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## Union Peace-Making Work Committee, ethnic armed groups discuss ceasefire deal in details



*Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win replying to questions in meeting with media at the talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and National Ceasefire Coordination Team-NCCT.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April —Union Peace-making Work Committee (UPMWC) and National Ceasefire Coordination Team-NCCT representing ethnic armed groups have talked over the details of a nationwide ceasefire deal at Myanmar Peace Centre on

Shweli Road in Yangon on Sunday.

During the second-day of the peace talks, the two sides openly exchanged views over the introduction and the chapter-1 of the deal which would be worked up into a single text document for a

nationwide ceasefire.

“We have seen more friendly relations between the two sides. The NCCT has drawn a draft and the UPMWC has made preparations for the talks. We need time to reach a compromise and we are optimistic about the

talks,” said U Hla Maung Shwe of Myanmar Peace Centre.

The ceasefire agreement is the step on the road to political dialogue with ethnic armed groups in order to sign a peace deal.

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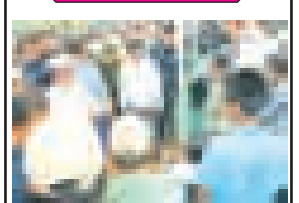
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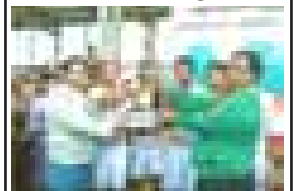
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*Japan’s Maritime Self-Defence Force Commander Hidetsugu Iwamasa is pictured in front of one of their P-3C Orion aircraft currently at RAAF Base Pearce near Perth, on 4 April, 2014. On Monday it will be 30 days since the Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 lost communications and disappeared from civilian radar less than an hour into an overnight flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on 8 March.*

REUTERS



a frequency of 37.5kHz per second—the same as emitted by flight recorders—at about 25 degrees south and 101 degrees east, *Xinhua* reported on Saturday.

Australian search authorities said such a signal would be consistent with a black box, but both they and *Xinhua* stressed there was no conclusive evidence linking it to the Boeing 777.

“The 37.5kHz is the specific frequency that these locator pingers operate on,” said Anish Patel, president of Sarasota, Florida-based Dukane Seacom, which made the black box locator.

“It’s a very unique frequency, typically not found in background ocean noise,” such as whales or other marine mammals, he told *Reuters*.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents gift to Vice-Chairman of SSA (Wamhaing) U Khe Taing.

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NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Deputy Secretary-General U Pauk Yuri and party from UWSA and Vice-Chairman of Shan State Army (SSA-Wamhaing) U Khe Taing and party at the guest hall of North-East Command Headquarters in Lashio, Shan State (North) on Sunday separately.

Present at the meetings were Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win,

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Khin Aung Myint and the senior military officers from the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office. At the meetings, the Senior General expressed that he wishes to cooperate with ethnic armed groups for the sake of the country, saying all national people are required to safeguard national security in unity. He highlighted that all national people are to join hands with the government

in marching towards democracy in line with the law for ensuring stability and regional development. The most important thing in peace talks is mutual trust, he added. Then, the Senior General presented gifts to the UWSA deputy secretary-general and the vice-chairman of SSA (Wamhaing).

In meeting with 27 militia troops from the area of North-East Command, the Senior General praised the militia troops for discharging defence duty of

the State in joining hands with the Defence Services and the people with patriotic spirit. As the militia troops are taking up defence and security duty of the State and the respective regions voluntarily, he will coordinate with departments concerned for undertaking productions as their livelihoods. He urged the militia leaders to be loyal to the State and the Armed Forces. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented gifts to the leaders of militia troops.—Myawady

## Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd opens Yangon branch

YANGON, 6 April—Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd opened its branch in Yagon on Sunday.

At Sedona Hotel, Chief Executive Officer of Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd Mr Pang Yee Ean said the branch was opened with the aim of creating job opportunities for the local people.

Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin and Senior Minister of Trade and Industry Ministry and National Development Ministry of Singapore Mr Lee Yi Shyan unveiled the signboard of new branch.

Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and



Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin unveils signboard of Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd branch office in Yangon.—MNA

Social Security U Htin Aung accepted S\$ 10000 donated by an official from the company for engineering and architec-

tural students of the nation. Surbana International and Myanmar Aquarum Co. Ltd have plans to con-

struct an Aquarium and 19000 housings at Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon.

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## U Win Maung, U Thit Linn Ohn appointed as Ambassadors to Thailand, China

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Win Maung as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Thailand and U Thit Linn Ohn as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of China.—MNA

## U San Myint Oo appointed as Ambassador to Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U San Myint Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

## ASEAN Statement on Signing of Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro

1. ASEAN welcomes the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front on 27 March 2014 in Manila.
2. ASEAN commends the constructive role of Malaysia as the Facilitator of the peace agreement and acknowledges the contributions of Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Indonesia to the peace agreement.
3. ASEAN continues to support lasting peace and development in areas of the southern Philippines covered by the Agreement.

## Forum held to discuss about stone inscription unearthed in Myittha

YANGON, 6 April—When four pieces of ancient stone inscription unearthed in the compound of Pawtaw Monastery in Myittha in Mandalay Region were combined, it has become a stone inscription with two frontages written in Nagari alphabet (Sanskrit), Kadamba alphabet (Pali), Pyu alphabet (Pyu) and Mon alphabet (Mon). A forum was held at National Museum in Yangon on Sunday to discuss about alphabetization and translation of the stone inscription.

At the forum attended by the director-general of Department of Archaeology and National Museum and retired directors-general, members of Myanmar Language Commission and

Myanmar Historical Commission, researchers, Pyu and Mon literature scholars and media, Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe made a speech.

Scholars U Naing Ba Shin, retired Deputy Director-General U Sein Win and Lecturer Dr Maung Maung Swe from Bago University explained matters on translation of Mon and Pyu stone inscriptions in comparing with other stone inscriptions and members of MLC, MHC and researchers participated in the discussions.

It is learnt that the newly-found stone inscription has been engraved in 441 ME (AD-1079) and written in four languages.

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# Literacy Campaign 2014 launched in 29 townships of regions and states



*President U Thein Sein cordially meets attendees at launching of basic literacy campaign 2014 in Sanpya Village of Singaing Township in Mandalay Region.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—As development of the nation totally depends on literacy rate and education development, strenuous efforts are being made for undertaking reforms in education sector so as to improve education standard, said President U Thein Sein at the ceremony to launch the 2014 literacy campaign in Sanpya Village of Mogaung Township of Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region, on Sunday morning.

Literacy is one of the tasks to implement the scheme for compulsory free primary education in line with the constitution,

he said. The non-formal primary education system is being implemented for under-15 children who missed the chance to pursue education due to various reasons. That is why, basic literacy campaign is being undertaken for the adult illiterates under the programme of non-formal education, he said.

After regaining Independence, Myanmar had been implementing literacy campaigns as national duty in successive eras. The literacy supervisory central committee was formed in 1966. Due to concerted efforts in the campaigns across the nation, UNESCO presented

Mohammed Riza Pahlavi Prize to the nation in 1971 and Noma Prize in 1983.

As Myanmar is a nation which is home to various national people, it is necessary to encourage improvement of culture,

customs and languages of all national people. He stressed the need to place emphasis on giving encouragement to activities of literacy campaign that plays a key role in rural development and poverty

alleviation.

Union Minister for Education Dr Daw Khin San Yi explained activities of literacy campaign and Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, progress of the campaign in

Mandalay Region.

The Union ministers presented 200 solar lamps and 200 family kits for 200 teaching tables in Singaing Township, 250 large desks, 750 small desks and 550 chairs for schools, 370 school uniforms and 370 dozens of exercise books for students of three primary schools provided by the President to officials.

The President viewed round the educative booths displayed on rural development and activities of basic literacy campaigns by ministries and region government.

A total of 1985 students from 10 universities participated in literacy campaign for 22417 people in nine townships in 2013. This year, the campaign will be implemented in 29 townships of all regions and states. A total of 4261 students and 403 faculty members will teach 46479 people from 29 townships from 1 April to 15 May.

From 2004 to 2012, the adult literacy scheme was implemented in all regions and states. As of 2013, the literacy campaign has been implemented in designated townships with the strength of university students.—MNA

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*Photo shows school desks and chairs provided by President U Thein Sein to schools in Singaing Township.—MNA*

## Thongwa Tsp holds National Parliament Deputy Speaker Cup Sepak Takraw Tourney

THONGWA, 6 April—The National Parliament Deputy Speaker Cup Sepak Takraw Tournament took place at the township gymnasium in Thongwa of Yangon Region on 5 April.

Township level officials awarded the winning teams.

The deputy speaker presented championship trophy and K 500,000 to No 2 Ward of the township.

*Kyi Soe Lwin (Thongwa)*

**National Parliament Deputy Speaker presents trophy and K 500,000 to winners.**

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## First-aid training course concludes at UDNR of Sagaing

SAGAING, 6 April—First-aid training course No. 1/2014 concluded on Friday at the convocation hall of the University for Development of National Races in Sagaing Township with an address by the

Rector of UDNR.

The officials from Sagaing Region Red Cross Brigade awarded the outstanding trainees, gave medical boxes to the university's Red Cross Society, and the Rec-

tor presented gifts to the trainers.

Four trainers from MRCBS conducted the 4-day course to 100 trainees from the UDNR both theoretical and practical knowledge.

*UDNR*



## Yezagyo dwellers feel happy for getting potable water

YEZAGYO, 6 April—Locals from Yezagyo Township enjoys sufficiency of safe water from the tube-wells and a lake funded by the Rural Development Fund. A tender winner com-

pany namely Aung Myanmar Cooperative Ltd constructed the 4 feet diameter and 400 feet deep six tube-wells in Kanpouk, Kuntheekan, Myithlachaung, Myaybyukyin, Aungnan and

Kanthit villages in the township and a lake in Kyaukka Village. These tube-wells and lake were constructed at a cost of K 139.79 million in total.

