prime Minister, poses for documentary photo together with nuns at Myaing Nunnery in Shwepyitha Township.—MNA

Work permits granted to five insurance companies

YANGON, 25 May— Five private insurance companies were given work permits at Myanma Insurance (Head Office) here this morning.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein said the insurance market of Myanmar has shifted from unipolar to multi-polar system, which would make the insurance market stronger. The deputy minister called for arrangement of

new insurance services through careful analysis.

Chairman of Insurance Supervision Committee Managing Director of Myanma Insurance U

Aye Min Thein explained about granting insurance work permits. The deputy minister then handed work permits to the companies.

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State of the Sea

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35-40 miles per hour.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Continuation of thundery activities in the Central Myanmar areas.—NLM



Mrs Akie Abe, wife of Japanese Prime Minister, views orphans receiving vocational training at Dream Train Orphanage.—MNA

MWEA, reliable for the State in business management

Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association (MWEA) held the 18th annual general meeting at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 17 May morning, attended by patrons, the chairperson, executives and members of the association.

Patron of the association retired professor of Institute of Economics Daw Yee Yee Myint gave guidance. MWEA Chairperson Daw Wah Wah Tun extended

greetings. Secretary Daw Hnin Wai read the executive committee report for 2012-2013 fiscal year and Adviser Daw Khin Htay Yu, the financial statement.

Executives donated cash assistance and gifts to older members of above 70 years. MWEA has been standing tall as an international and State-recognized organization for 18 years. It could organize the women entrepreneurs to uplift efficiency, capability and creativity of

Myanmar women and create opportunities of women.

Up to now, the association is actively taking part in the trainings and workshops linking with domestic and international organizations so as to uplift business management technologies for the women. In fact, MWEA is making relentless efforts to contribute their fruitful businesses towards development of economic and social sectors of the State.

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