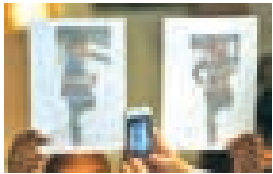


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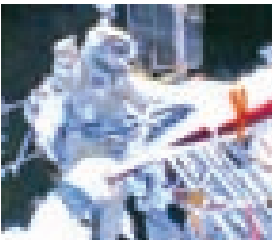
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## Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for more supports to SMEs in Dawei



**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Maungmagan Beach in Dawei Township of Taninthayi Region.**  
MNA

The meeting was attended by the speaker of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw, the chief justice of Taninthayi Region Court, regional ministers, representatives from political parties, peace groups, non-governmental organizations and local people. During his tour of inspection, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visited Dawei General Hospital and held a meeting with the staff of the hospital.

At the meeting, he called on health staff of the hospital for cooperating with private sector to develop private hospitals in accordance with the rules and regulations. He also pledged to provide medicines and equipment to the hospital every financial year.

During the meeting, CB Bank, Adventure Myanmar Company, ACE

Company and Ayeyar Power Company donated K 10 million to the hospital to buy medical equipment.

The Vice-President also visited Dawei University and met with students and faculty members from Dawei University, Dawei University of Computer Science, Dawei Technology University and Education College. During the meeting, the vice-president pledged that the government will make arrangements for the universities to be able to cooperate with private educational institutions.

The government is working together with ministries concerned to improve the infrastructures, water supply, technology, power supply and communication sectors of the universities, the Vice-President said.

MNA

DAWEI, 11 March — Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham has called for encouraging the small-scale and medium-scale enterprises in Dawei on Tuesday as part of efforts for creating more job opportunities.

At the meeting with local authorities in Dawei, the vice-president assisted in undertaking development tasks in Dawei. The government has transformed the country's economic system from the centrally controlled process to the market oriented economic system, encouraging the small and medium enterprises, he said at the meeting with local people in Dawei.



By Maung Maung Myint Swe

## YCDC to allow more water throwing pandals in Thingyan New Year water festival

Yangon City Development Committee has decided to allow more water-throwing pandals in the Thingyan new year water festival.

According to the committee, 57 large-scale pandals and 36 medium-scale pandals will be allowed in the upcoming water festival which kicks off on 13 April this.

The committee has received around 80 applicants for erecting pandals in the festival.

A total of 46 pandals — 41 large-scale pandals and 5 small-scale pandals — were erected in the last year's festival.

Regarding the granting permission for erecting pandals, the committee will give priority to the

applicants who had good reputation last year and followed the rules of the annual new year festival.

Those who have not bad records will draw lots for getting permission for erecting pandals during the festival, according to the Yangon City Development Committee.

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## Office of Crime News journal opened in Pyay Tsp

Pyay, 11 March—The opening ceremony of crime news journal office for informing to media to reduce crimes was held in Ywabe Ward on 8 March. Police station officers of

Pyay Township, officials of Special Investigation Department and Criminal Investigation Department, ward administrators, fire brigade members, crime news journal reporters of

Pyay, Shwedaung, and Pantaung Townships, and reporters of Myawady, Kyemon and Myanma Alinn daily attended the opening ceremony.

Myint Naing



## Myanmar workers stage protest for wages in Phuket

TACHILEK, 11 March—About 700 workers engaged in construction works run by Panason Construction company in Phuket Province in Thailand staged protests in four worksites on 10 March for not receiving wages.

A Myanmar worker earns 300 baht per day at the construction site. There are 14 worksites where Myanmar workers are working for the company. They staged the protest as they did not received their wages for 50 days.

About 80 workers took part in the protest staged at Monkhon Ward; about 100 workers in Khaunglan worksites; about 200 in Kawthalin site; and about 300 in Pathaung site.

A Myanmar worker said that he did not go to work to take part in the protest.

The owner of the company and the manager settled the problem by responding the demand of the workers that they will pay the wages during this month.

Myanmar workers called off their protests at 1 pm but they said they will watch the situation.

Myint Moh  
(Tachilek)

**Myingyan Township  
sees thriving of  
corn fields.**

CHAN THA (MEIKTILA)

**Opening ceremony of  
crime news journal  
office in progress in  
Ywabe Ward in Pyay.**  
MYINT NAING



## K 1289.05 million allotted to Mongla Special Region-4

KENGTONG, 11 March—Border Areas and National Race Development Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs allotted K 1289.05 million for carrying out regional de-

velopment tasks in Mongla Special Region-4 of eastern Shan State in 2013-2014 FY on Tuesday.

It is the third allotment for the region.

In Mongla Special Re-

gion-4, officials are constructing roads, clinics, 16-bed hospital, staff quarters and hostel, supplying drinking water and paving roads.—Maung Maung Naing (IPRD)

## Minhla residents to enjoy full electricity



MINHLA, 11 March—To generate electricity at full capacity, authorities have replaced 33/11 KV-3 MVA with 33/11 KV 5 MVA in Thayetapin Sub Power Station in Minhla

in Thayawady District in Bago Region.

Under the instruction of Region Electrical Engineer U Ye Myint, District Electrical Engineer U Aye Kyu supervised the work.

5 MVA Sub Power Station supplies electricity to Minhla, Monyo and Sitkwin as of 9 March, ensuring the socio-economic development of local people.

U Myint Naing (Pyay)

## Farmers in Myingyan Tsp earn higher income from CP

MYINGYAN, 11 March—Farmers in Layeintan Village tract in Myingyan Township earned increase income from CP hybrid corn.

The price of the hybrid corn which is an export item to China is in-

creased from K 350 per viss last year to K 400 this year, according to local farmers.

The farmers from the village-tract relied on the hybrid corn than tobacco for their seasonal income.

They put 3030 acres

under the hybrid corn this year and the plants are thriving, according to local farmers.

Per acre yield of CP hybrid corn can reach from 80 to 100 baskets.

Chan Tha  
(Meiktila)

## WORLD

## Four more test positive for radiation at US nuke plant

HOUSTON, 11 March — Four more workers have tested positive for radiation following a leak at an underground nuclear waste plant in the US state of New Mexico, bringing the total of affected workers to 21, plant operators said on Sunday.

The leak, which happened early February at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in southeastern New Mexico, entered the first phase of its recovery process over the weekend, according to a statement published on the plant's website.—Xinhua



*People fill tanks with clean water at al-Ajlub district, 180 km south of Yemen's capital of Sanaa on 9 March, 2014. Villagers in al-Ajlub district have to go dozens of kilometers to fetch clean water everyday. Yemen is one of the most arid countries in the world.—XINHUA*

## Pentagon official cites risk Japan could go nuclear

WASHINGTON, 11 March — A US Defence Department official said on Monday there is a hypothetical risk that Japan could go nuclear if the US military were to be seen as withdrawing from East Asia due to budgetary constraints.

Christine Wormuth, deputy undersecretary of defence, talked about the risk of nuclear proliferation when she called for keeping defence budgets at levels required to sustain US deterrence during an event in Washington.

"We were looking at sort of the implications to our strategy of a variety of different budget levels," Wormuth said, referring to the process of compiling the latest *Quadrennial Defence Review* report released last week.

"At the lowest levels I think there was an implicit understanding that... the risks of countries that are scientifically capable enough to develop their own nuclear program, which certainly Japan is, would go up," Wormuth said. "But it wasn't an explicit factor," Wormuth told the event organized by the Centre for Strategic & International Studies, an influential security think tank in Washington.

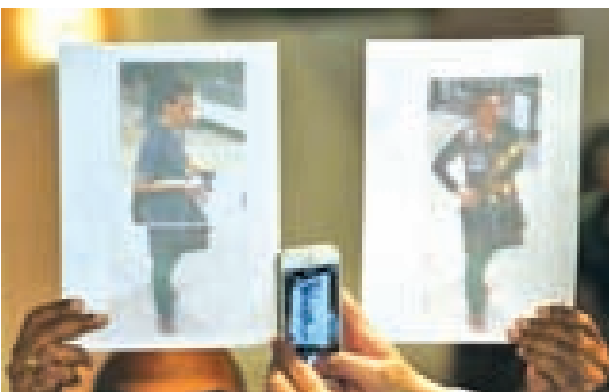
Kyodo News

## Malaysia military tracked missing plane to west coast: source

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 March — Malaysia's military believes it tracked a missing jetliner by radar over the Strait of Malacca, far from where it last made contact with civilian air traffic control off the country's east coast, a military source told *Reuters*.

In one of the most baffling mysteries in recent aviation history, a massive search operation for the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777-200ER, now in its fourth day, has so far found no trace of the aircraft or the 239 passengers and crew.

"It changed course after Kota Bharu and took a lower altitude. It made it into the Malacca Strait," the



*A policeman holds up photos of the two men whom they believe were travelling onboard the missing Malaysia Airlines MH370 on stolen passports after a news conference in Kuala Lumpur International Airport on 11 March, 2014.—REUTERS*

military official, who has been briefed on investigations, told *Reuters*.

The Strait of Malacca,

one of the world's busiest shipping channels, runs along Malaysia's west coast.

The airline said on Saturday

that radio and radar contact with Flight MH370 was lost off the east coast Malaysian town of Kota Bharu.

Police had earlier said they were investigating whether any passengers or crew on the plane had personal or psychological problems that might explain its disappearance, along with the possibility of a hijack, sabotage or mechanical failure. The plane left Kuala Lumpur for Beijing early on Saturday morning, vanishing from civilian radar screens about an hour after take-off over the sea separating eastern Malaysia from the southern tip of Vietnam.

There was no distress signal or radio contact

indicating a problem and, in the absence of any wreckage or flight data, police have been left trawling through passenger and crew lists for potential leads.

"Maybe somebody on the flight has bought a huge sum of insurance, who wants family to gain from it or somebody who has owed somebody so much money, you know, we are looking at all possibilities," Malaysian police chief Khalid Abu Bakar told a news conference. "We are looking very closely at the video footage taken at the KLIA (Kuala Lumpur International Airport), we are studying the behavioral pattern of all the passengers."—Reuters

## Thailand to lift state of emergency as business suffers

BANGKOK, 11 March — Thailand is expected to lift a state of emergency in Bangkok, almost two months after it was imposed to quell anti-government protests,

because of pressure from businesses and in light of improving security, a top official said on Tuesday.

Protesters trying to bring down Prime Minister

Yingluck Shinawatra and end what they see as the pervasive influence of her brother, ousted former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, have been on the streets for four months.

The instability is unnerving consumers, with confidence at a 12-year low, and automakers, property firms and hotels in Southeast Asia's second-biggest economy are feeling the pinch.

Twenty-three people have been killed, most in shootings and grenade blasts, since late November and the bloodshed is scaring tourists away from Bangkok. National Security Council chief Paradorn Pattanabutr said there was a "very high chance" the emergency in Bangkok and surrounding areas would be lifted soon.