*Ei Mon Swe (Yezagyo)*

## Fire drills demonstrated at Sagaing University



SAGAING, 6 April—An educative talks on fire pre-

ventive measures was held at Cooperative Universi-

ty (Sagaing) in Sagaing, Sagaing Region, on 18 March morning.

Pro-Rector U Aung Khaing made a speech. Head of Township Cooperative Department U Tun Tun gave talks on fire preventive measures at lecture halls of the university and performed fire drills.

It was attended by faculty members of the university.—*Htwe Myint Naing (Sagaing)*

## Region minister supervises census taking process

THABAUNG, 6 April—Ayeyawady Region Minister of Social Affairs Daw Khin Saw Mu and Region Head of Information and Public Relations Department U Ngwe Tun met officials in Thabaung Township of Ayeyawady Region on Saturday to discuss upgrading schools and constructing new ones.

Health Assistant from

MYAUNGMYA, 6 April—Refresher course for the staff from Agriculture Department was opened at Myashwewah Hall in Myaungmya, Ayeyawady Region on 3 April, with an address by Deputy Commissioner U Tun Min Zaw.

Township Health Department U Myint Thein Oo replied to questions raised by attendees.

Next, the region minister and party viewed taking census in wards of Thabaung Township.

*Township IPRD*

## Census taking continues in Haka Tsp

HAKA, 6 April—Census taking process that started on 31 April continues its 6<sup>th</sup> day task in Haka Township of Chin State.

"I was assigned duty to enumerate census data from 151 households. I've

completed taking census data average 15 households per day. With the assistance of an official of the township, I don't face any difficulty in my duty," said a census enumerator.

A local people said

that she warmly welcomes nationwide census taking process because she believes the Government can create job opportunities and uplift livelihoods of the people.

*District IPRD*



## Summer culture course concludes in Kyaukdaga Township

KYAUKDAGA, 6 April—As part of efforts for understanding Buddha's teachings and turning out clever ones, Lineage, Language and Religion Group (Kyaukdaga Region) has organized the summer culture course for students of Basic and Middle Schools at the monastery of Gonminkwin Village in Kyaukdaga Township of Bago Region.

The course concluded on Saturday, and officials

presented certificates to 100 trainees. They also awarded first prize winner K 10000, second K 7000 and third K 5000.

Ngwe Sin San Thit Co. Ltd donated ten 20-W solar panels to ten monasteries of Kyaukdaga Township. Among the monasteries, MP of People's Parliament Dr Khin Maung Swe presented one solar panel to Gonminkwin monastery.

*Khin Ko (Kyaukdaga)*

## Refresher course for agriculturists opens in Myaungmya

Director of Region Agriculture Department U Myint Thein explained matters related to the course and Head of District Agriculture Department U Myint Aye, the purpose of opening the course.

Two-day course was attended by 75 agricultural staff from Myaungmya, Wakema and Einme Townships and the trainees were given lecture on land utilization technology, crops protection technology and seed production technology by the in-charges from region/district offices.

## WORLD

## IMF to lend Jordan 264 mln USD on Syrian refugees

AMMAN, 6 April — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said it will transfer 264 million US dollars to Jordan in April as part of a loan to the kingdom, the state-run *Petra* news agency reported on Saturday.

The amount is part of a 2.1-billion-US-dollar loan the IMF agreed to extend to Jordan to help it cope with an increasing number of Syrian refugees and reduce the pressure on its budget, the report said.

The IMF said Jordan came under pressure in light of the Syrian crisis and the cut on its natural gas supplies from Egypt.

Jordan has housed about 600,000 Syrian refugees, which added pressure on the kingdom's already limited resources such as water, health care, and energy.

Jordan now imports about 96 percent of its energy needs annually. It has stopped receiving gas from Egypt since mid 2013 after the pipeline in Egypt was bombed several times. The country has been forced to expend more on its energy imports. —Xinhua

## Four extremists killed, 36 arrested in Egypt's Sinai

ARISH, (Egypt), 6 April — At least four extremists were killed and 36 others arrested on Saturday in a security raid on their hideouts in major cities in Egypt's North Sinai Province, a security source told *Xinhua*.

"The police-military raid in Arish, Rafah and Sheikh Zuweid also resulted in busting a weapon warehouse that has two machine guns, two sniper guns, two Kalashnikov rifles and various ammunition," the source added, noting that Tawfik Abou Mleih, a leading extremist Islamist, was among those arrested. The security raid also defused an explosive device targeting military vehicles in southern Arish, while in Rafah it destroyed eight smuggling tunnels, 22 huts, three warehouses, four houses and one vehicle belonging to extremists.

Military spokesman Colonel Ahmed Ali said in a statement that 20 kg of heroine was also seized

## Sanriku Railway fully restores services on tsunami-hit line



People celebrate in Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture, as Sanriku Railway Co resumes full operations on its 36.6-kilometer South Rias Line on 6 April, 2014. The line was damaged in the 2011 tsunami. —KYODO NEWS

MORIOKA, (Japan), 6 April — A local railroad in northeastern Japan reopened the last remaining disconnected section of one of its two Pacific coastal lines on Saturday, with the other scheduled to fully reopen on Sunday, after both were damaged in the 2011 tsunami.

Sanriku Railway Co in Iwate Prefecture resumed full operations on its 36.6-kilometer South Rias Line, and will do so the next day on the 71-km North Rias Line.

Local residents welcomed the full reopening of the southern line by waving

giant flags and performing local dances on station platforms along the railroad.

At a commemorative ceremony at Kamaishi Terminal, Iwate Gov. Takuya Tasso said, "Reconstruction efforts will reach their peak from now onward, with Santetsu as the driving force," using the local name for Sanriku Railway.

At Sakari Terminal, Sanriku Railway President Masahiko Mochizuki said, "We want to thank everyone across the country for their cooperation. We hope to contribute to revitalizing the region."

Kyodo News

## Mali government resigns, new PM appointed

BAMAKO, 6 April — Mali's government has resigned and town planning minister Moussa Mara will become prime minister, a presidential spokesman said on state television late on Saturday.

Outgoing prime minister Oumar Tatam Ly submitted the entire government's resignation to President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita on Saturday and it was accepted, the statement said.

His replacement Mara, a political veteran who ran against Keita in Mali's August Presidential election,

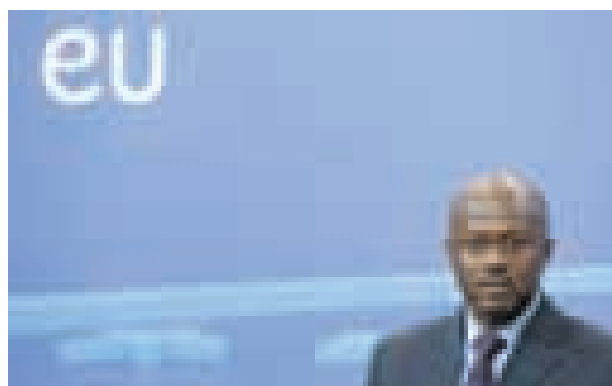
will be responsible for appointing new ministers.

No timeframe was given for the appointments.

Under the Malian system, a reshuffle is normal following legislative elections.

President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, known universally by his initials IBK, was elected on a pledge to unite Mali and is seeking to rebuild the country from the ashes of a war against Islamists.

The West African country was plunged into chaos by a Tuareg rebellion in early 2012, followed



Mali's Prime Minister Oumar Tatam Ly speaks during a joint news conference with European Council President Herman van Rompuy (unseen) in Brussels on 5 Feb, 2014. — REUTERS

shortly by a military coup. Islamist militants took advantage of the chaos and seized the desert north, forcing France to intervene in its ex-colony.—Reuters

## Hungarians set to return maverick Orban to power in Sunday vote

BUDAPEST, 6 April — Hungarians were set to return Prime Minister Viktor Orban to power for another four years in a parliamentary election on Sunday that was also expected to entrench the far-right Jobbik party as a political force.

Orban, 50, has had repeated rows with the European Union and foreign investors, particularly over heavy taxes imposed on the country's mostly foreign-owned banks, telecoms and energy firms, and increased state control over the energy sector.

But he is popular with many voters for stabilizing public finances and cutting their electricity and gas bills. Opinion polls show his Fidesz party is on course for a landslide victory.

"I would like to see high turnout because that would allow stronger governing," Orban told *Reuters* after he cast his vote early at a school in the capital.

"I hope many voters will go to cast their votes, and whatever government

is formed, it can start working ...with strong public support," he added.

Two questions remain: whether Orban can retain his two-thirds majority in parliament, which allows him to change the consti-

tution, and whether Jobbik can make a late surge and overtake the leftist opposition to become the second biggest political force.

A good result for Jobbik, accused by critics of being anti-Semitic and

stoking antipathy toward Hungary's Roma minority, could be a harbinger of how other nationalist right-wing parties perform in European Parliament elections next month.

Reuters



Peopole cast their ballots inside a polling station during parliamentary elections in Gyongyos on 6 April, 2014. Hungarians began voting on Sunday in a parliamentary election set to return Prime Minister Viktor Orban to power for another four years and entrench the far-right Jobbik party as a force in Hungarian politics.—REUTERS

## Princess Aiko enrolls at Gakushuin junior high school

TOKYO, 6 April — Princess Aiko, the only child of Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito and Crown Princess Masako, attended the entrance ceremony on Sunday for Gakushuin Girl's Junior High School.

