

Thilawa Special Economic Zone in pipeline, Myanmar, Thailand committed to success of Dawei Special Economic Zone



President U Thein Sein delivers an address at the meeting of Central committee for Myanmar Special Economic Zone.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Implementation of Thilawa Special Economic Zone is in the pipeline as the project has seen investments from Japan, said President U Thein Sein at the meeting of the Central committee for Myanmar Special Economic Zone today.

Thilawa Sea Port and Special Economic Zone and Dawei Special Economic Zone projects started in the time of the previous government and could not be implemented due to funding requirements.

To implement Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related projects, the government has set up a high-level committee led by the Vice-President (2) and held meetings with a high-level committee from Thailand led by the deputy prime minister of Thailand, he said.

As Dawei Special Economic Zone needs

funding, the governments have negotiated for inviting investments from Japanese companies, and it is expected that investments from Japan would flow into the project in the near future as Japanese companies are interested in investing the project, he added.

To attract investors from Japan to the project, Thai prime minister had held talks with Japanese prime minister and President U Thein Sein discussed the project with Japanese prime minister during the latter's recent visit to Myanmar.

Myanmar and Thailand must be committed to the success of Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related projects, the president said.

Myanmar and Thailand signed an MoU on Dawei Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zone in 2008 and Myanmar Port Authority and Italian-Thai Company

also inked the Framework Agreement in 2010 to implement the project.

In July, 2012, Thai government had joined with the company to implement the project and the two governments agreed to cooperate in implementing the project.

The government, since it took office, has been making efforts implementing Thilawa Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zone, Dawei Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zone, Kyaukpadaung Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zone as part of efforts for creating job opportunities and boosting the country's economy, the President said.

However, the country had seen slow foreign investment last two years as it is focusing on enacting the foreign investment law and removing economic sanctions imposed on it, he

added.

Myanmar had made progress in relaxing economic sanctions imposed by EU countries and the US through diplomatic means, overcoming challenges for foreign investment.

Meanwhile, the World Bank and Asia Development Bank had forgiven the debts of Myanmar, and the country has got new loans with low interests rate after negotiating with member countries Paris club.

Realising that foreign investment, technology and human resource are requirements of the country to boost its economy, the government adopted four policies to invite foreign investment, he added.

He also called for preparing for the ASEAN Free Trade Area which would take effect in 2015 in attempts to compete with goods from ASEAN countries and some

developed countries.

He also urged the people to participate in joint-venture businesses and corporations by cooperating with foreign investors with the use of their technology to produce quality goods.

During the meeting, Vice-President U Nyan Tun, Chairman of Myanmar Special Economic Zone Central Work Committee, reported on implementation of the Dawei Special Economic Zone by inviting foreign investment.

He said the zone is the western gate of the southern economic platforms of the Greater Mekong Sub-region and it would benefit not only Myanmar but also regional countries in terms of economic development.

Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint, Chairman of Dawei Special Economic Zone Construction Special Working Group, and Deputy

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Set Aung reported on future plans and contracts to be signed for the project.

In concluding remarks, President U Thein Sein called for coordination among related ministries and for hiring foreign experts if necessary and for signing agreements in accordance with international law.

MNA

Storm news

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—According to the observations at 5:30 hrs M.S.T today, the depression over North Bay of Bengal has crossed between the boundary of India and Bangladesh Coast. This system would gradually weaken and dissipate, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

NLM

INSIDE

No To Tobacco

Recently, I came across an interesting news story regarding tobacco that I cut from the New Light of Myanmar some time about nearly a decade ago.

By Maung Hlaing

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United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon speaks to media reporters after a Security Council meeting at the UN headquarters in New York, the United States, on

29 May, 2013—XINHUA.

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Concrete roads emerge one after another in Pyapon



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No one hurt in sudden partial collapse of building under construction

YANGON, 30 May — A sudden collapse happened to the rear part of a building which is under construction on Malar Myaing 6th street in ward-16 of Hline Township, here, at about 12 noon on 28 May.

“I was frightened when I heard a high sound. I didn’t know what happened shortly after I heard. I was informed later that it was a sudden collapse of a building which is under construction”, says a woman who lives in the ward. The partial collapse occurred at the three and a half-storey building which is being built by a construction company with an agreement of Yangon City Development Committee at No (49/245) on Malar Myaing 6th street in the



township. The rear part of the building collapsed suddenly. Officials of Hline Township Executive Officer’s Office rushed there and made necessary investigation,

making an order to stop construction works until any directive was released.

Thanks to the sudden collapse of the rear part of the building, roofs and ceilings

of a house which is situated behind the building on 5th street were destroyed, but no one was injured in the incident.

Kyemon

ACCIDENT

Ministry of Education School Enrolment Week From (27) to (31) May



People to participate in enrolment of all school-going age children

PHOTO NEWS



Photo shows ward dwellers wading into the knee-deep water in Sittway where the untimely tide entered urban wards—Yupa north ward, Yupa south ward and Myotdagyi ward—at about 10 am on 26 May. People had to move their kitchen goods to higher places in houses in low-lying areas.—KYEMON

CRIME

Two men charged for impersonating police officers

KYAUKSE, 30 May — Two men have been charged for separate incidents in which they allegedly impersonated police officers in Mandalay Region.

Kyaukse police station said that they had a report of a robbery by a monk who had fallen victim to a fake police officer. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Javada aged 77 and with a monkhood of 27 years of Maha Kuthinayon monastery in Bago informed that he was taken from Kyat Min Tun ward in Kyaukse Township to a place near Kyaukse golf course and robbed of his belongings by a man who said he was from the police station at about 1 pm on 24 May. Police members of Kyaukse

Myoma police station looked for the man posing as one of them and arrested Zaw Naing (a) Zaw Thein Naing, 38, of Sein Pann ward of Maha Aungmyay Township together with K 100,000 and two bank books.

Further investigation revealed that the suspect had also committed two more criminal cases one month ago. One was taking K 150,000 from a monk in Kyaukse, making a fake promise to dig a well. Another was committing thefts of belongings from monasteries in Kayan Township of Yangon Region. Kyaukse Myoma police station filed a lawsuit against the suspect.

A similar case of impersonating police officer occurred in Chanmyathasi Township in Mandalay Region at about 5.15 pm on 24 May. Police were informed through phone that a man who pretended to be a police officer from Mandalay Region Police Force had asked Daw Khin Mar Aye (a) Ma Mee in Aungpinle ward of the township to give money to him. Police rushed there and made investigation into the case. The man was identified as a bogus police officer and as Min Htaik (a) Kaung Htet Lin, 25, of Ye Mon south ward in Maha Aungmyay Township. He used to be a police member at No (9) police station and sentenced

to jail for violation of police codes of conduct. Further investigation showed that the police impersonator committed a similar case at a restaurant on 56th street in Kanthaya ward two weeks ago. Aungpinle police station charged the suspect with impersonating police officer. —Kyemon

Motorbike thefts from staff quarters in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township exposed



Photo shows dredging of Naungya Lake being carried out by local people and policemen under the leadership of Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo and ministers on 25 May morning.—KYEMON

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May — Under the supervision of Nay Pyi Taw police commander Police Col Aung Aung, police investigated the thefts of motorbikes from staff quarters in Zabuthiri Township, here and arrested two suspects.

While police members from Nay Pyi Taw No (3) police station were on patrol on 12 May, they found a motorbike suspicious and

interviewed Zarni (a) Kyaw Zaw Naing of Gonmin-inn village in Zabuthiri Township. Investigation led to the arrest of Naing Lin Tun of ward-1 in Lewa Township who is suspected of committing motorbike thefts in cooperation with police members of Zabuthiri (Myoma) police station.

After questioning him, the suspect confessed to the theft of 21 motorbikes

from Zabuthiri staff quarters and that he sold the stolen motorbikes to Wai Lwin Htaik of Thabyekon ward. Police arrested Wai Lwin Htaik and seized 13 motorbikes he had sold to others in Nay Pyi Taw.

So, Naing Lin Tun and Wai Lwin Htaik were taken into custody at Nay Pyi Taw No (6) police station and they were charged with motorbike theft.—Kyemon

WORLD

India, Japan seek early agreement on civil nuclear pact



India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (L) shakes hands with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe at the start of talks at Abe's official residence in Tokyo on 29 May, 2013.

REUTERS

TOKYO, 30 May—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his Indian counterpart agreed on Wednesday to speed up talks on a deal to allow Japan to export nuclear plants and to strengthen security cooperation.

Japan, for its part, has been locked in a territorial dispute with China over a group of East China Sea islets.

"In the political and security area, maritime security cooperation will further be strengthened ... On civil nuclear cooperation, negotiation will be accelerated toward the early conclusion of the agreement," Abe told a ceremony alongside In-

dia's Manmohan Singh.

Unable to rely on a coal sector crippled by supply shortages and mired in scandals, India is pushing ahead with constructing nuclear reactors despite global jitters over safety. Hundreds of millions of Indians still live without power and factories suffer frequent blackouts.

A civil nuclear energy pact with India would give Japanese nuclear technology firms such as Toshiba Corp and Hitachi Ltd access to India's fast-growing market when they search for opportunities overseas to offset an anti-nuclear backlash at home in response to the Fukushima

radiation crisis.

India operates 20 mostly small reactors at six sites with a capacity of 4,780 MW, or 2 percent of its total power capacity, according to the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited. New Delhi hopes to lift its nuclear capacity to 63,000 MW by 2032 by adding nearly 30 reactors.

Abe and Singh welcomed expanding defence cooperation and decided to hold regular joint naval exercises. The first such exercise was held last June.

Faced with China's maritime expansion, Singh and Abe said they were committed to freedom of navigation and unimpeded commerce, and agreed to promote cooperation on maritime issues.

In a separate move, Japan agreed to extend up to 71 billion yen (\$694 million) in official development assistance for an subway project in Mumbai, India's financial capital.

"Our discussions were guided by the fundamental belief that at the time of global uncertainties, change and challenges, India and Japan are natural and indispensable partners," Singh said.

"We attach particular importance to intensifying political dialogue and strategic consultation and progressively strengthening defence relations."

Reuters

UN nuclear investigation could be foiled by clean-up

VIENNA, 30 May—The UN nuclear watchdog acknowledged on Wednesday it might not find anything if allowed access to an Iranian military facility, in an apparent reference to suspected clean-up work there, diplomats said.

Herman Nackaerts, deputy director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), made the comment during a closed-door briefing where he showed satellite imagery indicating Iran had now partly paved the site, they said.

The picture was the latest sign of what Western officials suspect is an Iranian attempt since early last year to remove or hide any evidence of illicit nuclear-related activity at Parchin, located southeast of the capital Teheran.

In response to a ques-

tion, "he (Nackaerts) said there is a chance they won't find anything", in view of the suspected sanitisation efforts, said one diplomat who was at the meeting.

Nackaerts made no public comment.