"Business organizations have asked that it be lifted and the overall situation is easing," Paradorn told reporters.

The protests are the latest turmoil to rattle a country broadly divided between urban, middle-class supporters of the royalist establishment and the rural supporters of former telecoms tycoon Thaksin, mostly in the north and northeast.

Thaksin's supporters say he was the first Thai political leader to keep campaign promises to help the poor.

His critics, who say he is the real power behind his sister's government, say he used his wealth and taxpayers' money on wasteful populist policies that have allowed him to commandeer a fragile democracy.

Reuters

## With eye on Crimea, US starts military drills on Russia's doorstep

WARSAW, 11 March — The United States will signal its resolve to protect its NATO allies near Russia's borders on Tuesday with the start of the first joint military training exercises in the region since the Kremlin intervened in Ukraine.

In the Black Sea, across the water from the Crimean Peninsula where Russian military groups have seized control from Ukrainian authorities, a US navy destroyer will take part in maneuvers with Romanian and Bulgarian warships.

To the north in Poland, US fighter jets are arriving at the central Lask air base to take part in joint

exercises, with Poland's president expected to review the maneuvers.

The United States stressed that both training drills were planned before the Ukraine crisis, but they are also a signal of support for NATO members nervous that if Russia is prepared to intervene in Ukraine, they could be next.

The exercises underline that it is Washington which has so far taken the lead in the international response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, while the European Union, hampered by the need for consensus among its members, has been less bold.

Reuters



*Farmers rearrange a pile of rice after they dumping them on the ground during a rally demanding the Yingluck administration resolve delays in payment from the rice pledging scheme, outside a Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives in Bangkok on 11 March, 2014.—REUTERS*

## Two dead, six missing as fishing boat sinks off northern Spain

MADRID, 10 March — Two people died and six others were missing after a Portuguese fishing boat sank off the northern Spanish coast before dawn on Monday, rescuers said.

The boat ran aground on the island of Erbosa, half a nautical mile off Cape Penas in the northern region of Asturias, and was left semi-submerged, Spain's maritime rescue services said in a statement.

Only one of its nine

crew members, a Spaniard, was rescued by a nearby fishing boat and taken to a hospital in the town of Aviles. The nationalities of the other eight dead or missing are four Spaniards, two Indonesians and two Portuguese.

Two helicopters, five boats and a team of divers have been deployed to search for signs of the missing crew, the statement said.

Xinhua

## Chemicals leak causes temporary operation suspension at Bremen airport

BERLIN, 11 March — Flight takeoffs and landings at Germany's Bremen airport on Monday were stopped for more than an hour due to explosion danger caused by an explosive chemicals leak near the runway, local media reported.

Around 7 pm, the airport gave an all-clear signal to the waiting travelers that the flight operation that was temporarily ceased can

proceed again.

After an explosive chemicals leak was reported at an Airbus production hall near the airport's runway, an emergency alarm was issued shortly before 5 pm local time and no planes were allowed on the airstrip since 5:20 pm.

The airport building itself was not affected and did not have to be evacuated.

Xinhua

## US drone strike kills two suspected al-Qaeda leaders in Yemen

SANAA, 11 March — A US drone strike killed two suspected al-Qaeda local leaders in Yemen's central province of Marib on Monday night, a provincial security official told Xinhua.

"The drone strike this night targeted a car carrying al-Qaeda regional leaders Mohammed Jabir al-Shabwani and Abdulah Mubarak bin Hamad in Wadi Abida area of Marib," the official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The car was also destroyed and burned by the drone's three missiles, he added. It is the fourth drone strike in a week that targets al-Qaeda suspects inside Yemen. On Wednesday, a US unmanned plane hit

a vehicle in the Yemeni northern province of al-Jawf and killed at least two suspected al-Qaeda militants. Two days earlier, another drone strike killed a suspected al-Qaeda militant in Marib Province.

The United States has escalated its drone strikes on suspected al-Qaeda targets in Yemen since President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi took office in February 2012 after a UN-backed deal removed former President Ali Abdullah Saleh from power.

Earlier this month, the White House pledged to continue to support the counterterrorism efforts of Hadi's government, aiming to uproot al-Qaeda group in Yemen. —Xinhua

## North Korea using sophisticated means to avoid UN sanctions

SEOUL, 11 March — North Korea has developed sophisticated countermeasures to circumvent UN sanctions, including the suspected use of its embassies to facilitate the illegal trade in weapons, according to a United Nations report.

North Korean embassies in Cuba and Singapore were suspected by the

eight member UN panel of experts of facilitating the country's banned arms trade, including a shipment of fighter jets and missile parts that were seized in Panama last July. The report also pointed to the use of more developed financial countermeasures used to mask the purchase of both banned and permitted goods. —Reuters



Demonstrators face policemen during a march demanding for supplies and better working conditions, on the occasions of the Doctor's Day celebration, in Caracas, Venezuela, on 10 March, 2014. —XINHUA

## Hamas says its missiles can hit remote targets in Israel

RAMALLAH, 11 March — The armed wing of the Gaza-ruling Islamic Hamas movement said on Monday it has bolstered its missile capabilities which can now hit distant targets within Israel.

A spokesman for Izz al-Deen al-Qassam Brigades told reporters in Gaza city on condition of anonymity that his group has the ability to hit targets in Israel, "especially after knowing its weakness points." He did not elaborate. "We have moved the battle into the enemy's field after developing our missile arsenal," he added.

The spokesman's

comments came after the opening of a memorial to Qassam Brigades' founder Ibrahim al-Maqadema, who was assassinated by Israel 11 years ago in Gaza.

The memorial is topped with a mock-up long-range M-75 rocket that Hamas said it manufactured and used in its recent war against Israel in November 2012 when Palestinian missiles hit for the first time Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Hamas says the missile's range is 75 kilometres.

The Palestinian assertion of its enhanced weapons capabilities also

followed reports last week that Israel intercepted what it said was an Iranian cargo ship carrying Syrian-made rockets bound for Gaza. Both Iran and Hamas have rejected the Israeli allegation.

The Israeli army said it conducted a search last Wednesday on board the Panamanian-flagged vessel, named the KLOS-C, and found dozens of Syrian-made M-302 surface-to-surface rockets that were concealed under cement bags, adding that Lebanese Shiite movement Hezbollah fired this type of rocket into northern Israel during the 33-day war in 2006.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad-Javad Zarif described the Israeli allegation as "a lie."

Izz al-Deen al-Qassam Brigades rejected the Israeli allegation as "untrue" but stressed that "the Palestinian resistance has the right to obtain various kinds of weapons to protect the Palestinian people and their occupied lands."

The recent weeks have witnessed a military escalation between the Gaza militants and Israel, raising fear of a possible collapse of a cease-fire deal between the two sides brokered by Egypt in 2012.

Xinhua

## Israeli PM angry at int'l reactions to alleged Iranian arms shipment to Gaza

EILAT, (Israel), 11 March — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday lashed out at what he saw as the world's "faint" response to an alleged Iranian attempt to ship weapons into the Gaza Strip.

"At most I heard a few faint condemnations of Iran from the international community after we intercepted this murderous shipment," Netanyahu told a news conference at the naval base in the Red Sea resort of Eilat, referring to the weapons seized by Israeli naval forces in a pre-dawn raid last Wednesday. A group of journalists and

foreign military attaches and ambassadors were at the base on Monday to view a display of the seized weapons, including 40 long-range M-302 missiles with a range of between 90 km to 160 km, 180 mortar shells and 400,000 rounds for AK-47 assault rifles.

The Israeli military said the powerful M-302, which carries a 150-kg warhead, would have posed threat to millions of Israelis if the shipment had reached Gaza.

In an effort to prove that Iran was behind the shipment of arms, which was concealed under

cement sacks in more than 100 containers, the Israeli navy displayed some

documents which it said unequivocally point to Teheran. —Xinhua



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (2nd L) and Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon (L) look at a display of mortar shells, found aboard the Klos C ship, at a navy base in the Red Sea resort city of Eilat on 10 March, 2014. —REUTERS

## WORLD



Britain's Queen Elizabeth (C) leaves after attending service at Westminster Abbey for Commonwealth Day message in London, Britain, on 10 March, 2014.—XINHUA

## Snowden calls for public oversight of US surveillance practices

WASHINGTON, 11 March — Speaking via teleconference, former US National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden on Monday called for more public oversight of the US secret surveillance practices and better online security measures to protect the public.

Snowden, who is currently living in Russia under temporary asylum, spoke to an audience of thousands at the South By Southwest Interactive Festival in Austin, Texas.

This is his first public appearance to American audience since last summer.

Snowden said the NSA

surveillance programmes are “setting fire to the future of the Internet.”

“I took an oath to support and defend the (US) Constitution and I saw that the Constitution was being violated on a massive scale,” he said, appearing on video screens with an image of the US Constitution as a backdrop.

“We need public advocates. We need public oversight,” said Snowden. He accused US lawmakers of “cheerleading the NSA instead of holding them to account.”

“There’s a political response that needs to occur, but there’s also a tech re-

sponse that needs to occur,” said Snowden. He urged the tech companies to further tighten safeguards and called on people like the attendees at the annual festival to step up to help protect the public’s privacy.

“You guys are all the firefighters and we need you to help us fix this,” he told the audience.

Snowden’s disclosures of the NSA surveillance programmes since last summer have stirred up controversy and criticism home and abroad and a foreign relations crisis with its allies for the Obama administration. The former NSA contractor is facing

espionage charge for his disclosures.

Obama offered a series of proposals to change the NSA’s controversial surveillance practices earlier in January. Highlights of his proposals include pulling back part of the NSA’s bulk collection of US citizens’ phone records.

Obama directed the Justice Department and the intelligence community to develop options for a new approach of the domestic phone collection without the government holding the metadata. They are expected to report back to Obama before 28 March.

Xinhua

## Chinese raw materials also found on US B-1 bomber, F-16 jets

WASHINGTON, 11 March — After discovering China-made components in the F-35 fighter jet, a Pentagon investigation has uncovered Chinese materials in other major US weaponry, including Boeing Co’s B-1B bomber and certain Lockheed Martin Corp F-16 fighters, the US Defence Department said.

Titanium mined in China may also have been used to build part of a new Standard Missile-3 IIA being developed jointly by Raytheon Co and Japan, said a senior US defence official, who said the incidents raised fresh concerns about lax controls by US contractors.

US law bans weapons makers from using raw

materials from China and a number of other countries, amid concerns that reliance on foreign suppliers could leave the US military vulnerable in some future conflict.

The Pentagon investigated the incidents in 2012 and 2013, and granted the

waivers after concluding the non-compliant materials posed no risk, Defence Department spokeswoman Maureen Schumann told Reuters.

