

Govt to spend K12 billion on maintenance of Ayeyawady, Chindwin rivers



A motorised boat runs past a sandbank near Bagan in the Ayeyawady River. The government plans to improve navigation on the Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers by removing sandbanks and better maintaining the riverbeds. —PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

By
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The government will inject K12 billion into maintenance of the Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers in the upcoming 2014-2015 fiscal year, according to the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River

Systems of the Ministry of Transport.

"We will spend the budget of K 12 billion mainly on maintenance of the riverbeds and water ways of the Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers. Respective regional governments will also carry out preventive measures against erosion of the rivers in their regions," an of-

ficial of the ministry said.

Out of K12 billion budget, K127 million will be allocated to maintenance of the Twantay Canal, which is vital for transportation by waterways to and from Yangon and the Ayeyawady delta region, he added.

The Ayeyawady River is eroding at many places along the river and

the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems is currently repairing places where erosions are most serious.

The directorate is committed to development of river transportation on the two rivers and completed the assessment on possibilities for building four low-head dams on the

Ayeyawady in central Myanmar recently.

The water level of the Ayeyawady River reached above its danger level of 1,260 cm in the rainy season falls to 720 cm in the summer season in Mandalay.

Navigation signs are needed in the Ayeyawady in the summer due to sandbanks in the river.

Tens of thousands mourn death of co-founder of NLD and veteran journalist U Win Tin

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Tens of thousands of people attended the funeral service for U Win Tin, the iconic co-founder of the National League for Democracy (NLD) and a veteran journalist, at Yeway Cemetery on Wednesday.

Many mourners wore blue prison shirts as a tribute to U Win Tin, who was imprisoned in the wake of the student-led pro-democracy uprising from 1989 until 2008. His portrait and

NLD flag were carried by many supporters at the service which saw Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, chairperson of the National League for Democracy party, as the most prominent mourner.

"There is no words to say except it is 'a great loss to the people and the country'," said 67-year old U Than Myint, a former elected representative of NLD from the Taungtha constituency in central Myanmar.

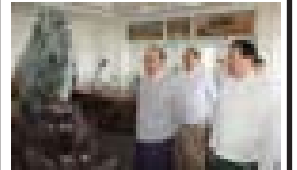
Meanwhile, international tributes continued to flow in, with Kenneth Roth, executive director (See page 2)



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, chairperson of the National League for Democracy, joins tens of thousands of other prominent and ordinary mourners at the funeral of NLD co-founder U Win Tin.

U Win Tin died of renal failure in hospital in Yangon on Monday. He was 85.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

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Union Home Affairs Minister meets UNODC representative

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko welcomed Mr. Jean Luc, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime-UNODC Director for the Division for Policy Analysis

and Public Affairs and party on Wednesday at his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, both sides discussed bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and UNODC.

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People-centred programmes crucial for national development: Union minister

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—The Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development on Wednesday said that people-centred programmes are crucial for the national development and that the government will take measures to implement them.

Dr. Kan Zaw said, that “The government is implementing rural development programmes and poverty alleviation plans for the

welfares of the people.”

On 20 April, the minister visited the construction site of an extended medical ward at a 50-bed People’s Hospital in Salin Township of Magway Region, and witnessed land erosion at the bank of Ayeyawady River and a middle high school.

He also inspected construction of concrete road and paddy cultivation in the area.

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Deputy FM, CEO Kantana and JK Consulting Management sign sponsorship management operator agreement for ASEAN Summit



Signing ceremony of sponsorship management operator for 24th and 25th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—An event on appointing the Kantana and JK Consulting Management Co., Ltd. as the spon-

sorship management operator for 24th and 25th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits was held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at Mingala Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

The agreement was signed by U Tin Oo Lwin, deputy minister for Foreign Affairs, chairman of the Sub-committee on Logistics and Administration, ASEAN Summit and related Summits Committee and Chaiyos Rungcharoenchal, chief executive officer, Kantana and JK Consulting Management Co., Ltd.

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of Human Rights Watch saying in a statement that, “We are deeply saddened by his death — an irre-

placeable loss for Burma’s human rights community.”

U Win Tin died on Monday of kidney failure at the age of 85 in a hospital in Yangon.—NLM

Establishment of society based on rule of law imperative



Speaker of Union Parliament and People’s Parliament Thura U Shwe Mann emphasizes establishment of society based on rule of law.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—Rule of law is a must for a country and a society as peace, stability

and prosperity can be achieved in the country and society only based on the rule of law, said Speaker of Union Parliament and People’s Parliament Thura U Shwe Mann at a work-coordination meeting for the establishment of Rule of Law Centres on Tuesday.

He asserted that development and the rule of law are interrelated. Without strengthening the rule of law that is an essential prerequisite for a transition country, it is impossible to achieve democracy. He expressed his belief that the day’s meeting would bring many benefits.

Next, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, chairperson of the Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee, and Thura U Aung Ko, chairman of Leg-

islative and Judicial Affairs and Complaints Letters and Petition Scrutinizing Committee, discussed matters related to the Rule of Law Centres.

Responsible persons from United Nations Development Programme, Supreme Court of the Union, Office of Attorney-General of the Union, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development took part in the discussions for establishment of Rule of Law Centres.

In his concluding remarks, the Speaker said the Union Parliament is ready to release a notification if it is responsible to do so or it is required to release a notification by a responsible organization. He called on

Centres to conduct research on the lack of rule of law in the certain areas.

He called for participation of all in implementing the rule of law in the country. The legislative body should start work for ensuring the rule of law, he added.

He stressed the need to pass laws, rules and regulations that are fair, can be followed by the people and are in compliance with the rule of law. Punitive actions should be taken against any violators in accordance with the law.

He also highlighted the importance of national reconciliation, calling for refraining from hate speech and ending armed conflicts for achieving peace and stability.—MNA

Myanmar football team trained for 2014 AFC Challenge Cup

YANGON, 23 April—Myanmar football selects began training 23 April to take part in 2014 AFC Challenge Cup. The training session begun in the evening is first under Myanmar head coach Raddy Avramovic. Avramovic was appointed as Myanmar national team’s coach in February. The Myanmar football selects comprises of 28 players, including new faces, and will play friendly matches in Thailand before the AFC Challenge Cup.

The Myanmar team has Avramovic from Serbia as head coach, Milovan

Cirkovic, also from Serbia, and U Soe Myat Min as assistant coaches, Dino, from Serbia, and U Aung Kyaw Kyaw (Ayeyawady United) as goal coaches, goalkeepers Thiha Sithu (Yadanarbon FC), Kyaw Zin Myo (Magway FC), V.L Haywel (Nay Pyi Taw FC) and Yan Aung Lin (Hanthawady United), defenders Hein Thiha Zaw (Ayeyawady United), Thein Zaw (Zwegabin United), Aung Hein Kyaw (Zeyar Shwemyay), Ye Win Aung and Zaw Min Tun (Yadanarbon FC), Pyae Phyto Aung, Aung Zaw, Aung

Thaik and Sithu Aung (Yangon United FC), midfielders Yan Aung Kyaw, Yazar Win Thein, David Htan and Khin Maung Lwin (Yangon United FC), Yan Aung Win (Yadanarbon FC), Htoo Htoo Aung (Magway FC), Min Min Thu, Nay Lin Tun and Kyaw Min Oo (Ayeyawady United) Nyein Chan Aung (Manawmyay FC), Chit Su Moe (Chin United), forward, Yan Paing and Kaung Sithu (Yadanarbon FC), Kyaw Ko Ko (Yangon United) and Ye Aung (Southern FC).

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NATIONAL

Great strides needed to establish markets for Myanmar's jade and gems in the country

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — President U Thein Sein called on the Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs Association to make more effort to establish markets for Myanmar's jade and gems during his visit to Shwe Kyar Pin finished jade lots and gem and jewellery market in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday morning.

On his arrival at Sein Lin Yadana jewellery shop in the market, the President called for more manufacturing of lots of jade and more employment for locals in gems and jewellery businesses.

He observed jade carving and polished gem and jade jewellery at Sein Lin Yadana and Wai gem and jewellery shops.

At Treasure Gems jewellery shop, the president heard a reports on the market presented by Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung.

Chairman of Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs

Association U Tay Za and vice-chairmen U Yone Mu and U La Phaing Khun Sa, and the vice-chairman of Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs Association (Mandalay) elaborated on raw materials for the gem and jewellery market, needs for market promotion, taxation matters and work to be done for selling value-added products through online, regular holding of gem emporiums, a one-stop service centre in Mandalay and jade and gems export.

In his address, the president called for systematic methods to be used in natural resources extraction for the good of the next generation and stressed the need to calculate the maximum amount of jade and gem stocks in the country with the help of experts so that the association will know the amount of jade and gem stocks that can be mined yearly.

He called on those present to try hard for access to foreign markets and to set the same policies in operating gem and jewellery markets that will be opened in Mandalay and Myitkyina.



President U Thein Sein views carved jade stone at Shwe Kyar Pin finished jade lots and gem and jewellery market in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

cess to foreign markets and to set the same policies in operating gem and jewellery markets that will be opened in Mandalay and Myitkyina.