"I am looking forward (to starting a new school life)," the 12-year-old princess told reporters after taking photos with her parents in front of the gate of the campus in Tokyo's Shinjuku Ward.—Kyodo News

## Hagel tells Onodera US will deploy additional Aegis vessels in Japan

TOKYO, 6 April—The United States will deploy two Aegis-equipped destroyers to Japan by 2017, US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel told Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera after their meeting Sunday in Tokyo, in an effort to enhance defense against North Korea's "provocative" missiles launches.

The announced dispatch will bring the total number of US Aegis-equipped vessels in Japan to seven, as the region is on guard against North Korea's nuclear and missile development programmes, which Pyongyang has been advancing in defiance of international pressure.

"I agreed with Mr Hagel that we oppose (China's) unilateral attempt to change the status quo by force, and US rebalancing to Asia is quite important for peace and stability in the region," Onodera told reporters.

The defence chiefs' meeting came as Russia's annexation of Crimea, criticized by both Tokyo and Washington as an attempt to change the status quo by force, continued to raise security concerns.

Hagel, whose next destination is China, said the United States takes "seriously" the obligations of the bilateral security treaty, and added "a peaceful resolution of territorial disputes is in the interests of all

nations" as he called for dialogue.

Against the backdrop of the Ukraine crisis, Hagel said the use of coercion and intimidation "will not stand" in the 21st century, and countries should not be allowed to redefine boundaries and threaten sovereignty. The crisis in Ukraine has become a source of concern for Japan, not just because it is engaged in a territorial dispute with Russia.

Onodera told Hagel that Japan has been urging China to launch a maritime communication mechanism at an early date to avoid contingencies in the East China Sea, a ministry official said. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is trying to

bolster the defence capabilities of the Self-Defence Forces to protect Japan's territory.

Touching on the need for cooperation with South Korea and Australia, Onodera and Hagel agreed to step up work toward revising US-Japan defence cooperation guidelines for the first time in 17 years.

Hagel expressed "support" for Abe's reworking of Japan's security and defense policies, including its exercise of the right to collective self-defence, and agreed to strengthen cooperation in defence equipment and technology given Japan eased its arms export ban last Tuesday, the ministry official said.

Kyodo News



Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera (R) and US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel chat at the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo on 5 April, 2014.

KYODO NEWS

## Australian PM hopes for 'swift, satisfactory' end to Japan trade talks

TOKYO, 6 April — Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Sunday that he hoped for a quick conclusion to thorny free trade negotiations with Japan but suggested time might be needed to ensure conclusion of a "satisfactory" pact. Ministers from both nations took part in a five-hour session on Saturday that ended well into the evening without agreement on several substantial issues, Australian Trade Minister Andrew Robb said. He termed the talks exhausting, but said progress had been made. Abbott told reporters that he hoped a conclusion was near for the negotiations, launched in 2007.

"I am optimistic about the free trade negotiations, but they have been difficult negotiations," Abbott said, according to a transcript provided by the Australian



Australia's Prime Minister Tony Abbott (front) arrives at Haneda airport in Tokyo on 5 April, 2014. Abbott flew in to Japan on Saturday to hold summit talks with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. — REUTERS

government.

"This government is determined to bring them to a swift and satisfactory conclusion," Japanese Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, who also took part in Saturday's

discussion, said there had been a "frank exchange of opinion" and he would be reporting on the progress to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Abbott, who meets Abe on Monday, has set the free trade deal with Japan

as a top priority, promising to drop tariffs on manufactured imports, including Japanese cars, while pushing Tokyo to cut tariffs on agricultural products, especially beef.

But he was cautious about the chances of clinching a deal during his visit, which lasts until Tuesday. "I am hopeful, but not certain," he said. "There are still some final matters to be resolved and while we do want a swift conclusion, we want a satisfactory conclusion as well."

Robb said talks would resume on Sunday, but a Japanese Agriculture Ministry official said that had yet to be decided. Japan is already Australia's biggest beef export market, both in volume and value terms, taking almost a third of all beef exported in 2012, according to Meat & Livestock Australia.—Reuters

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An election campaign sand sculpture created by sand artist Sudarshan Pattnaik is seen before the general elections beginning next week, in Puri, India, on 6 April, 2014. —XINHUA

## Israel wants peace talks but 'not at any price'

JERUSALEM, 6 April — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday Israel was willing to continue US-brokered peace talks with the Palestinians but not "at any price".

Speaking at a weekly cabinet meeting, Netanyahu said Israel would respond with steps of its own if the Palestinians pressed ahead with unilateral actions toward statehood. He did not elaborate.

Attempts by US Secretary of State John Kerry to put peace talks back on track unraveled in the past week after the Palestinians signed 15 international conventions, mainly through

the United Nations.

"By doing so, the Palestinians fundamentally violated the understandings that were reached through US intervention," Netanyahu said in his first public remarks since the crisis erupted.

President Mahmoud Abbas decided to sign the international conventions after Israel reneged on a pledge to free the last group of 104 Palestinian prisoners it agreed to release in the deal that led to the negotiations restarting nine months ago.

Netanyahu continued: "They will achieve a state only through direct nego-

tiations and not through empty proclamations or unilateral moves, which will only push a peace accord farther away."

"Unilateral steps on their part will be answered with unilateral steps on our side. We are willing to continue negotiations, but we will not do so at any price."

The talks have struggled since they began in July, stalling over Palestinian opposition to Israel's demand that it be recognized as a Jewish state, and over Israeli settlements, internationally deemed illegal, in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Reuters

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Protesters take part in a march against Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix in Budaiya Highway near the capital of Manama, Bahrain, Friday, on 4 April, 2014.

XINHUA

## Spanish PM Rajoy hints at tax cuts in near future

MADRID, 6 April—Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said on Saturday that he believed his government would be able to lower taxes in the near future.

Rajoy was speaking at the closure of a municipal conference of his ruling Popular Party, which was being held in Valencia.

His government has carried out some tough policies of austerity, including tax increases and spending cuts since winning the last general election in Spain in late 2011.

But with economic indicators showing that Spain has finally come out of recession and can expect

growth at 1-1.5 percent in 2014, Rajoy said the time to ease the burden was close.

“Spain is going in the right direction,” he said. “Some people, although still very few, are already noticing the recovery but things are soon going to go a lot better. Soon more people will notice it and those who still do not have work will have the hope of finding it,” commented the Spanish leader.

Rajoy said although Spain had been one of those which has destroyed the most jobs, it was now the country which was “doing the most,” to reduce a number of almost 4.8 mil-

lion people out of work.

“There is still a lot to do, because our starting point was a long way back, but nobody should doubt the recovery,” he insisted.

Rajoy confirmed 2014 would see “economic growth,” which would allow taxes to be lowered, but he said that had his government carried out such a measure previously, it would have been, “suicide for our country.”

Finally, he rejected accusations that his government had dismantled the welfare state. “We are not just going to maintain it, we are going to improve it,” he concluded.

Xinhua

## Somali leader vows to eliminate Al-Shabaab as more arrested in swoop

NAIROBI, 6 April—Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud vowed on Saturday to eliminate Al-Shabaab militants whom he said have lost ground.

Mohamud said his internationally-backed government is committed to the elimination of the Al-Qaida allied terror group and that it needs support and help from its partners.

“Al-Shabaab is losing; it is losing its training grounds, its recruitment and its finances. Al-Shabaab is doing the last kicks, what you see are kicks of a dying horse,” Mohamud said in Nairobi while he joined his Kenyan counterpart, Uhuru Kenyatta, at the launch of the first Kenya Airways Dreamliner.

The Somali leader’s remark came as the Kenyan security forces enhanced security in Eastleigh suburb of Nairobi which is predominantly inhabited by Kenyan Somalis.

Nairobi County deputy police commander Moses Ombati said the security operation which was launched in the “little Mogadishu” saw officer arrest more than 400 suspects.

“The security swoop was being carried out door-to-door and those without identification documents were arrested for further interrogation,” Ombati said.

Xinhua

## UNSG’s message on World Health Day

### 7 April 2014

Every year more than one million people die from diseases carried by mosquitoes, flies, ticks and other insects, such as triatomine bugs. These vector-borne diseases — which include malaria, dengue, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, Chagas disease and leishmaniasis — cause chronic illness and immense suffering for hundreds of millions more.

Climate change, altered habitats and increased international trade and travel are exposing more people to the vectors that transmit these diseases. They present a risk in all regions, including countries where the threat had formerly been eradicated, but the most affected are the world’s poorest people, especially those who live in remote rural communities far from health services or in urban shanty towns. By profoundly affecting people’s health, vector-borne diseases are a serious impediment to poverty reduction and sustainable development.

As we work to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and define a post-2015 development agenda, let us recognize that investing in vector control and disease prevention is a wise and necessary investment. We have the scientific knowledge and have developed proven interventions to tackle these diseases. In Africa, for example, more than 700 million insecticide-treated bed nets have already helped to cut malaria rates dramatically, particularly among children and pregnant women.

Sustained political commitment can save millions of lives and yield substantial social and economic returns. But it is important to recognize that vector control goes beyond the health sector. Poorly planned development initiatives such as forest clearance, dam construction or irrigation to boost food production may increase the disease burden. Addressing this issue demands an integrated, coherent and united effort across many sectors, including environment, agriculture, water and sanitation, urban planning and education.

Everyone has a role to play in the fight against vector-borne diseases — international organizations, Governments, the private sector, civil society, community groups and individuals. On this World Health Day, I urge countries and development partners to make vector control a priority. Let us work together to tackle this serious but eminently preventable threat to human health and development.— UNIC/Yangon

## One Syrian refugee killed in clashes with Jordanian security

AMMAN, 6 April—At least one Syrian refugee was killed in Jordan’s sprawling Zaatari camp when hundreds of refugees clashed with security forces, residents said on Saturday.