Frank Kendall, the Pentagon’s chief arms buyer, issued five such waivers after a change in US law in

2009 expanded the restrictions on specialty metals to include high-performance magnets, Schumann said. The change affected a radar system built by Northrop Grumman Corp for the F-35, which uses a number of such magnets.

Reuters



Four US Air Force B-1B Lancer bombers from the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing taxi down the runway prior to taking off on a combat mission, on 3 Jan 2002 during Operation Enduring Freedom.—REUTERS

## Chinese plane makes emergency landing over false alarm

JINAN, 11 March — A flight from Shanghai to Beijing was forced to land at an airport in Jinan in east China’s Shandong Province after a fire alarm on board went off in error late on Monday. The HO 1253 aircraft operated by Juneyao Airlines left Shanghai at 6:51 pm and was expected in Beijing

at 8:20 pm. The flight was forced to land in Jinan at 8:22 pm. According to a member of staff surnamed Song of Yaoqiang Airport in Jinan, the false fire alarm on the Airbus 320 came from the forepart of the cargo hold. The carrier has sent another flight to Jinan to take passengers to Beijing.—Xinhua

## Senior FAO official warns of a “full-scale” food crisis in CAR

UNITED NATIONS, 11 March — A senior UN official in the Central African Republic (CAR) has warned of a “full-scale” food crisis in the turbulent country if financial need and essential food shipment pleas made to the international community go unreached.

As the sectarian crisis devastating the country’s agriculture-based economy continues, the number of people displaced and affected by food insecurity has been high, Alexis Bonte, acting representative of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

for the CAR, told Xinhua in a recent phone interview.

Right now, about 1.3 million people, more than one quarter of the population, are in need of life-saving food assistance in the conflict-stricken country, he said. More than 650,000 people are still displaced inside the country and more than 290,000 have fled to neighbouring Cameroon, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Republic of Congo, the United Nations reported. “The major issue is giving food to all of these people,” he said.

Xinhua

## Two killed in Upper Egypt house collapse due to bad weather

CAIRO, 11 March — Two people were killed in Upper Egypt when parts of their mud-brick houses collapsed due to stormy weather and heavy rains on Monday, official news agency MENA reported.

A wave of bad weather has been hitting Upper Egypt over the past three days, killing a 45-year housewife and a 14-year girl in Sohag province, the report said. Aswan and Assiut provinces have been also hit by heavy rains and thunderstorm, causing power cuts and bringing the traffic in Assiut city to a halt. Egyptian authorities declared a state of emergency in

Upper Egypt as more than 16 houses were destroyed due to bad weather on Sunday in the New Valley’s al-Dakhla Oasis, 810 km south of Cairo.

Authorities were working around the clock to re-open highways strained by floods across the country, particularly in Sinai Peninsula and Upper Egypt.

Over the past three days, bad weather caused road accidents that killed 16 people in Minya and Hurghada. Also on Monday, parts of Moqattam hill in southern Cairo fell down due to accumulated snowfall over the high rocks, but no casualties were reported.—Xinhua

## No need for an extra ministerial meeting on SRM: Eurogroup head

BRUSSELS, 11 March — Eurogroup President Jeroen Dijsselbloem said on Monday that there is “no need” for another Eurozone ministerial meeting for discussing the Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM), indicating that a final agreement on SRM may be reached by the eurozone finance ministers within several days.

As the second pillar of the European Banking Un-

ion, the SRM is part of an EU effort to prevent future financial crises by pooling responsibility for eurozone’s failing banks.

The Eurozone financial ministers’ meeting, which started Monday, will discuss a wide range of issues such as Ukraine, Portugal and Greece, with the SRM capturing much attention among the press and market watchers.—Xinhua

## More fish intake boosts good cholesterol level



HELSINKI, 11 March — A recent study conducted by the University of Eastern Finland showed that increased intake of fatty fish can boost the level of high density lipoprotein (HDL), known as the good cholesterol.

Fish consumption has

long been believed to be good for health and people with higher levels of HDL tend to have lower risks of cardiovascular diseases. However, how fats and other useful nutrients in fish function in human body are not fully known. The new study,

according to a press release by the university, found that a higher intake of fish increases the number of large HDL particles, which function in sweeping extra cholesterol off artery walls and therefore reduce risks of cardiovascular diseases.

A total of 131 middle-aged persons who were at risk of developing cardiovascular disease, participated in the study. They were found to have the so-called metabolic syndrome characters, such as impaired glucose tolerance, obesity, hypertension or elevated blood fat levels. The participants were asked to record what they had eaten, and their blood samples were checked before and after the three-month study. As a result, increased number of large HDL particles were observed in persons who ate at least 3 to 4 fish meals a week. What the participants ate were fatty fish, such as salmon, rainbow trout, herring and vendace. No butter or cream was added in the cooking.

Xinhua

## US stocks dip after China, Boeing data

NEW YORK, 11 March — US stocks dipped on Monday, weighed down by soft data out of China and Boeing's latest production setback.

Merger and acquisition announcements, however, as well as company-specific news including on Facebook and Alexion Pharma, helped keep the S&P 500 and Nasdaq from bigger

losses. China's exports unexpectedly tumbled 18.1 percent in February, against expectations for a 6.8 percent rise, swinging the trade balance into deficit and adding to fears of a slowdown in the world's second-largest economy.

"There's reasons to be a little cautious on the market. There's a little bit of profit-taking," said Paul

Zemsky, head of asset allocation at ING Investment Management in New York.

But the numbers are not persuasive enough to make me want to sell US stocks," he said. "The impact (of China) would have to go beyond what we already expect from emerging markets."

Boeing Co (BA.N) shares lost 1.3 percent to \$126.89 on another production setback for the company's newest jet, as "hairline cracks" were discovered in the wings of about forty 787 Dreamliners. The weekend disappearance and presumed crash of a Malaysian airliner made by Boeing was another headwind for the stock.

The Dow Jones industrial average .DJI fell 34.04 points or 0.21 percent, to 16,418.68, the S&P 500. SPX lost 0.87 points or

0.05 percent, to 1,877.17 and the Nasdaq Composite .IXIC dropped 1.775 points or 0.04 percent, to 4,334.448. The S&P 500 had closed at a record of 1,878.04 on Friday. Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold (FCX.N) lost 2.5 percent to \$31.38 as signs of a slowing China sent London copper to a more than eight-month low.

Reuters

## Swatch sues Target, claims it copied watch designs

NEW YORK, 11 March — Target Corp has been sued by Swatch Group SA, which accused the second-largest US discount retailer of illegally selling watches that copy its own.

In a lawsuit made public on Monday in US District Court in Manhattan, Swatch, which is known for its plastic namesake watches, accused Target of infringing its designs for "zebra" and "multi-colour" watches.

sales."By adopting the Zebra Watch trade dress and the Multi-Colour Watch trade dress, defendants are unfairly competing" with Swatch, the complaint said.

Swatch seeks to stop Target from selling the alleged copies, recoup profit from prior sales and be awarded money damages.

Target spokesman Evan Lapiska declined to discuss the lawsuit, but said the retailer's policy is "to respect the intellectual



Swatch watches are displayed in front of a shop at the central station in Zurich on 4 Feb, 2013. — REUTERS

Swatch said the quality of Target's watches is "inferior" to its own, and that their continued sale is likely to confuse shoppers and damage the Swiss company's sales. It also said it advised Target of the alleged infringement, but that the Minneapolis-based company continued its

property rights of others and we expect the same from our vendors and partners." Swatch's lawsuit is dated on 7 March.

Retailers of luxury or well-known products often sue to stop sales of alleged imitations they believe cost them revenue and customer goodwill.—Reuters



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 10 March, 2014. — REUTERS

## Sharp mulling supplying LCD TVs to Comcast



OSAKA, 11 March — Sharp Corp is considering a tie-up with leading US pay TV provider Comcast Corp in which it would supply liquid crystal display televisions with inbuilt cable

channel receivers, sources close to the matter said on Tuesday.

As Sharp's earnings for the consumer LCD TV business have been worsening due to price compe-

titition with foreign rivals, it plans to revive the business by expanding deals with corporate customers, they said.

Comcast announced in February it would buy the second-biggest US cable company Time Warner Cable Inc., expanding its subscriber base to roughly 30 million from some 20 million. — Kyodo News

## Scientist urges withdrawal of his own 'breakthrough' stem cell research

TOKYO / LONDON, 11 March — A Japanese scientist called on Monday for his own headline-grabbing study on stem cells to be withdrawn from publication, saying its findings had now been thrown into too much doubt.

The research — hailed when it came out in January as a breakthrough that could herald a new era of medical biology — was covered widely in Japan and across the world after it was published in

the highly reputable science journal *Nature*. But since then, there have been reports that other scientists have been unable to replicate the Japanese team's results and that there may have been problems with its data and images." It is no longer clear what is right," Teruhiko Wakayama, a professor at Japan's University of Yamanashi who was part of the researcher team, told public broadcaster NHK.

The study, described

as game changing by independent experts asked to comment on it when it was published, appeared to show a simple way to reprogram mature animal cells back into an embryonic-like state that would allow them to generate many types of tissue.

The results appeared to offer a promise that human cells might in future be simply and cheaply reprogrammed back into embryonic cell-like cells — in this case cells dubbed

Stimulus-Triggered Acquisition of Pluripotency, or STAP, cells — suggesting a simple way to replace damaged cells or grow new organs for sick and injured people. "When conducting the experiment, I believed it was absolutely right," Wakayama said.

"But now that many mistakes have emerged, I think it is best to withdraw the research paper once and, using correct data and correct pictures, to prove once again the paper is

right. If it turns out to be wrong, we would need to make it clear why a thing like this happened."

A *Nature* spokesperson said "issues relating to this paper" had been brought to the journal's attention and it was conducting an investigation, but made no further comment.

Robin Lovell-Badge, a stem cell expert at Britain's National Institute for Medical Research, cautioned against premature assumptions on whether the re-

search was flawed. "I have an open mind on this," he told *Reuters*. "I'm waiting to hear from several serious stem cell labs around the world on whether they have been able to reproduce the methods." Wakayama's co-researcher Haruko Obokata, became an instant celebrity in Japan after she spoke during a *Nature* media briefing to science reporters all over the world about her eye-catching findings.—Reuters

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## US-Russian space trio lands safely despite bad weather



Russian astronaut Oleg Kotov holds an Olympic torch as he takes it on a spacewalk as Russian astronaut Sergei Ryazansky gives instructions outside the International Space Station in this still image taken from video courtesy of NASA TV, on 9 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

CAPE CANAVERAL/ALMATY, 11 March — An American astronaut and two Russians who carried a Sochi Olympic torch into open space landed safely and on time on Tuesday in Kazakhstan, defying bad weather and ending their 166-day mission aboard the *International Space Station (ISS)*. “We have landing!” read a huge TV screen at Russia’s Mission Control outside Moscow as the descent capsule hit the frozen ground at 0924 (0324 GMT) southeast of the town of Zhezkazgan in central Kazakhstan.”