The UN agency believes Iran may have carried out explosives tests relevant for nuclear weapons development at Parchin, possibly



Herman Nackaerts, head of a delegation of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), speaks to media before departing for Iran, at the airport in Vienna on 15 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

a decade ago, and has been pressing Teheran for more than a year to be allowed visit the sprawling facility.

Iran, which denies Western allegations that it seeking the capability to make nuclear weapons, says Parchin is a conventional military complex and rejects accusations that it is trying to remove any evidence.—Reuters

Pakistani Taliban No 2 leader killed in drone strike

ISLAMABAD, 30 May—The second-in-command of the Pakistani Taliban was among five militants killed in a suspected US drone strike on Wednesday in a tribal area of northwestern Pakistan, officials said.

If confirmed, the death of Wali ur Rehman would be a major blow to the Pakistani Taliban, officially known as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. Rehman was regarded as the imminent successor to TTP chief Hakim ullah Mehsud.

TTP spokesman Ehsan ullah Ehsan denied reports of Rehman's death in the strike on a militant hideout in Mirali District of North Waziristan tribal agency

bordering Afghanistan.

Officials said the unmanned aircraft fired two missiles at the hideout on Wednesday morning. A statement issued by the Pakistani Foreign Ministry expressed the serious concern of the Pakistani government over the drone strike.

"The Government of Pakistan has consistently maintained that drone strikes are counter-productive and entail loss of innocent civilian lives, has human rights and humanitarian implications and violate the principles of national sovereignty, territorial integrity and international law," the statement said.

Pakistan has been de-

manding an end to drone attacks, but the US administration has maintained that such attacks are necessary to protect the lives of US and allied troops in Afghanistan and elsewhere. It has, however, given assurances that drone strikes are made selectively after confirming the presence of hostile elements at the target.

Rehman's death would vindicate the US position that drones are used with great care and deliberation.

North Waziristan is a stronghold of Pakistani militants and the Haqqani group affiliated with the Afghan Taliban led by Mullah Mohammad Umar.

Kyodo News

ECLAC urges LatAm to better use natural resources revenue

SANTIAGO, 30 May—The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on Wednesday urged regional countries to promote long-term economic development by taking advantage of the current high prices of natural resources.

The ECLAC said in a report that region is rich in natural wealth, but short of powerful institutions and mechanisms "to maximize the contribution of natural resources to regional development, particularly in the current cycle of high prices."

ECLAC Deputy Executive Secretary Antonio Prado highlighted the contents of the report titled "Natural resources within UNASUR: Status and trends for a regional development agenda".

He said that "the region has been unable to translate the boom periods of exporting its resources into long-term economic development processes."

In the report, ECLAC analyzes natural resource management in the region, including policies over the ownership and distribution of natural resources, as well as the distribution of profits from their exploitation.

Latin America and the Caribbean has 65 percent of the world's lithium reserves, 42 percent of silver, 38 percent of copper, 33 percent of tin, 21 percent of iron, 18 percent of bauxite and 14 percent of nickel.—Xinhua



United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon speaks to media reporters after a Security Council meeting at the UN headquarters in New York, the United States, on 29 May, 2013. UN held ceremonies to honour UN Peacekeepers who have been killed in the line of duty on the International Day of United Nations Peacekeeper on Wednesday. According to the UN, 111 peacekeeping personnel died last year and more than 3,100 have lost their lives during the UN's 65-year history of peacekeeping. —XINHUA

Disabled children disproportionately vulnerable to violence

NEW YORK, 30 May—The United Nations Children's Fund said in its latest report on children released on Wednesday that children with disabilities are "three to four times more likely to be victims of violence" than those without and called for measures to protect them.

Citing studies from high-income countries, the report titled "The State of the World's Children 2013" said disabled children faced a far greater risk of experiencing violence: 3.6 times more likely for physical violence and 2.9 times more likely for sexual violence.

Mentally or intellectually disabled children stood a 4.6 time greater chance of becoming victims of sexual violence, according to the report that focused on children with disabilities.

UNICEF said that in situations of armed conflict,

children especially with learning disabilities may be pressed into service as fighters "precisely because they are considered less valuable, or less likely to resist, than children without disabilities." The report advocated the "inclusion" of disabled children in community life, rooted in the recognition that all children are full members of society. As an example, it says that simply admitting children with disabilities to "regular" schools is an attempt for "integration" and falls short of inclusion. For inclusion, schools should be designed and administered to allow children with and without disabilities of the same age to attend classes at the local school with additional, individually tailored support such as access to Braille, sign language and adapted curricula, it says.

Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Asteroid mining company wants to put your face in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, 30 May—A privately owned asteroid mining firm, backed in part by Google Inc's founders, launched a crowd-funding project on Wednesday to gauge public interest in a small space telescope that could serve as a backdrop for personal photographs, officials said.

Planetary Resources, based in Bellevue, Washington, plans to build and operate telescopes to hunt for asteroids orbiting near Earth and robotic spacecraft to mine them for precious metals, water and other ma-

terials.

It also plans an educational and outreach programme to let students, museums, armchair astronomers and virtual travellers share use of a telescope through an initiative on Kickstarter, a website used to raise funds for creative projects.

Planetary Resources aims to raise \$1 million by 30 June to assess public appetite for participating in a space project. It expects to launch its first telescope in 2015.

For a pledge of \$25,

participants can make use of a "space photo booth" by sending a picture to be displayed like a billboard on the side of the telescope with Earth in the background. Its image would then be snapped by a remote camera and transmitted back.

Starting at \$200, participants can use the telescope to look at an astronomical object. The Kickstarter campaign complements the company's ongoing efforts to design and build its first telescope, called ARKYD. Investors include Google Chief Executive Larry Page



An ARKYD telescope orbiting Earth is shown in this artist's rendering handout image provided by Planetary Resources on 29 May, 2013.—REUTERS

and Chairman Eric Schmidt, as well as Ross Perot Jr, chairman of the real estate

development firm Hillwood and The Perot Group.

Reuters

Arianespace's second Ariane 5 for launch in 2013 completes final assembly

PARIS, 30 May—The Ariane 5 that will carry Europe's fourth Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) Albert Einstein has completed its final assembly at the Spaceport, said Arianespace in a statement received by Xinhua on Wednesday.

Integration for the second Ariane 5 launcher in 2013 was finished as the latest ATV was encapsulated inside the 17-meter tall payload fairing at the Spaceport's Final Assembly Building.

"This component is designed to protect spacecraft passengers during the heavy-lift launcher's initial ascent through the atmosphere," Arianespace said.



Ariane 5 rocket

This mission has a precise scheduled liftoff time on 5 June at 6:52:13 pm local time from the Spaceport's launch complex.

Xinhua

ESA astronaut Luca Parmitano arrives at space station

PARIS, 30 May—A Soyuz spacecraft launched from Kazakhstan on Tuesday night safely docked with the International Space Station on Wednesday morning, delivering astronaut Luca Parmitano and his crewmates to the orbital outpost where they will live and work for five months.

Parmitano is a European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut flying on board the Space Station for the Italian Space Agency (ASI) under a bilateral agreement between ASI and NASA. He was joined by Russian Soyuz commander Fyodor Yurchikhin and NASA astronaut Karen Nyberg in the mission, said ESA in a statement.

All three will be part of the Station's Expedition 36/37 crew as flight engineers. Luca is the first European flight engineer to co-pilot the Soyuz spacecraft on this fast-track approach.

The new arrivals now have a week to adapt to the unique sensation of living in weightlessness, after which Luca has a very busy program during his 166 days on the outpost until his return on 10 November.

His science programme includes around 20 ESA experiments, such as medical and biological research, fluid physics, materials science and technology demonstrations.

As a flight engineer, Luca will take part in dock-

ing ESA's fourth Automated Transfer Vehicle, Albert Einstein, which is set for launch on 5 June. He will also be closely involved in berthing other supply vessels during his mission.

Further highlights of his Volare mission include two spacewalks to replace a camera mounted on Japan's Kibo laboratory and retrieve science payloads. One spacewalk will prepare for the arrival of Russia's Multipurpose Laboratory Module later this year. The new module will arrive with the ERA European Robotic Arm, the first arm able to move around the Station's exterior. Luca was the first astronaut from the 2009 class assigned to a mission.—Xinhua

Amazon moving ahead with five original TV series



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

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 May—Amazon.com Inc said on Wednesday that it will make five original TV series, having used viewer feedback to pick the shows from a group of 14 pilots filmed by the world's largest Internet retailer earlier this year.

The chosen series are:

"Alpha House", a political comedy starring John Goodman; "Betas", a comedy about start-up culture in Silicon Valley; "Annebots", a kids' show about robots; "Creative Galaxy", an animated art adventure series; and "Tumbleleaf", another kids' show about a small blue fox named Fig.

These are the first TV series ever made by Amazon and represent a major foray into original programming delivered over the Internet, stepping up competition with Netflix Inc and Hulu.

The new series will be shown exclusively on Amazon's Prime Instant Video service later this year and in early 2014, the company said. Prime Instant Video is free for members of Amazon's Prime service, which offers two-day shipping and other benefits in the United States for \$79 a year.

Amazon posted all 14 TV pilots online for anyone to watch in April and encouraged viewer feedback. The company analyzed the reviews and other data, such as how long people watched, to try to pick shows that are more likely to do well as full series. A pilot is an initial trial show designed to test interest in a new TV series.

"We're thrilled to have emerged safely from this harrowing exercise in online democracy," said Garry Trudeau, the Pulitzer-Prize winning cartoonist who created and wrote "Alpha House," a live-action show starring John Goodman about a group of U.S. senators who live together.

Amazon will shoot 10 more episodes of "Alpha House" to complete the first season, which will air starting in November.

"Betas" will also get another 10 episodes, while the kids shows, "Annebots," "Creative Galaxy" and "Tumbleleaf," will get 26 episodes each, Amazon said.

Pilots that were not picked up as full series included "Zombieland," a comedy based on the successful movie of the same name, and "Browsers," a musical comedy starring Bebe Neuwirth.—Reuters



A smartphone user shows the Facebook application on his phone in the central Bosnian town of Zenica, in this photo illustration, taken on 2 May 2013. Facebook Inc said its systems to remove hate speech haven't worked as well as the company had hoped, amid reports that advertisers are pulling their brands off the social network in the face of a backlash from women's groups, on 29 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Facebook says needs to improve response to hate speech

NEW YORK, 30 May—Facebook Inc admitted its systems to remove hate speech haven't worked as well as the company had hoped, amid reports that advertisers were pulling their brands off the social network in the face of a backlash from women's groups.

In a blog post by its safety team late Tuesday, the company acknowledged there had been problems with removing content that would be considered examples of gender-based hate.

"We have been working over the past several months to improve our systems to respond to reports of violations, but the guidelines used by these systems have failed to capture all the content that violates our standards. We need to do better — and we will," the company said in the post.