They said scores of refugees in the sprawling camp close to the Syrian border were injured as baton-wielding anti-riot police used tear gas to disperse stone-throwing refugees who set fire to official offices and caravans.

Jordanian police

blamed agitators who were apprehended after trying to flee the refugee camp of nearly 70,000 residents. Authorities said at least 22 anti-riot police were hospitalized for treatment but denied any deaths occurred.

Residents say the rioting, the first such serious disturbance this year, was provoked when a Jordanian security officer ran over with his car and seriously injured a 4-year old Syrian child, prompting outrage by residents and relatives protesting ill

treatment.

The camp witnessed almost daily protests over living conditions when it was first set up nearly two years ago but protests have since dwindled as UN agencies stepped up improvements in its infrastructure and services.

The United Nations says 2.5 million Syria refugees have registered in total, more than 10 percent of Syria’s population. Jordan hosts at least 600,000 refugees with the rest mainly in Lebanon and Turkey.—Reuters



Visitors tour in the scenic area of the 2014 International Horticultural Exposition in Qingdao, east China’s Shandong Province, on 5 April, 2014. The scenic area of the expo was put in trial operation on Saturday, attracting about 30,000 visitors.

The expo will officially kick off on 25 April.—XINHUA

## Italian mafia turns hand to legitimate economy

ROME, 6 April—Mafia in Italy has traditionally been engaged in a variety of criminal activities but over the past few years they have turned their hand to the power and wealth centers of the country.

“Mafias have silently arrived in Rome,” Giovanni Tizian, a journalist of The Espresso group and an author of books on mafia, told Xinhua.

Big investments started between the 1990s and 2000s, he said, first tar-

getting small shops in the outskirts and then gradually moving to luxury businesses.

Recent investigations have uncovered dozens of mafia-owned restaurants, bars and shops in the capital.

Sabrina Alfonsi, an official in Rome, has sounded the alarm bell that nearly 70 percent of bars and restaurants in the city’s historic center are in the hands of the organized crime.

The worrying map of

criminal infiltrations has shown that mafia has not only in search of territorial control but especially of “vehicles for power and wealth, ways to get in touch with influential persons,” Tizian noted.

Xinhua



Monday, 7 April, 2014

## Literacy campaign

**Y**esterday all the Regions and States of Myanmar simultaneously launched the literacy campaign in which the masses will participate as a national task. So it is a significant day for the history of our motherland.

In our country there are some people who for various reasons cannot attend even the basic education classes. In this regards, the government launched the literacy campaign for these

people to have at least basic knowledge in reading and writing.

The campaign covers 46479 persons of 1163 wards and villages in 29 townships of all Regions and States. Together with local volunteer teachers, 4261 university students under the supervision of 403 teachers of 30 universities will teach them basic knowledge in reading and writing. These university students are specially trained for this purpose.

The aim of this campaign is to achieve social progress through knowledge dissemination. After teaching them the basic knowledge in reading and writing, they will be encouraged to enhance their reading habit. But the important thing here is constant learning. Without it, everything learned

will be gradually lost.

So, people who have learnt basic reading and writing lessons must continue to read books of various categories including journals and magazines. So, they can have the reading habit which is the door to knowledge enhancement. Besides, knowledge will ensure a brighter future for every person. Accordingly, we all must develop the reading habit of our people in every corner of the country.

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## Deputy FM receives Asia and Pacific Department's Director General

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—A delegation led by Mr Kim Myong Gil, Director-General of Asia and Pacific Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea arrived in Myanmar on 3<sup>rd</sup> April to hold the meeting between the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs and left Myanmar on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Mr Kim Myong Gil

and the delegation called on U Thant Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

On the same day, the delegation led by Mr Kim Myong Gil and U San Lwin, Director-General, Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs held the same meeting and had discussions on Myanmar-DPRK bilateral relations.

MNA

## Union Peace-Making Work Committee, ethnic armed ...

(from page 1)

"We have not yet finalized the basic principle of the ceasefire deal today. We will discuss how to move forward to the nationwide ceasefire based on the basic principle tomorrow," said Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win.

The talks has become a significant one in Myanmar as leaders from 21 ethnic armed groups participated in it.

Sixteen ethnic armed groups from NCCT and five invited ethnic armed groups are also participating in the talks as well.

MNA



U Hla Maung Shwe from Myanmar Peace Center replies to questions of media at peace talks.—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.

## Mawlamyinegyun gets two religious buildings

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 6 April—The opening ceremony of two religious buildings was held on Friday in front of the buildings in the compound of Thiri Mingala Mogok Yeiktha Monastery in Hlaing-bon Ywathit Village of Hlaingbon Village-tract in

Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Region.

Pyithu Hluttaw (People's Parliament) Representative U Ko Ko Lwin and donor Daw Tin Aye cut the ribbon to open the Zabu Aung new building while Region Hluttaw Representative U Myint Aung and

## Venerable monk honoured in Maubin

MAUBIN, 6 April—Union Minister at the President Office Thiri Pyanchi U Thein Nyunt attended a ceremony to honour Shwegyin Nikaya Joint Sanghara Shwegyin Monestary Abbot Bhaddanta Anadivara at Ngweyatu Dhammayon in Maubin of Ayeyawady Region on Friday.

The venerable monk was offered several religious titles such as Agga Maha Saddhammajotika and Abhidaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika recently.

The Union Minister's family, Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Parliament U Tin Soe, Region Minister for Transport U Than Tun and wellwishers



donated K 35 million to the fund of the monastery.

Thabyay Tun

Union Minister U Thein Nyunt and wife offer alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

## Myanmar Golf Tournament to be held its second leg in May

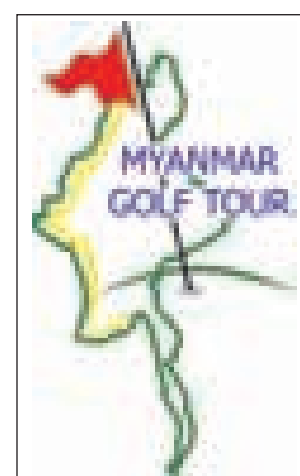
YANGON, 6 April—To emerge the professional golfers in Myanmar, the Myanmar Golf Tournament will be held its second leg from 6 to 9 May at Yangon Golf Course (Danyingon) in Yangon.

There are two categories—men's handicap 0-12 and women's handicap 0-24—at amateur level.

Golfers may enlist with K 20000 fee not later than 25 April noon at Myanmar Golf Training Course at the corner of Okkalapa and Airport Roads in Mayangon Township and at Yangon Golf Course (Danyingon) in Yangon.

Daw Aye Nyunt on behalf of the donors from Singapore formally opened the Singapore new building.

The Zabuaung building is 50 feet long and 30 feet wide and Singapore building is 93 feet long and 30 feet wide each. It is aimed at conducting the religious culture courses one after another.—Kyemon



For more information, dial 09 51 77 956, 09 73 080 112, 09 420 017 835 and 20 37 671.

The applicants who exceed the list will be chosen to take part in the sports trial for the tournament on 30 April. The tournament will be organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA and mainly sponsored by Ayeyawady Bank, United Amara Bank, Myawady Bank, Asia Green Development Bank and Inwa Bank.

Nyi Nyi Soe Nyunt

LOCAL NEWS

## Moat at ancient Hanthawady city cleaned



BAGO, 6 April—Bago Township Development Affairs Committee is carrying out sanitation and renovation of roads and bridges, hospitals, offices, schools and parks in Bago.

On 5 April, Executive Officer U Moe Kyaw of Bago Township DAC supervised sanitation at the

western moat of ancient Hanthawady city built by King Bayintnaung.

*Min Sit Thu (Bago)*

## Confiscated pasture lands handed over to farmers



SAGAING, 6 April—A ceremony to hand over 201.10 acres of pasture lands was held at the Sagaing District General Administration Department in Sagaing on 5 April afternoon.

Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Min Nyo of the district explained the purpose of returning the pasture lands to the farmers.

Head of District Settlement and Land Records Department U Tun Win

Aung explained poverty of farmlands.

Staff Officer Grade-I Lt-Col Aung Myo Oo of No 33 LID handed over pasture lands to the deputy commissioner.

The lands located in No 727 Nyaungniyoe field of Shangangyi pasture land in Legyi Village-tract in Sagaing Region in Sagaing Region are being cultivated by No 33 Light Infantry Division.—*Htwe Myint Naing (Sagaing)*

## DSTA graduated officers donate new school building

PYIN OOLWIN, 6 April—In commemoration of the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, officers of No 5 Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy of PyinOoLwin donated a school building in Nyaungthaya Village of Wetwun Village-tract in Py-



inOoLwin Township on 5 April morning.

Commandant of the academy Brig-Gen Win Min Tun and PyinOoLwin Township National Parliament MP U Tin Maung Win formally opened the

new school building.

The school building, 80 feet long, 30 feet wide comprises six classrooms and toilets worth K 18.5 million. The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Mandalay Re-

gion Parliament U Aung Htay Kyaw and local people.—*MMAL-613*

MUSE, 6 April—National Parliament National Races Affairs Committee Chairman U Sai Paung Nap and party met over 6000 Kholon Lishaw nationals at the monastery in Panhse region of Namkham Township in Muse District of Shan State (North) on 30 March.

Shan State MP Kholon Lishaw National Culture Organization Chairman U Kyaw Myint charged the meeting. Parliament Committee Chairman U Sai Paung Nap explained rights of national races, and participation of Kholon Lishaw nations in implementing the State policies. The cultural troupes performed traditional dances to the guests.