Safe arrival back on Earth,” said a NASA TV announcer while all-terrain rescue and recovery vehicles were shown trundling across a snowy steppe to the capsule. “The crew are reported to be in good

health,” NASA said. Inside the capsule were former ISS commander Oleg Kotov and flight engineers Sergei Ryazansky and Michael Hopkins from NASA.

The trio launched together into space on 25 September. In addition to working on 35 science experiments, Kotov and Ryazansky carried the Olympic torch for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games outside the station during a spacewalk on 9 November.

They left behind a small crew headed by Japan’s Koichi Wakata, the first Japanese national to command the station. Three more crew members are due to arrive later this month. Severe weather in Kazakhstan had threatened to delay the Soyuz’s landing.

Before their undocking from the ISS, fog and low visibility had prevented airborne rescue and recovery teams from getting to Zhezkazgan, a town about 90 miles from the remote landing site on the windswept flatlands, a Russian space industry source said.

But Russian officials decided to go ahead with the landing after reviewing weather forecasts and the status of recovery crews.

“There’s a lot of snow on the ground and temperatures are hovering in the single-digits (Fahrenheit),” said NASA mission commentator Dan Huot. Due to severe weather conditions, it was decided not to set up an inflatable tent for routine medical tests at the landing site.

Reuters

### 155-million-year-old dinosaur skeleton on display in Dubai Mall

DUBAI, 11 March — The biggest shopping centre in the Middle East Dubai Mall opened on Monday the permanent exposition of a 155 million-year-old dinosaur skeleton, dating from the late Jurassic Period. The 24.4 meters long and 7.6 metres high adult dinosaur, found 90 percent intact, was unveiled to visitors for free on Monday night at the mall’s Grand Atrium.

“Dubai Mall has brought it here to attract tourists and shoppers,” said Sarah, one of the tourist guides who is explaining the brown-colored specimen to visitors. The remains of the dinosaur, which has a long tail and slender neck, were discovered in 2008 at the Dana Quarry in Wyoming, the United States, and it’s the first time ever that bones from one animal was found in a sleeping position.

It was previously displayed at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and later bought by Dubai properties developer Emaar to permanently display in Dubai Mall. But the price for the skeleton was not disclosed.—Xinhua

A Yahoo logo is pictured in front of a building in Rolle, 30 km (19 miles) east of Geneva, in this file picture taken on 12 Dec, 2012.

REUTERS

### Hearing-aid apps pump up the volume, double as headphones

TORONTO, 11 March — New smartphone apps that link to hearing aids are helping people with impaired hearing to pump up the volume on their devices or to use them as headphones to stream phone calls, YouTube videos and music.

About 36 million American adults have some hearing loss, according to the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. But only a fifth of people who could benefit from a hearing aid wear one. “People will always need

really good hearing aids, but moving forward, what will differentiate competitors will be connectivity (to smartphones), and it will need apps,” Lars Viksmoen, chief executive of GN ReSound, a maker of hearing aids based in Denmark, said in a telephone interview.

The company’s new, free app, ReSound Smart for the iPhone, turns hearing aids into headphones and allows users to remotely configure settings on their aids — such as volume, treble and bass. It also remembers particular



settings for different venues. “Let’s say you’re in a place you go to all the time, such as a coffee shop.

You can make an adjustment and then it will geotag your location, so the next time you walk in,

it will remember your settings,” said Laurel Christensen, the company’s chief audiology officer. In noisy locations, a selection on the app can convert the iPhone into a microphone, streaming conversation

into the hearing aids for better clarity. It also helps people find their aids, if they misplace them.

“As you walk around your house, the signal bars get stronger as you get closer to them, and it’s like a game of hot and cold,” Christensen said.

The company produces hearing aids, called ReSound LiNX, that cost around \$6000 for a pair and can be used with or without an iPhone. “I think we’re going to see an explosion in this area because of baby boomers.

Reuters

### Yahoo names US surveillance critic as chief security officer

BOSTON, 11 March — Yahoo Inc has named well-known security researcher Alex Stamos as its chief information security officer, tapping a vocal critic of the US government’s secret surveillance programmes for the position.

Stamos was one of the primary organizers of TrustyCon, a gathering of prominent technology experts last month who had

curity conference in San Francisco amid growing discord over some technology companies’ cooperation with US intelligence-gathering efforts.

Yahoo officials and Stamos could not be reached for comment on his appointment, which was announced Monday on the company’s blog by Yahoo Senior Vice President Jay Rossiter.—Reuters



### Elephants can judge threat from human languages

WASHINGTON, 11 March — Elephants are able to identify humans that pose a threat to them by distinguishing between the language and voices of different ethnic groups, a new study said on Monday. The study, carried out in Amboseli National Park in Kenya, involved family groups of African elephants being played sound recordings of the voices of two different human ethnic groups known to them: the Maasai, who, periodically come into conflict with elephants over access to water and grazing for their cattle, and the Kamba, whose more agricultural lifestyle poses less of a threat to elephants.

The results showed that elephants were more likely



to demonstrate defensive behavior, such as bunching together and investigative smelling, in response to male Maasai voices than male Kamba voices. Furthermore, their behavior was also less defensive in response to voices of Maasai women and boys than to Maasai men, indicating that they also specifically take account of the sex and age of the voice to pinpoint the most threatening situations.

The results suggested

that the elephants use vocal cues to determine the threat posed by nearby humans, and indicated considerable cognitive flexibility and fine-grained discrimination abilities, researchers at the University of Sussex said.” Recognizing predators and judging the level of threat they pose is a crucial skill for many wild animals,” Professor Karen McComb, lead author of the study, said in a statement.

Xinhua

## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 12 March, 2014

**Perform at your best on exam day**

The 12<sup>th</sup> of March is the first day of the matriculation examination for 2013-2014 Academic Year. High school students in Myanmar are taking a key exam that could become a great turning point in their life. If they take do well in

the examination, they will get good grades.

Brain-based questions calling on high school students to test their knowledge appear in this matriculation examination.

Many students find themselves in a terrible predicament as they take rote learning for the exam. Some students said they were able to perform at the best in the exams, but they did not to get a higher score. It is required to try to answer the questions through their brain-based learning.

It is necessary to be good at handling anxiety if you find yourself becoming nervous or overwhelmed during the exams. Reading carefully what you are being asked to do on each question

is imperative. It will help you to get good marks that are vital important for having a great opportunity in your life.

The most important thing you have to do is to review your outputs while staying for the full length of the exam. It enables you to make your answers more accurate than it was before and to score more additional points.

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**Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development assists in development tasks in Rakhine State**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint assisted in undertaking regional development tasks in more than 17 village-tracts in Maei and Yanbye townships of Rakhine State on Monday.

During his tour of inspection, the Union Minister pledged to fulfill regional requirements such as supplying drinking water, generating electricity, construction of inter-village roads, building wooden bridges, creating more job opportunities, providing

technical assistance, establishing rural region development banks and providing desks and chairs to the villages' schools.

He also pledged to undertake the infrastructure development in agriculture, education and health sectors.—MNA

**Myanmar to draw natural resources management strategic plan**

Meeting on formulation of a strategic plan for natural resources management in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win

Tun held talks on formulation of a strategic plan for natural resources management with officials from

Green Economy Green Growth (GEGG) Myanmar Association, UNDP Asia Pacific Regional Centre

**Myanmar steps up efforts for joining EITI**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — With the aim of applying for membership of Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative-EITI at the nearest meeting of the Board of Directors of EITI and timely releasing of reports, Myanmar Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group-MEITI-MSG was formed in 18 February this year.

The multi-stakeholder

group is chaired by Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Thein. Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw acts as the vice-chairman, while of members include six representatives each from the government and private sector and nine from civil society organizations.

It will implement the tasks for meet requirements for starting the EITI membership application process. Moreover, forma-

tion of technical subcommittees and other matters will be carried out.

EITI membership will benefit future generations of Myanmar. It can also help pave the way for the fight against corruption in the resource-based industries and thereby contribute towards a greater transparency for good governance which is of vital importance in attracting more FDI flows. —MNA

**National Objectives of 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day**

- To uphold Our Three Main National Causes as national policy
- To work on national security by the Tatmadaw joining hands with the government and the entire people
- To cooperate with the government in implementing rural development and poverty alleviation scheme, and
- To actively participate in restoring eternal peace and building a developed democratic nation based on the Union through peace and stability

and Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI) on Tuesday.

During the meeting held at the minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw, they discussed matters related to holding a seminar on the 10-year natural resources management strategic plan, cooperation with organizations concerned in the proposed projects for Global Environmental Facility-GEF that will be implemented this year and organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> GEGG Forum.

The seminar for drawing the strategic plan will be held in Forestry Department on 13-14 March.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Ministers U Aye Myint Maung and Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin and directors-general.

MNA

**U Kyaw Swar Minn presents Credentials to Queen Elizabeth II**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—U Kyaw Zwar Minn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, presented his Credentials to Her Majesty Eliz-

abeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the faith, on 5 March 2014 in London.

MNA

**U Win Hlaing presents his Credentials to Vietnamese President**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—U Win Hlaing, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, pre-

sented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Truong Tan Sang, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on 6 March 2014 in Hanoi.

MNA

**Health education for health promotion**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Health Education Task Force held its third work coordination meeting at National Health Museum in Yangon on Saturday in order to adopt effective health education measures for health improvement in the country including rural areas.

It is aimed at conducting health educative meas-

ures for heightening health awareness among the people through media.

Moreover, the meeting focused on reforms needed for stepping up efforts for dissemination of health education.

Attendees at the meeting exchanged views on health educative broadcast and putting a health educative sector in publica-

tions.

They agreed to develop human resources and coordinate matters related to educating people about health and research works with relevant organizations, calling for collaborative efforts of health staff, volunteers and members of civil society organizations.

MNA

## LOCAL NEWS

### Fifty-two invalid applicants seized in MPIO



YANGON, 11 March—Myanmar Passport Issuing Office has suspended 52 applicants as frauds are found in their documents.

They have been suspended from applying the passport for three months,

as official of MPIO in Yangon said.

MPIO has already issued a notice saying that they will take actions against applicants who commit frauds.

To apply for the pass-

port, an applicant needs to attach recommendation letter from ward/village authority, original and copy of the household certificate and the citizenship scrutiny card to the application form.—*Thant Zin Win*

### Farmers in Katha District use weed to feed pigs

INDAW, 11 March—Pig farmers in Katha District have turned to weeds grown in Indaw Lake to feed their

pigs as price of bran and broken rice have spirally upward. The current price of bran is K 2500 for one

basket and low-quality broken rice is K 8000 for one basket, according to the farmers. It costs K 400 for one basket of weed.