The British edition of MediaWeek reported on Wednesday that at least 13

brands pulled ads from Facebook in the wake of the campaign. The New York Times cited Japanese automaker Nissan as saying it had pulled all advertising off the social network until it received assurances that its ads would not appear alongside offensive content. On Wednesday, Nissan spokesman David Reuter clarified that the company had asked Facebook to remove its ads from offensive pages that were visited by targeted users, and only from the British version of the social network. He said the automaker was not changing its advertising strategy with Facebook, with which it maintained a good relationship. In its blog post on Tuesday, Facebook said it would update the guidelines used to evaluate hate speech, and would encourage existing online anti-hate groups to add representatives of women's organizations as well.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH



The sign in the lobby of the corporate headquarters of Dish Network is seen in the Denver suburb of Englewood, Colorado on 6 April, 2011.—REUTERS

Dish tops rival Sprint's bid for Clearwire

NEW YORK, 30 May—Dish Network Corp raised its buyout offer for Clearwire Corp to \$4.40 per share, valuing the wireless service provider at \$6.5 billion and topping a rival bid by Sprint Nextel Corp bid by nearly 30 percent.

Sprint, the No 3 US mobile service provider, already owns just over 50 percent of Clearwire's shares and had increased its offer to \$3.40 per share last week under pressure from activist shareholders.

Dish, which is also locked in a battle with Japan's SoftBank Corp to acquire Sprint, raised its bid just two days before the Sprint offer goes to a vote.

"The Clearwire spectrum portfolio has always been a key component to implementing our wireless plans of delivering a superior product and service offer-

ing to customers," Charlie Ergen, Dish chairman and co-founder of Dish, said in a statement.

Dish's offer values Clearwire at \$6.47 billion, according to its shares outstanding as of 29 May.

Clearwire shares were trading up 23 percent at \$4.23 after-hours on Wednesday after closing at \$3.43. Sprint was up less than one percent, and Dish stock fell 2 percent to \$39.25 in after-hours trade.

A spokesperson for Clearwire said the company's special committee would review Dish's revised bid, and had not made any determination to change its recommendation of the current Sprint transaction.

A Softbank spokesman was not immediately available to comment, while a Sprint spokesman declined comment.—Reuters

Buffett picks up Las Vegas-based NV Energy for \$5.6 billion



Berkshire Hathaway shareholders walk by a video screen at the company's annual meeting in Omaha on 4 May, 2013.

REUTERS

LAS VEGAS, 30 May—Berkshire Hathaway Inc's (BRKa.N) power production unit MidAmerican Energy will pay \$5.6 billion for NV Energy Inc (NVE.N), the electric utility that serves Las Vegas and its power-hungry casinos.

MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co will purchase NV Energy's common stock for \$23.75 per share, a 23 percent premium to NV's on Wednesday closing price.

"This is a great fit for Berkshire Hathaway, and we are pleased to make a long-term investment in Nevada's

economy," Berkshire Hathaway Chairman Warren Buffett said in a statement.

Las Vegas-based NV Energy, which serves about 2.4 million people in Nevada, said last month it would accelerate the retirement of its coal-fired power generating facilities and the construction of natural gas and renewable power plants.

"By joining forces with MidAmerican, we will gain access to additional operational and financial resources," NV Energy Chief Executive Michael Yackira said.

Reuters

High doses of common painkillers increase heart attack risks

LONDON, 30 May—Long-term high-dose use of painkillers such as ibuprofen or diclofenac is "equally hazardous" in terms of heart attack risk as use of the drug Vioxx, which was withdrawn due to its potential dangers, researchers said on Thursday.

Presenting the results of a large international study into a class of painkillers called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), the researchers said high doses of them increase the risk of a major vascular event — a heart attack, stroke or dying from cardiovascular disease — by around a third.

This means that for every 1,000 people with an average risk of heart disease who take high-dose diclofenac or ibupro-

fen for a year, about three extra would have an avoidable heart attack, of which one would be fatal, the researchers said.

This puts the heart risks of generic NSAIDs on a par with a newer class of NSAIDs known as COX-2 inhibitors or coxibs, which includes Vioxx — a painkiller that US drugmaker Merck pulled from sale in 2004 because of links to heart risks.

Other drugs in the coxib class include celecoxib, sold by Pfizer under the brand name Celebrex, and etoricoxib, sold by Merck under the brand name Arcoxia.

"What we are saying is that they (coxibs, ibuprofen and diclofenac) have similar risks, but they also have similar benefits," said Colin Baigent of the



Ibuprofen bottle

clinical trial service unit at Britain's Oxford University, who led the study published in *The Lancet* medical journal on Thursday.

He stressed that the risks are mainly relevant to people who suffer chronic pain, such as patients with

arthritis who need to take high doses of painkillers — such as 150mg of diclofenac or 2400mg of ibuprofen a day - for long periods.

"A short course of lower dose tablets purchased without a prescription, for example, for a muscle sprain, is not likely to be hazardous," he said.

The study team gathered data, including on admissions to hospital for cardiovascular or gastrointestinal disease, from all randomized trials that have previously tested NSAIDs.

This allowed them to pool results of 639 randomized trials involving more than 300,000 people and re-analyze the data to establish the risks of NSAIDs in certain types of patients.—Reuters

Panasonic to cut 5,000 workers from automotive and industrial division



Panasonic Corp's Logo is pictured at an electronics store in Tokyo on 28 March, 2013.—REUTERS

TOKYO, 30 May—Panasonic Corp said it will cut around 5,000 workers from its automotive and industrial division in a bid to bolster its operating profit margin over the next three years to a 5 percent minimum set by the company's president, Kazuhiko Tsuga.

The division, which covers automotive components, semiconductors, production machinery and other devices, employs 110,000 people, around a third of Panasonic's workforce. The business is at the forefront of Tsuga's strategy to shift Panasonic away from consumer electronics to building gadgets and machinery it sells to other companies.

"A reduction in labour costs will be a big part of our plan to improve profitability," Yoshihiko Yamada, the head of the automotive and industrial division said during a presentation to analysts and investors in Tokyo.—Reuters

Airline study finds onboard illness, diversions rare

NEW YORK, 30 May—A new study of more than seven million commercial aircraft flights has concluded the odds of having a medical emergency on your plane are 604 to 1 and the chances of ending up at a different airport as a result are about 8,500 to 1.

The likelihood of someone dying during your flight: 240,000 to 1.

"We found that it's very rare for someone to die on board an aircraft," said Dr Christian Martin-Gill of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

The analysis of in-flight emergencies was designed to provide recommendations to healthcare providers who are sometimes called on to help deal with in-flight emergencies "and raised

awareness to what they might encounter when flying he told *Reuters Health* in a telephone interview.

The study, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, is one of the largest to log such emergencies and track outcomes for the people who were in distress.

Dr. Melissa Mattison of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre in Boston, who was not involved in the research, called it "a great step forward" because it will help doctors and airlines know what they might have to deal with.

Data for the new study came from the STAT-MD Communications Centre at the University of Pittsburgh, which provides live physician advice to airlines during in-flight medical

emergencies. When the data were collected, from 2008 through most of 2010, the center was used by five airlines, accounting for 10 percent of all global air traffic.

The biggest problem in the air: fainting, which was responsible for 37.4 percent of the emergencies.

That was followed by respiratory problems (12.1 percent), nausea or vomiting (9.5 percent), heart problems (7.7 percent) and seizures (5.8 percent). Cardiac arrest, listed separately, was reported in 0.3 percent of cases.

Reuters



Passengers board an Ethiopian Airlines plane at Jomo Kenyatta Airport in Kenya's capital of Nairobi on 25 Jan, 2010.—REUTERS

Threatening letters sent to New York mayor may contain ricin

NEW YORK, 30 May—Two anonymous letters addressed to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his gun control group contained material believed to be the deadly poison ricin, and referenced the debate on gun laws, police said on Wednesday. The New York Police Department said initial tests on the two letters, opened in New York on Friday and in Washington, DC, on Sunday, indicated the presence of ricin.

"In both letters the

content was identical," police spokesman Paul Browne said, adding that the packages contained "an oily substance" that was a pink or orange hue. "One letter was addressed to the mayor personally."

Emergency workers who came in contact with the letters initially showed minor symptoms of ricin exposure, the police said. Those symptoms have since abated. Civilian personnel in New York and Washington who came in contact with the opened let-

ters showed no symptoms of ricin exposure.

The Washington letter was opened by Mark Glaze, the director of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a group founded by Bloomberg that lobbies for stricter gun laws. The other letter was opened at a mail facility in Manhattan.

Both contained threats against Bloomberg and mentioned the gun debate, police said in a statement.

Mayors Against Illegal Guns was founded in 2006, but the group's profile has been raised since the December 14 shooting at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, that killed 20 children and six adults.

After that shooting, the group campaigned for bills that would expand the use of background checks for gun purchases and ban assault weapons, though both of those efforts were unsuccessful.

The FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and the NYPD Intelligence Division were investigating the incident. —Reuters



New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg delivers the 2014 city budget in the Blue Room of New York's City Hall, on 2 May, 2013.—REUTERS

African Fair opens in Yokohama to promote exchange

YOKOHAMA, 30 May—A fair to promote Japanese business in Africa and showcase African products and culture began on Thursday in Yokohama, one of the largest events of its kind in Japan, ahead of an international meeting on African development.

The African Fair 2013 will run through on Sunday at Pacifico Yokohama convention centre as an official event of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, or TICAD, which will be

held at the same venue for three days from Saturday, attended by Japanese and African leaders.

Over 70 Japanese companies aiming to make inroads into African markets are taking part in the event to introduce their technologies or products in areas such as water filtering and railway management, up sharply from 11 firms that joined a similar event in 2008 when TICAD was last held, also in Yokohama.

Kyodo News

France says 3,000-4,000 Hezbollah are fighting in Syria

PARIS, 30 May—France said on Wednesday its intelligence services believed 3-4,000 guerrillas from Lebanon's Hezbollah militia fighting alongside President Bashar al-Assad's army in Syria's civil war.

"As far as Hezbollah militants present in the battlefield, the figures range from 3,000 to 10,000, our estimates are between 3,000 and 4,000," Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told lawmakers.

The United Nations'

human rights chief Navi Pillay said on Wednesday a dramatic increase in the role of Iran-backed Hezbollah militants backing Syrian government forces was inflaming regional tensions, without giving numbers.

Fabius pointed the finger at Iran for pushing Hezbollah into the Syrian conflict.

"When you have fighters that are really well armed that are prepared to die and they are several thousand that makes a dif-

ference," he said.

Fabius has dismissed any suggestion that Iran could be involved in resolving the Syrian crisis, because of its backing of Assad's government.

"There has been a change on the ground. The involvement of Hezbollah and the fact the Russians have delivered weapons has changed things," he said. "Even if many elements that are fighting are Syrian, they are being guided by Iranian officials."



Policemen hold warning lines to prevent people from walking into deep water zones in Fengshan County, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 29 May 2013. Fengshan County was hit by the heaviest rainfall of the year on Wednesday morning. XINHUA

Japan, US, Europe move to curb tax avoidance by multinationals

TOKYO, 30 May—Japan, the United States and Europe are moving to curb tax avoidance by multinationals, aiming to secure revenues by reinforcing international taxation at a time when their fiscal health is deteriorating, according to sources close to the matter.