With online market development, it is required to make arrangements for the sale of gems and jewellery online, he added.

Shwe Kyar Pin finished

gem and jewellery market was opened on 1 December, 2013 with the aim of having access to foreign markets for value-added polished products instead of selling

rough gems and development of the finished gem and jewellery market in the country, thereby contributing towards job creation and developing human resources and improving technology. Now, jade sculptures, jade bracelets and jade beads are available at the market and work is underway to manufacture finished products and organize exhibitions. It is planned to set up a one-stop service centre and a gem and jewellery training school at the market.—MNA

Myanmar must invest in youth to ensure human resources development: Vice-President



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses coordination meeting on holding outstanding youth get-together.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham called on regional and state ministers not only to support outstanding youth, but also to invest in them to see human resources development of the country at a coordination meeting at the Ministry of Education in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

In his address at the meeting on holding a youth get-together in

which outstanding students, outstanding young Red Cross Society members and scouts will participate on 3 May this year, the Vice-President stressed the need to fully support those who are "equipped with a righteous mindset and an understanding about Myanmar topography and culture as they will lead the country's political, economic, social and administrative mechanisms in future."

He said that an award ceremony for outstanding persons and a dinner to honour them will be held in conjunction with the youth get-together on the same day in Nay Pyi Taw. It is aimed at encouraging youths to admire award-winning persons who will inspire them with confidence.

Talking about organizations that are giving the youth the desire to do good things, he spoke words of

praise about the strength of the Myanmar Red Cross Society that has been operating for many years.

The Vice-President called on those present at the meeting to give their advice on the preparation for the youth get-together to be held early next month.

After hearing reports presented by Union Minister for Education Dr Daw Khin San Yi, Director-General U Min Zaw

of No 3 Basic Education Department, President of Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Tha Hla Shwe, the Vice-President left concluding remarks. He pointed out that today's youth are spending all their time studying and that knowledge is needed to keep up with events in a rapidly changing world.

For this year, 525 young students, 146 young Red Cross Society members and 490 scouts have been selected as outstanding youth. They will be grouped into teams to receive training at camps in Ngwehsaung, Inlay, Bagan, Yangon and PyinOoLwin. Those from the designated camps will have to be accommodated at a centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 May.

Myanmar has more than 16 million youth—five and a half million youth aged 15-19 years, five and half million youth in the age bracket 20-25 years, and five million youth from 25-29 years of age.

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Preparation for President's Excellent Award ceremony held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein urged the attendees Wednesday to prepare for successfully holding the President's Excellent Award Ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw.

Deputy ministers and department officials participated in the discussions on presentation of awards.

Region and state ministers and officials also attended the meeting.—MNA

US archaeologists to renovate Myanmar historic monastery in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 23 April— Archaeologists from the United States alongside Myanmar cultural experts will start renovating Shwenandaw Monastery in Mandalay in the last week of April, officials said.

The New York-based World Monument Fund began collecting preliminary data for the renovation process of the historic religious edifice in October 2013.

Tampawadi U Win Maung and U Aye Myint, prominent Myanmar archaeologists from Mandalay, and experts from Mandalay Technology University and the Ministry of Culture will contribute

to the work.

The project is mainly sponsored by the diplomatic fund of U.S. Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell.

The renovation will include conservation, fire prevention and easy flow of water along the woodcut gutters of the monastery.

The Shwenandaw Monastery was built in 1880 by King Thibaw. The original building was heavily gilt with gold and adorned with glass mosaic work. It is famous for its teak carvings of Buddhist mythology at the walls and on the ceiling.

*Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)*



Photo shows Shwenandaw Monastery in Mandalay.

Flower yields increasing in Mandalay

PYINOOLOWIN, 23 April—Flower cultivation yields in PyinOoLwin in Mandalay Region are rising due to the temperate climate and sufficient underground water, locals said Wednesday.

A flower-seller from Patheingyi Township said: “I purchase flowers from the garden in the evening and carry them to the flower wholesale market by a motorbike the next morning.”

Some local gardeners are planting flower species that can produce as many as 60,000 plants per acre at nurseries. Each nursery is worth about K 2 million

and net profit is about K 1.5 million per acre each cultivation season.

The retailers from Mandalay downtown area come to this market to distribute the flowers.

PyinOoLwin, the centre of the country’s principal flower and vegetable production, intensively grows the flowers such as chrysanthemums, asters and gladioli, which are sent across the country throughout the year.

The town formerly called Maymyo is in the Shan Highland about 42 miles east of Mandalay.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Mandalay’s famous U Bein Bridge in Amarapura is undergoing preservation work

MANDALAY, 23 April— The piers and floors of the 160-year old U Bein Bridge in Taungthaman Lake in Amarapura Township in Mandalay are urgently in need of repair and preservation is being carried out under the supervision of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Mandalay Branch) of the Ministry of Culture.

The Mandalay Region government contributed K1.3 million so damaged piers and floors could be replaced with the new hardwood as a first phase.

U Bein Bridge, a major tourist attraction in central Myanmar, was built of teak



piers from old Inwa Palace in 1211 Myanmar Era by Amarapura Town clerk U Bein during the reign of King Bagan.

The 3,967 ft long

bridge consists of 1,086 piers and 482 chambers.

The Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Mandalay Branch) has told the pub-

lic not to ride bicycles and motorcycles on the bridge to ensure its durability and longevity.

*Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)*

Pilgrims flock to holy sites in Mandalay’s mountain to escape heat

MANDALAY, 23 April — Due to the current scorching temperatures, the holy sites of Yankin Mountain and Ngayantmin Cave in Patheingyi Township of Mandalay Region have seen a huge increase in pilgrims, according to local officials. Famed for its natural cave, Ngayantmin is a major site for devout Buddhists, with many now also visiting to cool down in the lush surroundings. Yankin Mountain and Ngayantmin Cave can be accessed easily as the sites are connected by a concrete road, officials said.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

Central Myanmar town installs four digital traffic lights

MEIKTILA, 23 April — A central Myanmar town in Mandalay Region has set up four digital traffic lights on 23 April at its busiest junctions, officials said. A ceremony to mark the project was attended by representatives of the National Parliament as well as a number of local officials, with Mandalay Region officials saying they allocated K. 20 million for the traffic lights in Meiktila Township.

The general public contributed K. 1.2 million for the construction of three traffic light control stations, officials said.

Chan Tha (Meiktila)



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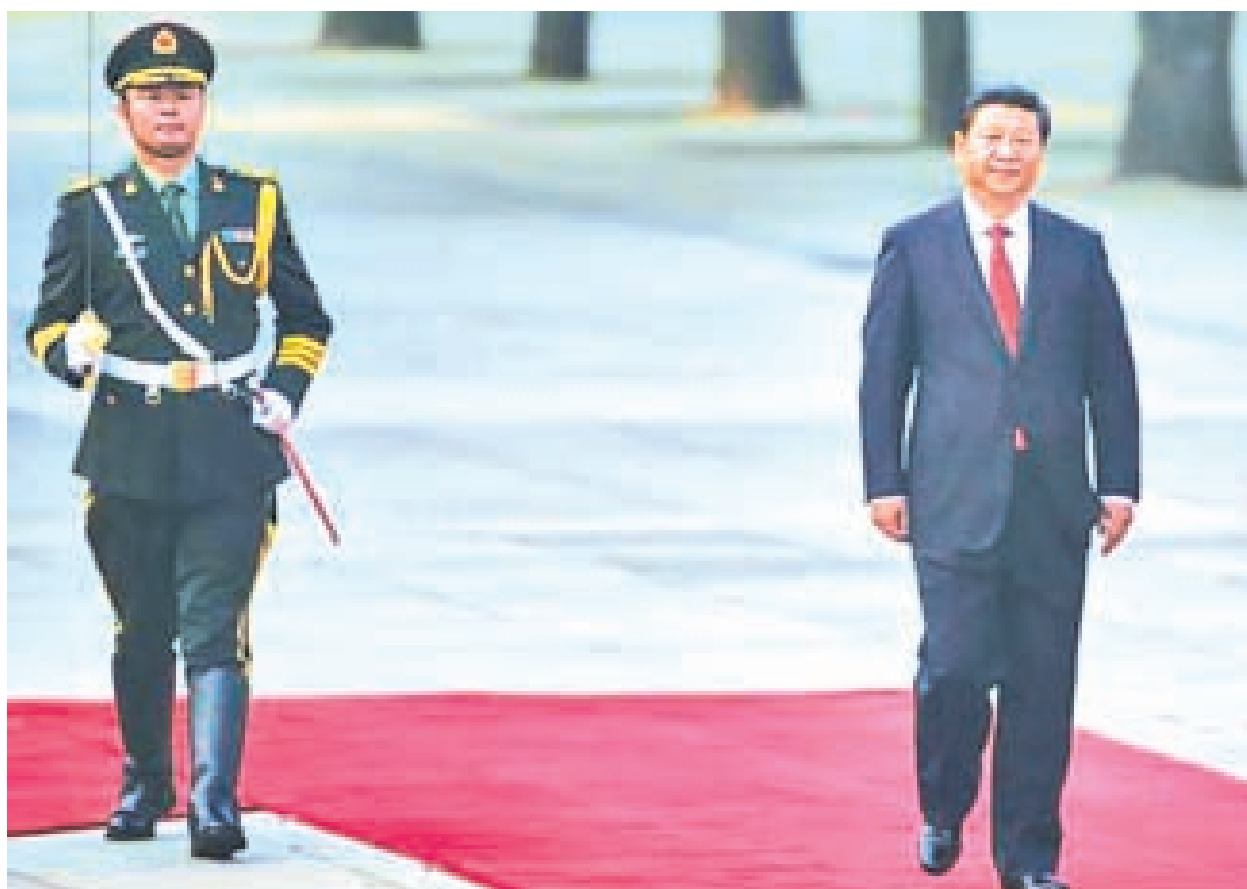
China military says faces 'complex' task keeping secrets

BEIJING, 23 April—China's military faces a "severe and complex" task in maintaining secrecy, especially given the widespread use of the internet and mobile communications, and needs to ensure security is tightened, a top military paper said on Wednesday.