The pig farmers are convenient to farm pigs as the price of the weed is reasonable.

*U Ko Min (Indaw)*



### Number of mobile users applying internet access on the increase

YANGON, 11 March—Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications Office (Yangon branch) is crowded with over 30,000 mobile users daily who are applying Internet access.

“I need to get Inter-

net access to talk to my husband in abroad via Viber application in my android phone. In the past, I relied on Internet Café for chatting with him. Now, I can reduce my expenses on communication,” said an appli-

cant.

“Applicants need to sign a contract and to pay K 10,000 to MPT to get the internet access. MEC 800 Mhz 1500 SIM card can be used for Internet access,” said an official.—*Thant Zin Win*

### Groundnuts plantation thrives in Indaw

INDAW, 11 March — Groundnuts plants in Katha District are thriving as the rain fell when they are grown around mid-Febru-

ary. It costs K 15,000 per acre to plough the land with power tiller. Groundnuts from Bamauk Township is popular among farmers

to use them as seeds in the winter. The groundnut is harvested four months after the planting.

*U Ko Min (Indaw)*



### Retaining walls constructed to prevent erosion in Indaw Township

INDAW, 11 March—The Sagaing Regional Government is putting the finishing touches on

retaining walls in Latpangon Village in Indaw Township to prevent erosion. Work on construc-

tion of the retaining walls started on 3 March and it is expected to complete on 12 March.

Thirty villagers from the village are volunteering to construction of 40-ft long 25 retaining walls.

Local authority has funded K 500,000 to the construction.

*U Ko Min (Indaw)*



### Regional development tasks carried out by parliament funds clarified

WETLET, 11 March—Clarification on carrying out of regional development tasks spending parliament funds in eight village-tracts of Ywathagyi Station was made on 10 March.

On the occasion Parliamentarian Thiripyanchi Thura U Aye Myint clarified using of the funds

for regional development tasks. Administrators of the nine supporting committees also clarified their tasks.

The parliamentarian handed over the last amount of money in cheque to be paid for spending on rural development tasks to officials.

*Nan Myint (Wetlet)*

### Myanmar Chessmaster leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 11 March—To take part in International Open Chess Tournament in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam from 9 to 16 March,

Myanmar Chess master Win Zaw Tun left Yangon for Vietnam on 9 March.

*Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)*

## S Africa-Rwanda ties feared to hit new low after expulsions

JOHANNESBURG, 11 March — Relations between South Africa and Rwanda are feared to hit a new low with some reports even indicating a possible halt on diplomatic ties within 72 hours.

This came after Pretoria earlier last week threw out three Rwandan diplomats citing evidence linked to attacks on prominent Rwandan exiles living in South Africa.

In response, Kigali ordered six South African diplomats out of the East African country, saying South Africa harboured

dissidents responsible for terrorist attacks in Rwanda.

An official within the South Africa Department of International Relations (SADIR) said South Africa would not stand by and watch people being “killed on our soil by another government, just because we happen to be opposed to a sitting regime,” reported South African media *Daily Maverick*.

The official said the freeze in relations was likely to continue for as long as Rwandan President Paul Kagame remained in office.

*Xinhua*



A woman walks against sand and dust storm in Zhongning County, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 11 March, 2014. Gale and sand storm hit Ningxia on Tuesday. *XINHUA*

## Chilean is first foreign fatality in Venezuela unrest

CARACAS, 11 March — A Chilean woman was shot dead while clearing a barricade put up by anti-government protesters, the first foreign fatality during a month of civil unrest in Venezuela, authorities said on Monday.

The deaths of Gisel Rubilar, 47, who was studying in the western

Venezuelan city of Merida, and of a protester shot in the border state of Tachira, brought to at least 22 the number of fatalities in five weeks of unrest.

“She was ambushed by extreme right-wing groups ... She was vilely murdered with a shot in the eye,” Alexis Ramirez, the governor of Merida state,

told reporters, blaming the killing of Rubilar on unidentified demonstrators in the Andean city.

Students and militant opponents of President Nicolas Maduro have been maintaining street barricades in various cities since last month, demanding the president's resignation and solutions to problems of

rampant crime and economic shortages.

The barriers have become frequent flashpoints for violence between protesters, police and government supporters.

People from both sides of the political divide, as well as members of the security forces, have been among the victims of the country's worst unrest in a decade.

Daniel Ceballos, mayor of San Cristobal in Tachira state, said on Twitter that a student, Daniel Tinoco, was shot dead there late on Monday as protesters and government supporters clashed. San Cristobal has been hardest hit by the turmoil.

In Merida, the authorities said Rubilar was a mother of four and a member of the ruling Socialist Party. A classmate told *Reuters* she was studying higher education, had lived in Merida for six years and worked as an artisan.

*Reuters*



Anti-government protesters clash with police during a protest at Altamira square in Caracas on 10 March, 2014.—*REUTERS*

## Italy must wait to see if reform efforts impact budget goals

BRUSSELS, 11 March — Italy will have to wait to judge whether planned structural reforms will affect its ability to meet strict European Union budget limits, Economy Minister Pier Carlo Padoan said on Monday.

Speaking after a meeting of euro zone finance ministers in Brussels, Padoan said that it was generally accepted that structural reform measures, which took time to bear fruit, could have a temporary impact on public finances.

“Naturally there could be implications for the profile of public finances which would of course be clearly linked to the structural measures,” he said.

“This is the principle, whether this leads to respecting the limits with greater or lesser precision is something we don't know. We will see.” He said the principle was generally accepted by Italy's Eurogroup partners. “It's a concept that's part of the way the euro and the Eurogroup functions,” he said.—*Reuters*



Italy's Finance minister Pier Carlo Padoan attends a confidence vote at the Senate in Rome on 24 Feb, 2014. *REUTERS*

## Libya key source for illicit arms, fuelling conflicts

UNITED NATIONS, 11 March — UN experts say Libya has become a primary source of illicit weapons, including shoulder-fired missiles, which have been trafficked to at least 14 countries and are fuelling conflicts on several continents, Rwanda's UN envoy said on Monday.

Rwandan Ambassador Eugene Gasana, chair of the UN Security Council's Libya sanctions committee, briefed the 15-member council on the final report of the independent panel of experts who monitor violations of the world body's sanctions regime.

A UN arms embargo was imposed on Libya at the start of an uprising in 2011 that ousted leader Muammar Gaddafi. The fragile government is struggling to rein in dozens of militias that helped oust Gaddafi and now defy state authority.

“The panel noted that the control of non-state armed actors over the majority of stockpiles in Libya as well as ineffective border control systems remained primary obstacles to countering proliferation and that Libya had become a primary source of illicit weapons, including MANPADs,” Gasana told the council. MANPADs are man-portable air defence systems.

“The panel furthermore noted that investigations relating to transfers to 14 countries reflected a highly diversified range of trafficking dynamics; and that trafficking from Libya was fuelling conflict and insecurity — including terrorism — on several continents,” he said. Libya has been trying to rebuild its army since Gaddafi's overthrow, but analysts say it is not yet a match for battle-hardened militias that fought in the eight-month uprising that toppled him.—*Reuters*

## Three Taliban militants killed in Afghan raids

KABUL, 11 March — Three Taliban militants were killed while five others arrested in military operations, said the Afghan Interior Ministry on Tuesday. “Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) carried out several cleanup operations in several provinces within the past 24 hours, killing three Taliban members and detaining five other militants,” the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates. The ANSF also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

In addition, the Afghan National Police found and defused eight improvised explosive devices and roadside bombs planted on the side of main roads by the militants in recent days, according to the statement. The army and police have stepped up efforts to clear the militants across Afghanistan as the country is preparing for the presidential and provincial council elections slated for 5 April.—*Xinhua*

## Pakistani PM visits famine-hit areas following children deaths

ISLAMABAD, 11 March — Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday flew into a famine-hit area in southern Sindh province where hunger reportedly killed dozens of children over the past few months.

A total of 67 death cases of infants and children have been reported in Tharparkar District in three

months, according to an official report. However, media reports had put the death toll at 126.

The report, presented in the Supreme Court during the hearing, stated that 26 deaths were reported in December, 18 in January and 23 in February.

Health officials in the calamity-hit area said three more children died

Monday in Hyderabad, a main city in the region.

Officials said that the deaths were caused as the authorities could not deliver wheat to the affected people on time. "The responsibility should immediately be fixed on those who have failed to distribute wheat," Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif issued instruction to the chief

minister of Sindh Province at a high level meeting he presided over at Tharparkar. The state-run television aired Sharif's remarks live.

He also announced the aid of 1 billion rupees (9.8 million US dollars) from the federal government to deal with the situation, adding that the federal government will be ready to extend more aid.

The gov't report said that most of deaths in the drought-hit areas had been caused by such diseases as pneumonia, sepsis, birth asphyxia and that very few deaths had been caused by malnutrition.

The prime minister also visited affected people in a local hospital in the region.

*Xinhua*

## Indonesian man loses job, reported to police for killing cats

JAKARTA, 11 March — An Indonesian man was fired from his workplace and was reported to police by animal activists after he shot dead at least nine cats and posted the photos on his Facebook account, according to local media. Danang Sulisty, 30, lost his job at an investment company in Yogyakarta after being widely condemned by animal activists and members of the public in cyberspace.

*Kyodo News*

## Nepal to introduce Air Crash Investigation Regulation

KATHMANDU, 11 March — Nepal is introducing Air Crash Investigation Regulation in May in a bid to minimize air crash in future, officials said on Monday.

Nepal's Aviation Ministry claimed that once introduced, the regulation will help to bring down the rate of air crash by 20 to 25 percent in Nepal.

"In line with comments from International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) that Nepal has made zero progress in avoiding air crash from 2009 to 2013, the new regulation is being introduced," Buddhi Sagar Lamichhane, a high-level official at Aviation Ministry told *Xinhua*.

He said the envisioned regulation was crucial to bring down the number of air crash in Nepal and to abide by the standard of ICAO. "The final draft of the regulation has been prepared and we will submit it to the parliament within two weeks for endorsement," Lamichhane added.

Ratish Chandra Lal Suman, chief of Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN), said the new regulation will help to adopt modern and effective approach to probe air accidents by engaging required technical experts.

He said it will help to strictly implement the recommendations made by the probe committee and to learn from the past mistakes. "This will eventually help to promote air safety in Nepal by decreasing the number of air accidents," he said. Given the poor air safety situation in Nepal, the European Union (EU) has barred all Nepal-based airlines from European skies.—*Xinhua*



*Firefighters inflame to destroy drugs during a drug incineration ceremony at the Huashan Square in the county seat of Ningming, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 10 March, 2014. A total of 1,000 kilograms of drugs, seized at in China-Vietnam joint anti-drug campaigns in border areas since 2013, were destroyed in the ceremony.*

*XINHUA*

## Vietnam finds no fragments spotted by Hong Kong aircraft

HANOI, 11 March — Vietnamese naval ship has examined waters off southern Ba Ria Vung Tau province without finding any fragments earlier spotted by a Hong Kong commercial aircraft, Vietnam's National Committee for Search and Rescue said here Tuesday.