The Group of Eight leaders are expected to adopt a statement at their summit in Northern Ireland in mid-June showing their support for the establishment of global tax rules, the sources said.

At its two-day ministerial meeting through Thursday, a panel of the

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development is set to consider how to discourage multinational companies from using tax havens and limit their tax avoidance, they said.

One major tax-reduction strategy involves a company setting up a subsidiary in a country where the tax burden is low. A sub-subsidiary operating in a country where the tax burden is heavy pays a royalty to the subsidiary to reduce its recorded profit in an attempt to lower the amount of tax payable.

According to media reports, Seattle-based Starbucks Corp has apparently

been reducing tax payments to Britain, where the tax burden is high, by buying coffee beans from a subsidiary in Switzerland at higher prices than usual.

The revelation led to protests by consumers, prompting the British government to look at strengthening taxation.

The OECD tax panel plans to draw up an action plan at the end of next month to address tax avoidance, the sources said, adding the matter is likely to be discussed at a meeting of the Group of 20 finance chiefs in July, attended by major emerging economies.

Kyodo News

Barbara hits southern Mexico, killing at least two

SAN PEDRO TAPANATEPEC, (Mexico), 30 May—Hurricane Barbara hit Mexico's southern Pacific coast on Wednesday, flooding roads, toppling trees and killing two men before weakening to a tropical storm as it moved inland.

The US National Hurricane Centre said Barbara, which had earlier moved close to the country's biggest oil refinery, was 50 miles (80 km) west of the city of Tuxtla Gutierrez in Chiapas state. Winds were blowing at

up to 60 miles per hour (95 kph). The hurricane was churning north-northeast at about 9 mph (15 kph) and should weaken rapidly overnight, the NHC said.

According to media reports, 14 fishermen disappeared in the state of Oaxaca during the storm. Local emergency services said they could not confirm that information.

Manuel Maza, director of emergency services in Oaxaca state, said that very strong winds and intense rainfall had hit the region and that power out-

ages were reported.

Mexican state oil monopoly Pemex said earlier on Wednesday that operations were normal at its biggest refinery, located in the port of Salina Cruz. The plant has the capacity to process 330,000 barrels of crude per day.

Local emergency services said a 61-year-old US man surfing off the beach at Salina Cruz drowned during the storm. A 26-year-old Mexican man was killed as he tried to cross a river.

Ports for small vessels in the area have been closed

and emergency services in Oaxaca said they evacuated residents from some areas as a precaution, including the immediate vicinity of the refinery. A tropical storm warning is in effect from Salina Cruz in Oaxaca to Pijijiapan in Chiapas state. Between 6 and 10 inches (10 to 20 cm) of rain is expected over eastern Oaxaca through western Chiapas, along with a storm surge of 3 to 5 feet (1 to 1.5 meters) above normal tide levels, the NHC said.

Reuters



A woman clears up books on the BookExpo America (BEA) in New York, the United States, on 29 May 2013. BEA, the leading event in North American publishing, unveiled its curtain on Wednesday. XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Myanmar participates in Global Timber Forum

YANGON, 30 May—At the invitation of European Timber Federation, Joint Secretary U Bar Bar Cho of Timber Certification Support Committee of Myanmar timber entrepreneurs association attended Global Timber Forum in Rome of Italy on 22-23 May.

He arrived back in

Yangon on 25 May.

The joint secretary discussed boosting cooperation between Myanmar timber entrepreneurs association and international organizations and challenges of timber industry at Global Timber Forum.

Myanma Alinn

Farming rights certificates presented in Phaungpyin Township

PHAUNGPYIN, 30 May—Farming rights certificates were presented in Phaungpyin Township General Administration Department in Mawlaik District in Sagaing Region on 26 May evening.

Mawlaik District Farmland Management Committee Chairman District Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Kyaw delivered an address and elaborated on laws and rules

and regulations as regards farmlands.

The district committee chairman, the township committee chairman and committee members, and ward and village-tract administrators presented farming rights certificates to farmers from five village-tracts.

A total of 668 farmers received the certificates at the ceremony.

Myanma Alinn



ACCIDENT

One killed in motorcycle accident

PINLEBU, 30 May—One pedestrian was killed in a traffic accident in Kanyingon village in Pinlebu Township in Katha District in Sagaing Region on 23 May evening.

The motorbike accidentally hit Daw Mi Kyawt, 65, who was

standing near a kiosk and run away.

Kanyingon village administrator U Kyauk Sein reported the police about the case. The victim died on the way to hospital. The police is chasing the driver of motorbike who is on the run.—Myanma Alinn

Township MCWA donates books to book corner

WUNTHO, 30 May—Information and Public Relations Department and Wuntho Railway Station under Myanma Railways opened a book corner to enable commuters read books at the station in Wuntho Township in Katha District.

Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association on 27 May donated periodicals books on 27 May.

“Reading while waiting for the train is relaxing, time-saving and knowledgeable,” a commuter said.

Myanma Alinn

DEVELOPMENT

Meiktila Highway Bus Terminal to be relocated

MEIKTILA, 30 May—Highway Bus Terminal in Thiri Mingala ward in Meiktila will be relocated to an old grave near the office of district head of Aungzeya ward.

The earthworks started on 27 May.

The old grave has been moved to new 14-acre

Myindawkan grave since 2012, according to head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Thein Tun Zaw.

The selection of the ground was made after negotiations with religious leaders, he said.

“We have given seven days to perform religious

rituals. And we have discussed with Muslim population to relocate graves of their deceased descendants. They were convinced,” district deputy commissioner U Tin Maung Soe said. The market will be opened at the site of own highway bus terminal.

Myanma Alinn



Site chosen for construction of new Highway Bus Terminal in Meiktila. Earthworks started on 27 May.

Three artesian wells sunk in Tatkon Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Three artesian wells were sunk in Thawda village in Kyaechaung village-tract, Ohnshitgon village in Thaphanchaung village-tract, and Boattaung village in Aikkye village-tract to improve access to water.

Tatkon Township

General Administration Department made field trips and proposed the sinking of artesian wells in priority areas to Nay Pyi Taw Council.

The council funded K 26.233 million for the sinking of artesian wells undertaken by Construction Group (5) of Irrigation

Department under Nay Pyi Taw Water Resources Utilization Department.

The ceremony to hand over the wells to villagers was held in Thawda village in Kyaechaung village-tract in Tatkon Township on 27 May morning.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe

delivered a speech at the ceremony. Officials of agricultural coordination committee of Nay Pyi Taw Water Resources Utilization Department, township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people attended the ceremony.—Myanma Alinn

Stipends granted for children

YANGON, 30 May—A ceremony to grant stipends to offspring of Kyimyindine Township Police Force members for 2013-2014 academic year was held at Township Police Force on 26 May morning.

A total of K 125,500 and 50 dozens of exercise books worth K 73,000 were presented to 20 primary school students, 14 middle school students, 11 high school students and five university students. Chief of Township Police Force Police Major Soe Thin and officials presented assistances.—Myanma Alinn

HEALTH

Preventive measures against DHF conducted in Sittway

SITTWAY, 30 May—Under directive of Head of Rakhine State Health Department Dr Aye Nyein, Head of Sittway Township Health Department, staff of township Health Department, trainees of nursing and midwifery training school, volunteers started preventive measures against Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever in 32 wards in Sittway of Rakhine State on 27 May.

The efforts that will run through 17 May include disinfection of lakes, drainage works and

educative talks on DHF.

Dr Kyawt Tha Sein said, “Anyone, especially under 12, could be infected with DHF. If severe, it could pose a threat to life within a short period of time.”

He urged the residents to use mosquito nets when they sleep in the afternoon and to wear long-sleeved clothes in the period of June, July and August.

Myanma Alinn



PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 31 May, 2013

A source of hope

Myanmar with 60 million people sits at the new crossroads of Asia. With China to her northeast, India and Bangladesh to her west, the other nations of ASEAN to her south and east, the country borders more than two billion people and the fastest growing markets in the world. Our country, once isolated not just by politics but by physical barriers, is now poised to break those barriers.

The government in office worked hand in hand with the legislative branch to promulgate the Foreign Direct Investment Law that meets international standards and ensure mutual benefits for investors and our citizens. We are currently working to implement procedures and processes that are more transparent, accountable, legitimate and predictable.

Myanmar Investment Commission formed under the FDI law is composed of Government Ministers, experts, and representatives from civil society organizations.

The FDI law is just one dimension in an integrated framework of political, economic, social and legal priorities that will determine the contours of Myanmar's investment regime. The Government is also forging ahead to reform and bring Myanmar's Arbitration System in line with the accepted international standards. We are in the process of entering into the New York Convention.

We must move towards an economy that is equitable, that is fair and based on a level playing field, that develops our abundant natural wealth but in a way that protects our natural environment. To achieve all this we need maximum international support to train and educate, share knowledge, trade and invest, and encourage others to do the same.

The economic potential of the country is a source of hope for Myanmar people, and it is a responsibility for the government that has already committed to putting in place solid foundations for a market economy to thrive and an investment climate that makes a clear business case for companies from around the world.

H&T Ministry, Hanns Seidel sign tourism promotion deal

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Hotels and Tourism Ministry and Germany-based Hanns Seidel Foundation signed MoU on tourism this morning, in the presence of Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung.

The deal covers cooperation between the two entities for development of responsible and sustainable tourism, German foundation's assistance in organizing conferences and paper-reading sessions, and technical and financial help in measures for tourism development, and implementation of proposed tourism projects in line with the methods of cooperation laid down by the Ministry

of National Planning and Economy for international and NGOs.

The signing ceremony was attended by Union Minister U Htay Aung, Deputy Minister Dr Tin Shwe and German Ambassador Mr Christian Ludwig Weber Lortsch.

The concluding of hospitality services course No. 11/2013 was held at Myat Mingala Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone here this morning, attended by the Union minister presented prizes to four outstanding trainees. Vice-President of Nay Pyi Taw Hoteliers Association presented gifts to course instructors.

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No To Tobacco

Recently, I came across an interesting news story regarding tobacco that I cut from the New Light of Myanmar some time about nearly a decade ago. The news story under the title of "British couple quits smoking for health of parrot" came from London (Reuters) on 6 August (may be in 2004). According to the news, a British couple booked themselves into a clinic to quit smoking after the vet said it was the only way to save their beloved sick parrot.

The couple, chain-smokers, had an Amazon orange-winged parrot named J.J. When that particular bird presented with very severe respiratory problems, they decided to do everything they could to improve the bird's environment. When the vet told them that one of the key things that they need to get right with parrot was "air quality," they made up their mind to give up a 50-cigarette-a-day habit to save their beloved parrot. Finally, the couple booked themselves into one of the anti-smoking clinics. As a result, J.J the parrot became well and it helped the couple, too. Believe it, or not.