Secrecy is needed to ensure that the Chinese army is capable of both waging war and winning, the *People's Liberation Army Daily* said, citing a document approved by President Xi Jinping and issued by the powerful Central Military Commission.

"Have a clear understanding of the severe and complex situation faced in maintaining secrecy, always remain sober-minded and spare no effort to keep secrets safe," it said.

The military has ordered a special check-up and overhaul to check loopholes in the management of documents and other items carrying classified information, as well as secret sites and activities, the newspaper said.



China's President Xi Jinping walks next to a honour guard during the welcoming ceremony for Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 26 August, 2013. —Reuters

Modern communications technology meant measures need to be taken to ensure "infallible security of confidential military

information".

The newspaper did not give specific examples or mention any recent lapses that may have caused the

new order to be issued.

A separate commentary in the same newspaper said military secrecy is vital to the army's sur-

vival, development and the outcome of any battles it may fight. "The country is faced with an increasingly complicated security

environment and intensified competition in armed forces, which have fuelled rivalries in the scramble for information," the commentary said. "There is no reason to be too optimistic about current secrecy measures", because problems still exist in certain fields in the army, it said.

Despite proclaiming that its military spending and modernisation is transparent, China keeps tight control over information regarding its armed forces, including banning foreign media from monthly defence ministry news conferences. While the United States frequently accuses China, including its military, of hacking computers, China says it is a target of hacking attacks by the United States. The White House has said that the US does not spy to gain commercial advantage.

China will beef up its internet security after recent reports that the US government spied on a major telecommunications firm, the Defence Ministry said last month.—Reuters

First PLO delegation since 2007 war arrives in Gaza for unity talks

GAZA, 23 April — Palestine Liberation Organization delegates arrived in Gaza on Tuesday to discuss unity with militant group Hamas for the first time since their 2007 conflict, in a potential boost for Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas.

Few Palestinians expect a breakthrough in the deadlock that has paralyzed Palestinian politics, and

many have low expectations of any resolution to the seemingly endless duel.

A deal could restore a measure of sovereignty to Abbas in Gaza and boost his negotiating power with Israel in any future peace talks, although such a partnership could also provoke a backlash from Israel against the PLO in the occupied West Bank.

The reconciliation

mission coincided with a meeting between Abbas's Fatah-led group and Israeli peace negotiators in Jerusalem to try to extend talks beyond an April deadline. Hamas and Fatah have failed since 2011 to implement an Egyptian-brokered unity deal because of disputes over power-sharing and the handling of conflict with Israel.

Azzam Al-Ahmed, a

senior Fatah official, denied that the attempt to negotiate a deal with Hamas was designed merely to strengthen Abbas's hand in talks with Israel.

"We want to end the division whether there is negotiation (with Israel) or there isn't. We want to build Gaza and the West Bank and end the (Israeli) occupation," Al-Ahmed told official Palestinian news agency Wafa.

"We are one country, one people and no power on earth could dismantle this holy bond ... We must end the ugly chapter of division and implement everything we have signed," Al-Ahmed said on arrival in Gaza.

Arab-brokered unity pacts reached between the two sides have yet to be implemented after years of mutual blame.

But if Palestinian unity talks end with a deal, paving the way for elections and a national strategy towards Israel, not only might Abbas gain negotiating power, but Hamas, hemmed in by an Israeli-Egyptian blockade, might become less isolated.—Reuters

US to deliver Apache helicopters to Egypt, relaxing hold on aid

WASHINGTON, 23 April — The United States said on Tuesday it will deliver 10 Apache attack helicopters to Egypt, relaxing a partial suspension of aid imposed after Egypt's military ousted President Mohamed Mursi last year and cracked down violently on protesters.

US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel informed his Egyptian counterpart of the decision, which will help Egypt's counter-terrorism operations in the Sinai Peninsula, the Pentagon said.

"We believe these new helicopters will help the Egyptian government counter extremists who threaten US, Egyptian, and Israeli security," Pentagon spokesman Rear Admiral John Kirby said in a statement, recounting Hagel's conversation with Egyptian Defence Minister Colonel Sedki Sobhi. Secretary of State John Kerry had paved the way by certifying to Congress that Egypt met key criteria for Washington to resume some aid.

Those criteria included Egypt "upholding its obligations under the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty," the

State Department said.

But Kerry noted in a call with his counterpart that he was not yet able to certify that Egypt was taking steps to support a democratic transition. One US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said no other military aid beyond the Apaches, built by Boeing Co, was being freed up at the moment. That meant that delivery of other hardware, like F-16 fighter jets produced by Lockheed Martin Corp, remained on hold.

In a call with Egypt's foreign minister, Kerry "urged Egypt to follow through on its commitment to transition to democracy — including by conducting free, fair, and transparent elections," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said. That could send a signal to Egypt ahead of next month's presidential election, which Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, the former army general who deposed Mursi, is expected to win.

Kerry also called on Egypt to ease restrictions on freedom of expression, assembly, and the media, she said.—Reuters



Hamas deputy leader Musa Abu Marzuk (3rd R) speaks with the head of the delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Azzam al-Ahmad (2nd R), a senior figure in Fatah Party of Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas, during a meeting in Gaza City on 22 April, 2014. Azzam al-Ahmed, Fatah official in charge of the reconciliation file, told reporters in Ramallah that there is a pressing need among the Palestinian leadership to end the Palestinian division whether there are talks with Israel or not. Al-Ahmed arrived to Gaza on Tuesday atop a delegation appointed by Abbas to hold discussions in Gaza with Hamas officials about the reconciliation.—XINHUA

Thai court gives PM more time in abuse of power case

BANGKOK, 23 April — Thailand's Constitutional Court on Wednesday gave Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra until early May to defend herself against charges of abuse of power, delaying a verdict that could see her removed from office.

The charges relate to the transfer of National Security Council chief Thawil Pliensri in 2011, which opponents say was designed to benefit her Pua Thai Party. If found guilty, Yingluck could be forced to step down and some legal experts say the whole government would have to go with her.

Yingluck, who heads a caretaker government with limited powers, has been undermined by six months of street protests as well as various legal challenges against her, which have intensified since February.

Thawil was reinstated to his post in March but



Members of the "Volunteers' Ward to protect the Nation's Democracy" group hold pictures of Thailand's Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra during their two days training at the stadium in Nakhon Ratchasima, Northeastern province of Thailand, on 21 April, 2014.—REUTERS

the Constitutional Court accepted a case brought against Yingluck by a group of 27 senators who petitioned it to rule that her removal of the security chief violated the constitution.

"The prime minister will be given until 2 May to present her defence and gather further evidence," Somrit Chaiwong, a Constitutional Court spokesman, told *Reuters*.

Any judgment that

removes Yingluck will escalate tension between her supporters and the anti-government protesters. Some fear an increase in violence that could prompt intervention by the coup-prone military.

Japan's parliament OKs bill to ratify arms trade treaty

TOKYO, 23 April — Japan will soon join the Arms Trade Treaty, the first international pact to regulate trade in conventional arms, as the House of Councillors unanimously approved on Wednesday a bill to ratify it.

The treaty, adopted at the UN General Assembly in April last year, will regulate trade in weapons such as tanks, helicopters, combat aircraft and small arms.

Countries that accede to the pact would be banned from importing, exporting, or brokering arms deals if there are risks that the weapons could be used for genocide, or if they violate a UN Security Council resolution.

Kyodo News

A long-running crisis broadly pits the mostly poorer supporters of Yingluck and her brother, former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, against the Bangkok-based middle class and the conservative establishment. Thaksin was ousted by the army in 2006 and has chosen exile rather than accept a jail term handed down in 2008 for abuse of power.

The protesters want to end Thaksin's political influence and set in motion broad political reforms that would prevent parties loyal to him from running for office again.

A 2 February election was disrupted by the protesters, who stopped candidates from registering and blocked polling stations and the delivery of ballot papers. As a result, a court last month ruled the election void and the Election Commission has yet to set a new date.—*Reuters*

US vows more sanctions on Russia unless tensions ease in Ukraine



US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks to the media after a quadrilateral meeting between representatives of the United States, Ukraine, Russia and the European Union, about the ongoing situation in Ukraine, in Geneva on 17 April, 2014.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 23 April — US Secretary of State John Kerry told Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in a telephone call on Tuesday that Washington would impose more

sanctions on Russia if tensions did not de-escalate in eastern Ukraine, a senior US official said.