The naval ship HQ888 found no fragments as was earlier reported on suspicion of being part of a missing Malaysian jet, Vietnamese state news agency VNA quoted the committee as saying.

Hong Kong Air Traffic Management Division informed the committee late on Monday afternoon that a commercial aircraft spotted several large fragments off

southern Vietnamese coast.

In addition, Vietnam decided on Tuesday to expand the search scope from sea to inland area. Vo Van Tuan, deputy chief of staff of Vietnamese army, said Vietnam will search along two flight routes, from Hon Khoai in Ca Mau province to Ho Chi Minh City, as well as provinces in southwest, southeast and south central parts of Vietnam.

The country will deploy forces to comb mountainous and forest areas, Tuan told reporters at the National Committee for Search and Rescue. Vietnam also ordered relevant agencies to coordinate with Cambodia and Laos in searching border areas.

*Xinhua*



*Police officers search for the remains of people still unaccounted for in the wake of the 11 March, 2011 earthquake and tsunami, on the coast of Kesennuma, Miyagi Prefecture on 11 March, 2014, the third anniversary of the disaster. The disaster killed 15,884 people — many from drowning — and another 2,633 people remained missing as of 10 March, 2014, according to the National Police Agency.*

*KYODO NEWS*



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EEPC India will bring over 100 Indian engineering exporters to its 28th INDEE (India Engineering Exhibition) in Yangon, Myanmar from 13 to 15 March 2014.

INDEE Myanmar 2014 will provide a platform for discussing the possibilities of joint ventures and investments in infrastructure, agriculture, health care,

INDEE Myanmar 2014 will have Indian exhibitors from the following engineering sectors: Automotive components; Bicycle and parts; Electrical machinery and apparatus; Lifting and handling equipment and parts; Agricultural machinery and implements; Textile machinery and parts; Construction equipment and parts; Food

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Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

#### MV MALTE RAMBOW VOY NO (1410)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MALTE RAMBOW VOY NO (1410) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.3.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC SHIPPING AGENCY**  
Phone No: 2301185

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

#### MV PANJABHUM VOY NO (010)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PANJABHUM VOY NO (010) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.3.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S WANHAI SHIPPING LINE**  
Phone No: 2301185

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

#### MV GSS YANGON VOY NO (1012)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GSS YANGON VOY NO (1012) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.3.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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## ADVERTISEMENT &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL  
YANGON

## Commercial Dispute No. I

Myanma Economic Holding Limited -----

(Its authorised agent, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd),  
head of department and productions  
department)

Vs.

TAG Company Limited -----

(Its authorised agent, U Than Oo, Chairman)

Applicant

Respondent

## Second summons to appear before the Arbitral Tribunal

Date , 4th March, 2014

There is a commercial dispute between Myanma Economic Holding Limited (Its authorised agent, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), head of department and productions department) and TAG Co., Ltd. (Its authorised agent, U Than Oo, Chairman) arisen from the leased Agreement of Padonmar soap factory (Paung T/S) together with production and sale of Padonmar soap, entered into on (1-9-2011). Both parties tried to settle such dispute amicably out side of the Court many times. But can not settle it so that both parties decided mutually to settle it through arbitral tribunal according to resolution of meeting held on (3-4-2013) in accordance with provisions of the Arbitration Act of 1944 and paragraph (17) of their Agreement. Therefore, both parties appointed each Arbitrator respectively and such two Arbitrators opened the Arbitral Tribunal at the venue of arbitration, the hall (ground floor), of Myawaddy Trading Limited, No. 55/61, Strand Road, Yangon, Myanmar and commenced its examination on (15-7-2013). The Arbitrator examined Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), authorised agent of Myanma Economic Holding Limited firstly on (15-7-2013) under provisions of existing laws and finished such examination on (12-8-2013). Myanma Economic Holding Limited (MEHL) produced its list of witnesses which contained 15 witnesses to be examined by Arbitrators. But cannot examine its 14 witnesses until now.

On (19-8-2013) the authorised agent of MEHL, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd) submitted an interim application in respect of the matter to redeliver the disputed Padonmar soap factory and its business to MEHL, without serving due court fees under schedule II, paragraph 18 of the Myanmar Court Fees Act. The authorised agent of TAG Co., Ltd, U Than Oo, submitted an objection upon such interim application on (26-8-2013). Then, both parties submitted arguments respectively.

Then, two Arbitrators viewed on such interim application of MEHL's Colonel Win Kyi (Retd) and gave awards respectively and specifically. The Arbitrator U Kyaw Min (B.A., H.G.P, R. L) gave his award that TAG Co., Ltd must redeliver disputed Padonmar soap factory (Paung T/S) to MEHL lastly on (7-11-2013). But another Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing (B.Sc., R.L) gave his award that such matter should be awarded only after getting complete depositions and evidences submitted by both parties under real cause of action and provisions of law so that interim application submitted by Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), has been dismissed.

The provisions of paragraph (17) of mutual leased Agreement described as "If any dispute is occurred arisen from this Agreement both parties shall settle it amicably. If such dispute cannot be settled shall settle it through Arbitration by means of appointing each Arbitrator by either party and such two Arbitrators shall solve it. If cannot be settled it both of two Arbitrators shall appoint an Umpire under their mutual Agreement. Such Umpire shall give award on such dispute. The award of two Arbitrators or such Umpire shall bind on both parties and effect finally. The procedures of Arbitration shall be in accordance with the Arbitration Act of 1944 and its all existing amendments (Myanmar Act No. 4/1944). The costs of such Arbitration shall be borne by the lost party". But MEHL does not abide by above terms and conditions of mutual Agreement.

The authorised agent of MEHL, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd) does not abide by the terms and conditions of paragraph (17) of mutual Agreement intentionally and breach it. MEHL does not try and arrange to appoint an Umpire under terms and conditions of such paragraph (17) intentionally and then submitted the second interim application on (11-11-2013) with the intention to revise award of Arbitrator, U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing pronounced on (4-11-2013) but U Than Oo, authorised agent of TAG Co., Ltd, objected to it on (18-11-2013). The Arbitrator, U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing dismissed such second interim application on (2-12-2013). During such period, the Arbitrators

examined Brigadier General Aye Thike (Retd) (Director of Account & Work Inspection Department) and Lt. Colonel San Myint (Retd), head of Padonmar soap factory (Paung T/S), two witnesses produced by MEHL. During cross-examination on Lt. Colonel San Myint made by lawyer of TAG Co., Ltd on (13-1-2014), Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), authorised agent of MEHL and his Advocate U Hla Kyi signed a proposal and submitted to the Arbitral Tribunal. They described that they do not believe in the Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing and proposed to cancel such Arbitration. As soon as their proposal has been submitted the Arbitrator U Kyaw Min declared before the Arbitral Tribunal that he resigned from his Arbitrator post with effect from (13-1-2014) and recommended proposal of MEHL's authorised agent. Therefore, the remaining Arbitrator, U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing instructed to MEHL's side to appoint a new Arbitrator in time under provisions of the Arbitration Act, to the Arbitral Tribunal through a outsider who is not a party of such Arbitration. Such declaration was signed by both Colonel Win Kyi (Retd) and his Advocate U Hla Kyi in respect of cancellation of such Arbitral Tribunal. Such letter's meaning is one sided cancellation of the existing. Arbitral Tribunal which was formed under provision of the Arbitration Act of 1944 and paragraph (17) of the mutual Agreement. But the existing laws do not allow it. **In Section 5 of such Act provided that an appointed Arbitrator or umpire shall not be revocable except with the leave of the Court, unless a contrary intention is expressed in the arbitration agreement.**

It is to be known that the Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing had dismissed both the proposed letter, dated (13-1-2014) to terminate such Arbitral Tribunal and declaratory letter, dated (7-2-2014) to cancel such Arbitral Tribunal under provisions of the Arbitration Act of 1944.

Then, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), authorised agent of MEHL and his Advocate U Hla Kyi did not appear before Arbitral Tribunal on adjourned date (3-2-2014) and absent, and lawyer of TAG Co., Ltd submitted objection to proposal of MEHL, dated (3-2-2014) on (3-2-2014). Similarly Colonel Win Kyi (Retd) and his Advocate U Hla kyie were absent and did not appear before the Arbitral Tribunal again and remove chairs, tables and furnitures from the Arbitral Tribunal chamber in advance which were using for Arbitral Tribunal with the intention to terminate the Arbitration. On that adjourned date lawyer of TAG, Co., Ltd submitted argument on such proposal submitted by MEHL.

On (5-2-2014) adjournment, TAG Co., Ltd's side sent a written notice to Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), authorized agent of MEHL by postal registered letter under section 8 (b) (c) and section 9 (a) (b) of the Arbitration Act of 1944 in order to substitute and appoint a new Arbitrator at vacant post.

On (10-2-2014) adjournment, a copy of such notice was submitted to the tribunal by authorized agent of TAG Co., Ltd. On the same day, MEHL sent a declaratory letter through an outsider.

As Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), authorized agent of MEHL and his Advocate U Hla Kyi were absent on (3-2-2014) and (10-2-2014) to be appeared before the Arbitral Tribunal respectively, the Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing signed and sent a summon to them under jurisdiction of the Arbitration Act of 1944, by postal registered letter, to be appeared by themselves on (17-2-2014) the adjourned date, without absence. But, they did not appear before Arbitral Tribunal and already locked main doors of such Arbitral Tribunal Chamber so that Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing, U Than Oo authorized agent of TAG Co., Ltd., his lawyer U Nyi Nyi, Director of TAG Co., Ltd. U Thein Htay, U Ye Naing, and some staffs of TAG Co., Ltd were standing in front of such locked chamber. Such performances of Colonel Win Kyi and his Advocate U Hla Kyi were carried out with the intention to terminate such Arbitral Tribunal and against provisions of the Arbitration Act. But such Arbitral Tribunal is still existing legally under provisions of the Arbitration Act of 1944.

Therefore, the Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing transferred such Arbitral Tribunal Chamber to building No. 37/5, fourth floor, Sabei street, Bolane Aung Mingalar Ward, Tamwe Township, Yangon Region immediately and opened such temporary Arbitral Tribunal legally. It is to inform that now such Arbitral Tribunal is still opening legally at No. 121, first floor, Anawrahta road, (4) Ward, Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region.

Now, I seal, sign and issue the second summon to both of you on today (4-3-2014) in order to appear before the Arbitral Tribunal because both of you were absent to appear before such Arbitral Tribunal without any reasons in respect of first summon issued on (10-2-2014).

