

Villagers near Nay Pyi Taw pin hopes on census for jobs



The future of children lies on census.—PHOTO: KERSTIN WINTER

As Myanmar's first census in over three decades is under way, people in Wegyi Village near Nay Pyi Taw are waiting for the arrival of authorities to question them with mixed feelings, with many villagers saying they feel depressed and hopeless about their future as most cannot find a job and rely entirely on their vegetable garden for survival.

Of the 300 households in Wegyi Village, only a few lucky ones have found jobs in town—and they have left the village a long time ago. Making a living is a major struggle for all residents, with the census not even a topic of discussion for them.

"I didn't see any pamphlets or posters about the census. I am not interest-

ed in it anyway, because I am too busy trying to survive. It is very difficult to survive here," said Ko San Myint, a 35-year old small-scale farmer with a weathered face.

"I depend on my parents, so I really hope to get a job as a result of the census," said 37-year old Daw Win Mar, while cradling her child outside her parent's small hut.

A graduate from Kyaukse University, Ma Zu Zin Hnin, 22, said he hopes for electrification as an outcome of the census.

"I want electricity supply not only for our village but also the other villages. And I wish the officials would open a library here and renovate the primary school," he said.

While the last census in Myanmar was taken in

1983, the older generation in the village cannot remember it, like U Myint Than, who is now 59.

"I don't remember anyone coming. And now...there is basically no knowledge on the census in this village, although the officials distributed pamphlets and put a poster on the tree. I know about the census through educational programmes on TV," he said. And like all the others he hopes the officials will create job opportunities for people, at least for those who have graduated. "But some parents do not even want their children to go to universities. They do not want to pay the fees for an education because here in our village none of the graduates managed to get

a job. The youth feels depressed about this," he said. And there is much doubt that the census is going to change this.



U Gyi Hla and his family survive on his small income as a vendor.

PHOTO: KERSTIN WINTER

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Union Minister U Myat Hein makes a speech at prize presentation ceremony of Educational Project Competition Contest at MICT in Yangon.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Education is the crucial for development of human resources that plays a vital role to build the modern developed country, said Union Minister for Communications and In-

formation Technology U Myat Hein, at the prize presentation ceremony of Educational Project Competition Contest at MICT park of Hline University Campus in Yangon.

The Union Minister

focused on the development of socio-economy and ICT sector that support to increase life style individually. He urged the students from University of Computer Studies to try their best to be ICT de-

velopers. The Union ministers awarded the winners in Educational Project Competition at the ceremony and they viewed round the works of ICT projects.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Director-General Dr Zaw Win of Department of Technical and Vocational Education under the Ministry of Science and Technology on expiry of the one year probationary period.

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Tateshi HIGUCHI as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Tateshi HIGUCHI was born on 11th April 1953 and graduated from Faculty of Law, Tokyo University in 1978. He joined the National Police Agency in 1978 and became the director of Second Investigation Division of Nagano Prefectural Police Headquarters in 1981. Since then, he served in several departments of National Police Agency at various levels. In January 2013, he retired from the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department after serving as the Superintendent General. After his retirement, he served as the Advisor for the Nitto Boseki Co Ltd and Nippon Steel and Sumitomo Metal Corp from April and July 2013 respectively. He has been serving as the advisor of Nishimura & Asahi Law Firm starting from July 2013.—MNA

Myanmar, China sign letter of intent on cooperative establishment of the “China Library”



Opening of the “China Library” and signing of letter of intent on cooperative establishment of the “China Library” between Myanmar and China in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 3 April—Opening of the “China Library” and signing of letter of intent on cooperative establishment of the “China Library” between the State Council Information Office of China and the University of Yangon of Myanmar took place at the hall of the University of Yangon in Yangon on 3 April, with officials attending.

First, Rector of the University of Yangon Dr Tin Tun extended greetings and Chinese Vice-Minister Ms. Cui Yuying and Deputy Minis-

ter Dr Zaw Min Aung formally opened the booth.

Director-General Mr. Zhang Yanbin of the State Council Information Office of China and Director-General U Zaw Htay of the Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) signed the letter of intent on cooperative establishment of the “China Library”.

Then, launching of “Poem in Legend” TV drama series jointly produced by Yunnan Television of China and Myanma Motion Picture Promotion Department and opening of “Min-galar” Magazine Yangon

Branch was held at Sky Star Hotel in Yangon.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway said that he believes the TV drama series will contribute to strengthen relations and friendship between the two countries. The deputy information ministers from both countries presented certificates of honour to the artists who performed in TV drama series. “Poem in Legend” drama series will be broadcast on International Drama Channel of Sky Net TV as of 14 April at 7 pm daily.—MNA

Bago Region Chief Minister meets representatives of Hong Kong entrepreneurs

YANGON, 3 April—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win met representatives of Hong Kong entrepreneurs at the hall of Bago Region Government on Wednesday.

They discussed bilateral cooperation in garment, jewellery, glasses and construction material industries.—MNA

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MANDALAY, 3 April—According to the American-Myanmar friendship and cultural exchange programme, an American-Myanmar friendship music festival took place at Jefferson center in Mandalay on Wednesday evening.

The Amigos Band

American-Myanmar friendship music festival held in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—U Tha Aung Nyunt, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Malaysia, presented his Credentials to His Majesty Almu'tasimu Billahi Muhibbuddin Tuanku Alhaj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah, the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XIV of Malaysia, on 31 March 2014 in Kuala Lumpur.—MNA

from America and Shwelan Ozi Troupe in Myanmar entertained the audiences with traditional dances and songs.

It was aimed at introducing the American's country songs to the audiences and enabling the people to enjoy the Myanmar

traditional music.

In the last part of the programme, they played their creative songs namely “Mann Taung Yeikkho” and “This Land is Your Land”.

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NATIONAL

Vice-President U Nyan Tun discusses prospects for cooperation in banking industry with Thailand-based Citibank Country Officer

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Vice-President U Nyan Tun held a discussion on prospects for cooperation in banking industry with Mr. Darren N. Buckley, Country Officer for Citibank in Thailand and party at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday morning.

The meeting attended by Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw and Dr Lin Aung and Vice-Governor

of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Set Aung focused on securities and exchange, development of capital market and convenience of banking industry and financial services.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun poses for documentary photo with Mr. Darren N. Buckley, Country Officer for Citibank in Thailand.—MNA



Myanmar, Russia discuss enhancement of military technical cooperation



Vice-Senior General Soe Win holds talks with Chairman Mr. Alexander Fomin of Russia-Myanmar Military Technical Cooperation Joint Commission.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior Gen-

eral Soe Win received Chairman Mr. Alexander Fomin of Russia-Myanmar Military Technical Co-

operation Joint Commission and party at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

At the call, they focused on promotion of friendly ties

between the two armed forces, as well as enhancing military technical cooperation between Russia and Myanmar.—MNA

World Bank to prioritize agricultural development

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met a delegation led by Mr Paavo Eliste, leader of the teams of reference Myanmar proposed Irrigated Agriculture Development Project Preparation Mission of World Bank at the ministry on Thursday morning and discussed matters related to Agricultural Development Support Project (ADSP).

The WB officials discussed that the bank has provided loans to Myanmar for agricultural development and effective alleviation of rural regions. They invited proposals from Myanmar for five years plan because the WB will prioritize the assistance for irrigation facilities, transformation of agricultur-

al sector, seeds production, post-harvest technology and value-added products.

The Union Minister urged them to give priority to establishment of whole sale market and agricultural development.

Present at the call were Water Resources Management Specialist and Co-team leader Mr Paulus van Hofwegen, Mr Erhard Folether (Farm Mechanization Specialist), Ms Daphne Aye (National Agricultural Specialist), Mr Sergiy Zorya (Senior Agricultural Economist), Ms Theingi Min (Operations Analyst), Mr U Victor (National Irrigation Engineer), Ms Aye Aye Khaing (National Agricultural Specialist) and Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw.—MNA

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing meets Mr Paavo Eliste, leader of the teams of reference Myanmar proposed Irrigated Agriculture Development Project Preparation Mission of World Bank.—MNA



MPF, EU Leading Committee meets

YANGON, 3 April—The second meeting of the leading committee of Myanmar Police Force and EU was held at Hleden Centre at the corner of

Pyay and Hleden Roads in Kamayut Township in Yangon on Thursday.

At the meeting, EU Ambassador to Myanmar Roland Kobia and Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win discussed conducting police proficiency course that covers ways to disperse rioters, and people-centered police system course.

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Slight earthquake hits inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.7 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 1.5 miles southwest of Sagaing) about 12 miles southwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 14 hrs 40 min 20 sec M.S.T on Thursday, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Basic first-aid course opens in Sagaing



SAGAING, 3 April—Four-day basic first-aid course, conducted by Myanmar Red Cross Society was opened at Convocation Hall of University for Development of National Races in Sagaing, Sagaing Region on 2 April, attended by around 100 trainees attending.

On the occasion, Rector U Soe Tint of the university made an opening speech and Head of Region Red Cross Society (Staff Officer Grade I) U Tint

Bago University Assembly Hall put into service



BAGO, 3 April—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win attended opening of Bago University's Assembly Hall in Bago on 2 April. At the ceremony, Region Parliament Speaker U Win Tin and officials formally opened the assembly hall.

Speaking at the ceremony, the chief minister said that only when human resources develop in the

Wai explained matters related to the course. The course instructors from the region Red Cross Society will give lecture on not theoretical but also practical basic first-aid course to the trainees.—Kyemon

country, will socioeconomic status of the country improve. The government has been providing necessary infrastructures to be able to turn out human resources and officials concerned are urged to maintain durability of infrastructures, he added.

The 194 ft long, 164 ft wide and 65 ft high two-storey RC building is comprised of a hall with the capacity of 700 people, rector's office, pro-rector's office, two chamber rooms, four offices, store room and toilets.—Thant Sin (Bago)

Census taking activities undertaken in Thayet Township

THAYET, 3 April—The Secretary of District/Township Census Taking Supervisory Committee and party inspected supervisory offices in Thayet Township in Magway Region on Wednesday.

The Secretary of the

committee urged the officials to contact Township Supervisory Office if they face any problem in taking census process.

The officials heard smoothness of census taking process reported by the collectors.—District IPRD

Magway Region Chief Minister views round process of taking census

AUNGLAN, 2 April—Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe viewed round the census taking process at households of Aunglan Township in Magway Region on Wednesday.

Altogether 595 census

collectors are gathering the census data from the households in 427 areas, four organizations and four forest reserves from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily in rural and urban regions.