The official said Kerry talked to both Lavrov and Ukrainian Prime Minister

Arseny Yatseniuk.

"With Foreign Minister Lavrov, the secretary expressed deep concern over the lack of positive Russian steps to de-escalate, cited mounting evidence that separatists continue to increase the number of buildings under occupation and take journalists and other civilians captive," he said.

"He urged Russia to tone down escalatory rhetoric, engage diplomatically in the east with the OSCE and Ukrainian government, and issue public statements calling for those occupying buildings to disarm and stand down in exchange for amnesty," he added.

The official said Kerry also reiterated that the absence of measurable progress on implementing last week's Geneva agreement

would result in increased sanctions on Russia.

In Moscow, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Lavrov had told Kerry that Ukraine must take urgent steps to implement the Geneva agreement aimed at defusing the Ukraine crisis.

The US official said Kerry had told Yatseniuk that Kiev must take important steps as well to de-escalate tensions, "including progress on amnesty legislation, steps toward broadening the national dialogue on constitutional reform to include representatives of all regions and close coordination with the OSCE monitoring mission."

Washington has said it would decide "in days" on additional sanctions if Russia does not take steps to implement the agreement.—*Reuters*

Satellites show North Korea nuclear test unlikely



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

SEOUL, 23 April — North Korea is unlikely to be ready to stage a nuclear test timed to coincide with US President Barack Obama's visit to Asia, a respected think tank said on Wednesday based on its assessment of satellite imagery.

Comments by South Korea's foreign ministry that the North could be moving towards what would be its fourth nuclear test prompted the US State Department to urge Pyongyang to "refrain from actions that threaten regional peace".

North Korea continually works on improving testing at its Punggye-ri site. Satellite imagery analyzed by 38North, which is part of Johns Hopkins University, said that while there had been a pickup in activity, there were few signs of an imminent test.

"Recent operations at Punggye-ri have not reached the high level of intensity — in terms of vehicle, personnel and equipment movement — that occurred in the weeks prior to past detonations," it said.

"Moreover, other possible indicators present before the North Korean nuclear tests in 2009 and 2013, such as communications vans and a satellite dish intended to transmit pre-test data, have not been spotted."

Work at the site is seasonal and often picks up in the Korean spring. Some earlier satellite images had suggested the North was digging multiple tunnels, which could possibly indicate that it was planning more than one nuclear detonation.

38North acknowledges that the commercial satellite imagery it uses may present an incomplete picture of the highly secretive state.

The comments by the South Koreans have been repeated frequently in the past and there was little new in their assessment this week that the North could be ready to launch a new test at short notice.

Reuters

Russia says Ukraine must urgently implement Geneva deal

MOSCOW, 23 April — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in a telephone call with US Secretary of State John Kerry on Tuesday that Ukraine must take ur-

gent steps to implement a deal aimed at defusing the Ukraine crisis, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

Lavrov said orders for the army to be de-

ployed in the crisis should be reversed, the Right Sector Ukrainian nationalist group should be disarmed, arrested activists in southeast Ukraine freed and constitutional

reforms started, the ministry said.

The call was a US initiative and the two men agreed to maintain contact, it said.

Reuters

HEALTH & BUSINESS

Obama reassures Japan, other allies on China ahead of visit

TOKYO, 23 April — US President Barack Obama has said Washington welcomes China's rise but that engagement with Beijing would not come at the expense of its Asian allies — as Chinese state media greeted his imminent arrival in the region with a broadside accusing the United States of wanting to “cage” the emerging superpower. Obama's remarks, aimed at reassuring Japan and other allies, set against a robust commentary from China's state news agency *Xinhua* that also called the United States “myopic”, demonstrate the delicate balancing act Obama faces on a week-long Asia tour.

The four-nation trip that starts in Tokyo later on Wednesday comes at a time of rising tension in the region, and as the United States urges Japan's unpredictable neighbour North Korea not to conduct another nuclear test.

Obama, who will be making the first full state visit to Japan by a US President since 1996, must assuage worries by Tokyo and other allies that his commitment to their defence in the face of an increasingly assertive China is weak, without hurting



US President Barack Obama boards Marine One as he departs the White House in Washington for a week-long trip to Asia, on 22 April, 2014.—REUTERS

vital US ties with Asia's biggest economy. Noting Beijing and Washington could work together on issues such as North Korea's nuclear programme, Obama told the *Yomiuri* newspaper, in written remarks: “In other words, we welcome the continuing rise of a China that is stable, prosperous and peaceful and plays a responsible role in global affairs.”

He added: “And our engagement with China does not and will not come at the expense of Japan or any other ally.”

Such assurances are likely to be high on the agenda when Obama meets Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at a symbolic summit on Thursday.

Japan, whose ties with rival China have chilled over the past two years, has been beset by anxiety over the degree to which reality matches rhetoric in Obama's promised “pivot” of US military and diplomatic assets to Asia.

China, for its part, fears the US is pursuing a policy of containment through its network of Asian al-

lies, several of whom have long-standing territorial disputes with Beijing in the East and South China Seas.

Wednesday's *Xinhua* commentary criticized US policy in the region as “a carefully calculated scheme to cage the rapidly developing Asian giant”.

“The United States should reappraise its anachronistic hegemonic alliance system and stop pampering its chums like Japan and the Philippines that have been igniting regional tensions with provocative moves,” it said.—Reuters

Japan's largest solar power plant in operation in Oita

OITA, (Japan), 23 April — An opening ceremony was held in Oita city, southwestern Japan, on Wednesday for the nation's largest solar power plant.

The plant run by trading house Marubeni Corp's wholly owned subsidiary Oita Solar Power Corp is capable of generating 82.02 megawatts of electricity, enough to cover demand from 30,000 households.

The electricity will be sold to Kyushu Electric Power Co for the next 20 years, with 3.5 billion yen of revenue expected annually. Marubeni has invested 24 billion yen in

some 340,000 solar panels and other facilities at the 105-hectare reclamation site in the city's seaside industrial zone, which began commercial operation recently.

“We would like to contribute to popularizing renewable energy while making efforts to keep the operation safe and stable,” Marubeni President Fumiya Kokubu said.

The industrial zone also hosts a 26.5-megawatt solar power plant run by JGC Corp and a 17-megawatt plant run by Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding Co.—Kyodo News

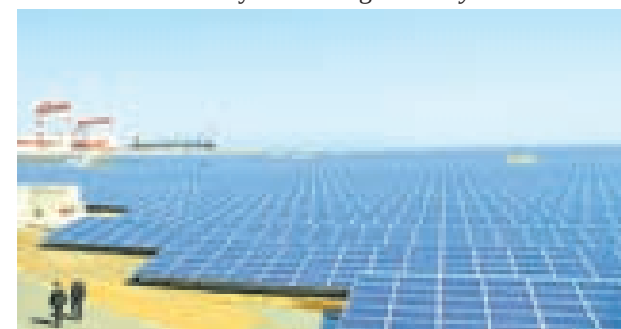


Photo shows Japan's largest solar power plant in Oita city, southwestern Japan, on 23 April, 2014.

KYODO NEWS

Scottish leader says independence could benefit northern England

LONDON, 23 April — An independent Scotland would work closely with northern England to boost its economy and job opportunities, Scottish leader Alex Salmond will say on Wednesday in a bid to allay concerns south of the border about Scotland quitting the United Kingdom.

Salmond is expected to use a speech marking St George's Day, England's national day, to stress that ties and friendship between Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom would continue if Scots voted to go it alone in a September 18 referendum.

Brushing aside a

refusal by the main British parties to share the pound if Scotland breaks away, Salmond will insist to business leaders in Carlisle, 10 miles south of the border, that trade and transport links would stay strong and the currency stay the same if Scotland did become independent.

He will say that an independent Scotland will be an economic counterweight to London and the south-east of England, tapping into feelings among some in northern England as well as Scotland that they get a raw deal from distant, London-based lawmakers.

Reuters



A Scottish Saltire flag (L) and a Union flag of the United Kingdom fly above Standard Life House in Edinburgh, Scotland on 27 Feb, 2014.—REUTERS

Serendipity aids Egypt in struggle to recover stolen heritage



People stand and walk near the dissolved National Democratic Party (NDP) building of Egypt's former President Hosni Mubarak, which was partially burnt down during the 25 January Revolution, with the Egyptian Museum seen on the right, in Cairo on 19 April, 2014.—REUTERS

CAIRO, 23 April — When French Egyptologist Olivier Perdu saw a fragment of a pharaonic statue on display in a Brussels gallery last year, he assumed it was a twin of an ancient masterpiece he had

examined in Egypt a quarter of a century earlier.