It is to inform that if both of you shall not appear on (17-3-2014) at (13:00) P.M. before such Arbitral Tribunal and absent, I shall hear ex parte in the absence of you in accordance with provisions of existing laws:

**U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing, B.Sc., R.L**  
**Arbitrator**

INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER  
(16<sup>th</sup> Term Supply Tender)

- Open Tenders are invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of High Speed Diesel 1.645 M bbls  $\pm 10\%$  and Jet A1 0.752 M bbls  $\pm 10\%$ .
- Tender Closing Date : **2-4-2014** at (12:00) noon.
- Tender Opening Date : **2-4-2014** at (13:00) hrs,
- Delivery Time : 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015
- Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing 13-3-2014 on payment of the Myanmar Kyat One Hundred Thousand (Kyat 100,000) per set.
- Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director  
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

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MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER  
DEPARTMENT OF HYDROPOWER  
IMPLEMENTATION  
INVITATION TO TENDER

- Qualified Contractors and/or Joint Ventures are invited to submit Tender Proposals in United States Dollars for the design and construction of the Contract:  
"Upper Yeywa Hydropower Project - Construction of Underground Facilities"
- Closing Date of Tender Acquisition - 9.4.2014 (16:00) PM  
Tender Submission Date - 9.7.2014 (10: 00) AM  
Tender Opening Date - 9.7.2014 (14: 00) PM
- Tender Invitation Letter and Documents with detail information shall be available at the following address.  
Tender Invitation Committee  
Department of Hydropower Implementation  
Office No. (38), Nay Pyi Taw  
Phone : 067 411415, Fax : 067 411081

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friend**

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 (Fullmoon day of Tabaung) and 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 (Armed Forces Day). Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

Liam Neeson: I refused James  
Bond role for my wife-to-be

LONDON, 11 March — Irish actor Liam Neeson has revealed that he turned down the chance to play James Bond because his then-girlfriend Natasha Richardson told him that she would not marry him if he accepted the

role. The 61-year-old actor, best known for his work in Steven Spielberg's 1993 Oscar winner Schindler's List, said that he was heavily courted for the iconic 007 role 19 years ago, reported Contactmusic.—PTI

## Nadal and Sharapova beaten at Indian Wells

NEW YORK, 11 March — Rafa Nadal and Maria Sharapova were both knocked out of the BNP Paribas Open at Indian Wells on Monday after stunning upsets at one of the world's biggest tournaments outside the four grand slams.

Nadal was sent packing by Ukraine's Alexandr Dolgoplov 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) after Sharapova fell to Italian qualifier Camila Giorgi 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 as last year's men's and women's singles champions both crashed out.

Nadal blew a 4-2 lead in the deciding tiebreak after the Spaniard had fought his way back from 5-2 down in the deciding third set.

"I wanted to play very well here. I had good success in this tournament in the past, a tournament I always feel good about," said Nadal, who will now turn his attention to the Sony Open in south Florida. "I'm going to keep working hard to try to be ready to play better in Miami."



**Maria Sharapova**

Nadal beat Dolgoplov in the final of the inaugural Rio Open last month but the Ukrainian got his revenge on the world number one in the Californian desert.

"I feel great, as after every win, of course. I beat the defending champion and the number one in the world," said Dolgoplov, whose next opponent is Fabio Fognini after the Italian saved two match points in a 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 win over Frenchman Gael Monfils.

Giorgi, a 22-year-old ranked 79th in the world, made the fourth round of

the US Open last year as a qualifier, but her win over the world number five Russian was the biggest of her career.

"I did not play a good match at all," said Sharapova, who dropped serve eight times and committed 58 unforced errors.

"(I've) never played against her, but she's someone that doesn't give you much rhythm. She's quite aggressive, but some shots she hits incredible for a long period of time.

"Sometimes they go off a bit. But, if I'm speaking about my level, it was nowhere near where it should have been."



**Camila Giorgi**

Giorgi will play her countrywoman Flavia Pennetta in the next round after she beat Australian Sam Stosur 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

There were no other major surprises although Britain's Andy Murray was forced to dig deep to see off promising Czech Jiri Vesely and avoid a similar fate.

The Wimbledon champion won 6-7 (7-2), 6-4, 6-4 but only after clawing back from the brink of defeat against the 20-year-old Vesely.

Murray lost the opening set despite going up an early break but then struggled on serve against the left-handed Vesely, ranked



**Rafael Nadal**

77th in the world.

The Scotsman was broken six times in the match and trailed in both the second and third sets but fought back each time, reeling off four consecutive games to seal victory.

"It was just one of those matches where there wasn't one period where I thought that the level of tennis from both of us was high at the same time," said Murray.

"That can create a lot of breaks and a lot of sort of back and forth swings in the match. It wasn't just the start of the match that was frustrating. The whole match was."

Murray will play Canada's big-serving Milos Raonic in the next round as he bids to win one of the few North American hard-court titles to have eluded him.

Switzerland's former world number one Roger Federer also advanced after he was pushed all the way by Russia's Dmitry Tursunov before winning 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (7-2).

Federer, who won his 78th career singles title in Dubai earlier this month, will play either German Tommy Haas or Japan's Kei Nishikori in the fourth round.

*Reuters*

## Patience key for Atletico clash, Milan's Seedorf says

MADRID, 11 March — AC Milan will play a patient game in Tuesday's Champions League last 16 second leg at Atletico Madrid when they attempt to overturn a 1-0 deficit, coach Clarence Seedorf said on Monday.

The only player to win Europe's elite club competition with three different clubs, former Ajax Amsterdam, Real Madrid and Milan midfielder Seedorf said Atletico were clearly the favourites to advance to the quarter-finals.

However, he said the seven-times European champions' glittering history could give them an edge at the Calderon, where Atletico will be trying to reach the last eight for the first time since 1997.

"You always have to have balance on these occasions," Seedorf, who took over from the sacked Massimiliano Allegri in January, told a news conference. "The lead is minimal and the tie is open and I don't expect much to change from the first leg," added the former Netherlands international.—*Reuters*

## Last tango in Paris but Leverkusen will fight

PARIS, 11 March — Bayer Leverkusen will resist the option of fielding a second-string team despite taking an almost insurmountable 4-0 deficit to Paris St Germain on Wednesday for their Champions League last-16 second leg.

"We cannot just throw this game away because otherwise we can go ahead and send the Under-23 team," Leverkusen coach Sami Hyypia told reporters.

"I am really looking forward to the game and every player should feel the same."

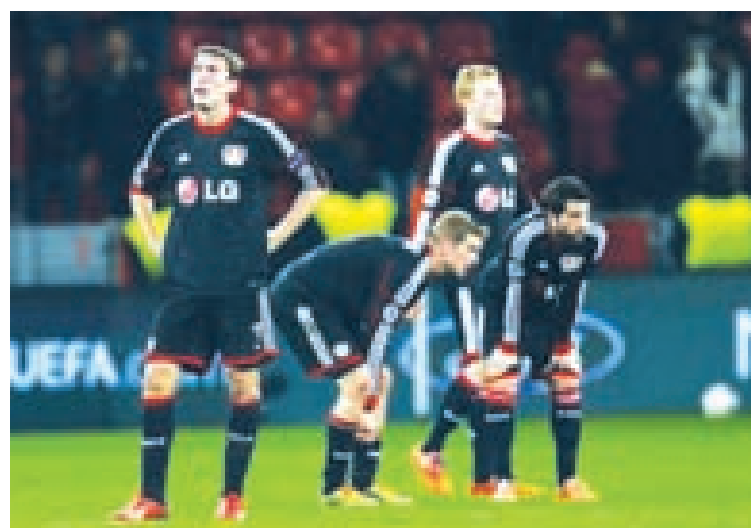
The former Liverpool defender's team have been struggling since the winter

break, a German Cup exit to second division Kaiserslautern last month followed by three straight Bundesliga defeats.

"This is a challenge and we have to put in a good performance. I am a fighter and I hope my team has the same approach," said Finn Hyypia.

Leverkusen are without midfielder Jens Hegeler who tore ankle ligaments in the 1-1 draw against Hannover 96 on Saturday and is out for the rest of the season.

"As far as the Champions League is concerned we are out," said keeper Bernd Leno who saved a penalty and was



**Bayer Leverkusen's (L-R) Stefan Reinartz, Lars Bender, Julian Brandt and Gonzalo Castro react after their Champions League soccer match against Paris St Germain in Leverkusen on 18 Feb, 2014.**  
**REUTERS**

outstanding against Hannover. "But that does not mean we want to go and get slaughtered in Paris."

PSG have been in

rampant form since their first-leg rout, netting nine goals in three Ligue 1 outings. Laurent Blanc's side have won their last five

matches in all competitions. Led by talisman Zlatan Ibrahimovic, they have scored 16 goals and conceded twice.—*Reuters*

## Barcelona have done nothing wrong in Neymar transfer



**Brazilian soccer player Neymar**

BARCELONA, 11 March — The controversy surrounding the transfer of Brazilian Neymar to

Barcelona is "unfair" because the Spanish champions have done nothing wrong, club president Josep Maria Bartomeu said on Monday.

Barcelona have been accused of tax fraud by Spanish authorities after it came to light the striker's transfer fee, initially disclosed as 57.1 million euros, was in fact closer to 90 million euros.

"Barca is a very well known brand name in the world and we have to take care of Barca of the club

and doing this is prudent situation to keep the good image of our club," Bartomeu told the BBC.

"We don't agree with the judge, of course. For us, this is an absurd and unfair situation because we did everything correctly in signing Neymar to FC Barcelona."

The saga has already cost Sandro Rosell the club presidency and after being charged with tax fraud last month, Barcelona agreed to pay a further 13.5m euros to the Spanish treasury.

The Spanish champions were adamant they had not broken any rules and said they had made the payment due to a possible difference of interpretation about how much tax was owed.