Township IPRD

Confiscated lands returned to owners in Pyapon

PYAPON, 3 April—The Deputy Commissioner of Pyapon District presented certificates of honour to 36 social organizations through the township administrator at the office of Deputy Commissioner of Pyapon District on Wednesday.

Next, Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi Linn returned 46.49 acres of confiscated lands of Pyapon Taman Village to five owners and 58.37 acres of lands of Koeintan Village to five



owners.

Of 200 acres of confiscated lands, 103 acres were returned to the land owners.

The remaining would

be handed over to their respective owners only after property disputes have been resolved.

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Minhla Township gathering momentum in census taking process

MINHLA, 3 April—A census taking process continued at the villages of Minhla Township in Thayet District of Magway Region at 7 am on Wednesday.

While conducting census taking process, the census taking groups replied to the questions correctly and quickly raised by the people.

Township Census

taking Supervisory Committee Secretary and members viewed census taking activities at supervisory offices of the township.

Township IPRD

Law Department of YU to celebrate Golden Jubilee on 3 May



YANGON, 3 April—The Law Department of the Yangon University will hold a ceremony to mark the Golden Jubilee celebra-

tion on a grand scale on 3 May at Diamond Jubilee Hall of the university.

The Law Department of Yangon University is

situated in Kamayut Township of Yangon Region. It was established in 1964.

There has a plan to hold paper-reading session, charity fair, gifts presentation and entertainment programme. The officials arrange to set up the leading committee for successfully holding the celebration. Law Department invites any donation from the old students and they may dial 01 614071 of U Ba Tint Swe.

Khin Maung Thaw (Kamayut)

Thingyan pandals 85 per cent completed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 3 April—Tagu is the first month of Myanmar Calendar. Myanmar New Year fes-

tival is Thingyan Festival which is held in the month of Tagu (April), every year.

As part of preparations for Maha Thingyan Festival, pandals are being constructed across the

country. In Mandalay, 85 percent of the 51 pandals' construction have been completed so far around the moat on four sides of the town and in the town for this year.

During the festival, Thingyan revellers may join the pandals to throw water free of charge on Thingyan Akyo Day, K 10000 on Thingyan Akyat Day, K 12000 on Thingyan Akyat Day and K 15000 on Thingyan Atat Day.—Maung Maung Soe (Myitnge)



Water throwing pandals for Maha Thingyan Festival around moats of Mandalay city seen 85 per cent completion.

WORLD



People participate in a ceremony marking the 32nd anniversary of the Malvinas(Falklands) War, in Buenos Aires on 2 April, 2014.—XINHUA

Key deals signed during Xi's tour of Europe

BEIJING, 3 April, — During his four-nation tour of Europe, President Xi signed a number of agreements covering wide range of areas.

China's dairy industry is set to receive expertise from the Netherlands, the two countries having signed a deal allowing Dutch experts to help China increase its annual milk production to 40 billion kilograms. A food security system will be jointly built by Yili Group, one of China's largest dairy producers, and Wageningen University.

China and France signed agreements worth 18 billion euros. This

included the purchase of 70 airbus planes from France. The two countries will also produce 1,000 civilian helicopters over 20 years.

During Xi's visit in Germany, the car company Daimler signed deals with Beijing Automotive Industry Corporation to expand the production capacity in Beijing. The two countries' central banks also inked an agreement, allowing RMB-dominated payments to be cleared and settled in Frankfurt. During the visit in Brussels, China and EU agreed to accelerate the talks on Free Trade Pact, increase bilateral trade and investment.

Xinhua



Japan's Emperor Akihito visits Meiji Shrine in Tokyo on 2 April, 2014. The visit was made ahead of the 100th anniversary of the death of Empress Dowager Shoken, wife of Emperor Meiji.

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Pentagon pledges continued aid for MH370 search

HONOLULU, 3 April — US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel on Wednesday pledged to continue providing US assistance for the search for missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370.

Speaking at a Press conference aboard USS Anchorage in Honolulu, Hagel told reporters that the United States has been complying with "every request made by the Malaysian government" to assist in the search in the last several weeks.

He said he met with Malaysian Defence Minister and acting Transport Minister Hishammuddin Hussein during the US-ASEAN Defence Forum that is being held here, and the latter did not ask him for "any specific new items."

Hagel pledged that the United States will "continue to do everything we need to do" in assisting the Malaysian and other people in

the Asia-Pacific region that have been affected by the "very mysterious flight" to seek out what happened.

The multi-national massive search for the missing flight has emerged to be one of the topics that the Pentagon chief planned to discuss with his fellow defence chiefs during the US-ASEAN Defence Forum in Hawaii.

Hagel told reporters en route to Hawaii on Tuesday that the massive search has "big limitations to how much we can do" with "the huge amount of unknowns."

Like other tragedies, there is always "lessons to be learned," Hagel said.

"We're going to go back, the Malaysians will go back, all the ASEAN nations will go back and walk through this — what could have been done, maybe what should have been done, what needs to be done better," he added.

Xinhua

JA eyes appointing entrepreneurial farmers as key co-op officials

TOKYO, 3 April — The governing body of agricultural cooperatives in Japan said on Thursday it will appoint entrepreneurial farmers as senior officials of local agricultural cooperatives as part of efforts to rejuvenate its organization.

JA-Zenchu, or the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives, also said it will enable food manufacturers with ties to farmers to take part in the management of agricultural cooperatives as quasi-members.

While the initiatives represent the JA governing body's readiness to preempt the reform debate taking place on a government panel and within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, the absence of an effort to rethink the group's financial service expansion plan could leave the latest initiatives open to future review, observers say.

Many farmers who play a central role in local farming are very entrepreneurially minded and are eager to reduce costs by increasing

production in a bid to make their businesses profitable. But because many of the "full cooperative members" who have a say in running local agricultural cooperatives come from households that earn part of their income from nonagricultural sources, some people say those who play a leading role in local farming have encountered problems having their views taken into account.

JA-Zenchu hopes to rejuvenate local agricultural cooperatives by tapping

such farmers as senior cooperative officials and increasing opportunities for the farmers to take part in the cooperatives' management. The plan to involve food manufacturers reflects the JA governing body's efforts to bring in corporate viewpoints and strengthen the capacity of individual farm cooperatives in devising business strategies entailing not just food production but processing and distribution.

Kyodo News

Albania approves bills on employment promotion programmes

TIRANA, 3 April — The Albanian Council of Ministers approved on Wednesday a series of bills on employment promotion programmes, according to Albanian Telegraphic Agency(ATA). The programmes are intended to assist women, unemployed, young and unskilled people, those who receive financial assistance, long-term unemployed, people with disabilities. Albanian Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Youth Bardhylka Kospiro said that thanks to these changes, every private subject will have the right to apply and benefit from the funds of these programmes.

She said these changes will bring innovation with the introduction of electronic means of communication and application for employment promotion programmes. —Xinhua



Artists perform at the "San Yue San" festival in Liuzhou, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 2 April, 2014. The festival which falls on the 3rd day of the 3rd month in Chinese lunar calendar, is celebrated by people of many ethnic groups in China.—XINHUA

US offers rewards for information on key figures of Turkish terror group

WASHINGTON, 3 April — The United States on Wednesday announced rewards up to 3 million dollars each for information on three key figures of an alleged terrorist group in Turkey.

The State Department is trying to locate Musa Asoglu, Zerrin Sari and

Seher Demir Sen, central committee members of the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front (DHKP/C), a group branded as terrorist organization by both Washington and Ankara.

The agency said the group has targeted US interests, including US military

and diplomatic personnel and facilities, NATO personnel and facilities, and Turkish targets since the 1990s. In February 2013, a suicide bomber linked to the group attacked the US embassy in Ankara, killing a Turkish security guard, the department said.

Xinhua

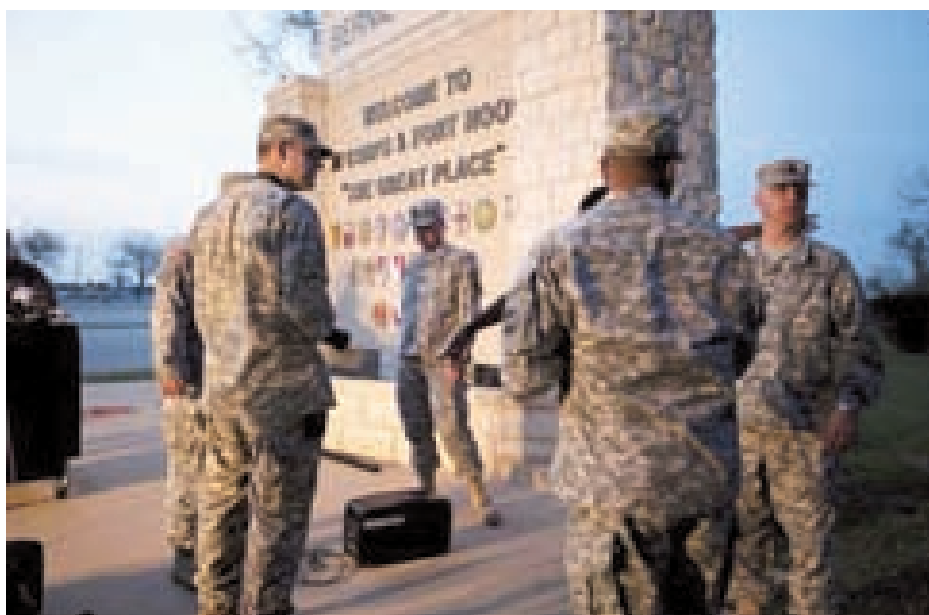
Soldier kills three, wounds 16 before taking own life at Texas Army base

FORT HOOD, (Texas), 3 April — A US soldier with mental health issues shot dead three people and injured at least 16 on Wednesday before taking his own life at an Army base in Fort Hood, Texas, the site of another deadly rampage in 2009, US military officials said.

The soldier, who was being treated for depression and anxiety, went to two buildings on the base and opened fire before he was confronted by military police, Fort Hood commanding officer Mark Milley said.

The gunman, whose motive remains unknown, then shot himself in the head with a .45-caliber pistol, he added.

"The shooter is dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound," Milley told a news conference. "At this



Military personnel wait for a Press conference to begin at Ft Hood, Texas, on 2 April, 2014.—REUTERS

time there is no indication that this incident is related to terrorism."

Security officials said preliminary information identified the gunman as

Ivan Lopez but Milley declined to identify the shooter, who is married, until his family was notified.