Although we cannot definitely say the time when people started to smoke, they have smoked tobacco for thousands of years. The historical

records reveal that in the 1500s, many Europeans began smoking because they believed tobacco had medicinal benefits. Today, people smoke chiefly for relaxation and pleasure, and to satisfy a craving for nicotine, a chemical substance in cigarette. However, during the 1900s, scientists found increasing evidence that smoking can endanger a person's health.

In spite of the dangers, many people became smokers. Many young people begin smoking as an act of independence. Most adults smoke to reduce their craving for nicotine of which effects help make smoking pleasurable. However, its effect on the nervous system also causes many people to become addicted to it. Such an addiction makes it hard for people to give up smoking.

Cigarette smoking is believed by most research workers in this field to be an important factor in the development of cancer of the lungs and cancer of the throat and is believed to be related to cancer of the bladder and the oral cavity. Doctors say that smoking also affects the Beurger's disease, a narrowing of the small veins in the hands and feet that can cause great pain, and lead even to amputation of limbs.

Smokers also die much more often from heart disease. While all tobacco smoking affects life expectancy and health, cigarette appears to

have a much greater effect than cigar or pipe smoking. However, nicotine consumption is not diminished by the latter forms and current research indicates a casual relationship between all forms of smoking and cancer of the mouth and throat.

Besides, new studies are showing that teenagers with parents who smoke cigarettes are at higher risk of heart disease than non-smoker's children. This is because the smoke that the teenagers breathe "second hand" raises the cholesterol level of their blood.

Many countries of the world are now carrying out activities that lead to demand reduction of tobacco which include prohibition of smoking at public places and designing smoking restricted areas, banning of all forms of advertisement, putting up warning labels on cigarette packages, increasing tax on tobacco products and promoting health education programmes on danger of tobacco. We should not ignore the millions of tobacco deaths in the world from tobacco-related cancer and other diseases.

According to the WHO, reports of 2012, six million people die of strokes, cancers, lung disease and other diseases annually due to tobacco consumption. Among them, more than 0.6 million are passive smokers and over one-fourth, children. Due to continued use of tobacco,

death toll would reach over 8 million in 2030, fourth-fifth of whom are from developing countries. Tobacco consumptions in Southeast Asia region including Myanmar are becoming higher and one-fourth of the world death rate is in this region.

As a matter of fact, smoking habits have barely changed over the past decade and lack of knowledge about damage caused by nicotine addiction poses huge challenges.

Regarding the tobacco menace, Myanmar never loses sight of combating the threat. Myanmar has implemented its tobacco free programmes since 1980. Prohibition of Smoking at Theatres Act was enacted in 1959 and Public Health Law, in 1972. Although the Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Products Law has been enacted in Myanmar, very few people seem to follow it.

While nations around the world observe the World No-Tobacco Day with due ceremony extolling the virtues of shunning tobacco in all forms, Myanmar has consistently observed the World No-Tobacco Day since 1989, on 31 May each year, adding much impetus to combat what may rightly be called the tobacco menace.

So, no to tobacco!

6th EITI Global Conference held

Secretary of Leading Committee for Myanmar EITI Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein attends Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) global conference.—MNA

The Union minister held talks with Link Business Investment, Aus AID Director-General Mr Peter Baxter, EITI President Ms Clare Short, Executive Director Mr Barry Sterland of Australian Finance

Department respectively on ongoing reforms and investment potential of Myanmar as well as potential areas of cooperation and requirements to join EITI. Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung,

Director-General U Win Htein and Dr Ye Myint Swe and presidential advisor Dr Zaw Oo and personnel from civil society organizations also attended the conference.

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NATIONAL

Myanmar military delegation tour Bangkok



NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—A Myanmar military delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla visited Navy Port of Royal Thai Navy and cruised along the Chao Phraya River in Angsana Cruise (Navy) vessel on 27 May.

The Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy and wife hosted a dinner to the Myanmar military delegation on

board, followed by firework displays on warships and Chao Phraya river bank in honour of the Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

The Myanmar military delegation visited Royal Thai Army Livestock Farming and Development Battalion, 130 kilometers from Thai capital of Bangkok the following day.

The Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Deputy Commander-in-

Chief of Royal Thai Army exchanged gifts. The Myanmar Commander-in-Chief observed animal products and farming there.

The Myanmar Commander-in-Chief visited Grand Palace in Bangkok yesterday, paid homage to Emerald Buddha Image and donated cash.

He also paid obeisance to reclining Buddha image at Wat Pra Chetupon and made cash donation.

MNA

parties are moving toward wider agreement through stronger mutual trust. The meeting is quite positive sign and I believe would contribute a great deal to future plans.”

U Saw Mann Mann Joint General Secretary-1 (KNU)

“The meeting between the KIO and Union Peace-making Committee is the issue of all national races, for us. So, it is also the concern of Kayin and other national races. The negotiation I think is important for possible political dialogues in the future.

National unity is pre-condition to move forward to political dialogues.”

In the evening, reps from the Union Peace-making Work Committee led by committee vice-chairman Union Minister U Aung Min and KIO side led by U Sumlut Gam and Maj-Gen Sumlut Gam Maw have dinner together at Majoi Hall to mark the achievement.

Lt-Gen Myint Soe, on behalf of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, and Union Minister U Aung Min presented gifts to KIO negotiators.—MNA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife cruise in the Chao Phraya River on board Angsana Cruise (Navy) vessel.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organization on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name

1. U Kyaw Hsan
2. U Htay Aung

Appointment

Managing Director
No.1 Mining Enterprise
Ministry of Mines
Managing Director
No. 3 Mining Enterprise
Ministry of Mines

Union Peace Making Work Committee, KIO sign...

(from page 16)

- (a) The Government of Myanmar and the KIO agree to hold political dialogue;
- (b) The Parties agree to undertake efforts to achieve de-escalation and cessation of hostilities;
- (c) The Parties agree in principle to establish joint Monitoring Committees;
- (d) The Parties agree to continue to undertake relief, rehabilitation, and resettlement of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) in consultation with each other;
- (e) The Parties agree to continue discussions on military issued related to repositioning of troops;
- (f) The Parties agree to the establishment of a Myitkyina-based KIO representative and technical team in order to undertake necessary measures for the peace process more effectively;
- (g) The Parties agreed

to continue to allow the participation of representatives of all observer groups that are present in the peace meeting held on May 28-30, 2013 for the upcoming meeting. If either wishes to invite additional observers, the Parties also agreed to invite these additional observers in consultation with each other.

We interviewed some persons after the negotiation.

U La John Ngan Sai Kachin State Chief Minister

“The previous rounds of negotiation were held on neutral grounds and the frequent negotiations have resulted in greater mutual trust between two sides. That the two parties—Union Peace-making Work Committee and KIO—could hold peace talks on Manau Ground of Myitkyina, the capital of Kachin State, on own land is of great achievement, I reckon.

The negotiation I think is more progressive than the previous ones. The two

Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of the Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights Committee Chairman receives legal expert of ICJ

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of the Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights Committee received Mr Benjamin Zawacki, legal expert of International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) at the meeting hall No. 1 of Pyithu Hluttaw Building,

here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion together with the Committee Chairman were Secretary U Tin Maung Win and one committee member, two members of Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

At the call, they had a

cordial discussion on human rights, matters of legislation in conformity with new system being practised, steps being taken over human rights inside and outside Hluttaw, national solidarity and peace and stability, and international relations.

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Homeless victims get shelters in Lashio



Homeless victims sheltering at monastery which is situated in Lashio.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Victims who have become homeless as a result of communal violence that was erupted on 28 and 29 May in Lashio were

provided with necessary assistance regardless of race and religion, according to the Shan State government.

So far, arrangements have been made for the

convenience of altogether 414 victims—191 men and 223 women accommodated at Mansu Monastery in ward-8 and 25 at Seittathukha Monastery.—MNA

New Dhammayon building handed over in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The Buddha image consecration and the hand-over of new Dhammayon building took place at the Dhammayon on Aungmye Mingala Street in Bawgaheiddi Ward, Zabuthiri Township, here, on 26 May. Present on the occasion were Nay Pyi Taw Councilmember U Kan Chun, Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Than Kyaw Htoo and

committee members, staff and their families, Chairman of Dhammayon Supervisory Committee Ward Administrator U Ko Ko Gyi and wellwishers.

Maha Wizitayon Monastery Sayadaw U Kavinda and monks recited Parittas and the congregation donated meals to the monks. Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee member U Than Oo handed over the documents related

to the Dhammayon to Ward Administrator U Ko Ko Gyi.

Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee is building 17 Dhammayons in wards/ villages of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Of them, nine Dhammayons have been handed over to the local authorities.

Officials presented certificates of honour to wellwishers who donated K 9.2 million for the Dhammayon.—MNA

Concrete roads emerge one after another in Pyapon



PYAPON, 30 May — Construction of concrete roads are in progress in Pyapon which is prone to floods in rainy season every year with the contribution of local people.

Since 26 May, the gravel road linking between ward-1 and ward-2 has been

upgraded to a concrete one. There are six concrete roads built by the Township Development Affairs Committee in cooperation with local people and 13 self-reliant ones in Pyapon.

The 800 feet long and 12 feet wide concrete road is being built with the

contribution of K 13.67 million by the Township Development Affairs Committee and K 4 million by local people.—Kyemon

Myanmar Internet Freedom Forum on 1 June

YANGON, 30 May — With the aim of raising the awareness of digital rights for Internet users and informing them of measures how to maintain freedom of expression and the privacy of users and acquisition of information through online, Myanmar ICT Development Organization will conduct Myanmar Internet Freedom Forum at MICT Park on 1 June. The forum is set to hold from 9 am to 5 pm.

The participants will hold discussions on data security, Internet freedom, digital rights, freedom of expression, cyber abuse, online education, Hi-speed Internet, cyber laws, free and transparent Internet, acquisition of information through online, Internet policies and laws.

Those interested may dial 0945000 25616 or 09430 25529 to register free of charge. — Kyemon

Talks on reproductive health activity in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 30 May — The educative talks on promoting change in reproductive behavior took place at the meeting hall of NyaungU District Health Department on 27 May morning.

The promoting reproductive health activity

would be carried out in NyaungU Township, with the supports of the Central Health Education Unit, the Department of Health and UNFPA.

The activity aims to dramatically reduce maternal

death rate and control HIV/ AIDS. The event was attended by District Deputy Commissioner U Tun Tun Win of NyaungU District and Township Administrator U Phyo Zaw Nyein and officials concerned.—Kyemon

Mongshu dwellers to get electricity

MONGSHU, 30 May — Electricians of Mongshu Township installed three (315) KV transformers at the major places in urban area on 22 May to supply electric power at full capacity to local people in Mongshu

Township, Loilem District. And a total of 167 concrete lamp-posts have been erected recently. So local people will enjoy electricity round the clock in the near future.

Kyemon

NATIONAL SPORTS

1st Myanmar Senior PGA Championship 6-7 June

YANGON, 30 May — The 1st Myanmar Senior PGA Championship 2013, organized by Myanmar Senior PGA, will be held at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon of Insein Township, on 6 and 7 June.