The reality was an even more remarkable coincidence: the fragment was part of the very same artifact — a unique 6th century BC statue hewn

from pale green stone — that Perdu had received special permission to study in Cairo in 1989. The statue, a 29 cm-high (11 inches) representation of a man wearing a pharaonic head-dress and holding a shrine

to Osiris, the god of the afterlife, was smashed by looters who broke into the Cairo Museum during the 2011 uprising against Hosni Mubarak.

Its top portion had been missing since then.

“I was just astonished,” Perdu told Reuters. “Through examining all the stains and irregularities I could conclude that it was indeed the same piece.”

“What I had between my hands in Brussels was the object that I had studied in the Cairo museum in 1989.”

Thanks to his chance encounter, the piece excavated in 1858 has found its way back to Egypt. Horrified to learn he had purchased a stolen artifact, the buyer offered to surrender it right away, Perdu said. It is now back in Cairo, where conservation experts have reunited it with the rest of the statue.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 24 April, 2014

Global warming and renewable energy in Myanmar

By Aung Khin

The report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), released on April 13, introduced 1,200 suggestions on how to reduce the worsening effects of global warming by 2100, with the proposals including planting more trees and relying much more on nuclear power.

To prepare for actions on climate, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has invited the heads of states and governments together with business, finance, civil society

and local leaders to a Climate Summit, which is scheduled to be held in New York in September 2014, with the expectation to lay a concrete foundation for successful negotiations and sustained progress for reducing emission and strengthening adaptation strategies.

According to statistics of the Myanmar government, the use of renewable energy and fossil fuel energy has increased in the 10 years from 2000. The total installed renewable capacity is now 150 MW, and the Ministry of Energy has targeted an additional 500 MW of renewable energy by 2015, representing 15 percent of the current installed capacity.

Under these circumstances, the country needs international assistance to develop solar energy, wind energy, tidal energy and geothermal energy as these projects require high capital costs and technological knowledge.

The Asia Development Bank estimates that households in the rural areas of Myanmar are using 2.5 cubic tonnes of fuel wood per year.

But, the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry forecasts this amount will decline due to greater reliance on energy efficient stoves and alternative energy sources such as hydropower and natural gas.

The expenditure for the use of natural gas is considerably expensive, and 74 percent of Myanmar people still do not have consistent access to electricity, causing them to largely rely on woods and fuels for energy in many areas of the country.

Therefore, Myanmar people should get enough alternative sources of renewable energy to fight against global warming.

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The Art of Selling

The art of selling is called Salesmanship. Salesmanship calls for being Pleasant, Pleasing and Persuasive on the part of the seller. There is no room for Pride, Prejudice and Pomp in Salesmanship.

What is Selling?

- Selling is Helping People to Buy.
- Selling is Satisfying a Demand.
- Selling is Delivering Value (Superior/Best Value) to Customers.
- Selling is Providing Core Benefits to End-Users.
- Selling is Convincing Public about the Integrity of One's Brand Equity.
- Selling is Establishing One's Brand Value.
- Selling is Trust Building.
- Selling is Establishing Win-Win Relationship with Customers.
- Selling is Consolidating the Bottom Line-i.e. Profit.
- Selling is having or maintaining a Cutting Edge.
- Selling is Standing Out from the Crowd.
- Selling is Making a Difference.
- Selling is A Mission.
- Selling is Earning Income.
- Selling is Revenue Accumulation.
- Selling is Reinforcing the Citadel of Customer-Base.
- The art of Salesmanship is winning over the hearts and minds and the wallets of the Customers.

Official Definition of Selling

Selling is helping people to buy the right product/service, at the right price, at the right place, and at the right time.

Importance of Effective Selling

Supply without demand is of no value; producing/manufacturing without selling spells insolvency. The only profit in business is in Sales; everything else is expense. So, demand creation is very important.

Unless you can successfully, economically and profitably pass the product/service over the counter to the consuming public, all the producing/manufacturing is in vain. Hence, Better Selling is the key to Better Business. The fundamental compelling insight in salesmanship is to sell IDEAS and FEELINGS Ideas and feelings of Beauty, Health, Esteem, Glory, Superiority, Prosperity, Economy, Service and the like.

Some Crucial Attributes of Effective Selling are:

- Solid Passion to Sell
- Strong Capacity for Hard Work
- Authenticity

- Reliability
- Constructive Attitude
- Integrity and Humility
- Confidence and Rapport
- Loyalty to the Product/Service & the Company
- Cheerfulness
- Empathy, and Understanding of Customers' needs and wants and expectations
- Patience and Persistence
- Enthusiasm for and Whole-hearted Devotion to Selling.
- Thorough knowledge of the product/service, knowledge of the organization of the firm, and knowledge of the Customer and Market Trends.

Buying Motives:

In order to be able to sell effectively, sellers must understand with sympathy why customers buy. They have got to know the real reasons behind buying. The following are some important Buying Motives:

- Gain of Money
- Satisfaction of Caution/Prudence
- Utility Value
- Satisfaction of Pride
- Sentiment
- Satisfaction of Pleasure
- Benefit of Health

Selling Strategy

To Deliver Best Value to the Customers

Sales Tactics:

- Offering Unique Selling Point
- Giving a Compelling Promise
- Establishing some Attractive, Appealing Benefits
- Establishing Accessibility / Availability
- Appreciating Customer Relationship Management
- Positioning Brand Equity and Brand Value by holding highest the banner of Quality, Differentiation and Value.

Sales Approaches:

- Aggressive Sales
- Hard Sales
- Soft Sales
- Offensive Sales
- Defensive Sales
- Creative Sales
- Service Sales
- Partnership Sales

Common Weak Points of Sales Personnel

1. Poor Planning of time and effort
2. Lack of effort, motivation, and aggressiveness
3. Failure to call and develop prospects

Kyi Mun

4. Uncooperative attitude
5. Insufficient product knowledge
6. Poor self-conduct
7. Lack of selling ability
8. Poor Sales judgment
9. Poor Customer service
10. Little attention to detail
11. Improper handling of expenses
12. Inexperience
13. Misuse of support facilities
14. Lack of persuasiveness
15. Failure to evaluate sales potential
16. Failure to follow policy
17. Inability to follow procedures
18. Poor account administration
19. Poor communication skills
20. Impatience
21. Failure to apply training
22. Poor use of merchandising techniques
23. Lack of follow-through
24. Poor decisions
25. Lack of full-time sales effort

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GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (23-4-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K 660,600 per tical: Selling K 661,600

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K 660,500 per tical: Selling K 661,500

FE RATE

USD Buying	K 959	-	Selling	K 964
SGD Buying	K 758	-	Selling	K 768
Euro Buying	K 1312	-	Selling	K 1332

LOCAL NEWS

Many large fish dead in Myitta Lake of Sagaing Tsp



SAGAING, 23 April—High temperatures are believed behind the deaths of about 150 big fish in Myitta Lake near the Kaunghmutaw Pagoda in Sagaing Township in the Sagaing Region after the New Year Festival. “Most people suspect...high temperatures or a low level of oxygen in the lake as daytime temperatures in the region have reached 42 °C these days,”

a local resident said. “Some thought there may have been poisoning, but officials have already checked these fish and didn’t find any disease in the fish.”

The authorities are now arranging to bring fresh water to the lake and to install small water fountains to help aerate the lake water. Sagaing Region is in the northwest.

Nanda Min Iwin

Real estate prices moving higher in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 23 April—The Mandalay real estate market had been quite calm in Mandalay before the Maha Thingyan water festival, but since then prices have been edging upward as investors have begun to seek some plots in Mandalay and nearby areas.

In downtown Manda-

lay, the turnover of valuable land plots is still quite normal, but others areas are experiencing new interest.

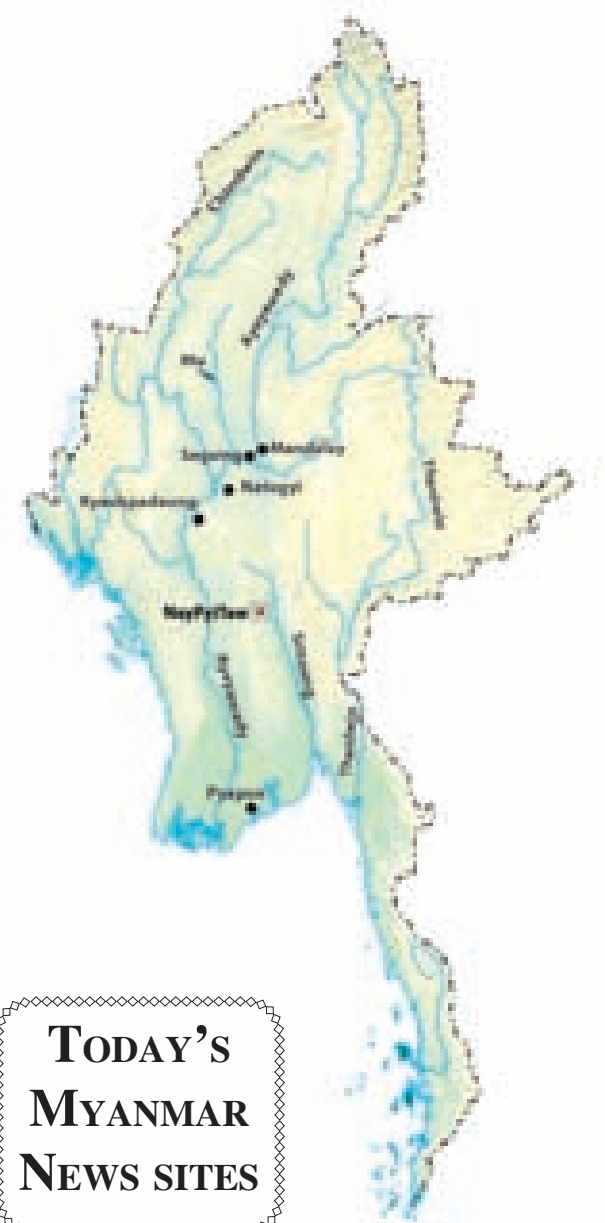
A 30 ft x 40 ft plot in Chanmyathazi and Pyigyidagun Townships and in Myayinanda, Yadana-bon and Thinbangon new satellite towns is now go-

ing for K 40 million due to construction of new tarred roads, installation of streelighting and rapid development. In Chanmyathazi Township and Kanthaya and Aungthaya new towns, some buyers are paying K 80 million for 40 ft x 60 ft plots.