The shooter had

served for four months in Iraq in 2011, Milley said, and was also undergoing a diagnosis for post traumatic stress disorder.

The Scott & White

Hospital in Temple, Texas, where some of the wounded were taken, said nine patients were in intensive care, three in critical condition.

US President Barack Obama said he was "heartbroken" that another shooting had occurred at the Fort Hood Army base.

"We are going to get to the bottom of exactly what happened," Obama said. "We're heartbroken that something like this might have happened again."

The shooting, the third such incident at a military base in the United States in about six months, started at about 4 pm local time (2100 GMT) and put Fort Hood on immediate lockdown.

Milley said the shooter walked into one of the unit buildings, opened fire,

then got into a vehicle and fired from there. He then went into another building and opened fire again, until he was engaged by Fort Hood law enforcement.

When confronted by a female military police officer, he killed himself with his semi-automatic weapon in the parking lot.

"He was approaching her at about 20 feet. He put his hands up, then reached under his jacket, pulled out the (.45) and she pulled out her weapon and then she engaged, and he then he put the weapon to his head," Milley said.

One of the buildings housed medical brigade day-to-day operations and the other, nearby, served the administration of the transportation battalion. All the killed and wounded were military personnel.

Reuters

Armed men abduct Chinese, Philippine women from Malaysia dive resort

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 April — Armed men abducted two women, a Chinese tourist and a Philippine hotel worker, from a Malaysian diving resort off Borneo island, Malaysian security forces said on Thursday.

The two women were taken at around 10.30 pm (1430 GMT) on Wednesday night from Singgahmata island off the coastal town of Semporna in Malaysia's eastern state of Sabah, Eastern Sabah Security Command Director

Mohammad Mentek said.

"We have handed this to the police to quickly investigate and come up with full report," Mohammad said in a statement.

Some Malaysian media reports said the 29-year old tourist from was in her room when the gunmen forced her out into a waiting boat, but it was unclear where the hotel worker, aged 40, was when she was abducted. Other reports said both women were on the jetty when they were snatched.

An employee at the Singamata Reef Resort, contacted by Reuters, confirmed an abduction had taken place, but declined to provide details. Malaysian police could not immediately be reached for comment.

Malaysia's image has been battered in China over the handling of the investigation into the disappearance of a Malaysia Airlines flight with 239 people aboard, most of them Chinese nationals, on 8 March.

The official Xinhua

news agency said Chinese embassy officials in Malaysia have met Sabah's chief of police and the state's tourism minister, urging them to confirm and investigate the incident quickly. The embassy officials were on their way to the island resort, on the southeastern side of Sabah, Xinhua added. Sabah has become a popular tourist destination for Chinese in recent years, but has faced security problems due to its proximity to the restive southern Philippines.—Reuters

Malaysia PM visits search base for missing jet; sub joins hunt



Malaysia's Prime Minister Najib Razak (L) and Australia's Prime Minister Tony Abbott participate in a briefing on the search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 at RAAF Base Pearce near Perth on 3 April, 2014.—REUTERS

PERTH/KUALA LUMPUR, 3 April — Malaysia's prime minister visited the Australian search base for missing Flight MH370 on Thursday as a nuclear-powered submarine joined the near-four week hunt that has so far failed to find any sign of the missing airliner and the 239 people on board. Najib Razak joined his Australian counterpart Tony Abbott at RAAF Base Pearce, near Perth, where aircrews from seven countries have been flying dozens of missions deep into the southern Indian Ocean looking for debris from the Malaysia Airlines jet.

"The world expects us to do our level best, and I'm very confident we will indeed show what we can do together as a group of nations; that we want to find answers, that we want to provide comfort to the families and we will not rest until answers are

indeed found," said Najib, as the two leaders spoke to search and recovery team at the air base. The Boeing 777 lost communications and disappeared from civilian radar less than an hour into an overnight flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on 8 March.

It was briefly picked up on military radar on the other side of Malaysia and analysis of subsequent hourly electronic "pings" sent to a satellite led investigators to conclude the plane crashed far off the west Australian coast hours later. Retired Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, the head of the Australian agency coordinating the operation, said an international air crash investigation team with analysts from Malaysia, the United States, Britain, China and Australia was continuing to refine the search area.

Reuters

Thai government fears violent backlash if PM removed from office

BANGKOK, 3 April — Thailand's government said on Thursday it fears a violent backlash if Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra is removed from power as figures for March show consumer confidence

slipped to a new low, illustrating the heavy toll of months of unrest. The Constitutional Court on Wednesday accepted a case lodged by 27 senators who say Yingluck's transfer of the national security chief

in 2011 was politically motivated. If she is found to have violated the constitution, the court could remove her from power.

It remains unclear when the court will rule but Yingluck has been given 15 days to defend herself.

"If the prime minister is removed from her position, a power vacuum will occur and chaos will definitely ensue," Foreign Minister Surapong Tovichakchaikul told reporters. "Thais are hot-tempered and a confrontation could take place,".

Over the past five months, protesters have shut state offices and disrupted a 2 February election which was nullified by a court on 21 March. They want to remove Yingluck

and rid the country of the influence of her brother, ousted former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, to make way for broad political reforms before a new general election takes place. Protesters have stepped up their activities in recent days, bolstered by a series of legal challenges piling up against Yingluck.

"The end game is near! All will be over by the end of April!" shouted one protest leader to thunderous applause at protest headquarters in Bangkok's Lumpini Park. Twenty-four people have been killed in politically related violence since late November, including a protester shot in the head on Tuesday after weeks of calm in the capital.—Reuters



Thailand's Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra gestures as she leaves the Royal Thai Air Force Headquarters, after a defence meeting in Bangkok on 4 March, 2014.—REUTERS

WORLD

40-cm tsunami observed in Iwate after Chile quake

TOKYO, 3 April — A tsunami of up to 40 centimetres was observed early Thursday morning at a port on the Pacific coast of northeastern Japan's Iwate Prefecture following a magnitude 8.2 quake that hit Chile on Tuesday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The agency has issued a tsunami alert for Pacific coastal areas of Hokkaido and the Tohoku region, some parts of the Kanto region and the Izu and Ogasawara islands, warning of the arrival of up to a 1-meter tidal wave.

The first wave of 20 cm arrived at Kuji port in Iwate at 6:52 am. Bigger tsunamis were monitored there later. Tsunamis of up to 20 cm and 10 cm were also observed in Kamaishi

in Iwate, and Nemuro in northern Japan's Hokkaido, respectively, among other areas, according to the agency.

Local governments issued an evacuation order for 2,793 households in Mutsu in Aomori Prefecture, 1,372 households in Ofunato in Iwate and 528 households in Higashimatsushima in Miyagi Prefecture.

Yohei Hasegawa, a meteorological agency official in charge of monitoring tsunami, called for caution in regions affected by the March 2011 devastating earthquake and tsunami, saying buildings could be inundated in subsidence areas.

The agency last issued a tsunami alert on 26 October after a quake off the



Firefighters keep watch on the ocean on a hill in Onagawa, Miyagi Prefecture, at 5:36 am on 3 April, 2014, around the time when a tsunami was expected to arrive. A tsunami of up to 40 centimeters was observed in the early morning that day at a port on the Pacific coast of northeastern Japan's Iwate Prefecture following a magnitude 8.2 quake that hit Chile on 1 April, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. —KYODO NEWS

coast of Fukushima Prefecture. It covered Pacific coastal regions from Iwate

to Chiba prefectures.

An alert for tsunami caused by a quake overseas

was last issued in February 2013 for the Pacific coast from Hokkaido to Okinawa

after a quake off the coast of the Solomon Islands.

Kyodo News

Former China mining boss denies charge of leading gang



Then China's Public Security Minister Zhou Yongkang reacts as he attends the Hebei delegation discussion sessions at the 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China at the Great Hall of the People, in Beijing on 16 Oct, 2007. —REUTERS

BEIJING, 3 April — A former Chinese mining magnate with suspected links to the eldest son of retired security tsar Zhou Yongkang has denied lead-

ing a 36-member gang on a crime spree of murder and gun-running over the past two decades.

Liu Han, the former chairman of unlisted Hanlong Group and once ranked the 230th richest person in China, went on trial on Monday in central Hubei Province along with the other members of his "mafia-style" gang.

The probe marks one of the highest-profile cases against a private businessman since President Xi Jinping took power last year, vowing to crack down on corruption.

Liu, who was arrested last year, faces charges ranging from extortion and

murder to gun-running, carried out in southwestern Sichuan Province. His gang is accused of nine murders.

Two sources told Reuters that Liu was also a business partner of Zhou Bin, the eldest son of Zhou Yongkang, who is at the centre of China's biggest corruption scandal in more than six decades.

"The defendant Liu Han questioned the evidence presented against him by prosecutors," the Xianning Intermediate Court said in an account of the proceedings released on its microblog late on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Liu denied leading a gang,

according to the court.

Liu told the court that many of the alleged gangsters are his own or his family's drivers, according to state media.

He said that even though he knew nothing about the murder cases, he was sorry for the victims and their family members, adding that he wished to compensate the victims' families "out of sympathy and humanity", according to state media reports.

Liu said he had not killed anybody and denied prosecutors' allegations that he held and traded guns illegally, the reports added.

Reuters

Haitian government announces major cabinet reshuffle

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 3 April — Haiti's prime minister announced a new cabinet, drafting in 10 new ministers in a major reshuffle designed to build political support amid controversial negotiations over long overdue parliamentary and municipal polls.

The reshuffle, announced via social media website Twitter, involved almost half the 22-member cabinet. It saw the return of former Minister of Economy and Finance Marie Carmelle Jean-Marie, who resigned last year, complaining of a lack of support from other ministers to make public finances more transparent.

For the third time since

taking office two years ago Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe chose a new Minister of Foreign Affairs, Duly Brutus, who has been Haiti's Ambassador to the Organization of Americas States in Washington for the last decade.

The Secretary of State for Public Security, Reginald Delva, was also promoted to head the important Ministry of the Interior in charge of domestic security. The ministries of Education, Culture, Defence and Communications were also reassigned. In a sign of openness, the Ministry of Youth and Sport was entrusted to Himmler Rébu, a frequent critic of the government. —Reuters



The police check the building of an army headquarters after a terrorist attack in Yemen's southern port city of Aden, on 2 April, 2014. The death toll in an al-Qaeda terrorist attack against the army headquarters in Yemen's southern port city of Aden on Wednesday has risen to 16, including five soldiers, a government official and medics told Xinhua. —XINHUA

Brazil installs spy-proof email network

BRASILIA, 3 April — Brazil's Ministry of Defence on Wednesday began installing a secure digital communication network for federal government offices, a government source said.