*Thein Zaw (ShweliU)*

## Water supplied to locals for sufficiency consumption in Sagaing Township

SAGAING, 6 April—The water supply ceremony was held at the precinct of the monastery in Sagyin Village in Sagaing Township, Sagaing Region, on 5 April morning.

Chairman of Sagaing District Management Committee U Kyaw Min Nyo, Chairman of Township Development Committee U Zaw Win and Chairman of Township Development Affairs Committee U Myint Maung explained sufficiency of water for the local people.

A total of 5000 gallons of water were donated to the village, and the medical



team gave free treatment to 70 local people.

Sagyin Village is home to 1800 people from 200 households.

The wellwishers are invited to donate water tanks, glaze pots and gut-

ters for the villages that face scarcity of water may contact Chairman of Township Development Committee U Zaw Win, Tel: 09-2011412.

*Htwe Myint Naing (Sagaing)*

## Parliament Committee meets Kholon Lishaw nationals



**A couple of globetrotters wondering and happily taking photo in Sittway, city of Rakhine State, on Saturday.—U HLA KYAW**

## Victims of US mudslide are remembered in first funeral services

ARLINGTON, (Washington), 6 April — A school custodian killed in Washington state's mudslide was described as a tough-minded animal lover on Saturday and a popular librarian was memorialized, as mourners gathered in the first of a series of services for the over two dozen dead.

The funerals came two weeks after the disaster that left at least 30 people dead, even as searchers look for more bodies.

About 250 people crammed into a golf course clubhouse in Arlington, Washington, for the funeral of Summer Raffo, 36, a school custodian and specialist in hoof care for horses, just a few miles from the site where a torrent of mud swept her car off Highway 530 on 22 March.

Raffo, the fifth of 14 siblings, was later pulled from the vehicle by a brother.

"She was tough, with so many brothers," Barak Pearson, who led her funeral service, told mourners. He described her as shy,

but a loyal friend.

"She liked to be outdoors," he said. "She loved animals. She was hard-working. She was dependable."

Another service was held in nearby Darrington for Linda McPherson, 69, who was found dead in the debris of her home. Her husband survived when the mudslide engulfed the dwelling along with about three dozen other properties on the outskirts of the community of Oso, which lies in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains north-east of Seattle.

As the town's longtime head librarian, she played a key role in educating thousands of children through the years, said Peter Selvig, who served with her on the Darrington School Board.

"She was a sweet, mellow, gentle woman," Selvig said.

In all, three individual memorial services were being held on Saturday and services for more victims were set for Sunday.

Reuters



Local residents attend a community prayer service at the Haller Middle School in Arlington, Washington, on 4 April, 2014.—REUTERS

## Bouteflika calls off campaign rally due to protest

ALGIERS, 6 April — President Abdelaziz Bouteflika's camp canceled a campaign rally on Saturday in Bejaia province in Algeria as protesters gather around the hall due to host the rally, local media reported. Protesters chanted slogans against Bouteflika who is running for a fourth term in presidential elections scheduled for 17 April.

Riot police used tear gas to disperse the demonstrators who threw stones on the police, TSA news website reported.

More than 20 injured

were reported among police, demonstrators and journalists, it said, adding that some protesters were arrested.

Abdelmalek Sellal, manager of Bouteflika's camp and former prime minister, told reporters that "we are against violence, extremism and exclusion. Extremism will not succeed in this country. The best answer we have given was cancelling the meeting to avoid violence, despite the presence of a large crowd in the hall."

This is not the first demonstration against the

candidacy of the incumbent president.

The Barakat movement, which is a coordination of young activists, managed to organize regular rallies in a couple of cities, including Algiers. They said Bouteflika does not enjoy all his physical abilities to be re-elected for a fourth time as head of state.

Bouteflika, 77, suffered last year a minor stroke, which affected his mobility and forced him to task his ministers to conduct a campaign on his behalf.—Xinhua



Deminers take part in exercises near Visoko, in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH), on 4 April, 2014, the International Mine Action Day. With the help of international community, BiH plans to clear all mines inside the country before 2020.—XINHUA

## Radical Norwegians returning home from Syria

OSLO, 6 April — The Norwegian police security service (PST) warns that an unspecified number of radical Norwegian citizens had returned from Syria in the first three months of 2014, the Norwegian news agency reported on Saturday.

Although the PST admits that not all of the radicals would pose a threat to Norway "automatically", the agency is making an assessment on the situation as some of them might have joined militant groups in Syria.

It is estimated that 40 to 50 persons, including some young girls, have

travelled from Norway to the war-torn Middle East country to fight jihad along with anti-government militant groups.

"Several of them have come back to Norway since the New Year," Martin Bernsen, a spokesman for the PST, was quoted as saying.

One of those who have returned to Norway is a 22-year-old who lives in Fredrikstad, in southern Norwegian city in the Ostfold county.

In October 2013, Two Somali sisters aged 16 and 19 were reported to have been taken into Syria

"contributing" to the civil war in Syria. Both of them were Norwegian citizens.

Lars Akerhaug, a Norwegian reporter and the author of the book "Norwegian Jihad — Muslim extremists among us", claimed that he knows of five cases of Norwegian women gone to Syria to join the fighting.

The PST has long worked to prevent radicals from Muslim communities in Norway from going to war zones, in fear that they will be trained by terrorist groups and pose a threat to Norway after they return.

Xinhua

## China hopes Afghan election marks new start for unity, stability

BEIJING, 6 April — Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said on Saturday China hopes Afghanistan's presidential election will be a new start for the country's unity and stability.

As Afghanistan's friendly neighbour, China respects the Afghan

people's choice, Hong said in a statement, noting that China noticed the election is generally smooth.

China hopes relevant sides in Afghanistan will properly handle differences through dialogue so as to realize broad-based and inclusive peace and

reconciliation at an early date, said the spokesman.

The polling for Afghanistan's presidential election concluded on Saturday and counting of ballots has begun, the country's election officials said.

Xinhua

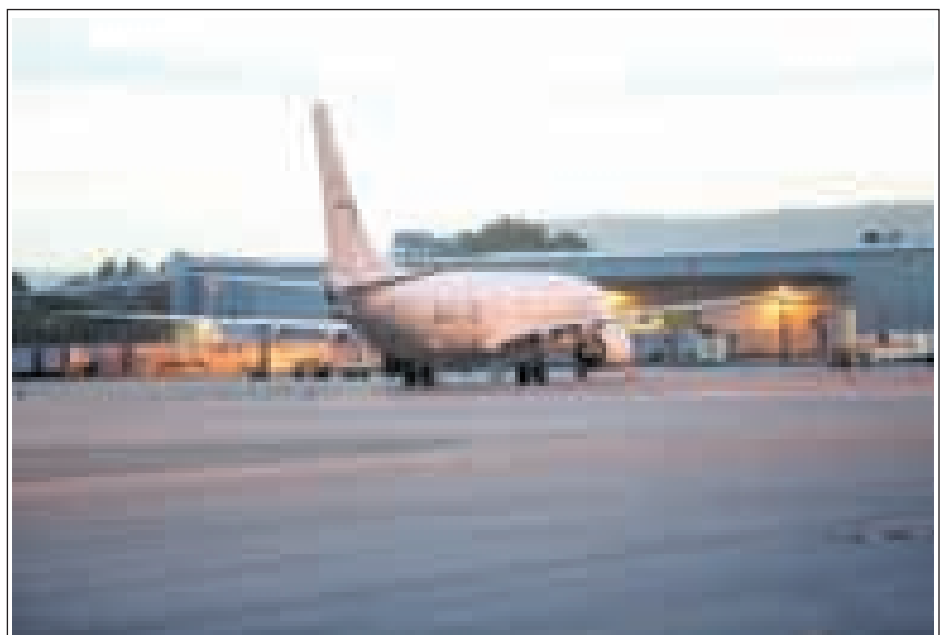


Photo taken on 5 April shows a US Navy plane P-8 Poseidon at Perth International Airport in Australia. US 7th Fleet has sent two P-8 Poseidon patrol aircrafts to help in the search efforts for the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370.

XINHUA

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## Swedish researcher suggests pricing CO2 emissions in UN climate report

STOCKHOLM, 6 April — Swedish researcher Thomas Sterner, working for the United Nations' climate change assessment report, suggested pricing CO2 emissions to combat climate change, said the Gothenburg University of Sweden in a statement on Friday. The third part of IPCC's (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) fifth assessment report, Working Group III on the technical and socio-economic aspects of climate change concerns measures to reduce or eliminate emissions of greenhouse gases

while Sterner, professor from Business School of the Gothenburg University, serves as a coordinating lead author for the working group on measures to combat climate change.

The report believed one potentially strong measure policy instrument is to make emitters of CO2 pay a price in relation to the amount emitted, but it "all hinges on this price being sufficiently high."

"We have explored the new policy instruments introduced around the World...most of the new instruments are too weak



to be meaningful. What we need to avoid dangerous climate change is the

application of strong policy instruments," Sterner was quoted as saying in

the statement. "Overall, I feel that our report may come across as too modest

compared with the report from Working Group I, which was presented last autumn and described the climate situation in the world as catastrophic. But there are indeed real opportunities to limit the emissions", said Sterner.

The IPCC is a scientific body under the auspices of the United Nations (UN). It reviews and assesses the most recent scientific, technical and socio-economic information produced worldwide relevant to the understanding of climate change.

Xinhua

## China scientists clone 5,000-year-old cypress

XI'AN, 6 April — A 5,000-year-old cypress tree said to have been planted by Huangdi, the "Yellow Emperor" considered the common ancestor of all Chinese, has been cloned, scientists said on Saturday.

Created using asexual reproduction methods such as cuttage and grafting, eight saplings of the ancient cypress tree are growing well, said Jiang Zeping, a researcher with the Chinese Academy of Forestry.