Members of the association at senior professional level are allowed to take part in the championship that will be held in line with the Saint Andrew golf rules and regional rules.

The participants are to pay K 20,000 as fee and to register at Myanmar



Golf Shooting Range at the corner of Okkala and Airport roads in Mayangon Township, not later than at 2 pm on 4 June, dialing 09-2037671, 09-73130474 and 09-420017835 and Yangon Golf Course.—NLM

CRIME

Ownerless cows seized in Kyauktan Township



KYAUKTAN, 30 May — According to a tip-off, police members of Kyauktan police station seized six head of cow at about 6. 40 pm on 25 May.

While they were stationed together with townselders near Pantaw village in Kyauktan Township, they found two

men bringing along with six head of cow suspicious and stopped them for questioning. But the two men left the cow and went away taking the advantage of heavy rains. Police confiscated six ownerless cows in the presence of the witnesses.

Kyemon



REGIONAL

Turbulence slightly injures 12 on Singapore airlines plane

SINGAPORE, 30 May—Turbulence that hit a Singapore airlines A380 plane flying from Singapore to London on Sunday left 11 passengers and a cabin attendant with minor injuries, the airline said on Wednesday. Flight SQ308 had 328

passengers and 26 crew members on board when “moderate to severe turbulence” caused “a sudden loss of altitude,” the airline spokesperson said.

The injured were attended to by medical personnel on arrival at London’s Heathrow Airport.

The seat belt signs were

on at the time the plane hit the turbulence and meal services had been suspended, the airline said.

The flight left Singapore around 9:00 am on Sunday.—Kyodo News

NZ defence minister to discuss Asia-Pacific security with foreign counterparts

WELLINGTON, 30 May—New Zealand Defence Minister Jonathan Coleman is to hold talks on Asia-Pacific security issues with US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel when he attends the three-day Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore from Friday.

Coleman said on Thursday he would also meet with defence ministers from Sin-

gapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Britain, France and Canada.

“New Zealand has a significant stake in the security of the Asia-Pacific region, and we participate actively in regional forums. The Shangri-La Dialogue provides an ideal opportunity to engage with a range of regional partners and to discuss the key

security issues facing the Asia-Pacific region,” Coleman said in a statement.

Representatives of 27 countries will attend this year’s Shangri-La Dialogue, a main regional gathering of defence ministers, military chiefs, senior officials and non-government experts in the Asia-Pacific region.

Xinhua

At least 11 remain missing in Malaysia’s overloaded boat accident

KUCHING, (Malaysia), 30 May—Malaysian police said on Wednesday that 11 people were still missing after a overloaded express boat capsized in Borneo state of Sarawak a day earlier.

The latest figure was based on the account of the survivors but it is difficult to confirm the actual number as the operators were believed not to have kept a manifest, police said. The authorities have launched search and rescue operations that involved more than 100 personnel, but no body has been found yet, police said.

The rescue workers tried to pull the sunken boat ashore but failed to do so as it was believed to be full of rocks and sands after capsized. At least 179 escaped when the boat capsized after it reportedly hit a rock in the Rajang River near the inland town of Belaga early on Tuesday.

The express boat with an official capacity of 67 seated passengers was packed with local timber and oil palm plantation workers who were heading home for a traditional festival in the weekend.

Express boat is a popular means of transportation in Sarawak as there are many river running cross the state. In 2010, 13 people were killed when an express boat collided with a tug boat.—Xinhua



Tourists visit a sapling planting base of an eco-agricultural park in Moganshan Town of Deqing County, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 29 May, 2013. The town in these years has made great efforts in promoting the development of organic agriculture and agricultural sightseeing tourism, with investments of 1.12 billion yuan (183 million US dollars) introduced from over 10 Chinese and foreign companies. In 2012, the total output of the town’s modern agricultural production stood at 150 million yuan, and 2.722 million tourists visited the town, yielding a revenue of 540 million yuan.—XINHUA

12 killed in bus accident in central Nepal

KATHMANDU, 30 May—Police said 12 people were killed and 32 injured on Wednesday morning when a bus veered off a road and plunged 200 metres into a river in a mountainous district in central Nepal.

The bus was travelling to Kathmandu from Sindhu-palchowk District about 60 kilometres northeast of Nepal’s capital when the accident occurred around 10 am Wednesday, Pratap Gurung, the district police chief, told Kyodo News by phone from the district.

Gurung added that among the injured, 23 had serious injuries and were airlifted to Kathmandu for treatment. Nine have minor injuries. It is unclear what caused the accident.

Kyodo News



A display booth destroyed by cyclone and hailstorm is seen in Cao Lanh city, Vietnam’s southern Dong Thap Province, on 29 May, 2013. Many roofs of houses were blown up and electrical systems were broken within one hour here on Wednesday.

XINHUA

FAO adds Shizuoka, Kumamoto, Oita to agricultural heritage list

KANAZAWA, (Japan), 30 May—The UN Food and Agriculture Organization on Wednesday decided to add three areas in Japan’s Shizuoka, Kumamoto and Oita prefectures to its world agricultural heritage list.

At an international conference on Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems in Nanao, Ishikawa Prefecture, the FAO also selected an Indian and two Chinese areas for the list. A designation ceremony will take place on Thursday.

The GIAHS designation is designed to pre-

serve traditional agricultural methods and biodiversity. On the present GIAHS list are 19 areas in 11 countries, including two Japanese areas—Sado in Niigata Prefecture and the Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture.

At Wednesday’s FAO meeting, Kakegawa and four other municipalities in Shizuoka were selected for the new GIAHS designation for their traditional green tea-growing method to maintain biodiversity.

Seven municipalities around Mt Aso in Kumamoto won the designation with their management of



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grasslands for sustainable agriculture. Six municipalities on Oita’s Kunisaki Peninsula obtained the GIAHS

designation for their integrated forestry, agriculture and fisheries system.

Kyodo News

Australia introduces legislation to protect vulnerable witnesses, victims

CANBERRA, 30 May—Legislation to protect vulnerable witnesses and victims in Commonwealth criminal proceedings was

introduced into Australian Parliament on Wednesday.

Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus said the Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill will extend support to witnesses in Commonwealth criminal proceedings who are vulnerable either due to the nature of the offence, or to a particular characteristic, such as age, cultural background, or a disability.

Protections available will include the ability to give evidence by closed-circuit television, video recording or video link, and to have a support person accompany the witness when giving evidence.

The protections will apply automatically to victims of human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like

offences, including forced marriage, in recognition of the extreme forms of trauma and exploitation they have experienced.

“Prosecutions for human trafficking and slavery rely heavily on witness testimony, so it is vital that we have measures to assist victims to give their best possible evidence to the court.

“The Bill will minimize the risk of re-traumatization these victims face when giving evidence by providing appropriate support and protection,” said Dreyfus. The Bill will also allow all individual victims of Commonwealth offences to make a victim impact statement, outlining the harm they have experienced as a result of the offence.

The Bill also makes

some changes to the investigation and prosecution for people-smuggling offences. It removes wrist X-rays as a prescribed age determination procedure, and ensures that the onus of proof in establishing age in people-smuggling prosecutions lies with the prosecution.

This will ensure that legislation reflects the current practice of agencies not to use wrist X-rays to determine a person’s age, and that a person’s age is a matter for judicial determination, similar to other matters required to be proved at trial. There have been cases that some Indonesian children in asylum seekers boat got locked up in adult prisons in Australia following wrist X-ray method.

Xinhua

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Invitation for open tender

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With the intention to be obvious of modern development of business in line with the international standards, required for the country and its citizen, and the development of employment opportunities, the open tender for leasing and operating, with Annual Management Service Agreement for 15 years term, of the whole building of the under mentioned Commercial Centre, built by Forest Joint Venture Commercial Centre Co., Ltd, a subsidiary company of Forest Products Joint Venture Corporation Limited is invited to all local private entrepreneurs:-

1. The building to be leased and its address
Forest Joint Venture Commercial Centre
No. 422-426, corner of Botahtaung Pagoda Road and Strand Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region
2. Tender form and terms can be bought for K 100,000 (Kyat One Hundred Thousand Only) at the above mentioned address within office hour from 28 - 5 - 2013 to 6 - 6 - 2013.
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The locally bred polar bear Inuka eats its ice cake at the Singapore Zoo, on 29 May, 2013. The Singapore Zoo celebrated the moving of Inuka, the first polar bear born in the Singapore Zoo and the tropics, into its new enclosure by hosting a housewarming ceremony on Wednesday.—XINHUA



Photo taken on 29 May, 2013 shows a reaper working in a wheat field in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province.—XINHUA

A peek into UNAMID's journey in Darfur on Int'l Day of UN Peacekeepers

EL FASHER, (Sudan), 30 May—When the peacekeeping task in Darfur region was transferred to the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), nobody was expecting the newly-born mission to succeed in its mandate, given the complications of situation in the region.

As soon as it has embarked on its tasks, the mission officials realized the difficulty of the assignment which they took over from the African Union

Mission in Sudan (AMIS).

At first, UNAMID, the biggest UN peacekeeping mission in the world, suffered from the fact that it was deployed at the far west of Sudan, namely with its headquarters in El Fasher town, which is about 1,200 km from the Sudanese capital Khartoum, not to mention that it was impossible for the mission then to use

land roads due to the security conditions of the region.

The mission had to

transport most of its equipment and logistics from Port-Sudan harbor in the far east of Sudan to El Fasher by air, despite the distance between the two cities is over 2,000 km.

The mission then moved to the complications relating to differences over the interpretation of the understandings reached between Khartoum, the United Nations and the African Union, particularly with regard to the human component of the mission.

Xinhua

Chile to obey imminent int'l court ruling on border dispute

SANTIAGO, 30 May—Chile will abide by any verdict issued by The Hague-based International Court of Justice (ICJ) on its border dispute with neighboring Peru, Foreign Minister Alfredo Moreno said Wednesday.

"Chile is a country that respects international law, not only because it has to and has pledged to do that, but

also because it is the most suitable action for a small country that has to defend its interests and views," Moreno told local radio.

Despite most Chileans' opposition to a possible unfavorable verdict, Moreno said the government would be willing to accept the outcome.

Xinhua

Bird attack grounds Air Zimbabwe's A-320 after maiden flight

HARARE, 30 May—An Airbus A-320 aircraft, operated by Air Zimbabwe, was grounded by a bird attack in South African capital Johannesburg after its maiden voyage, dimming the hope that business of Zimbabwe's state-owned airline may soon rebound after being crippled by overwhelming debts earlier last year.

The bird attack even cracked the plane's windshield, local media reported

Wednesday, adding that it remains unclear when the plane can fly again. The terse report on Herald newspaper's website cited Air Zimbabwe's senior officials confirming the accident but gave no more details.

Air Zimbabwe has been undergoing a series of structure reforms to become operational and profitable after all its flights were grounded earlier last year due to an estimated overhanging debt of

100 million US dollars. The government injected 8.5 million US dollars to the parastatal last year to retire most of its debts to South African creditors.