The system, named Expresso V3, aims to protect official emails from the type of surveillance US intelligence agencies were reported last year to have carried out on Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff and her top aides.

The coordinator of the federal government's data processing service (Serpro), Marcos Mello, said the system uses passwords and digital markers to safeguard emails from snooping, as well as certifying the authenticity of the email's origin.

The system employs "digital signatures and encryption to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the message," he said. "All the security tests were done" on the system, including "a simulated break in," Mello added. Government intelligence worked on developing the software with the help of the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC). —Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

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Emerald village project

Seventy percent of the country's total population is residing in the rural areas, the majority of whom is living below the poverty line. The government has been implementing eight rural development poverty reduction tasks to lessen the wealth gap between the urban and rural. The government introduces an emerald village project that will promote the socio-economic status of rural people.

The project is aimed at creating employment opportunities, increasing the families' income and ensuring food sufficiency and nutrition. The government will start implementing the projects of this kind in the coming financial year, with the use of K 30 million per village," U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development said at the launching ceremony of the project on April 1.

A total of K 34.5 billion will be spent on the projects in 1150 villages of 38 districts and 74 townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and 14 regions and states as well as in six self-administrated Division and Zones. Thanks to the project, the rural people can effectively do their agricultural and breeding works, resulting in more job

opportunities.

And they can run small-scale breeding works. Priority should be given only to the poor families in order that the project can help facilitate the government's poverty alleviation tasks. In that regard, the project can enable the poor families to get necessary capital. Having work skills and capacity development of each family is also crucial. The onus rests on those people for the success of the project.

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Financial experts of ASEAN+3 countries exchange views on global, regional macro-economy



Regular meeting of ASEAN+3 Finance and Central Bank Governor's Deputies Meeting in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Deputy finance ministers and vice-governors of central banks of ASEAN+3 countries exchanged views on assessment of macro-economy of the countries, taking a step for preventing impacts of uncertainties from global economy on the group.

During the regular meeting of ASEAN+3 Finance and Central Bank Governor's Deputies Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday, papers on assessment of the global and Asian macro-economy,

assessment of the macro-economy of the ASEAN+3 countries and economic research.

The meeting was also attended by financial experts from the Asia Development Bank, International Monetary Fund, ASEAN Macro-Economic Research Office, international finance and monetary fund and economists.

The preventive measures of against the impacts of uncertainties from global economy would help the ASEAN+3 countries to strengthen their economy,

ic, financial and monetary systems and to boost the economy of the region, said Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein, co-chair of the meeting, in concluding remarks at the meeting. ASEAN+3 includes the 10 members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam) plus the People's Republic of China, Japan, and Korea.

MNA

Myanmar's oldest English daily newspaper is hiring now!

The Global New Light of Myanmar will relocate to Yangon in mid-April and is now looking for foreign editors and local reporters. Journalists who prefer to work as freelancers or on a part-time basis are also welcome to submit their applications. For further details, please send an email with your resume and samples of your work to the chief editor wallace.tun@gmail.com.

Some wards of Thingangyun Tsp to be out of electricity on Saturday

YANGON, 3 April—To maintain a 33/6.6 KV, 10 MVA transformer, supply of electricity will be cut out in Thingangyun Township in Yangon East District from 10 am to 1 pm on April 5 (Saturday).

The Township Electrical Engineer Office announced that Kyipwayay, Sanpya, Laydauntkan and Bawamyint Wards, and Myayamon, Kyipwayay, Aungyadana, Maikha, Malika, Shwekainnaya and Kantawmon Housings will be out of electricity for a while.—Hmwe Hmwe (Thingangyun)

A Marketing Story

Kyi Mun

Once, there was a shoe company in America. The president of the company wanted to geographically expand its market.

The company chose a certain least developed small country in Africa for its pilot project of market expansion.

The president sent a finance officer to that country as its strategist for market expansion. When the finance officer arrived at his destination, he found out that the little country was financially so backward that there was no use of money in the economy. That means the country was still in the barter stage in its economic development. The finance officer concluded that since there was no money in circulation, no economic transaction could be made on a significant scale. So, he telegraphed a message to the company president to the effect that shoes could not be sold because there was no use of money in the country. The president recalled him.

The president of the company then chose a most versatile salesman and sent him as its sales representative. When the salesman arrived at the country in question, he discovered that nobody

wore shoes in that blessed country. Since not a single soul walked with a pair of shoes on his or her feet, he surmised that no shoe could be put on the market for sale. He accordingly intimated to the president that no damn sale could be made on account of the fact that no damn soul wore shoes. The president promptly recalled him and sent a third person.

The third hero happened to be a marketing officer. As you might be well informed that a good marketing officer, or a good marketer, could sell refrigerators to the Eskimos. Our hero, also knew quite well that: **"Prior Planning Plus Preparations Promote Peak Performance"**.

He also understood that **"Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail"**. He, then and there, planned his work and worked his plan.

First of all, he made an appointment with the Chief of the country. He showered the chief and his retinue with many a gift and lots of explanation for his coming. He did not assume the concrete facts of no use of money and no wearing of shoes as obstacles or problems. He was not a man of negative mental attitude. Nor was he a "Can't-Do-

Person". In fact, he had a very passionate **"Can-Do-Spirit"**. He happened to be a **"Possibility Thinker"**.

So, he was, in short, able to make things happen and to get things done in a brilliant way. To make the story short, he was able to exchange the shoes of his company with the main, staple produce of the country which happened to be very juicy and very big pineapples.

But, what was he to do with lots and lots of pineapples? He could not possibly ship them with the steamships across the Atlantic ocean to America. Did I mention that our marketer was a salesman who could sell refrigerators to the Eskimos? Oh, yes, he had already made arrangements to turn the pineapples into juice and jam in a not too far away country where the industrial development had quite flourished, including the logistics problems.

So, our marketing story ended quite well, just as William Shakespeare's had said; **"All ends well that ends well"**.

U Kyi Mun residing in Yangon is a consultant of NAING GROUP CO., LTD.

GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (3-4-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K 661,200 per tical: Selling K 662,200

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K 660,800 per tical: Selling K 661,800

FE RATE

USD Buying K 960 - Selling K 964

SGD Buying K 756 - Selling K 766

Euro Buying K 1310 - Selling K 1330

LOCAL NEWS

Census taking process inspected in NyaungU



NYAUNGU, 3 April—Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint made an inspection tour of taking census process in Lanmadaw Ward 4 of NyaungU on Wednesday afternoon. MPs of Mandalay Region Parliament, deputy

commissioners and departmental officials cooperated with the census taking collectors.

Kyaw Htay (NyaungU)

Cooperative Society holds annual meeting



MANDALAY, 3 April—The ground stocking process was carried out at Chan Myae Trading Cooperative Society at the corner of 22nd and 86th streets

in west Pyigy Kyethayay Ward in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, on 31 March.

It was supervised by Staff Officer U Kyaw Hsan Lin of Township Cooperative Department, Chairman of the Board of Directors U Ba Kyi and members and officials.

In-charge of the society U Tun Hla Aung reported on trading process, rough profit, ground stocking and balance sheet.

The chairman and audits inspected the remaining goods and cash amount.—*Kyemon-380*

Canal of Phapeik Dam dredged for proper flow of water

HSIPAW, 3 April—The fund is being funded on water supply from stream, construction of brick drains along Mongpun Road and dredging of right canal from Phapeik Dam, on 1

April.

Chairman of the Township Development Affairs Committee U Aung Khin, Chairman of Township DAC U Khin Maung Win and officials supervised the

development tasks.

Phapeik Dam is located in 8500 acres of farmlands in south-east area of the town and 2138 acres in north-west area.

Sai (Hsipaw)



Umbrella, pennant-shaped vane and diamond orb hoisted atop Tuyintaung Pagoda

NYAUNGU, 3 April—A ceremony to hoist umbrella, pennant-shaped vane and diamond orb worth K 122.5 million atop Tuyintaung Pagoda was held the pagoda in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region, on

2 March.

Wellwishers donated 1.75 viss of gold to the pagoda.

Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint, Mayor U Aung Moun and officials in addition to local

people attended the hoisting ceremony.

The congregation offered alms to venerable monks who consecrated the pagoda. The pagoda was built by King Anawrahta.—*Kyaw Htay*

Water to be poured at Bo tree in fullmoon day of Kason, (May)

THANLYIN, 3 April—Organized by Hsandawshin Kyaikkhauk Pagoda Board of Trustees, the water pouring at Bo tree in the month of Kason in Myanmar lunar calendar, May, will be held on a grand scale.

The board will hold the chinlone contest during the pagoda festival. Those wishing to take part in the contest are to contact Chairman Major Maung Tint (Rtd), Tel: 0973163416, U Myo

Hlaing, 09420146088, U Zaw Lay, Tel: 09518487 and U Tin Maung Ngwe, reporter, Tel: 0973188934.

The contest will take place at Thiwi Maha Hall at the western archway.

Tin Maung Ngwe (Thanlyin)



Players focus on arts of traditional cane-ball contest at pagoda festival in month of Kason (May).

Winner children awarded in skill contests

PATHEIN, 3 April—Ayeyawady Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held the prize presentation for winners in the skill contest of pre-primary students at Ayeya Shwewa Hall in Pathein Ayeyawady Region on 30 March.

It was participated by pre-primary students from six districts and South-West Command Headquarters. Patron of the committee Daw Khin Htay Myint

said that child development and nurturing is being carried out on a wider scale. MCWAs from six districts open pre-primary schools to systematically nurture the children. She stressed the need for mental and physical development of the children.

Teachers awarded the prize winning students and provided 313 treated mosquito nets to officials of Kyingin Township association.—*District IPRD*

Census taking process in smooth in Kawhmu, Kungyangon Tsps

KAWHMU, 3 April—Member of Yangon Region Census Committee Head of Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department U Myint Swe and party inspected census taking process in wards and villages of Kawhmu Township on the third day of pro-

cess on 1 April.

At the supervisory office in Kungyangon Township, the committee member asked about the progress of works and attended to the needs.

Census taking process is smooth in all regions and states.—*District IPRD*

UN envoy urges Afghans to actively participate in upcoming elections

UNITED NATIONS, 3 April — A senior United Nations official on Wednesday urged Afghans to actively participate and use Saturday's presidential and provincial council elections to shape the future of the country through peaceful, democratic means.