A house near Mingala

market on 73rd Street sold for K 1,650 million, a 60 ft x 80 ft house in Kwesekan (1) Street on the Yangon-Mandalay Highway went for K 2,500 million and a house near Nanshae in Aungmyethazan Township fetched K 900 million.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



TODAY'S MYANMAR NEWS SITES

Natogyi, Taungtha residents get new tube-wells, repaired reservoir

NATOGYI, 23 April—Under an arrangement of Mandalay Region Government, Chief Minister U Ye Myint marked delivery of tube-wells and a repaired drinking water reservoir to the people of Natogyi Township in Mandalay Region, on 18 April.

At a ceremony, the chief minister delivered 135 tube-wells and marked

completion of repairs to five reservoirs last year for Natogyi residents.

The authorities earlier completed two drinking water reservoirs and delivered more than 250 tube-wells to the residents of Taungtha Township.

Natogyi and Taungtha townships are in central Myanmar.

Htay Myint Maung

is being upgraded at a cost of K 10.5 million funded by the department and K 4 million by the locals.

“As the buses and trucks are running daily along the road, it was gradually damaged. Now, the local authorities and locals are joining in upgrading the road to a tarred one for overcoming some difficulties in the rainy season. Residents will soon have a new one,” a local said.

Pyapon Township, teeming with many creeks and rivers in Ayeyawady Region in south-western Myanmar, has heavy rain-falls yearly.

Chan Tha

Annual meeting on monetary services of cooperative societies held in Kyaukpadaung Tsp

KYAUKPADAUNG, 23 April—Officials and members of Sanpya Ward Cooperative Society of Kyaukpadaung Township held its annual meeting on monetary services on Tuesday.

Monetary services were founded with 178 members in the ward in 2013 and it now provides K100,000 loans each to members of the society.

As part of efforts for poverty alleviation in rural regions and socio-economic development of towns-people, basic elements of cooperative teams have been constituted in wards and villages in the country.

Kyaukpadaung Township is in the Myingyan District in Mandalay Region.

Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)

Road upgraded in Pyapon Tsp

PYAPON, 23 April—Pyapon Township Devel-

opment Affairs Department and residents started

road repaving work on 22 April along the Aungthir-



sa Road in Ward-3 and Ward-15 of the township with the aim of preventing transport problems during monsoons.

The over 1800 ft long and 12 ft wide tarred road

White House ‘horrified’ by massacre of hundreds in South Sudan

WASHINGTON, 23 April — The White House on Tuesday called the massacre of hundreds of civilians in South Sudan an abomination and called for an end to the cycle of violence there. The United Nations said on Monday that rebels slaughtered hundreds of civilians when they seized the South Sudan oil hub of Bentiu, hunting down men, women and children who had sought refuge in a hospital, mosque and Catholic church.

Rebel troops overran Bentiu, the capital of the oil producing Unity State, on Tuesday. Rebel spokesman Lul Ruai Koang denied responsibility for the slaughter, blaming government forces for the killings.

More than 1 million people have fled their homes since December when fighting erupted in the world’s youngest country between troops backing President Salva Kiir and soldiers loyal to his sacked vice president, Riek Machar.

“We are horrified by reports out of South Sudan that fighters aligned with rebel leader Riek Machar massacred hundreds of innocent civilians last week in Bentiu,” White House spokesman Jay Carney said in a statement.

The White House statement sought to capture some of the graphic nature of the violence.

“Images and accounts of the attacks shock the

conscience: stacks of bodies found dead inside a mosque, patients murdered at a hospital, and dozens more shot and killed in the streets and at a church — apparently due to their ethnicity and nationality — while hate speech was broadcast on local radio,” Carney said.

Bulldozers have buried the dead in mass graves, and the number of people seeking protection at the UN camp in Bentiu has grown from 8,000 to more than 22,000 in two weeks, the spokesman said.

He said US officials were equally appalled by an armed attack last week at the UN mission in Bor, South Sudan, that killed at least 48 civilians and in-



Civilians flee from renewed attacks in Bentiu, Unity state of South Sudan on 20 April, 2014.—REUTERS

jured dozens more.

“These acts of violence are an abomination. They are a betrayal of the trust the South Sudanese people have put in their

leaders,” he said.

Carney said both Kiir and Machar must make clear that attacks on civilians are unacceptable, that those responsible for

violence on both sides must be brought to justice “and the cycle of violence that has plagued South Sudan for too long must come to an end.”—Reuters

Rwandan President Kagame says he is not ready to rule out third term



Rwanda President Paul Kagame attends a session at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos on 24 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

BOSTON, 23 April — Rwandan President Paul Kagame said on Tuesday it was too early to say whether he will seek a third term as head of the east African state, adding “whatever will happen, we’ll have an explanation.” Articles in pro-government newspapers in recent years have raised the prospect of him staying on after his mandate expires in 2017, a move that would anger his critics and require a change to the constitution.

“I have been asked when or whether I am going to leave office right from the time when I started. It is as if I am here just to leave. I’m here to do business on behalf of Rwandans,” Kagame told students and faculty after a speech at Tufts University near Boston. “I don’t know what else I can give you on that, but let’s wait and see what happens as we go. Whatever will happen, we’ll have an explanation.”

He was responding to

a student’s question about how he imagined his political role in Rwanda after his term ends.

Kagame was touring universities around Boston to speak about the country’s recovery from its 1994 genocide, in which some 800,000 people were killed. Kagame believes European powers played a role in triggering the conflict and that the international community failed to intervene to stop it.

“What we learned is that people must be responsible for their own fate. If you wait for outsiders you will just perish,” Kagame, rail thin and wearing a sharp suit and dark-framed eyeglasses, told the audience. He accused the “international community” of destabilizing neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo by allowing people who committed the Rwandan genocide to later escape into Congo’s eastern hills and giving them guns.

Reuters

Vietnam sentences American to death over heroin

HANOI, 23 April — An American man of Vietnamese origin was found guilty and sentenced to death for an attempt to smuggle more than 1 kg (2.2 lb) of heroin from Vietnam to Australia, state-run newspapers reported on Wednesday.

Dinh Jason, born in 1973, was detained before boarding a flight to Australia at Ho Chi Minh City’s Tan Son Nhat International Airport on 12 June, 2013, with the drugs found hidden in his underwear, the Hanoi police-run Capital Security newspaper said.

Dinh told investigators he took the job to write off a \$20,000 (11,881.42 pounds) debt and could receive \$10,000 if the drugs were delivered.

He was convicted and sentenced at a one-day hearing on Tuesday by the People’s Court in Ho Chi Minh City. He has 15 days to appeal the verdict.

Trafficking as much as 100 grams of heroin can be punished by life in prison or death in Vietnam.

The Southeast Asian country has been executing prisoners by lethal injection since late 2013. It had previously used firing squads.—Reuters

Teen who stowed away on flight to Hawaii remains hospitalized

MAUI, 23 April — A teenage boy who stowed away on a flight from California to Hawaii in the frozen, oxygen-deprived wheel well of a passenger jet remained hospitalized on Tuesday, two days after his death-defying jaunt over the Pacific Ocean, a Hawaii official said.

The teenager, whose name has not been released, is “resting comfortably” at a hospital in Ha-

waii, spokeswoman Kayla Rosenfeld of the state’s Department of Human Services said in a statement.

The boy, who is from Santa Clara, California, is in the custody of the department’s Child Welfare Services division, and officials were working to ensure his safe return to California, she said.

He ran away from home on Sunday and traveled as a stowaway in the

wheel well of a Hawaiian Airlines Boeing 767 on a more than five-hour flight from San Jose International Airport to Kahului Airport in Maui, the FBI said. He crept onto the tarmac in San Jose under cover of darkness, San Jose police said.

The teen quickly lost consciousness as temperatures in the wheel well sank as low as minus 80 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 62 de-

grees Celsius), according to FBI special agent Tom Simon in Hawaii.

The FBI said the plane eventually reached an altitude of 38,000 feet (11,582 meters), a level where oxygen is so scarce that survival is difficult.