The baby trees were moved from nutrition cups to bigger pots for growth in a greenhouse on 8 January, said Jiang.

The project started in April 2013 when scientists from the academy obtained samples and cultured more than 1,500 clones.

Aging means declining function and the ancient cypress is now in danger, said Peng Hong, deputy head of the Forestry Department of northwest China's Shaanxi

Province. "It is urgent and important to preserve good genes of millennial cypress trees," said Peng.

Due to the exceedingly high age of the cypress, the cloning project encountered many difficulties, including a rooting rate of less than one percent, said Jiang.

"Luckily, we have been successful and a second clone can be made from the saplings after three to five years," said

Jiang.

The project is of great significance in conservation of genetic resources and protecting ancient rare trees. The Mausoleum of Huangdi is in Huangling County, Shaanxi. The area boast many well-preserved ancient cypress groves, with more than 30,000 trees aged 1,000 years or more. The 5,000-old cypress tree, 20 meters high is in Xuanyuan Temple near the mausoleum.—Xinhua

## Symantec to hire banks for advice, activism defence

NEW YORK, 6 April — Anti-virus and security software maker Symantec Corp, which recently fired its chief executive amid declining sales and fierce competition, is in the process of hiring banks to

activist investors, the people said. Such investors buy shares in a company with the aim of making management changes.

Some of the large activist funds have already started examining the



Symantec headquarters are seen in an undated publicity photo.—REUTERS

help advise on strategy and defend against possible activist investors, according to several people familiar with the matter.

The \$14 billion company, best known for its Norton anti-virus software, has been interviewing top Wall Street banks in recent weeks, including JPMorgan Chase & Co, Goldman Sachs Group Inc and Morgan Stanley, the people said on Friday.

JPMorgan, which helped Symantec in the past when the company was the target of potential activism, is expected to land a role as Symantec's financial adviser, although a mandate has yet to be finalized, the people said, asking not to be named because the discussions are not public.

Symantec has decided to hire a bank as it is worried that its recent turmoil and management shake-up could potentially attract

company as a potential target, the people added.

A representative for Symantec declined to comment on specifics but said Symantec commonly hired financial advisers to help the company with its business. JPMorgan, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley declined to comment.

A number of well-known technology companies, such as Apple Inc, Microsoft Corp, Hewlett-Packard Co and Yahoo Inc, have been targeted by activist investors in recent years as the sector undergoes rapid change and old technology companies sit on large piles of cash.

Symantec is currently searching for a new CEO after it surprised the market on March 20 by firing Chief Executive Steve Bennett, who was on the job for less than two years.

Reuters

## Amazon launches Amazon Dash for delivery of groceries, household items

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — Amazon.com Inc launched a new product named Amazon Dash on Friday that allows the user to add groceries and household goods to their shopping lists using the company's AmazonFresh service. A black-and-white hand-held wand-shaped remote-control features a microphone, speaker as well as a bar-code reader and links directly to the user's

AmazonFresh account.

However, the device is available only for users of the AmazonFresh which currently operates exclusively in Southern California, San Francisco and Seattle. The device is free during the trial period, according to the product's website.

However, signing up for Amazon Dash is by invitation only while the AmazonFresh service is currently available only

Southern California, San Francisco and Seattle.

The online retailer has been steadily expanding towards electronics manufacturing businesses, starting with the Kindle e-reader which was first launched in 2007, and the Fire TV streaming set-top box announced earlier this week, even as it seeks new ways to energize a gradually slowing core retail business.

Amazon has been steadily expanding its "Fresh" online grocery business, targeting one of the largest retail sectors yet to be upended by online commerce. The company has plans to launch AmazonFresh, which has operated in Seattle for years, in roughly 20 urban areas in 2014, including some outside the United States.

A successful foray into groceries could also help underwrite the development of a broad-based delivery service employing Amazon trucks to deliver directly to homes, which could have implications for UPS, FedEx and other package delivery companies that currently ship Amazon goods.

Still, groceries have proven to be one of the most difficult sectors for online retailers to manage successfully. One of the most richly-funded startups of the dot-com era, Webvan, was a spectacular failure as the cost of developing the warehouse and delivery infrastructure proved overwhelming.

Reuters



An Amazon Fresh delivery van moves down Pico Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, on 14 June, 2013.—REUTERS

## New law eyed ahead of 2020 Games to freeze assets tied to terrorists

TOKYO, 6 April — The government is considering new legislation aimed at freezing the assets of people deemed terrorists to strengthen antiterrorism measures ahead of the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics in Tokyo, a government source said on Saturday.

The legislation, which may be submitted to a new parliamentary session in the fall, is likely to draw criticism for allowing the government to label people as terrorists at its discretion, and to infringe property rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

The move comes as the government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is considering criminalizing the act of plotting with others to commit serious crimes, such as murder, as part of its antiterrorism efforts.

But given strong public opposition to that move, the government now plans to move to eradicate the source of revenue for those whom it considers as terrorists.

*Kyodo News*



*Tourists pose for photos in front of tulip flowers in Rizhao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, on 6 April, 2014. —XINHUA*

## Philippines launches extensive search to rescue Sabah kidnapped

MANILA, 6 April — Philippine authorities are conducting extensive search and naval blockade to locate and rescue the two victims who were abducted by suspected Abu Sayyaf Group from a resort in Sabah, Malaysia earlier this week, a senior government official said on Saturday.

Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Abigail Valte, citing a report from

the Philippine military, said that “best efforts” continue for the search and rescue of the 29-year-old Chinese and 40-year-old Filipina, who were kidnapped by seven fully armed men from the Singamata Reef Resort near Semporna, Sabah late Wednesday night.

She said the operations were focused in areas in island provinces of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi in

southern Philippines.

“So the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is conducting extensive search and naval blockade to locate suspected sea-crafts,” Valte said. She said that other military units in Western Mindanao Command and local police in the areas have been alerted as well. The Philippine military earlier identified the abductors belonging

to an Abu Sayyaf Group unit in Tawi-Tawi led by a certain Murphy Ambang Ladia. It is reported that the suspects raided the resort and allegedly fled towards the Philippine with their victims using a white speedboat. In the past, bandits kidnapped tourists and fishermen in the area and reportedly brought them to nearby Philippine Islands.

*Xinhua*

## Vehicles torched as leftist rebels storm Chinese mining firm in S Philippines

DAVAO City, (Philippines), 6 April — Leftist rebels attacked a Chinese mining company in southern Philippines over the weekend, burning vehicles and disarming its guards, military and police officials said on Sunday. About 100 heavily-armed New People's Army guerrillas swooped down on the Alston Mining Company in Tubay town, in southern Philippine province of Agusan del Norte, around 1:15 am, said Superintendent Martin Gamba, spokesperson of the Caraga regional police.

The rebels, led by a local commander named Dodi of the NPA's Front 21 also set fire to several office buildings, aside from torching four dump trucks, a back hoe of the mining company owned by a Chinese national, Gamba said.

Captain Christian Uy, spokesperson of the army's 4th Infantry Division, told *Xinhua* in a text message the rebels also seized six shotguns from guards, before fleeing to a forested area northeast of the village.—*Xinhua*

## Symposium held in Singapore to commemorate early 20th century plague fighter Wu Lien-Teh

SINGAPORE, 6 April — A symposium and exhibition were held in Singapore on Saturday to commemorate Dr Wu Lien-Teh, a Malayan-born Chinese known for successfully fighting a large pneumonic plague in northeastern China in the early 20th century.

Wu has been increasingly recognized in recent years as one of the most important scholars laying the foundation for modern medicine in China.

The symposium was held as one of the events celebrating the establishment of the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, but it was held to “commemorate a man who contributed so much to the society and showed great sympathy for his patients,” said Phua Kok Khoo, a key organizer of the international conference and the exhibition. Phua is director of the Institute of Advanced Studies, NTU, and president of Singapore

China Friendship Association. Speaking at the conference, Singapore's Health Minister Gan Kim Yong encouraged the young students to visit the exhibition and learn from the doctor who showed great sympathy for his patients.

Chinese Ambassador Duan Jielong, who attended

the conference, too, said that it was an occasion to spread the message of friendship and cooperation, as China, even though more developed nowadays, will always seek to cooperate with others to tackle difficulties in medicine for the benefit of all the people.

*Xinhua*



*A ceremony is held to honour Huangdi, or the Yellow Emperor, at the Mausoleum of Huangdi in Huangling County of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 5 April, 2014. Huangdi is a legendary hero lived more than 4,000 years ago, who is considered to be the ancestor of the Chinese nation. —XINHUA*

## Brown China Summit highlights Chinese Dream

PROVIDENCE, (the United States), 6 April — A “China Summit” with the theme of “My Chinese Dream” kicked off on the campus of Brown University here on Saturday. The event, the first of its kind in the history of the Ivy League university, was organized by a group of Brown students from China and sponsored by the Watson Institute for International

Studies of the university.

During the two-day summit, some 20 guest speakers from the United States, China and Europe will share with the audience their understanding of the Chinese Dream, a catchphrase in China today generally categorizing the Chinese people's efforts for individual success and national prosperity, and their

own experiences in fulfilling personal dreams.

With varied backgrounds, the speakers, among whom are successful US businessmen investing in China and the headmaster of a Chinese school for the kids of rural migrant workers, will join open discussions in four panels, namely education, business, media and art.—*Xinhua*



*Cars are jammed on Guiyang-Zunyi section of Lanzhou-Haikou express highway in southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 5 April, 2014. Many roads in Guiyang are jammed with cars on the first day of the three-day break for Qingming Festival, which falls on Saturday this year. —XINHUA*

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**Ministry of Energy**  
**Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise**  
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Letter of Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail, by fax, by mail) by 15.5.2014 during office hours.