"This is your chance, this is your right; you should not allow anyone to deprive you of your right to go and vote and determine, by peaceful democratic means, the future of your country," said the UN secretary-general's special representative for Afghanistan, Jan Kubis.

His comments came ahead of the official campaigning period that ends on Wednesday night for candidates in the upcoming polls on Saturday, which will lead to the country's first democratic transfer of

power.

The elections come at a crucial time for the country, which will see the withdrawal of the majority of allied international military forces this year, with the country's national forces to assume full responsibility for security countrywide.

"The election will mark yet another indispensable step in moving forward in building democracy, but also in providing the necessary legitimacy to the next leadership," said Kubis, also head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

He briefed reporters on the preparations for the elections in Afghanistan, which are led and managed by Afghans, as well as his recent meeting with the UN Security Council at UN Headquarters in New York.

Kubis also noted that

there was a hope on the part of the Security Council that the Afghan people will come through the elections "with flying colors," given that the country is much better prepared for these polls than they were during the elections in 2009.

"Yes, there might be difficulties and security problems," said the envoy. "Nevertheless, the overall preparations, the overall atmosphere is much better."

Kubis has also urged Afghan women to maintain and build on the momentum behind a recent petition, signed by more than 250,000 women and girls, calling for peace and a cease-fire.

In early March, the women's committee of the High Peace Council, an Afghan body leading the country's peace efforts, submitted the petition



Afghan Presidential candidate Zalmay Rasool waves to his supporters during an election campaign in Kabul, Afghanistan on 2 April, 2014. —XINHUA

to UNAMA for onward transmission to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who received it on

21 March.

The secretary-general welcomed the peace campaign as another indication of the strong demands of the Afghan people for peace in their country.

Xinhua

Deadly bombings target Egyptian police outside Cairo University

CAIRO, 3 April — A new extremist Islamist group called Ajnad Misr (Soldiers of Egypt) has claimed responsibility for a series of blasts that rocked the area outside Cairo University on Wednesday.

"The three explosive devices that targeted the criminal security authorities are among a retaliation campaign," the group said in the statement, attributing the reason behind the attacks to "the increasing arrest campaigns" against Islamist women.

The group is believed to be among the supporters of former Islamist President Mohamed Morsi, who was ousted by the military last July following mass protests against his one-year rule.

Meanwhile the government held an urgent

security meeting on Wednesday to discuss the security situation after recent terrorist attacks. The meeting decided to present an anti-terrorist legislation to the cabinet on Thursday to enhance security around universities and to condense police and military patrols.

Earlier on Wednesday twin blasts targeting police posts outside Cairo University killed the head of Giza's security headquarters and injured five others, including an assistant interior minister. A third bomb went off near the campus' main gates with no casualties reported.

Just hours before the blasts, security forces arrested seven suspected members of the banned Muslim Brotherhood and found 11 bombs and vari-

ous automatic weapons in their possession, according to state-run *al-Ahram* newspaper.

The three blasts hit the security posts outside the university in Nahda square, one of the main sit-in venues for Morsi supporters.

A security source said that "primitive bombs" were behind the blast that aimed to assassinate the security chiefs at the scene.

The bombs were concealed in trees surrounding the campus' main gate between two small police posts. Online footage of the bombings showed policemen running out from a cloud of smoke and dust sent up by the first explosion.

Security forces halted traffic and sealed off streets leading to the university with barbed wires after the

incident.

Meanwhile, the dean of Cairo University said the blasts have not "affected the educational process," as other gates were still open for students.

Cairo University has been the scene of intense clashes between security forces and students who believe Morsi's ousting was a "coup." Since the start of the school year, Egyptian universities have witnessed violent confrontations that have led to the detention of hundreds of students and the deaths of several others.

Security conditions have further worsened since Morsi's ouster last year, especially after the interim government black-listed his Muslim Brotherhood as a "terrorist organization" in late December.

Xinhua

Boat capsizes in Lagos, killing eight

LAGOS, 3 April — At least eight people were killed and 12 others rescued after a boat capsized on Wednesday in Nigeria's largest city Lagos, the country's emergency agency said.

The accident occurred around 6 pm local time when the boat, carrying about 25 passengers, capsized after departing the Ebute Ero jetty in the business hubs on the city's islands, Ibrahim Farinloye, spokesperson for the National Emergency Management Agency, told *Xinhua*.

Rescuers rushed to the scene after receiving the report, Farinloye said. "We have recovered eight bodies from the water, 12 have been rescued alive while six others are missing."

According to him, the ill-fated boat owned by Bell Marine services was heading for Majidun area of the state.

The cause for the accident and the condition of those rescued were not immediately known.

Overloading on such vessels is common in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, as operators often seek to maximize their profits while neglecting safety measures.

Last month, an overloaded wooden boat with some 20 passengers capsized in Lagos, killing 13, two of them children.

Xinhua

Road accidents kill 576 people in Cambodia in first 3 months

PHNOM PENH, 3 April — The number of road fatalities in Cambodia rose to 576 people in the first three months of 2014, up 3.5 percent from the 556 deaths for the same period last year, said a report by the Interior Ministry's public order department on Thursday. Some 1,273 cases of road accidents were reported during the January-March period, up 10 percent from 1,159 cases recorded the same period last year, the report said.

Besides the deaths, the accidents had injured 2,115 others, a rise of 13 percent on year, it said. "Main causes of the accidents are over-speed driving, alcohol driving, neglect driving and traffic law violation," Preap Chan Vibol, director of the transport department at the Ministry of Public Work and Transportation, said on Thursday. He said the country currently has about 410,000 registered cars, trucks and buses, and 2 million registered motorcycles.—Xinhua

Deputy Minister of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Marina Pendes (1st R) speaks during the seminar in the Dome of Army, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 2 April, 2014. Ministry of Defence and the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), in cooperation with the OSCE Mission to BiH and NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo, organized the 7th strategic political-military seminar in Sarajevo. —XINHUA



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

New 'geologic clock' resets date for moon's formation



The full moon as seen over Lagos on 17 Dec, 2013.
REUTERS

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 3 April — Earth's moon started forming up to 65 million years later than some previous estimates, according to a study released on Wednesday that uses a new way to calculate the birthday of the 4.47 billion-year-old planet's only natural satellite.

The mega-asteroid that

smashed into Earth, launching debris that later became the moon, happened about 95 million years after the birth of the solar system, research in this week's issue of the journal *Nature* showed.

The finding disputes, with a 99.9 percent degree of accuracy, some previous estimates that the

moon-forming impact occurred as early as 30 million to 40 million years after the solar system's formation, some 4.58 billion years ago.

The new study is based on 259 computer simulations of how the solar system evolved from a primordial disk of planetary embryos swirling around the sun. The programs simulate the crashes and mergers of the small bodies until they meld into the rocky planets that exist today.

By that geologic clock, Earth's last big chuck came from a Mars-sized body that hit about 95 million years after the solar system's formation, the study showed. "We think that the thing that hit Earth and ended up forming the moon, the lion's share of it stayed on Earth.

A small fraction of its mass and some material from Earth was pushed off into space to form the moon," astronomer John Chambers, with the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington DC, said in an interview.

"That was probably the last big event," he added. The previous assessment was based on measuring the naturally occurring radioactive decay of telltale atoms inside lunar rocks.

The same process, however, also led to findings that the impact happened between 50 million and 100 million years after the solar system's formation. "Our new method ... is independent of radiometric techniques and so we break through the controversy," lead researcher Seth Jacobson, with Cote d'Azur Observatory in Nice, France, wrote in an email.

The results also open another even bigger mystery about why some planets, like Mars, form relatively quickly, while others, like Earth and possibly Venus, take far longer.

Analysis of Martian meteorites and the computer simulations indicate Mars was finished in just a few million years.

There are no known Venus meteorites, and spacecraft so far have not been dispatched to either Mars or Venus to collect samples.

"Discovering that the moon-forming impact occurred late is surprising ... because we know from Martian meteorites that Mars formed relatively quickly. How this discrepancy arises is another big question for the future," Jacobson said.

Reuters

HK researcher says he partially replicated STAP cell research

HONG KONG, 3 April — A professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong reported on Wednesday success in replicating part of a procedure in a controversial study on producing so-called STAP cells, but said he is not claiming such cells exist. Kenneth Lee Ka Ho said he used a protocol published by Charles Vacanti of Harvard Medical School who is among the authors of the study along with Haruko Obokata, a researcher at Japan's government-backed Riken institute.

Riken alleges she fabricated part of the data used in two research papers, a claim Obokata rejects. Lee said on the ResearchGate website, "I am not claiming that 'STAP' cells exist — only presenting the results of our research as it is — which is open to interpretation." In a statement issued on Tuesday, Vacanti said, "I am delighted to hear of the initial results from the Chinese University of Hong Kong which show that replicating the generation of pluripotent stem cells using our protocol appears promising." —Kyodo News

Microsoft to offer Windows for free on phones, tablets

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 April — Microsoft Corp is to give away its Windows operating system to makers of smartphones and small tablets for consumers as it seeks to make more of an impact on those fast-growing markets and counter the massive success of Google Inc's free Android platform.

Microsoft's move, announced at its annual developers conference in San Francisco, is an attempt to broaden the small user base of mobile versions of Windows, in the hope that more customers will end up using Microsoft's money-making, cloud-based services such as Skype and Office.

Up to now, Microsoft has charged phone and tablet makers between \$5 and \$15 per device to use its Windows system, as it has

done successfully at higher prices for many years with Windows on personal computers. Hardware makers factor the cost of that into the sale price of each device.

That model has been obliterated in the past few years by the fast adoption of Google's Android system for phones and tablets, which hardware makers quickly embraced and now accounts for more than 75 percent of all smartphones sold last year. Apple Inc's iPhone and iPad account for most of the rest of the mobile computing market.

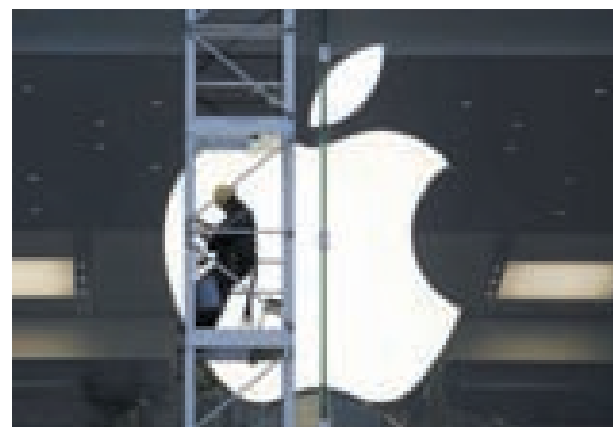
By contrast, Windows-powered phones held only 3 percent of the global smartphone market last year. Windows tablets have only about 2 percent of the tablet market, according to tech research firm Gartner.