The airline currently operate only three daily flights, including two domestic and one international. The accident occurred only two days after media fanfare over the replacement of the airline's aged B-767 aircraft with a new A-320 on the Harare-

Johannesburg route.

Earlier media reports quoted Air Zimbabwe officials saying the introduction of the new plane is expected to "improve the airline's brand perception as it moves towards efforts to reclaim its market share." The airline, whose fleet include one A-320, two B767-200s, three B737-200s and three China-made MA60s, has planned to introduce another A-320 on lease.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT



Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan has had an “epiphany” in rehab

BEIJING, 30 May — Lindsay Lohan’s father Michael says she has had an “epiphany” in rehab and is doing phenomenally well but he still wants her to transfer to a clinic in Florida. Michael Lohan says the 26-year-old “Mean Girls” actress—who began 90 days of court-ordered treatment on 2 May, after pleading “no contest” to lying to police about driving during a car accident last June—was like a totally different person when he visited her in the Betty Ford clinic in Rancho Mirage, California, on Sunday (26.05.13), and finally realises that she had a problem, but he still wants her to be transferred to the Lukens Institute in Florida.

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He told gossip website TMZ.com: “She is doing phenomenal, I mean awesome. “There is a lot of healing going on. This is only the beginning of the process and she has 60 more days. She did say that at the beginning of the month that she wants to leave and go to Lukens. “I’m going to go and meet Shawn Holley (Lindsay’s lawyer) this week and hopefully talk to the City Attorney and get her transferred.”

Xinhua



Beyonce

Justin Bieber turned neighbourhood upside down

BEIJING, 30 May— Justin Bieber allegedly turned his neighbourhood upside down over the weekend, throwing parties until 3am and was also seen riding around on a Segway with a friend, who was allegedly smoking marijuana on Sunday (26.05.13).

The 19-year-old singer—who had an unexpected visit from police at his home in Calabasas, Los Angeles, on Monday evening (27.05.13) after they received a high volume of calls from neighbours complaining he was speeding around in his Ferrari—reportedly held several parties until 3am in recent days and was also seen

riding around on a Segway with a friend, who was allegedly smoking marijuana on Sunday (26.05.13).

Sources told gossip website TMZ.com that multiple neighbours in his gated community called cops twice in the last five days because of the loud noise from his parties.

The neighbours also claim that the ‘Boyfriend’ singer, who has an on/off relationship with Selena Gomez, regularly “drives recklessly” around the area in his car and on his motorcycle, and

have accused him of almost hitting another vehicle while it was pulling out of a driveway on Sunday.

The homeowner’s board is planning to take action by looking into whether Justin is technically running a business from the house, which is against the rules, and has already asked police to tow any cars left on their street by Justin’s friends overnight. Former NFL star Keyshawn Johnson, who lives in the same enclave, is said to have confronted Justin about his dangerous driving on Monday night (27.05.13), after he spotted him racing around in his Ferrari, but the singer ran inside.

Xinhua



Kelly Clarkson

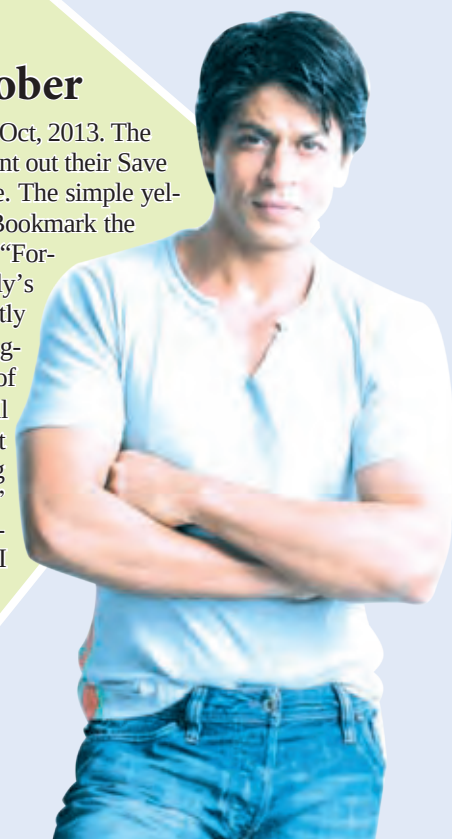
Kelly Clarkson will marry on 20 October

BEIJING, 30 May — Kelly Clarkson will marry Brandon Blackstock on 20 Oct, 2013. The “Stronger” singer—who got engaged to the music manager in December—sent out their Save the Date invitations in recent days, and will tie the knot in Nashville, Tennessee. The simple yellow and brown stationary, obtained by gossip website RadarOnline.com, reads: “Bookmark the date for the wedding of Kelly and Brandon,” including the date and location saying, “Formal invitation to follow.” Blake Shelton, who is managed by Brandon and is one of Kelly’s best pals, will officiate the ceremony. The 30-year-old “American Idol” winner recently admitted that she was “overwhelmed” by her wedding plans because she was struggling to keep their guest-list under control. She explained: “We’re just kind of overwhelmed with the planning of the wedding. We’re actually thinking fall this year and we’re thinking outside. We’re trying to make it small, but it is hard. I literally had a breakdown two weeks ago about the wedding list. “I’m terrified of everyone watching me walk down the aisle.”

The singer previously called her relationship her “best accomplishment” after years of being unlucky in love. She said: “I completely fell in love. I did! Welcome to Cheeseville!

I don’t know. Your priorities kind of shift and you become happier and all that stuff. It’s probably my best accomplishment because I think, for me, especially, I just didn’t think it would happen.”

Xinhua



Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan

Beyonce, Madonna and Tutu team up for women at London charity gig

LONDON, 30 May—Singers Beyonce and Madonna, activist Gloria Steinem and Bishop Desmond Tutu will be among big names reaching out to a billion people from a pop concert in London on Saturday with a message of empowerment for women across the planet.

The “Sound of Change Live” gig headlined by Beyonce, Florence + the Machine and Jennifer Lopez will be broadcast live from Twickenham sports stadium to 150 countries, and on primetime TV in the United States the following day, organizers said on Tuesday. The four-hour concert could fund at least 120 projects supporting women and girls in more than 70 nations, if all the tickets are sold, they said.

Reuters

SPORTS

Golden Bear weighs in on Sergio-Tiger spat, Merion

DUBLIN, (Ohio), 30 May—When Jack Nicklaus talks, anyone with an interest in golf is well advised to listen and the 18-times major winner delivered in spades as he weighed in on several topics ahead of this week's Memorial Tournament. Tournament host of the PGA Tour event staged at Muirfield Village Golf Club, Nicklaus gave reporters his opinions on the recent spat between Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia, the venue for next month's US Open and the state of the game in general.

Nicklaus also explained the rationale behind the impressive reconstruction of the massive clubhouse at Muirfield Village, which now forms a horse-shoe behind the 18th green as it links up with the media pavilion and the hospitality suites. "The Sergio-Tiger thing, it's stupid," Nicklaus



Jack Nicklaus of the US hits his tee shot during the ceremonial start for the 2013 Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 11 April, 2013.—REUTERS

said in the media interview room on Wednesday, referring to the racist "fried chicken" jibe made by Garcia last week at the expense of the world number one Woods.

"I mean, do guys have an issue one with another? They usually resolve it themselves. You guys want to resolve it in the newspa-

pers today. Nobody needs that. And I think they both finally said it's enough. Forget it, guys. Let's move on." Spaniard Garcia apologized profusely for his "stupid and out of place" comment during the European Tour's Player of the Year awards in England last week and said he regretted it the moment he made it.

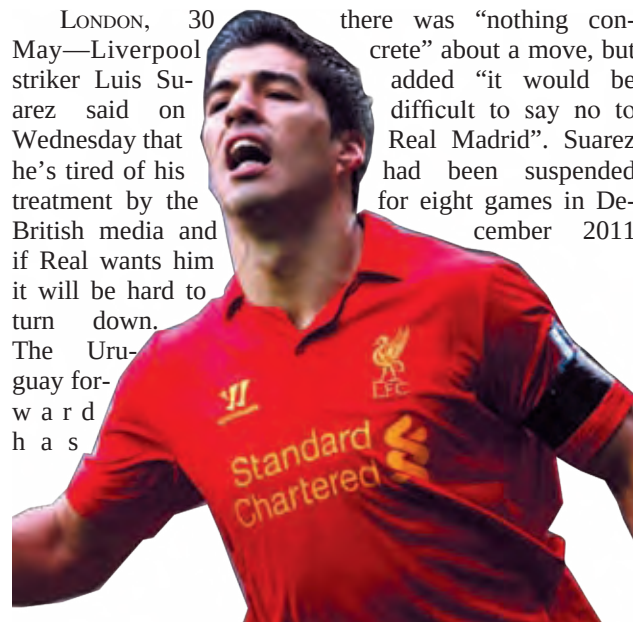
Fourteen-times major winner Woods, whose relationship with Garcia is frosty at best, was initially in an unforgiving mood over the racial stereotyping but on Wednesday he said he had moved on.

"That's already done with," Woods told reporters at Muirfield Village ahead of Thursday's opening round. According to Nicklaus, players in the modern game have to operate inside a media "fish-bowl" where nothing is sacred, something he never had to contend with when in his own prime. "In our days I suppose there were times when you had an issue with somebody and it came about, you never read about it," said the 73-year-old, long been known as the 'Golden Bear.' "There weren't 20 people sitting around for one guy to write it.—Reuters

Suarez eyes Real Madrid move, report

LONDON, 30 May—Liverpool striker Luis Suarez said on Wednesday that he's tired of his treatment by the British media and if Real wants him it will be hard to turn down. The Uruguay forward has

there was "nothing concrete" about a move, but added "it would be difficult to say no to Real Madrid". Suarez had been suspended for eight games in December 2011



Liverpool striker Luis Suarez

been linked with Real Madrid in Spanish media reports.

"Liverpool has treated me very well and I only have words of thanks for the fans, but I'm not prepared to keep putting up with everything the British press says," Suarez said. "I love Liverpool and everyone knows I have a contract, but if there's a chance of playing elsewhere I'd think about it."

Suarez Admitted that

for making racist remarks toward Manchester United defender Patrice Evra during a match.

He was suspended 10 matches for biting an opponent in April. "I know I've made mistakes and when I have I've apologized, but the press has dedicated itself to talking about me as if they've known me all my life, saying things that have nothing to do with football," Suarez said.—Xinhua

French parade leaves Federer in the shade

PARIS, 30 May—A quintet of Frenchmen led a home procession at Roland Garros on Wednesday but Roger Federer still threatens to rain on their parade after sauntering into the third round of the French Open. On so-called Children's Day at the clay-court slam it was kid's stuff for second seed Federer as he thrashed Indian qualifier Somdev Devvarman 6-2, 6-1, 6-1. While the Swiss is hugely popular with the Parisian fans, it was the progress of Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Gael Monfils, Gilles Simon, Julien Benneteau and Jeremy Chardy that drew the loudest cheers.