The only way the teenager could have lived through such a journey was for his brain to cool down enough to require only a low level of oxygen, but not enough for his heart to stop beating, said Peter Hackett, director of the Institute For Altitude Medicine in Colorado.

“It’s all a little hard to believe, but that’s the explanation,” Hackett said.

Since 1947, 105 people worldwide have been found to have stowed away on flights, and 80 of them died, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. That represents a survival rate of less than 24 percent. The last known stowaway to walk away from such an ordeal was in 2013 on a domestic flight in Nigeria.

Reuters



A 16-year-old boy is carried on a stretcher in Maui, Hawaii, on 20 April, 2014, as seen in this handout photo courtesy of Chris Sugidono, The Maui News.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



People take pictures of sculptures made of vegetables and fruits during the 15th China (Shouguang) International Vegetable Sci-Tech Fair in Shouguang of east China's Shandong Province, on 20 April, 2014. The annual fair kicked off in Shouguang, the largest vegetable provider of Beijing, capital of China, on Sunday. The fair, which attracted exhibitors from over 20 countries and regions, will last till 30 May.

XINHUA

Study shows risk of asteroid hitting Earth higher than thought

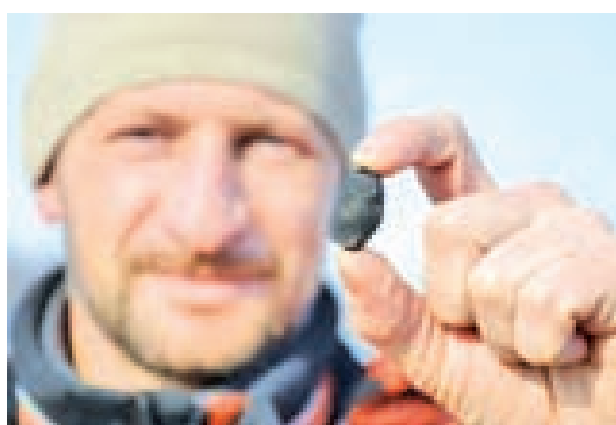
CAPE CANAVERAL, 23 April—The chance of a city-killing asteroid striking Earth is higher than scientists previously believed, a non-profit group building an asteroid-hunting telescope said on Tuesday.

A global network that listens for nuclear weapons detonations detected 26 asteroids that exploded in Earth's atmosphere from 2000 to 2013, data collected by the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization shows.

The explosions include the 15 Feb, 2013, impact over Chelyabinsk, Russia, which left more than 1,000 people injured by flying glass and debris.

"There is a popular misconception that asteroid impacts are extraordinarily rare... that's incorrect," said former astronaut Ed Lu, who now heads the California-based B612 Foundation.

The foundation on Tuesday released a video



A local resident shows a fragment thought to be part of a meteorite collected in a snow covered field in the Yetkolski region outside the Urals city of Chelyabinsk on 24 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

visualization of the asteroid strikes in an attempt to raise public awareness of the threat.

Asteroids as small as about 131 feet — less than half the size of an American football field — have the potential to level a city, Lu told reporters on a conference call.

"Picture a large apartment building — moving at

Mach 50," Lu said. Mach 50 is 50 times the speed of sound, or roughly 38,000 mph.

NASA already has a programme in place that tracks asteroids larger than 0.65 mile. An object of this size, roughly equivalent to a small mountain, would have global consequences if it struck Earth.

An asteroid about 6

miles in diameter hit Earth some 65 million years ago, triggering climate changes that are believed to have caused the dinosaurs — and most other life on Earth at the time — to die off.

"Chelyabinsk taught us that asteroids of even 20-meter (66-foot) size can have substantial effect," Lu said.

City-killer asteroids are forecast to strike about once every 100 years, but the prediction is not based on hard evidence.

B612 intends to address that issue with a privately funded, infrared space telescope called Sentinel that will be tasked to find potentially dangerous asteroids near Earth. The telescope, which will cost about \$250 million, is targeted for launch in 2018.

B612 takes its name from the fictional planet in the book "The Little Prince," by French author and aviator Antoine de Saint-Exupery.

Reuters

China's Huawei says investment in information technology to rise 14 percent in 2014



A general view shows the headquarters of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd. in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province on 29 June, 2009. —REUTERS

SHENZHEN, 23 April—Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, the world's No.2 telecoms equipment maker, expects investment in information technology to rise 14 percent in 2014, a senior executive said on Wednesday.

"Our investment focus will be in LTE (Long-Term Evolution), 5G and cloud computing," Fan Chen, vice

president of accounting, told an analyst conference on Wednesday in Shenzhen, China, where the company is headquartered.

Huawei, the world's third-biggest smartphone manufacturer, booked 34 percent profit growth in 2013 and has targeted 2018 revenue to almost double the record reaped last year.

Reuters

Chinese gov't tackling security risks after Windows XP's demise

BEIJING, 23 April—The Chinese government is making efforts to solve possible security risks for government agencies after Microsoft stopped providing security updates for Windows XP, an official said on Tuesday.

"Security problems could arise because of a lack of technical support after Microsoft stopped providing services, making computers with XP vulnerable to hackers," Yan Xiaohong, National Copyright Administration deputy director, told a Press conference.

Microsoft ended support for the 13-year-old Windows XP, which remains a major operating system for Chinese computer users, after 8 April, and advised users to upgrade to Windows 8.1 and get a new PC if necessary.

"Windows 8 is fairly expensive and will increase government procurement costs," he said, adding that relevant authorities are negotiating with Microsoft over the issue.

Windows 8 is sold for

888 yuan (142 US dollars) in China.

To protect the 13-year-old operating system and help users continue using it, Chinese security providers have released specialized XP-protection products.

"The government is conducting appraisal of related security products and will promote use of such products to safeguard users' information security," Yan said.

The Chinese government has invested hundreds of millions of US dollars in buying copyrighted software since 2010, when China launched an anti-piracy drive among government agencies, according to Yan.

By the end of 2013, all government agencies above the county level had been examined, and their practices of buying pirated software had been corrected, he said.

The government has also been moving to extend the campaign to big state-owned enterprises in recent years, according to Yan.

Xinhua

China's unmanned submersible ready for deep waters

BEIJING, 23 April—An unmanned submersible has passed its final field test, marking another step in China's drive to explore deep sea resources.

Named "Haima," or sea horse, the vehicle can dive a depth of 4,500 metres via remote control and has the highest proportion of China-made parts compared with the country's other submersibles, according to a statement released on Tuesday by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

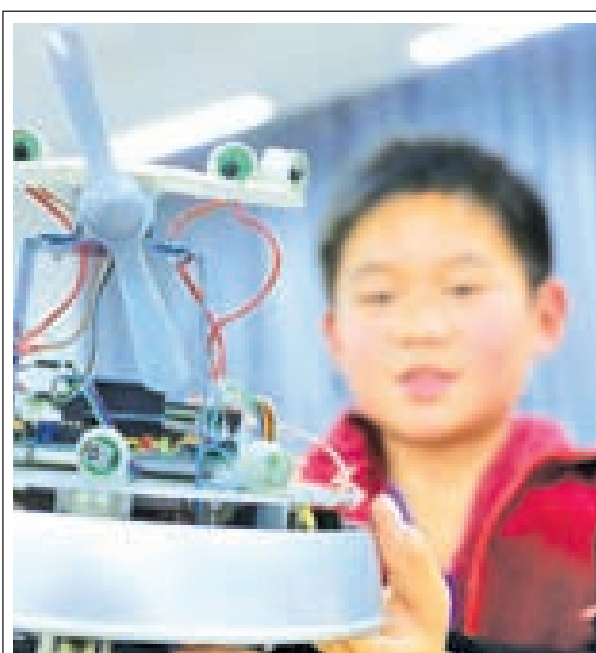
Chinese scientists spent six years developing core technologies and making the machine, which went through multiple

improvements following problems and malfunctions during tests in laboratory tanks and the ocean.

During tests, the vehicle achieved a maximum depth of 4,502 metres, and reached the central basin in the South China Sea for tasks such as deploying cables, collecting sedimentary rock samples and photographing.

The ministry said the vehicle enables the country to strengthen its hi-tech exploration of deep sea resources, and the ministry will cooperate with the Ministry of Land and Resources in devising work plans for Haima.

Reuters



A student shows his firefighting robot in Weifang, east China's Shandong Province, on 22 April, 2014. About 80 teams from middle and primary schools of the city took part in the robot competition.—XINHUA

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Japan, Laos to hold 1st security talks

TOKYO, 23 April — Japan and Laos will hold their first bilateral security talks Thursday in Vientiane, the Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday.

Participants will include Kazuhide Ishikawa, director general of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department at the Japanese Foreign Ministry, Mai Sayavongs, director general of the Department of Asia-Pacific and Africa at the Lao Foreign Ministry, and Defence Ministry officials from the two countries.

In a meeting in Tokyo in December, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Lao Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong agreed to launch a security dialogue framework involving their nations' foreign and defense officials as part of efforts to boost bilateral communication in political and security issues.