Reuters

Apple, Facebook, Google Web data centers getting greener

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 April — Apple Inc, Google Inc and Facebook Inc have made significant progress in adopting renewable energy sources to power their Web services, the environmental group Greenpeace said in a report on Wednesday. But energy-hungry data centres operated by some of the Internet industry's top companies remain overly reliant on carbon-emitting coal and gas, the report said.

Apple Inc, which built an on-site solar panel farm and fuel-cells at its North Carolina data center and has procured renewable energy directly at its other three facilities, earned the highest marks on the "scorecard" of Internet company data centres that Greenpeace issues every two years.



A worker climbs outside an Apple store in Hong Kong on 10 April, 2013. — REUTERS

Greenpeace rated Apple's efforts in transparency, renewable energy policy and renewable energy deployment with an A grade in each category, compared with a mix of D and F grades two years ago when the group released its last report.

At the other end of

the spectrum, Amazon.com Inc's Web Services business, which Greenpeace said operates at least 18 data centres around the world, was singled out for being among the least committed to renewable energy, earning F grades in three out of Greenpeace's four categories. —Reuters

Alibaba's Jack Ma invests \$532 million in financial software firm

BEIJING, 3 April — Jack Ma, the founder of China's Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, the world's biggest e-commerce firm, will pay 3.3 billion yuan (\$531.78 million) to take a controlling share of financial software firm, Hundsun Technologies Inc.

Hundsun Technologies said on Thursday that Hundsun Group, which owns a 20.6 percent stake in Hundsun Technologies, will sell 100 percent of its

shares to Zhejiang Finance Credit Network Technology Co, a company 99 percent owned by Ma.

That will give Ma a controlling share of Hundsun Technologies, the company said in a statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Ma's move underscores his desire to move into and reshape China's financial services sector, an area that Alibaba's Joe Tsai, the man steering the

company's highly anticipated US listing, described as "antiquated".

Chinese Internet companies like Alibaba, Tencent Holdings Ltd and Baidu Inc, are all setting up financial services arms, drawing the ire of China's entrenched banks and attracting increased scrutiny from regulators, who are now debating stricter regulation of the emerging online finance industry.

Reuters



Joe Belfiore, vice president of the operating system group at Microsoft, holds a pair of mobile phones featuring the new Windows 8.1 operating system during the company's "build" conference in San Francisco, California on 2 April, 2014. —REUTERS

No of Line smartphone messaging app users tops 400 million

TOKYO, 3 April — Smartphone messaging application maker Line Corp. said on Wednesday the number of its global users has topped 400 million.

The Tokyo-based company said its flagship app, which offers free text, voice and video communication with paid add-ons, reached the milestone on Tuesday. The app's user base has grown sharply since its launch in Japan in June 2011, reaching 100 million users last January and 300 million in November. Its users in Japan now total 50 million people.

Line said recent growth was driven by the app's spread to new markets in Southeast Asia, Western Europe and North America. The app is available in 16 languages. The company said it will aim to reach 500 million users by the end of this year. —Kyodo News



Arvind Kejriwal, leader of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), or the common man's party, waves to his supporters during an election campaign rally in New Delhi, India, on 2 April, 2014. The election commission said 363 political parties participated in the 2009 elections. The number will likely be similar in this election that will be held from 7 April to 12 May, although only seven of these are nationally recognized parties and another 34 were recognized as regional parties.—XINHUA

Kyoto temple resumes visitor admission after 1.5-yr renovation

KYOTO, 3 April — Byodoin Temple in Uji, Kyoto Prefecture, opened its renowned Phoenix Hall to tourists on Thursday after one and a half years of renovation work.

The UNESCO-designated World Heritage site has had its exteriors, including roof bricks and phoenix statues, restored during the work that began September 2012, the first repairs since the 1950s, the temple said.

The Phoenix Hall, whose image is shown on the Japanese 10 yen coin, enshrines several Buddhist statues designated as national treasure.

The hall accepts up to 50 visitors at a time and each tour is limited to 20 minutes. The admission fee for the hall is 300 yen, on top of the admission fee to the temple.

Keisuke Matsuno, 13, a junior high school student who visited the site from the city of Saitama, said, "I love history and was so surprised that the Buddha statue (inside the temple) is so big it nearly reached the ceiling."—Kyodo News

Vietnam hosts int'l conference on water, energy, food security cooperation

HO CHI MINH CITY, 3 April — An international conference on "Cooperation for Water, Energy, and Food Security in Trans-boundary Basins under Changing Climate" kicked off in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh (HCM) City on Wednesday.

The two-day conference, a pre-event of the upcoming Second Mekong River Commission (MRC) Summit to be convened in HCM City on Saturday, attracted participants being domestic and foreign experts, MRC Secretariat, and representatives of some 20 international river basins and aquifers from all

continents, and more than 20 international sponsoring partner organizations.

Key challenges to the Mekong river basin echo the focus of the conference, including cooperation between riparian countries to achieve water, energy and food security for their growing populations by utilizing the potential for energy and agricultural production for the maximum benefit to all, and how to cope with the challenges imposed by climate change such as sea level rise in the Mekong delta, accelerated floods and drought, and long-term change of temperature and water availability in time and space.

"With the fast growing population and economy, achieving water, energy and food security is vital to Vietnam," Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Vietnam and Alternate Member of the MRC Council for Vietnam, Nguyen Thai Lai, said at the opening ceremony.

"The trans-boundary dimension of the challenges is obvious, not least for the food production in the Mekong delta just outside the conference venue, but also for us to harvest our hydropower potential to satisfy fast growing energy needs," said the Vietnamese official.

Xinhua

A visitor views a display of dolls themed after Japanese folk stories on 1 April, 2014, in Ku-doyama Town in Wakayama Prefecture. KYODO NEWS



Two killed, 15 injured in rail mishap in northern India

NEW DELHI, 3 April — At least two persons were killed and more than 15 others sustained injuries after two trains collided in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh on Thursday, a senior railway official said.

"The mishap happened early this morning when Katni passenger train collided with Varanasi-Shaktinagar Intercity Express train near Obra station in the state's Sonbhadra District. While two persons died on the spot, those injured have been rushed to a nearby hospital," he said, on condition of anonymity.

The impact of the collision was so much that some of the coaches of both trains got mangled, local TV channels reported. Senior railway officials have rushed to the spot, the official said, adding that a probe has been ordered into the incident.—Xinhua

Philippines, Singapore to strengthen bilateral ties

MANILA, 3 April — Philippine President Benigno Aquino III and visiting Singaporean President Tony Tan Keng Yam agreed on Thursday to bolster bilateral relations between their countries. Aquino welcomed Tan, who is on his four-day state visit here, in Malacanang, the presidential palace.

"Our two countries share a history of friendship and common ideals. The president and I engaged in fruitful discussions on how our relations can be further strengthened, towards expanding areas of cooperation and solidarity," Aquino said after his

meeting with Tan. He said the Philippines proposed the holding of a "Defence Dialogue" to strengthen the two countries' defence and security cooperation.

"I believe that strengthening defence and security cooperation between the Philippines and Singapore is key to maintaining regional stability," Aquino said, adding that the country welcomes the opportunity to host this year's Asian Defence and Security exhibit on 16 to 18 July. The two leaders also discussed the revival of the Philippines-Singapore Action Plan, as a mechanism for expanding bilateral

discussions between the two countries.

The Action Plan provides a consolidated framework for strengthening bilateral cooperation, covering expansive areas including trade and investments, information technology, education, culture, defence, and people-to-people exchanges.

Aquino said he also discussed the expansion of cooperation with Singapore in the fields of infrastructure and construction, tourism facilities, information technology-business process management, shipbuilding, logistics services, and agribusiness.—Xinhua



Job seekers ask for information at a job fair for graduate students in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 2 April, 2014. About 5,000 job opportunities were offered at the fair.—XINHUA

Indonesia issues warning on impacts of Chilean tsunami in its 19 provinces

JAKARTA, 3 April — The Indonesian authorities on Wednesday a warning on the impact of tsunami wave generated by 8.2 magnitude earthquake in Chile.

The warning, issued by Indonesia's Tsunami Early Warning Center (InaTEWS) task force after studying and analyzing the tsunami wave movement, said that waves of tsunami generated by the earthquake would affect at least 19 provinces across the country.

The task force under the coordination of Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) estimated that tsunami waves from the Chilean earthquake would arrive in Indonesian waters on Thursday between 05.11 am to 19.44 pm Indonesian Western Region (WIB) time.

The agency said that the tsunami waves with heights between 0 to 0.5

meter would arrive in 115 coastal areas located in 19 provinces across the country, including Papua, North Maluku, Maluku, East Java, Yogyakarta, Central Java, Banten, West Java, Lampung, West and East Nusa Tenggara, Bali and several provinces in Sulawesi, Kalimantan, among others.

"The BMKG has reported the warning to the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB). As the warning was issued in alert status, regional administrators affected by the tsunami were ordered to avert people from coastal and river bank areas," BNPB Spokesperson Sutopo Purwo Nugroho told Xinhua by phone.

He added that the tsunami wave generated by the earthquake as high as 1.92 meters now have swept coastal areas in Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.—Xinhua

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The Republic of The Union of Myanmar, Ministry of Energy, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise intends to implement joint venture between Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise and interested foreign investors who have the ability in terms of worldwide experiences in LPG Production, Storage, Distribution, Marketing and services, financial capacity, reliability for long term cooperation with respect to business expansion and enhancing the existing facilities/capacities for production, storage, distribution and marketing to operate the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Plant (Nyaung Don). Further information can be obtained at the address below during

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Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise
Fax: 067 411124
E-mail: MPEHO@mptmail.net.mm, mpeict@gmail.com
Building No(44)
Nay Pyi Taw
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Ministry of Electric Power

Myanma Electric Power Enterprise
Invitation for Open International Bids

The Myanma Electric Power Enterprise has allocated Funds to be used towards the cost of various Projects. We intend to apply a portion of the proceeds of these funds to eligible payments under the contract for which this Invitation for Bids is issued.