Tsonga, the sixth seed and regarded as France's best hope for a first male

grand slam singles champion since 1983, beat steady Finn Jarkko Nieminen 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-3 after saving a set point in the opening set to book a clash with Chardy. Former semi-finalist Monfils, who was given a wildcard as he continues to climb back up the rankings after a knee injury, was next up on Philippe Chatrier Court and followed on from his first-round epic against fifth seed Tomas Berdych with a four-set win over Latvia's Ernests Gulbis.

The flamboyant Monfils was so taken by the atmosphere that at one changeover he grabbed his camera phone and began filming the crowd as they performed a Mexican wave.—Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland serves to Somdev Devvarman of India during their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 29 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Sumo: Osunaarashi becomes 1st sekitori from Africa



Egyptian sumo wrestler Osunaarashi smiles at a Press conference at Otake stable in Tokyo on 29 May, 2013. KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 30 May—The Japan Sumo Association elevated Osunaarashi to the juryo ranks on Wednesday, making the Egyptian the first sekitori from Africa.

"To be the only one makes me happy," said the 21-year-old Otake stable wrestler, whose real name is Abdelrahman Ahmed Shaalan.

The wrestlers in sumo's top two division, juryo and Makuuchi, are referred to as sekitori.

Kyodo News

Comfortable Kings taking different path in Stanley Cup defence

LOS ANGELES, 30 May The Los Angeles Kings are taking a much more tension-filled route toward the Stanley Cup finals this year than the squad that came out of nowhere in 2012 to steamroll their way to a maiden championship. The Kings survived Tuesday's do-or-die Game Seven by holding off the visiting San Jose Sharks in a 2-1 nail-biter that put Los Angeles back in the Western Conference finals for a second consecutive year.

It was the kind of challenge the Kings never faced during their remarkable 2012 playoff run when they practically breezed to the Cup title as an eighth seed that grabbed a 3-0 lead in each best-of-seven series and went 16-4 in the post-season.

The Kings never faced an elimination game during last year's remarkable run, yet this year's squad seems to be enjoying their current march just as much even though they fell behind early in the opening round before being pushed to the

limit by San Jose in the second round.

"Our backs were against the wall, it's us or them, and that's what hockey players like," veteran wing Justin Williams told reporters after scoring both goals in the Kings' victory, giving him nine points in four career Game Sevens. "(You want) a chance to show up for your team when it's do or die. We have confidence, I guess

knowing that we've been there before." Williams embodies some of the team's toughness that may have been overlooked during the last campaign when everything seemed to come easily.

The 31-year-old Williams has dealt with several injuries over the years and was mired in an eight-game goal drought before coming through with the season on the line.—Reuters



Los Angeles Kings defenceman Matt Greene (2nd R) and his teammates celebrate after defeating the San Jose Sharks following Game 7 of their Western Conference semi-final hockey playoff in Los Angeles, California on 28 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Germany beats Ecuador in int'l friendly

QURO, 30 May—Germany easily defeated Ecuador 4-2 in their international friendly at FAU Stadium in Florida on Wednesday, local media reported. Germany's Lukas Podolski and Lars Bender scored two goals each before Antonio Valencia scored a consolation for Ecuador just before

half-time.

Germany took the lead from the start, as Bender scored in the fourth minute with a shot from 18 yards. Some slack defending by Ecuador's Gabriel Achilier handed Podolski the chance to score just nine seconds into the game.

Germany took a 3-0

lead on Podolski's second goal in the 16th minute, and Bender followed with his second goal eight minutes later. Germany next will play a friendly with the United States in Washington, DC on Sunday, while Ecuador will travel to Peru for their next qualifier on 7 June.—Xinhua

GENERAL

Fun-loving Monfils leads French into round three



Gael Monfils of France hits a return to Ernests Gulbis of Latvia during their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 29 May, 2013.—REUTERS

PARIS, 30 May — Wild card Gael Monfils once again stole the limelight from French compatriot Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, finding time for some fun during the serious business of a 6-7

(5), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-2 second-round win against Ernests Gulbis at Roland Garros on Wednesday. Monfils, who downed Czech fifth seed Tomas Berdych in the first round, dished up histrion-

ics and eye-catching shots, while also managing to film the crowds and crack a joke with his Latvian opponent between sets.

"I asked him (after the third set) 'Do you feel it's been dragging on? Don't worry it's just gonna last another 90 minutes'," he told a court-side interviewer. "I think it made him sick." His good run may not last, though, as Monfils is still troubled by a nagging injury that has hampered his career. "I'm still that worried, and as worried as I (was) before. And tired. But I don't want to show it," he told a news conference. Later, he added: "My knee is totally broken."

Reuters

Cambodia's trade with foreign countries up 25 pct in four months

PHNOM PENH, 30 May — Cambodia's trade volume with foreign countries had reached 5.12 billion US dollars in the first four months of this year, a 25 percent rise compared with 4.1 billion US dollars over the same period last year, according to a report from the Ministry of Commerce's Camcontrol Department on Thursday.

During the January-April period this year, the

country exported goods in equivalent to 2.13 billion US dollars, up 28 percent. At the meantime, it imported products in the total value of 2.99 billion US dollars, up 23 percent.

Khuon Savuth, chief of the Camcontrol Department's statistics division, said the remarkable growth was thanks to globally good economic situation and Cambodia's efforts in di-

versifying exports. He said main products Cambodia exported were garments and footwear, rubber latex, milled rice, corn and cassava, while items the country imported included garment and textile raw materials, petroleum, construction materials, automobiles and motorcycles, consuming items, food and soft drinks, pharmaceutical products and cosmetics.—Xinhua

Sharp builds large-scale solar power plant in Thailand

TOKYO, 30 May — Sharp Corp said on Wednesday it has completed construction of one of the largest solar power plants in Thailand and begun operation of the plant as it moves to tap growing emerging markets in the solar power generation business.

The plant located in Lop Buri Province is operated by Natural Energy Development Co, a joint venture also invested in by a Mitsubishi Corp unit. The combined output of the plant, including a facility

that started operation last year, is about 84 megawatts, the Osaka-based company said.

A Sharp subsidiary set up in March 2011 to offer maintenance services in Asia will provide operational support by inspecting and servicing the entire plant, the company said.

Sharp said it has supplied about 640,000 thin-film solar modules at a site measuring 2.16 square kilometers in Lop Buri Province.

Kyodo News

5.4-magnitude quake hits Luzon, Philippines

HONG KONG, 30 May — An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale jolted Luzon, the Philippines at 02:24:16 GMT on Thursday (10:24:16 Hong Kong Time), the US Geological

Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 12.80 km, was initially determined to be at 17.7577 degrees north latitude and 120.9025 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

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Traffic jam "transforms" buses into train in N China

Colombia seizes 1.4 tons of cocaine in Cali

BOGOTA, 30 May — Colombia's National Police (NP) announced on Wednesday the seizure of 1.4 tons of cocaine hidden in a warehouse in the southwestern city of Cali that was slated to be shipped by boat to Guatemala, media sources reported.

Agents from Colombia's Attorney General's Office and the US Drug En-

forcement Agency (DEA) took part in the operation, according to the police, which added no arrests were made. "This operation is the result of arduous investigation work by the police units. Through fieldwork and technical assistance, they uncovered the entire shipping process through Buenaventura port," the NP said. "The

drugs belonged to the criminal gang 'Los Rastrojos' and was going to be received in Guatemala by an unidentified cartel," the police said, adding the unknown cartel could be "a Mexican network, according to the information shared by the NP Antinarcotics Bureau with its counterparts in Mexico and Guatemala.—Xinhua

14 killed, 36 injured in western India road mishap

NEW DELHI, 30 May — At least 14 people were killed and 36 others injured in a fatal road mishap in the western Indian state of Maharashtra on Wednesday, a senior police official said.

"The mishap happened when a private bus in which the victims were traveling collided head-on with a speeding tanker coming from the opposite direction on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway near Dahanu in the state. Due to the impact of the collision, the bus rolled into a river running parallel to the road," he said, on condition of anonymity.

While 14 bodies have been fished out of the river so far, all the injured were admitted to nearby hospitals where the condition of some is said to be serious, the official said, adding that the toll could grow up.—Xinhua

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Philippine Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received Philippine Ambassador Mr Alex G. Chua at the meeting hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Philippine Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Alex G. Chua.

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Union Peace-Making Work Committee, KIO sign agreement after three-day peace talks



Union Peace-Making Work Committee and KIO delegation pose for at peace talks at the Majwei Gawk Nu on Manaw Wang in Myitkyina.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Union Peace Making Work Committee delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the committee Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min and the Kachin Independence Organization delegation led by U Sumlut Gam and Maj-

Gen Swan Luk Gam Maw continued their peace talks at the Majoi Gawk Nu on Manaw Wang in Myitkyina today.

During the meeting, Union Minister U Aung Min said the president is working to satisfy the desire of the people after

listening to the voice of the people. The government has high expectation about the success of the peace talks because only when peace and tranquility prevails in the country, can the government speed up its works to achieve goals of the country, he said.

He also stressed the need for participation of the all national races in peace making process and development tasks.

Afterwards, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Khet Htein Nan and Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Dwe Bu discussed the

desires of the people and their challenges.

They also urged the both sides to work hard to achieve a genuine peace and to satisfy the desire and needs of all national races.

During the talks, the two sides discussed matters on establishing monitoring offices in the frontier, holding political dialogues, military issues, establishing liaison offices, regional development tasks, undertaking relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and other issues. The two sides also discussed the details separately.

In the afternoon, representatives from the two sides signed the agreement and representatives from ethnic peace groups and townselders also signed in the agreement as witnesses.

After the peace talks, representatives of the two sides also met the press and announced the agreement.

Afterwards, the Union Peace Making Work Committee handed over 10000 cans of chicken each for troops of the Tatmadaw and KIA in the frontier.

The agreement reached between UPMWC and the KIO delegation after three-day peace talks is as follows:-

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Union Foreign Minister receives Kuwaiti lawmaker

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Chairman of International Relations Committee of Kuwaiti Parliament Mr Saleh Ahmed paid a call on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at the latter's office here this evening. The two discussed promotion of ties and cooperation between Myanmar and Kuwait.

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Hledan Overpass put into service

YANGON, 30 May—Hledan Overpass was commissioned into service this morning on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township here, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

The chief minister called on the road users to abide by traffic rules for long-term use of the

flyover as he addressed the inauguration of the flyover which took over one year to emerge in an effort of the Yangon Region government to ease traffic chaos in the commercial hub.

The region chief minister, Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and Chairman of

Shwetaung Development Company U Aik Tun formally opened the flyover.

The overpass is of RC type and is 2507 feet long and 51 feet and 8 inches wide with 44 feet 8 inches wide motor lane flanked by two feet wide pedestrians. Its clearance is of 18 feet and can withstand 60 tons of load per vehicle.—MNA



Hledan Overpass on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township with a background of picturesque buildings. —MNA