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**Department of Rural Development**  
**Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development**  
**National Community Driven Development Project**  
**IDA Grant H814-MM**

**Assignment Title: Township Level Technical Assistance**

Ref No. C-4.2(Pinlebu Township, Sagaing Region),  
 Ref No. C-4.3 (Sidoktaya Township, Magway Region),  
 Ref No.C-4.4 (Ann\* Township, Rakhine State),  
 Ref No. C-4.5 (Laymyetnar Township, Ayeyarwaddy Region)

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank to implement the National Community Driven Development Project (NCDD) under the Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development. The Government intends to apply part of the Grant proceeds to hire consulting services for new townships to be covered starting Cycle 2 of project implementation. The consulting services (the "Services") include:

- Assisting the township DRD office in planning, implementing and monitoring project activities in the township in line with guidelines contained in the Project Operations Manual and directions received from DRD union office.
- Assisting villages and village tracts in the preparation and annual revision of development plans; sub-project technical design, cost estimation and social safeguards implementation; review and approval of sub-projects; procurement of labor and materials; construction supervision; and organization of annual social audits.
- Assisting village tract project support committees to manage project funds in a transparent and accountable manner.

The Services will be carried out in one township each (there will be four assignments with four separate contracts) in

- Pinlebu, Sagaing Region (C- 4.2/14),
- Sidoktaya, Magway Region (C- 4.3/14),
- Ann\* township, Rakhine State (C-4.4/ 14);
- and Laymyetnar, Ayeyarwaddy Region (C- 4.5/14)

by a Consultant Team of seven (7) Experts, all but one of whom will be Myanmar nationals: (a) Lead CDD, Participation and Training Specialist, (b) International CDD Specialist (short-term), (c) Finance Officer, (d) Procurement Officer, (e) Monitoring and Evaluation and MIS Officer, (f) Infrastructure and Safeguards Specialist, and (g) Social Accountability and Gender Specialist. In addition, the Consultant will also locally recruit CFs (average of 1 CF per 2 village tracts) and TFs (average of 1 TF per 3 village tracts). The Consultant will be engaged for a period of 24 months starting August 2014.

DRD now invites eligible consulting firms or NGOs ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services in one or more of the townships in the aforementioned locations. Consultants may associate with other NGOs/firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by May 2, 2014. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. The short-listing criteria are:

- Past experience with community based development activities in similar conditions as in Myanmar, with prior experience in Myanmar preferred;
- Availability of staff with relevant expertise;
- Size of relevant assignment contracts over the past five years.

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained from the NCDD Project webpage: <http://www.cdd.drdmyanmar.org> or the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1600, Monday through Friday, except public holidays.

**Attn: U Myint Oo** (Deputy Director General)  
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## Western nations pledge to help Kenya fight terrorism

NAIROBI, 6 April — Western countries on Saturday expressed their commitment to help Kenya's government in its war against terror threats in the country.

British High Commissioner to Kenya Christian Turner, US Ambassador Robert Godec, Australian High Commissioner Geoff Tooth and Canadian High Commissioner David Angell assured President Uhuru Kenyatta of their commitment to supporting his government in eliminating terrorists in the country.

"The new schemes being employed by the group (Al-Shabaab) are not only a threat to Kenya security but to the whole world," the envoys said in a statement issued after their meeting in Nairobi.

"The four envoys expressed their governments' willingness to help the Kenya government build its capacity in dealing with the group," the statement said.

The East African

nation has been at a verge of terrorism threats by Islamists extremists allied to Al-Shabaab and al-Qaeda militia after Kenya forces joined a African Union peacekeeping mission to take control of the insurgents' stronghold in Somalia.

The police have also admitted that despite a boost in security the threat remained, urging shopping malls to remain vigilant and to "do more" to prevent attacks.

Already many Kenyans including foreigners have shunned big shopping malls for fear of being attacked by the al-Qaeda allied terrorists who have been targeting churches and shopping malls.

The recent terror at a church in Mombasa last Sunday and last year's Westgate mall in Kenya Nairobi capital that left over 68 civilians dead and dozens wounded was blamed on the militants from neighbouring Somalia.—Xinhua

## US frigate nearing sailboat with sick baby in Pacific

NEW YORK, 6 April — A US Navy frigate was expected to reach an American family and their seriously ill infant on a sailboat in the Pacific Ocean in the early hours of Sunday, US military officials said.

The frigate *Vandegrift*, carrying a helicopter and a crew of 200, left San Diego on Friday, bound for Eric and Charlotte Kaufman's boat Rebel Heart.

The Kaufmans sent out a distress call by satellite on Thursday about 1,000 miles off Mexico's Pacific coast, said Navy and Coast

Guard officials.

The Kaufmans, along with their daughters Cora, 3, and 1-year-old Lyra, sailed from Mexico on 19 March toward islands in the South Pacific and eventually New Zealand, according to therebelheart.com, where they have been writing about their sometimes stormy voyage.

With their younger daughter taken ill, the Kaufmans sounded a distress signal, prompting a team from the California Air National Guard's 129th Rescue Wing to fly out to sea

in a military transport plane from their base at Moffett Federal Airfield near San Francisco, said spokesman Second Lieutenant Roderick Bersamina.

Four men, laden with medical gear and other supplies, parachuted from the plane into the ocean, inflated a dinghy, motored toward the boat and boarded to treat the girl.

"They took it upon themselves to do whatever necessary to save her life," Bersamina said. He could not confirm the nature of her ailment, but said she

had been treated and was stable.

"The family is in good spirits and very thankful for the pararescuemen who are on board," he said. "Granted, it is cramped quarters."

The rescue team found problems with the 36-foot (11-metre) boat's steering and communication systems, he said.

A decision about how to get the family back to dry land will be made once the frigate arrives, assuming the baby's health remains stable, Bersamina said.

Reuters



**People take part in a pillow fight to celebrate International Pillow Fight Day in Budapest, Hungary on 5 April, 2014.—XINHUA**

## Last car driven by Elvis Presley on display in North Carolina

WINSTON-SALEM, (North Cardna)6 April—Elvis Presley, who in his lifetime owned more than 200 automobiles and crooned the tune “No Room to Rhumba in a Sports Car,” took the wheel of one of his favorite cars in 1977 for what was to be his final drive.

After Presley drove his black 1973 Stutz Blackhawk III home, just hours before his death, the 230-horsepower V-8 vehicle with soft red leather interior and 18-karat gold trim sat nearly idle for decades at Graceland, the

Charlotte Motor Speedway through Sunday, then returned to the Graceland auto museum in Memphis to be exhibited with more than 20 others in the performer’s collection.

Presley typically drove cars for about six months before trading them in or giving them away, but the 1973 Stutz proved to be one of his favorites, said Angie Marchese, director of archives at Graceland.

He put 8,450 miles on the car in about three years and, unlike his others, did not allow any members of



Automobile restorer Walt Hollifield poses with Presley’s 1973 Stutz Blackhawk III during a media event at Charlotte Motor Speedway (CMS) in Charlotte, North Carolina on 1 April, 2014, in this handout courtesy of CMS.—REUTERS

entertainer’s Tennessee estate.

The vintage car is on display this weekend in North Carolina, for the first time since undergoing a refurbishment aimed at getting it back in working condition without losing any of its physical ties to the “King of Rock and Roll.”

“It still has all of Elvis’ DNA on it,” said Walt Hollifield, the car collector and restorer chosen to oversee the recent 12-week preservation effort.

The Stutz will be featured in an auto show at

his entourage to drive it, Marchese said.

A fan waiting outside the Graceland gates snapped a photo of Presley in the car just after midnight on 16 August, 1977, as he returned from a dentist appointment. The singer was found dead in his house later that day.

The Graceland staff chose the Stutz as the first in the collection to undergo preservation work, and tapped 67-year-old Hollifield of Mint Hill, North Carolina, for the job.

Reuters

## “Captain America: The Winter Soldier” hits IMAX in China



BEIJING, 6 April—The American superhero action film, “Captain America: The Winter Soldier” hits China’s theaters today, both on the normal big screen and in IMAX.

Chris Evans and

Scarlett Johansson are back in the sequel to 2011’s “Captain America: The First Avenger.”

In the film, Captain America (Chris Evans) and the Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), enlist the help

of a new ally, the Falcon, in their fight against evil. However, they soon find themselves up against an unexpected and formidable enemy, the Winter Soldier. Johansson and Evans came to Beijing to promote the

film last month. Reporters that attended an advanced IMAX screening of the movie said seeing it in 3D was more exciting than seeing it in a regular theater because the action scene’s felt almost real.—Xinhua

## Denzel Washington wins raves on Broadway for ‘A Raisin in the Sun’



A scene from the play “A Raisin in the Sun” by Lorraine Hansberry is pictured in this undated handout photo courtesy of Brigitte Lacombe. From left, the cast are: David Cromer, Bryce Clyde Jenkins, LaTanya Richardson Jackson, Anika Noni Rose, Denzel Washington, and Sophie Okonedo.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 6 April—Denzel Washington may be best known for his film roles, but the award-winning actor is dazzling theater critics in the Broadway revival of Lorraine Hansberry’s acclaimed 1959 play “A Raisin in the Sun.”

“Heart-stopping,” “a Broadway bulls-eye” and “nothing short of revelatory” are just a few of the accolades used to describe director Kenny Leon’s production, which opened on Thursday at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre.

“It captures the play’s passion, pathos and intel-

ligence, without stinting on Hansberry’s dry humor,” the *New York Post* said.

Hansberry’s story about a struggling African-American family seeking a better life after inheriting a windfall was the first play written by an African-American woman to be produced on Broadway.

Washington, 59, plays an ambitious chauffeur with big dreams of success but no business acumen to achieve it.