We here by Inform you that invitation of the Open International bidding, Design and Supply of Galvanized Steel Tower for Taung Twin Gyi - Shwe Taung 230 kV Double Circuit, Transmission Line. The Currency of the bid shall be US Dollar and quoting plan is CIF Yangon.

Interested eligible Bidder may obtain future Information from and inspect from 10:00-15:30 hrs at

Power Transmission Project

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Myanmar

Phone : + 9567410216

A complete set of the bidding document in English Language and should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by (31-5- 2014), 14:00 hrs and be clear marked "Bidding for Design and Supply of Galvanized steel Tower for Taung Twin Gyi- Shwe Taung 230 kV Double Circuit Transmission line"

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The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

ASEAN Summit and related Summits Committee

Sub-Committee on Logistics and Administration

INVITATION FOR BIDS

ON SPONSORSHIP MANAGEMENT OPERATOR

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has assumed the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014 and will hold 24th ASEAN Summit and 25th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. It will be first time that Myanmar takes ASEAN Chairmanship since it joined ASEAN in 1997.

2. Myanmar has drawn great attention from the international community due to its significant reforms, abundant natural resources and historic and scenic beauties. Hosting of ASEAN Summits and related Summits will be a golden opportunity for the local and foreign companies to promote business and to further expand investment in Myanmar and to the Southeast Asia Region.

3. In view of the above opportunities, bids are invited by the Sub-Committee on Logistics and Administration (the Committee) for the selection of Sponsorship Management Operator whose sole responsibility is to find sponsors and to collect sponsorship fees for the duration of the Myanmar Chairmanship which will come to the end on 31 December 2014.

4. The company who will be selected as "Sponsorship Management Operator" (the winning bidder) will have the exclusive rights to dispense the following rights on behalf of the Committee:-

- (1) Television Advertising Right
- (2) Billboard Advertising Right
- (3) Merchandize Advertising Right

5. All the operation costs inclusive of various costs for advertising shall be borne by the Sponsorship Management Operator and/or Sponsor.

6. The winning bidder shall enter the contract with the Committee.

7. The Committee will take exclusive intellectual property right for logo, motto etc., pertaining to the Myanmar ASEAN Chairmanship 2014.

8. The bidders shall attach the following information with their application among others—

- (1) Certificate of incorporation and the company profile;
- (2) Estimated amount of earning (in USD) from sponsorship;
- (3) Minimum guaranteed amount (in case of failure the winning bidder is responsible for that amount);
- (4) Commission rate (inclusive of expenses) for the bidder;
- (5) Amount of deposit (in USD);
- (6) Past record of performance, in any.

9. No territorial limit of marketing sponsorship.

10. Deposit shall be refunded within 14 banking days after the year end.

11. Bids shall be only on the Official Bidding Form and to be delivered into the Tender Box located at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.9, Nay Pyi Taw no later than (16:00) hours on 10 April 2014.

12. Bids shall be opened at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.9, Nay Pyi Taw on 11 April 2014.

13. Announcement on the successful bidder will be made as earliest as possible.

14. Official Bidding Form shall be available at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.9 Nay Pyi Taw during the office hour from (31-3-2014) to (10-4-2014) in payment of Kyat 10,000 (Kyat ten thousands).

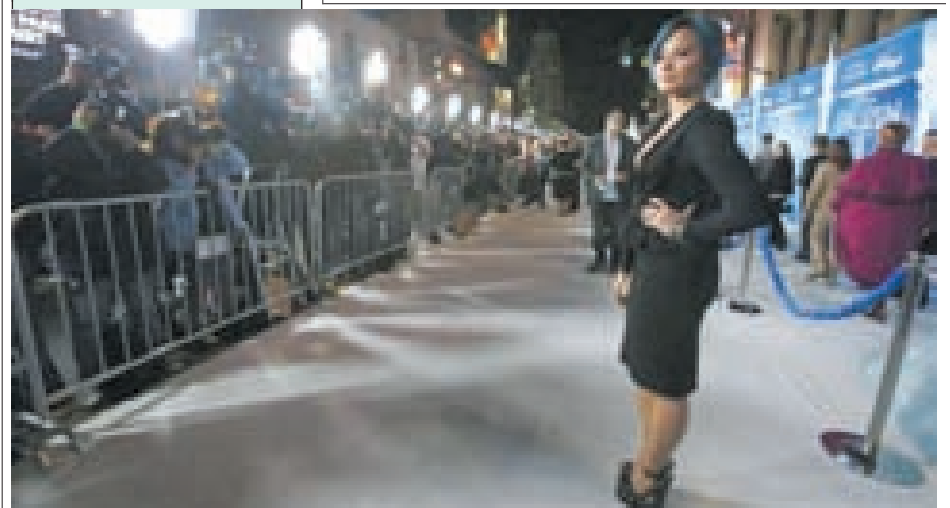
15. The Committee has made this tender invitation without prejudice to its right.

16. The selection will be made based on criteria and point system.

17. Inquiry can be made at the following contact phone number, 067-412509.

Secretary
Sub-Committee on Logistics
and Administration
ASEAN Summit and Related
Summits Committee

*Singer Demi
Lovato, who is
featured on the
soundtrack, poses at
the premiere of
"Frozen" at El
Capitan theatre in
Hollywood,
California on 19 Nov,
2013.—REUTERS*

‘Frozen’ soundtrack keeps Shakira from
top of Billboard chart

LOS ANGELES, 3 April — Hip-shaking Colombian singer Shakira was no match for Disney's animated princesses on the weekly Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday as the "Frozen" movie soundtrack continued its reign at the top.

The "Frozen" soundtrack, released in November 2013, sold 161,000 copies last week, bringing its total US sales to 1.8 million, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

Billboard said 1.5 million of "Frozen" soundtrack sales were in 2014, making it the year's biggest selling album so far. Beyonce's self-titled album that she released in December comes in second with 604,000 copies sold so far in 2014.

"Frozen," about two Nordic princess sisters who

have to save their kingdom from an everlasting winter, has also become the top-grossing animated film in box office history, topping \$1 billion in worldwide sales.

The "Frozen" soundtrack, which features the Oscar-winning song "Let It Go," is the 20th album to spend eight weeks at No 1, coming in behind Adele's Grammy-winning record "21," that clocked the longest chart-topping run with 24 non-consecutive weeks at the top of Billboard 200. Whitney Houston's soundtrack for 1993's "The Bodyguard" movie notched 20 weeks at No 1.

Shakira led six new albums in the top 10 of the Billboard 200 this week, debuting at No 2 with her latest self-titled album selling 84,000 copies, almost

half of "Frozen" sales last week.

An album of newly discovered Johnny Cash songs, "Out Among the Stars," entered the chart at No 3, rockers Memphis May Fire came in at No 4 with "Unconditional," and gospel singer Erica Campbell debuted at No 6 with her first solo album "Help."

Veteran crooner Barry Manilow came in at No. 8 with his latest album "Night Songs," while punk rockers My Chemical Romance, who split up last year, released greatest hits compilation "May Death Never Stop You" that debuted at No 9 this week.

For the week ended March 30, overall album sales totalled 4.7 million, down 28 percent from the comparable week in 2013, Billboard said.

Reuters

GENERAL

Ronaldo knee problem a concern for Portugal

MADRID, 3 April — However much Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti insisted there was no cause for concern, the sight of Cristiano Ronaldo limping off near the end of Wednesday's Champions League match will have set alarm bells ringing in his native Portugal.

The national team captain, the leading marksman in both La Liga and the Champions League this term, will need to maintain his scintillating goal-scoring form if Portugal are to advance to the later stages of the World Cup finals in Brazil starting in June.

However, the 29-year-old former Manchester United player has been complaining of discomfort in his left knee in recent weeks and has been playing on while receiving treatment from Real medical staff.

He netted a record-equalling 14th goal of the latest edition of the Champions League in Wednesday's 3-0 quarter-final, first leg win at home to Borussia Dortmund before asking to come off 10 minutes from time.

"It's a slight knee problem and I'm not worried about it," Ancelotti told a news conference.

"If the niggle, which at the moment is not a worry, continues we can rest him, but the player is relaxed," added the Italian.

"I took him off 10 minutes before the end and there is no reason to worry." Real have a busy schedule in the final weeks



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (R) scores a goal past Borussia Dortmund's goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller (C) and Erik Durm during their Champions League quarter-final first leg match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 2 April, 2014.—REUTERS

of the season and they have a potentially tricky La Liga match at sixth-placed Real Sociedad on Saturday before Tuesday's return leg at Dortmund.

The world's richest club by income are still in with a chance of a rare treble, although La Liga defeats to Barcelona and Sevilla last month saw them slip into third place behind leaders Atletico Madrid and Barca.

They play Barca, who have beaten them home and away in La Liga this term, in the King's Cup final on 16 April.

One bright spot for Real from Wednesday's game was the performance of playmaker Isco, who Ancelotti included in the starting lineup after Angel Di Maria was sidelined by illness.

Real lured the 21-year-

old from Malaga in the close season but his playing time has been limited since Ancelotti settled on a first-choice team featuring Xabi Alonso and Luka Modric and an attacking line of Ronaldo, Karim Benzema and record signing Gareth Bale.

Against Dortmund on Wednesday, Isco looked dangerous on the ball going forward and scored a neat goal, Real's second, with a low curling effort from the edge of the penalty area.

His efforts may have boosted his chances of inclusion in Vicente Del Bosque's 23-man World Cup squad, although competition for the world and European champions among attacking midfielders is fierce.

"He (Isco) had a great match, he defended and

won balls," Ancelotti said.

"He also demonstrated his attacking ability with a goal. He had a fantastic game, really helping his team and demonstrating that he has that passion."

The Real fans, who have at times made clear their frustration with some of Isco's below-par performances, chanted his name when he was substituted in the 72nd minute.

"I'd like to thank the Santiago Bernabeu for the ovation and the support they gave us during the match," Isco told reporters.

"I was a little surprised to play, Di Maria came down with something, but you have to be prepared and that's what happened," he added. "I have to show people and the coach that I can play in any system and position and I'm happy."

Reuters

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Shizuoka governor rejects using plutonium-mix fuel at nuclear plant

Tokyo, 3 April — Shizuoka Gov Heita Kawakatsu said during a recent interview with *Kyodo News* he cannot stick to his predecessor's decision to allow one of the nuclear reactors in the prefecture to use a controversial type of fuel created through spent fuel reprocessing.

"We will take back (the decision)," Kawakatsu said, referring to a project called "plutermal" in Japan, in which ordinary reactors use plutonium-uranium mixed oxide fuel, or MOX fuel. The fuel is created by plutonium and uranium extracted from reprocessing conventional

uranium fuel.