"Barcelona acted in the proper way but if somebody thinks that there is damage to the name of Barcelona then there is damage to be repaired," Bartomeu added. "We are not happy with the situation but we will defend our club very strongly."—*Reuters*

## GENERAL

## Kun the potential key to City's salvation

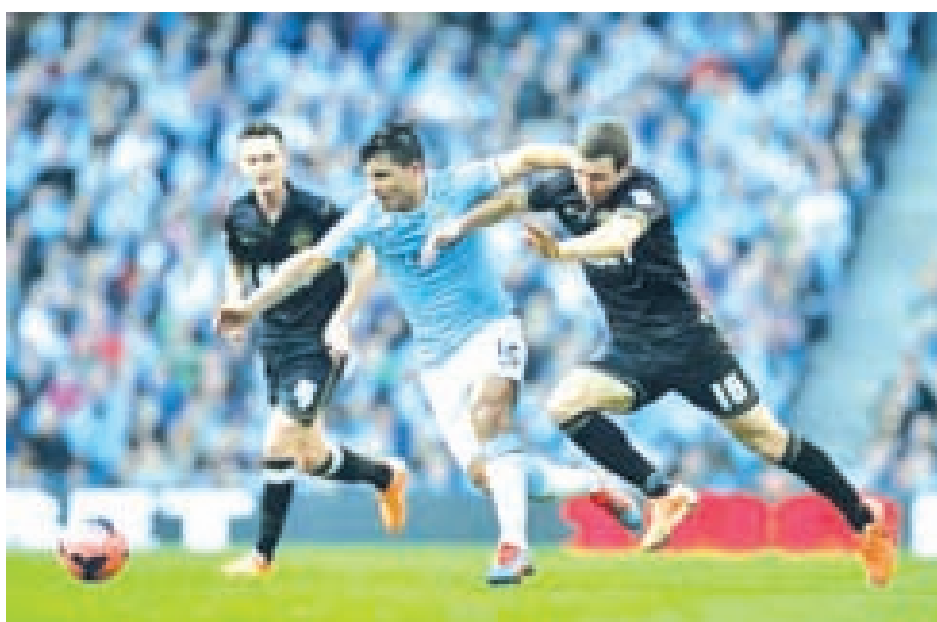
MADRID, 11 March — Sergio Aguero has a proven scoring record against Barcelona and the Manchester City forward may have a crucial role to play if his side are to upset the odds and reach the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time.

City trail 2-0 ahead of Wednesday's last 16, second leg at the Nou Camp, a Lionel Messi penalty and a late Daniel Alves goal in Manchester last month putting the Spanish champions on the brink of their seventh consecutive appearance in the last eight of Europe's elite club competition.

Aguero, who missed the first leg through injury but returned for City's English Capital One (League) Cup final victory on 2 March, scored five goals in 10 La Liga games against Barca for Atletico Madrid between 2006 and 2011.

They included a dramatic winner, his second of the match, in a 4-3 success at the Calderon in the 2008-09 season that prompted the kind of wild celebrations he unleashed with the goal that sealed the Premier League title for City in 2012.

The player, known as "Kun" after a Japanese cartoon character, also netted a double in the same La Liga fixture a year earlier, a



**Wigan Athletic's James McArthur (R) challenges Manchester City's Sergio Aguero during their English FA Cup quarter final soccer match at the Etihad stadium in Manchester, northern England on 9 March, 2014.—REUTERS**

4-2 win for Atletico.

He has never tasted victory at the Nou Camp though in six visits but did score in a 1-1 draw in 2006-07.

"As always in important games the individual performance of players is key," City coach Manuel Pellegrini, who has labelled Aguero the third best player in the world behind his Argentina team mate Messi and Portugal forward Cristiano Ronaldo, said on the club's website (www.mfc.co.uk) on Monday.

"Of course it's difficult," added the Chilean, in his first season in charge

following stints in Spain with Villarreal, Real Madrid and Malaga.

"But I don't have any doubt that we are going to Barcelona thinking that we can do it, that we can beat them in Camp Nou and we will try to have our revenge there," Pellegrini also has experience of Barca's daunting arena, Europe's biggest stadium. He faced them 22 times during his La Liga coaching career but only managed four victories, most recently a 2-1 win for Villarreal at the Nou Camp in March 2008.

He lost both "Clasicos" against Barca as Real

coach in the 2009-10 season, 1-0 away and 2-0 at home.

"It's difficult because they are a very good team with great players and that's the most important thing," Pellegrini said.

"We will try to get the tempo we need to score goals. If we can score a goal early Barcelona may be more nervous.

"There are so many things affecting the outcome of big games that it is very difficult to know what will be the key factor. If we have a good day I am absolutely sure we can do it."

Reuters

## MYANMAR TV

(12-3-2014, Wednesday)

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1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

6:30 am

2. Physical Exercise

7:00 am

3. News/Weather Report

8:30 am

4. India Drama Series

9:45 am

5. Teleplay (Health)

10:00 am

6. News

11:45 am

7. Approaching Science Discovery World

12:00 pm

8. News/International News/Weather Report

12:25 pm

9. Myanmar Movie

3:00 pm

10. News

3:15 pm

11. TV Drama Series

4:15 pm

12. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) First Year (English)

5:00 pm

13. News

5:15 pm

14. Documentary

5:30 pm

15. India Drama Series

6:00 pm

16. News/Weather Report

6:45 pm

17. TV Drama Series

7:00 pm

18. News

8:35 pm

19. People Talks

8:45 pm

20. Hit Songs of Stars

9:00 pm

21. News

22. Documentary

23. Fine Arts - Bosom of Dramatic Performance

## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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## Argentina, Thailand agree to boost Customs cooperation

BUENOS AIRES, 11 March — Argentina and Thailand agreed on Monday to enhance Customs cooperation to curb cross-border crimes and boost mutual personnel and technical assistance.

Under an agreement signed here by the customs authorities of the two countries, the two sides will be able to protect each other's economic, fiscal and commercial interests, according to Argentina's Federal Public Revenue Administration.

The agreement is aimed at curbing cross-border crimes such as smuggling and customs tax evasion, and boosting mutual personnel or technical assistance.

"This agreement will allow us to access the fiscal databases linked to foreign trade," said Ricardo Echegaray, head of the administration.—Xinhua

## China becomes world's second largest agricultural insurance market

BEIJING, 11 March — China has become the world's second largest agricultural insurance market after the United States, the country's insurance regulator said on Tuesday.

China's agricultural insurance covered 1.1 billion mu (73 million hectares) of crops in 2013, accounting for 45 percent of the total planting acreage, said Xiang Junbo, head of the China Insurance Regulatory Commission.

The agricultural insurance scheme paid 20.9 billion yuan (3.4 billion US dollars) in compensation and benefited 33.67 million rural households last

year, said Xiang at a press conference on the sidelines of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature.

A major planter in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province received as much as 3.52 million yuan in compensation from the scheme last year, he said. Xiang said China has always supported foreign capital in the country's agricultural insurance programs.

China will continue to extend the coverage of the insurance, strengthen supervision and pay high attention to risk control, he said.

The head of the commission also stressed the importance of establishing a catastrophe insurance system, adding that it would relieve the financial burdens on the government. Compensation from catastrophe insurance normally covers 30 percent to 40 percent of losses internationally. In China it covers less than 1 percent, said Xiang.

The Wenchuan earthquake in 2008 caused direct economic losses of 845.1 billion yuan but compensation paid out from insurance was just over 2 billion yuan, accounting for 0.2 percent of the total losses, he said.—Xinhua



**Horses carry spring ploughing materials for farmers in Ganlu Village of Changtanhe Dong Autonomous Township in Xuan'en County, central China's Hubei Province, on 10 March, 2014. More than 30 caravans in Xuan'en County, where most labor choose to migrate to big cities for working, take on tasks to carry spring ploughing materials for the women and the elderly who are stayed at home to take care of the fields.—XINHUA**

## Parliament passes Bills amending Income Tax Law, Commercial Tax Law

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw passed the two Bills amending the Income Tax Law and the Commercial Tax Law after holding discussions on each amendment at its 22nd session on Tuesday.

The Joint Bill Committee and representatives proposed amendments and discussed them before seeking approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

According to Sec-

tion 1 (b) of the newly-approved income tax law, the Law shall come into force with effect from 2014-2015 assessment year.

The commercial tax law that has been recently passed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw allows taxpayers to present a petition against any orders of tax collectors in accord with rules and regulations.

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**U Thein Tun Oo taking part in discussions on bills.**



**U Khin Maung Yi holding discussion on bills.**



**Union Minister U Win Shein submits proposal for parliamentary approval on bills.**

## Ducheeyadan probe commission releases investigation report



**Dr Tha Hla Shwe**

YANGON, 11 March—The investigation commission into the conflict in Ducheeyadan (West) village in Maungdaw Township in Rakhine State on 13 and 28 January released its report this morning.

At the press briefing

on the report of the commission led by Dr Tha Hla Shwe held in Myanmar Peace Centre here this morning, the chairman of the commission said the report would not do “naming and blaming”, but aimed at promoting social harmony and stability in Rakhine State.

The investigation commission had carried out focus group discussion, in-depth interview and field surveys during their investigation into the conflict from 15 to 20 January.

The commission interrogated 175 villagers during the investigation.

Dr Tha Hla Shwe not-

ed that the commission sought advices from forensic experts to compile the report. International legal practitioner Dr Salai Ngon Kyon Hlyan, a member of the commission, said that according to the 200-yard distance between the two fire and the photos taken by police and authorities, the

commission has assumed that the fire outbreaks in the village could be political motivated by a group and arson attacks. He denied that a villager was killed during the conflict, saying that that villager was being detained at a local police station for interrogation.

Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, the secretary of the commission, recommended

the enforcement of the 1982 Citizenship Law to support rule of law measures in Rakhine State.

The 11-member commission was formed under a Presidential order on 6 February, 2014, to investigate into violence in Ducheeyadan village.

The commission sent a detailed report to the President on 28 February.

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**Dr Salai Ngon Kyon Lyan.**



**Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing.**



**Dr Daw Yin Yin Nwe.**

### 14 killed in insurgent violence in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 11 March—Up to 14 people were killed and 14 others wounded in shootings and bombings, mainly targeting security forces, in Iraq on Tuesday, police said. In Iraq's western province of Anbar, four soldiers were killed and three others wounded when a land mine struck their patrol in Amriyat al-Fallujah area, near the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, Commander of the Army's 10th Division Ali al-Hashimi was wounded in his foot in a clash with gunmen near the town of Khaldiyyah, some 80

km west of Baghdad, the source said.

Also in the province, a sticky bomb attached to a military vehicle exploded and killed an intelligence officer on a main road in south of Fallujah, the source added.

Anbar province has been the scene of fierce clashes that flared up after Iraqi police dismantled an anti-government protest site outside Ramadi in late December last year.

Earlier, the police said that nine people were killed and 10 others wounded in separate bomb attacks in northern and central Iraq.

Xinhua



**Media persons at press briefing on the report of Ducheeyadan probe commission.**

## M.V Deutchland cruise liner carrying over 400 tourists arrives Myanmar

YANGON, 11 March—M.V Deutchland cruise liner carrying more than 400 globetrotters docked at the Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal in Yangon on Monday morning.

The visit of the cruise liner owned by Dectusche Kreuzfahrt Mana Ser GmbH Company to Myanmar is her

third time and the previous visits were in 1999 and 2011.

The tourists are visiting Yangon, Bago and Bagan and most of them will go back to Germany by flight after their visits.

Meanwhile, about 200 tourists will come into Myanmar by different flights and will join

with MV Deutchland to visit other countries.

“This is our first experience for arranging turn round trip,” said a spokesperson of Myanmar Voyages International Co., Ltd which have arranged trips of 60 cruise liners to Myanmar.

Many cruise liners arrived in Myanmar this year.—MNA



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