“Reprising Sidney Poitier’s role, Washington is stunning as the dream-

er-schemer Walter Lee Younger, whose frustration throbs at the heart of an American classic that is as deeply humorous as it is affecting,” said the *New York Daily News*. Trade magazine *Variety* described Washington’s performance as a “triumph,” while the *New York Post* said he was “incredibly believable.”

Although the Academy Award winner for the 2001 crime drama “Training Day” and the 1989 Civil War film “Glory” is nearly 25 years older than Hansberry’s original Walter, his energy and exuberance on stage is convincing.

“The performance is a personal triumph for Washington, who refrains from star-strutting to fold himself into a tight-knit ensemble of committed stage thespians who treat this revival like a labor of love,” *Variety* said.

This was not Washington’s first successful foray on Broadway; the actor picked up a Tony Award in 2010 for “Fences.”

Washington leads an all-star cast that includes LaTanya Richardson Jackson (“Malcolm X,” “Sleepless in Seattle”) as his mother Lena, the strong, loving matriarch of the family.—Reuters



The photo taken on 4 April, 2014 shows a general view of the opening ceremony of the 33rd Istanbul Film Festival in Istanbul, Turkey. The film festival kicked off here on Friday, with more than 200 films in over 20 sections to show in 16 days. The festival is also to hold a series of panel meetings and workshops to celebrate the 100th birthday of Turkish film industry.—XINHUA

## GENERAL

## Sweden allows seal hunting to protect fish stocks

STOCKHOLM, 6 April —The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency has made a decision recently that 400 seals in designated areas along the Swedish coast can be hunted in order to protect the depleting stocks of fish.

The period of legal hunting is from 16 April to 31 December this year, and the hunting is allowed from land, ice, and boat, said the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency in a statement.

According to the agency, the seals have resulted in comprehensive damages on the country's fishing industry every year.

A 2012 report showed that killing more seals is the only way to reverse the trend of ever diminishing fish stocks in the Stockholm archipelago, said the Swedish online daily the Local.

"All indications suggest that seals and cormorants are the cause of the collapse of fish stocks. Perch and pike have completely disappeared from some parts of the archipelago," the Local quoted Sverker Loven, chairman of a fish-promotion association, as saying.

Xinhua



A Siberian tiger cub is seen at the Guaipo Siberian Tiger Park in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 6 April, 2014. The tiger cub was born ten days ago.—XINHUA

## 60 Syrian doctors expelled from syndicate for treating rebels

DAMASCUS, 6 April—As many as 60 Syrian physicians have been expelled from the country's Doctors Syndicate for treating the rebels fighting to topple the Syrian administration, the *al-Watan* newspaper reported on Sunday.

The paper citing Abdul-Qader Hasan, chairman of the Syrian Doctors Syndicate, as saying that the expulsion of the 60 doctors came against the backdrop of their "communication with armed groups," adding that the syndicate has taken measures against any doctor, who practices his

profession in a way against the "profession's moral."

Hasan stressed that the syndicate has right to expel any doctor who treats the wounded without informing the authorities, "especially in the cases when weapons are involved."

While stressing that medicine is a humanitarian carrier that aims to treat people, Hasan said that practicing profession should be under the law and regulations.

"The doctor must report to the authorities in case he was treating an injured (of gunshot), other-

wise, he would be breaking the law," he said.

Meanwhile, Hasan revealed that the syndicate was establishing a "fund box" for the physicians who have been affected by the country's three-year conflict, adding that most of the doctors, who have left the country, had either faced touch financial situations or were threatened of death by the militant groups.

He pointed out that the Doctors Syndicate is currently coordinating with the Ministry of Health to secure new contracts for physicians.—Xinhua

## Chelsea go top with Stoke win, City thump Saints

LONDON, 6 April—Chelsea bounced back from their mini-slump and surged to the top of the Premier League with a 3-0 home victory over Stoke City thanks to goals from Mohamed Salah, Frank Lampard and Willian at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

A 32nd minute strike by Salah, making his first start since joining Chelsea in January, and second-half efforts from Lampard, whose initial penalty was saved by Asmir Begovic, and Brazilian Willian saw the Blues move on to 72 points.

They are one point ahead of Liverpool, who can return to the summit by avoiding defeat at West Ham United on Sunday, and two ahead of Manches-

ter City, who beat Southampton 4-1 in Saturday's early match and have two games in hand on the leaders.

Manchester United moved above Tottenham Hotspur into sixth place with a 4-0 win at Newcastle United ahead of Wednesday's Champions League return at Bayern Munich, while Fulham moved off the bottom of the table with a 2-1 victory at Aston Villa.

Chelsea's win brought some cheer back to west London after a tough seven days which saw Jose Mourinho's side lose 1-0 at Crystal Palace last weekend and 3-1 at Paris St Germain in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Wednesday.

"Normally after a defeat

you don't start confidently but this team today went upwards all the time," the Portuguese told Sky Sports. "In the first half we should have been 2-0 or 3-0 up because we played well. After the second goal the game was over."

"I think the team played well and we were solid defensively. That was only possible with the contribution of every player. With the ball we were fast, Mohamed Salah and Willian won individual duels."

"It's a pity Fernando Torres didn't score because goals give confidence but he worked hard for the team and I'm pleased with him," added Mourinho, having criticised his strikers after the defeat at PSG who they host on Tuesday in the second leg.—Reuters

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7:00 pm

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8:45 pm

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Manchester United's Antonio Valencia (L) is challenged by Newcastle United's Yoan Gouffran during their English Premier League soccer match at St James' Park in Newcastle, northern England, on 5 April, 2014.—REUTERS

## Ayeyawady United held a goalless draw with Manaw Myay FC



*Ayeyawady United player vying for the ball during Myanmar National League soccer match against Manaw Myay FC at Aung San Stadium in Yangon on Sunday.*

PHOTO: SOE NYUNT

YANGON, 6 April— Ayeyawady United FC and Manaw Myay FC shared one point each at week (10) in Myanmar National League 2014 at Aung San Stadium in Yangon on Sunday.

that secured two consecutive win in previous matches was satisfied with one point. Manaw Myay FC' starting line-up included main players like Ivory Coast midfielders Kambu, Ibrahim and goalkeeper M.T Aung to face the opponent, using counter attacking style. Manaw Myay FC players could not grasp many chances to change into goal and Ayeyawady United played the match with their first line-up.

As Ayeyawady FC' Serbian striker SaSa was under the control of rival defenders and the midfielders failed to support precise creation for him, the match ended as a goalless draw.

At Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna, Kanbawza FC defeated Southern with a wide margin of 4-1 result. The matches of MNL League Cup will be suspended and it will resume on 2 June.

Byline: Nyi Myat Thawda

## Everton 3-0 Arsenal

LIVERPOOL, 6 April— Everton played Arsenal off Goodison Park with a dominant display worthy of their top-four ambitions that included strikes from Steven Naismith, Romelu Lukaku and an own goal from Mikel Arteta.

Again Arsene Wenger's side were found lacking against a close rival and allowed Roberto Martinez's side to go with in a point of them on the Premier League ladder.

After losing captain Leon Osman in the opening 10 minutes - replaced by Ross Barkley - Everton

opened the scoring through Naismith after 14 minutes when the midfielder was perfectly placed to pick up the rebound from a Lukaku shot.

The Belgian striker then got one under his own name on 34 minutes firing from the top of the box and giving Wojciech Szczesny no chance in the Gunners' goal.

The third came after another lightning break from Everton with Arteta getting the unfortunate last touch on Kevin Mirallas's effort.



## Wie and Thompson tied for lead at LPGA major

*Michelle Wie tees off on the fifth hole in the third round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament at Mission Hills Country Club.*

REUTERS



NEW YORK, 6 April—Michelle Wie was in a strong position to win her first major after hitting a four-under-par 68 to share the lead with fellow American Lexi Thompson at the end of the third round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship on Saturday.

Back at the Mission Hills course where she almost won her maiden major eight long years ago, the former child prodigy throttled back her powerful swing and notched four birdies on her way to a 10-under 206 total.

If Wie was occasionally a little timid with the putter, so too was teenager Thompson, who might have had the lead outright had she not three-putted the final hole for a 69.

"I just need to not get too nervous (and) just play like the kid I was," Wie told Golf Channel.

Wie and Thompson were two strokes ahead of British teenager Charley Hull and South Korean veteran Pak Se Ri, who shared third place on the leaderboard at the first major of the LPGA season.

Now 24, Wie has been playing in professional tournaments for more than a decade, which makes her a seasoned veteran compared to 19-year-old Thompson.

"I'm one of the older people on the leaderboard," Wie said. "Everything I've been through, I'm more appreciative of where I am right now."

Wie left several putts short at the course in Rancho Mirage, California, including a birdie opportunity from 12-feet at the par-five 18th.

But Thompson also was flawed on the greens, as she showed by bogeying the par-five 18th after missing a five-foot putt.

"I'm really excited," said Thompson, who knows she will have to putt better on Sunday to have a realistic chance of winning.

"If you're not nervous you don't care, but it's a good nervous. This is what I've worked my whole life for, so I'm really looking forward to tomorrow."

Thompson already has three LPGA victories which gives her one more than Wie, who gained fame and fortune in her early teenage years when she competed regularly in men's tournaments.

She was widely expected to dominate women's golf after turning professional in 2005 but her career stalled for a while amid injuries and a loss of confidence.

Wie, who tied for third at the Kraft Nabisco in 2006, will play with Thompson in the final round but it would be rash to discount the chances of Hull and Pak.

Hull vaulted into contention with a bogey-free 66, the best round of the day, while five-time major winner Pak stayed in the hunt despite three back-nine bogeys in her 71.—Reuters