Implementing the project is important for Japan to consume its stockpiles of weapons-grade plutonium, as the country is facing increasing difficulty to commercialize the Monju prototype fast-breeder reactor, which was expected to use plutonium as fuel.

Before the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster, power utilities planned to conduct plutermal at 16 to 18 reactors.

The state permitted plutermal to be conducted at the No 4 unit at the Hamaoka plant in 2007. The Shizuoka prefectural

government and four local cities approved the plan by February 2008.

Kawakatsu, however, said, "When thinking about conducting plutermal now, there would be no place that will allow such moves. The situation is very tough."

After the Fukushima crisis, the governor expressed his intention to review the plutermal project, but he has not gone so far as to say the plan should be retracted.

Kawakatsu also warned that Japan is not in a situation to allow the restart of nuclear power plants, given that the coun-

try is running out of storage space to keep spent nuclear fuel.

All of the country's 48 commercial reactors have remained offline amid heightened concerns over the use of nuclear power after the Fukushima crisis. Those seeking to restart are waiting for the state safety assessments to finish.

Meanwhile, Japan has 44 tons of plutonium, said to be enough to make 5,000 nuclear bombs, and international concerns could further grow if the amount increases without having clear plans over their use.

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8	Toulouse	31	11	11	9	44
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16	Guingamp	31	9	8	14	35
17	Evian Thonon Gaillard	31	8	10	13	34
18	Valenciennes	31	7	8	16	29
19	Sochaux	31	6	8	17	26
20	Ajaccio	31	3	10	18	19

* Bastia deducted -3 points

Paris St Germain sink Chelsea, Real ease past Dortmund

LONDON, 3 April — Paris St Germain and Real Madrid took big steps towards the Champions League semi-finals on Wednesday as the French club beat Chelsea 3-1 and the Spaniards dismantled Borussia Dortmund 3-0 in the quarter-final first legs.

PSG opened the scoring at the Parc des Princes after four minutes when John Terry's headed clearance fell to Ezequiel Lavezzi and the Argentine forward thumped a half-volley past Petr Cech.

Eden Hazard grabbed a crucial away goal for Chelsea from the penalty spot after 27 minutes after Brazilian defender Thiago Silva fouled compatriot Oscar.

PSG restored their advantage on 61 minutes, however, thanks to a David Luiz own goal before Javier Pastore waltzed into the area and fired a shot past Cech at his near post in stoppage time.

Real flew out of the traps against Dortmund and took the lead on three minutes when Gareth Bale collected Daniel Carvajal's pass and poked the ball under goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller.

Carlo Ancelotti's side continued to swarm all over last season's beaten finalists and Isco's precise strike from the edge of the box doubled Real's advantage on 27 minutes.

The fleet-footed Cristiano Ronaldo added a third on 57 minutes as he skipped round Weidenfeller to give Real a comfortable cushion and equal Lionel Messi's record of 14 goals in the competition in one season.

In Tuesday's quarter-final first legs, holders Bayern Munich were held to a 1-1 draw at Manchester United and Barcelona

drew 1-1 at home to Spanish rivals Atletico Madrid. The second legs will be played on 8 and 9 April.

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Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid (L) falls over Henrikh Mkhitaryan of Borussia Dortmund during their Champions League quarter-final first leg soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 2 April, 2014.—REUTERS



Chelsea players leave the pitch as Paris St Germain players celebrate at the end of their Champions League quarter-final first leg soccer match against Chelsea at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Madrid on 2 April, 2014.

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Barcelona to appeal FIFA transfer ban, club says

BARCELONA, 3 April —Barcelona will lodge an appeal to try to overturn a ban on participating in the transfer market for breaching rules on the international transfer of foreign under-18 players, the club said on Wednesday.

FIFA, soccer's world governing body, announced earlier on Wednesday that it had banned Barca from the transfer market for two consecutive windows and fined the club 450,000 Swiss francs.

"FCB will present the corresponding appeal to

FIFA and if necessary will submit the resulting resolution to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)," Barca said in a statement on their website (www.fcbarcelona.es).

"Appropriate precautionary measures to preserve the rights of the club" would be taken to ensure they were not kept out of the transfer market, the statement added.

Barca said the rule they had been accused by FIFA of infringing was designed to prevent minors from being denied a proper

education.

The club argued that their academy, "La Masia", has been held up as a model of good practice and they had not breached any civil law. They had also been trying to get FIFA to reform the rules to make them more efficient at protecting minors, they said.

"FCB creates people before they create athletes, a fact that has not been considered by FIFA, which has applied a penalty ignoring the educational function of our training programme," they said.—Reuters



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (2ndL) hugs teammate Alexis Sanchez as they celebrate a goal against Atletico Madrid scored by Neymar (C) during their Champions League quarter-final first leg soccer match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 1 April, 2014.—REUTERS

Venus rises again to win in Charleston

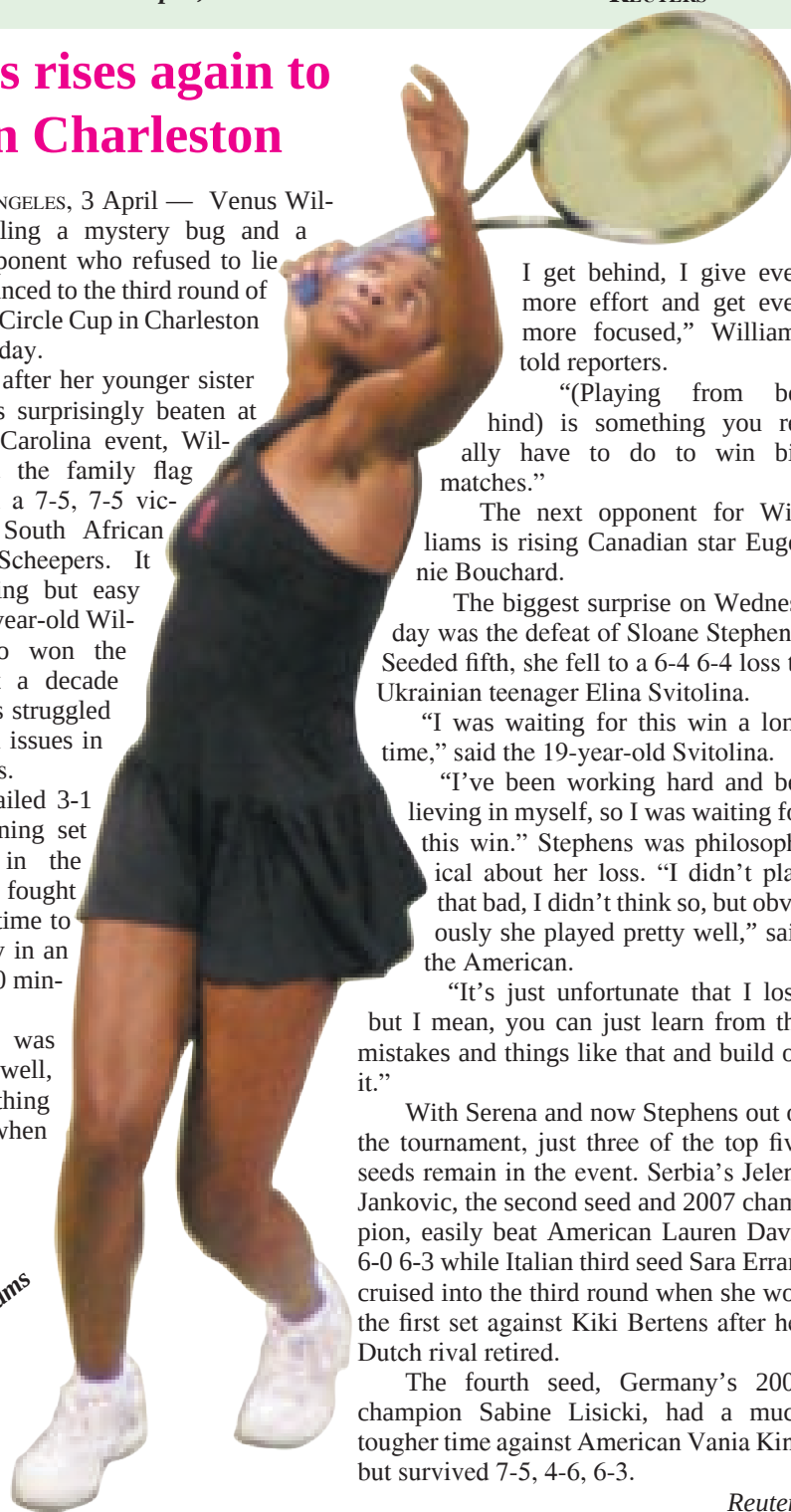
LOS ANGELES, 3 April — Venus Williams, battling a mystery bug and a dogged opponent who refused to lie down, advanced to the third round of the Family Circle Cup in Charleston on Wednesday.

A day after her younger sister Serena was surprisingly beaten at the South Carolina event, Williams kept the family flag flying with a 7-5, 7-5 victory over South African Chanelle Scheepers. It was anything but easy for the 33-year-old Williams, who won the tournament a decade ago but has struggled with health issues in recent years.

She trailed 3-1 in the opening set then 4-1 in the second but fought back each time to seal victory in an hour and 50 minutes.

"She was playing so well, but good thing is that when

Venus Williams



I get behind, I give even more effort and get even more focused," Williams told reporters.

"(Playing from behind) is something you really have to do to win big matches."

The next opponent for Williams is rising Canadian star Eugenie Bouchard.

The biggest surprise on Wednesday was the defeat of Sloane Stephens. Seeded fifth, she fell to a 6-4 6-4 loss to Ukrainian teenager Elina Svitolina.

"I was waiting for this win a long time," said the 19-year-old Svitolina.

"I've been working hard and believing in myself, so I was waiting for this win." Stephens was philosophical about her loss. "I didn't play that bad, I didn't think so, but obviously she played pretty well," said the American.

"It's just unfortunate that I lost, but I mean, you can just learn from the mistakes and things like that and build on it."

With Serena and now Stephens out of the tournament, just three of the top five seeds remain in the event. Serbia's Jelena Jankovic, the second seed and 2007 champion, easily beat American Lauren Davis 6-0 6-3 while Italian third seed Sara Errani cruised into the third round when she won the first set against Kiki Bertens after her Dutch rival retired.

The fourth seed, Germany's 2009 champion Sabine Lisicki, had a much tougher time against American Vania King but survived 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

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