Kyodo News

China holds multi-country maritime exercises

QINGDAO, 23 April — Multi-country maritime exercises were held off the coast of the eastern Chinese city of Qingdao on Wednesday.

This is the first time for the People's Liberation Army Navy to organize multilateral maritime exercises. Nineteen ships, seven helicopters and marine corps from eight countries including China, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Singapore,

Indonesia, India, Malaysia and Brunei were organized into three task forces to conduct the exercises dubbed "Maritime Cooperation - 2014."

Focusing on joint search and rescue, the drills included task force communication, formation movement, maritime replenishment supply, joint rescue, joint anti-hijacking and small firearms shooting.

Chinese destroyer Harbin was designated as the command ship and Yang Junfei, deputy chief of the Beihai Fleet, as the exercise commander.

The exercises were aimed at enhancing mutual understanding, trust and friendship among maritime forces and promoting their cooperation in safeguarding maritime security to better respond to emergencies.—Xinhua



People visit the naval ships at the Dagang Port in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 22 April, 2014.—XINHUA

Pirates raid Japanese oil tanker off Malaysia, kidnap three crew

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 April — Armed pirates raided a Japanese oil tanker off the coast of Malaysia and abducted three crew members, Malaysian maritime police said on Wednesday, underscoring increasing threats to shipping in one of the world's busiest waterways.

The incident in the Malacca Strait, a route for about a quarter of the world's seaborne oil trade, has fuelled fears piracy could be on the rise in the area and drive up ship insurance premiums.

Six pirates in a speedboat boarded the *Naninwa Maru 1* at 1.00 am local time on Wednesday off the coast of west Malaysia, Maritime Police Commander Abdul Aziz Yusof told Reuters. The pirates pumped out more than half the 5 million litres of diesel carried by the tanker into two waiting vessels and made off with three crew members, he added. Domestic media said the abducted men were Indonesians. The Japanese tanker, headed for Myanmar from Singapore, had Indonesian,

Thai, Myanmar and Indian crew members. Regional security officials have previously told Reuters that armed gangs prowling the Malacca Strait may be part of a syndicate that can either have links to the crew on board the hijacking target or inside knowledge about the ship and cargo. Such intelligence led hijacks has involved seizing tankers so that gasoil cargoes can be transferred and sold on the black market, the officials, who declined to be identified because they are not authorised to

speak to the media, have said.

Attacks by gangs armed with guns and knives on shipping in the Malacca Strait have ranged from 12 to 20 incidents a year over the last three years, says the Singapore headquarters of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP). Most of these incidents have involved the theft of ship's stores, cash and assaults on the crew.

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Australia to purchase additional 58 F-35 Joint Strike Fighter jets

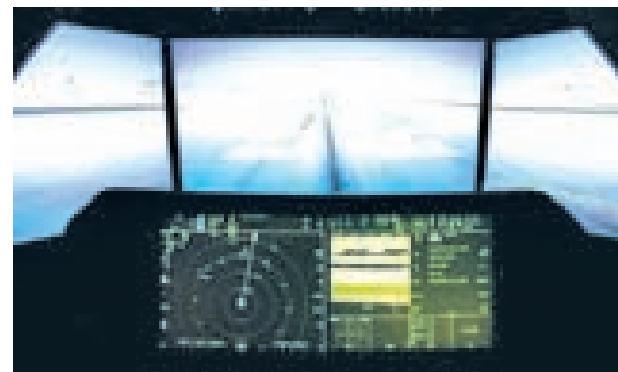
CANBERRA, 23 April — The Australian government has approved the acquisition of an additional 58 *F-35 Lightning II* Joint Strike Fighter aircraft, Prime Minister Tony Abbott announced on Wednesday.

The *F-35* will replace the *F/A-18A/B Classic Hornet* aircraft which have been the backbone of Australia's air combat capability for over three decades. These aircraft have delivered exceptional service to Australia's security but will be withdrawn from service by 2022. The new 58 *F-35* aircraft, in addition to the 14 already approved in 2009, will provide the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) with a total of 72

aircraft to form three operational squadrons and one training squadron. According to statement, the government will also consider the option of acquiring an additional squadron of *F-35* aircraft to replace the *Super Hornets* in the future.

The total cost of 12.4 billion AU dollars (11.6 billion US dollars) for this acquisition includes the cost of associated facilities, weapons and training.

Abbott also said that Australia will purchase *F-35* to ensure Australia maintains a regional air combat edge and provide a major boost to the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.—Xinhua



The *F-35* cockpit of the world's newest fifth generation fighter aircraft is shown with a simulation demonstrator screen from a *F-35* cockpit demonstrator at National Electronics Museum in Linthicum, Maryland, in this file photo, on 29 Sept, 2010.

XINHUA

Korean prosecutors raid ferry firm founder's home

SEOUL, 23 April — South Korean prosecutors investigating the fatal sinking of the Sewol ferry on Wednesday raided the home of Yoo Byung-un, the head of a family that owns the Chonghaejin Marine Co Ltd, the company that operated the vessel. *Yonhap* news agency reported that Yoo's home and a church in which he is believed to have an interest were raided. The prosecutors' office declined to comment and Reuters correspondents at the church in Seoul said it had been locked.

The finances of Chonghaejin and its complex share structure have come into the spotlight in recent days. Yoo was jailed for fraud for four years in the early 1990s.

Last Wednesday's accident looks set to be South Korea's worst maritime disaster in 21 years in terms of loss of life. The Sewol sank on a routine trip from the

port of Incheon, near Seoul, to the southern island of Jeju.

Of the 476 passengers and crew on board, 339 were children and teachers on a high school outing. Only 174 people have been rescued and the remainder are all presumed to have drowned. The confirmed death toll on Wednesday was 128.

Reuters



A family member of a missing passenger of capsized passenger ship *Sewol* which sank last Wednesday, cries after she checked a list of missing victims on a noticeboard at makeshift accommodation at a gymnasium in the port city of Jindo on 23 April, 2014.—REUTERS

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**Bahrain
sentences 12
people for life
for spying,
Iran links**

MANAMAA, 23 April—Bahraini court has sentenced 12 men to life in prison for spying, receiving training from Iran's Revolutionary Guard and processing weapons and explosives, a defence lawyer and rights activist said on Tuesday.

Bahrain accuses Shi'ite power Iran of fueling unrest in the country since a 2011 uprising led by the Shi'ite Muslim community demanding reforms and more share in running the kingdom ruled by the Sunni Muslim al-Khalifa dynasty.

Teheran denies the accusation, but defends the cause of Bahrain's Shi'ite opposition.

Attorney Fatima al-Adraj said the court convicted the men on Sunday, and sentenced two others to 15 years.

Some of the men were tried in absentia, said activist Mohammed al-Maskati. It was not clear how many of them were actually jailed.

Last year, Bahrain, which hosts the US Fifth Fleet, accused Iran's Revolutionary Guard of setting up a "terrorist" cell that planned to attack its airport and government buildings.

Separately, the public prosecution charged eight men with being part of a terrorist group, state news agency BNA reported. The charges follow the killing of three policemen by a bomb on 3 March during a protest in a Shi'ite village.

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Katy Perry wants baby?



LOS ANGELES, 23 April — Singer Katy Perry has reportedly told friends that she is yearning to become a mother.

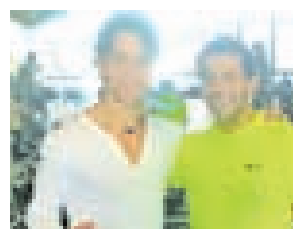
However, she doesn't think she needs to be in a relationship for this. "Katy wants kids as soon as possible. She's not talking about new boyfriends so much as finding a guy who can get her pregnant without expecting marriage," radaronline quoted a source as saying.

The 29-year-old will be off for her The Prismatic World Tour to Belfast on 7 May and she thinks having a baby afterwards would be good for her. "If she goes through with this, it will be as much a publicity stunt as anything else in her career.

As she admits to her friends all the time, she is addicted to attention," said another source.

Katy Perry split from former husband and comedian Russell Brand in December 2011 and called off her two-year relationship with musician John Mayer in February.—PTI

Katy wants a baby but doesn't want to be in a committed relationship .—PTI



Tiger Shroff gives Chetan Bhagat a complex?

MUMBAI, 23 April — Young actor Tiger Shroff, a fitness freak, has perhaps left author Chetan Bhagat with a complex. The duo caught up during a gym session recently, and Bhagat took to Twitter to share a photograph from there. He captioned it: "Do NOT work out next to this guy, he will only give you a complex! Tiger Shroff." "Sometimes when I work out next to beefy guys in the gym flexing their muscles, I secretly wish I could show them my mark sheets," added Bhagat, who is getting compliments galore for the movie adaptation of his bestseller 2 States: The Story Of My Marriage.

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Angelina Jolie devoted to Brad Pitt

LOS ANGELES, 23 April — Actress Angelina Jolie is apparently devoted to her fiancé and actor Brad Pitt with whom she raises six kids. The couple, who got together in 2005, got engaged in 2012.

"Angie's insanely devoted to Brad. She fell for him the minute they met. And he loves the way she is into him. Brad says he proposed to Angelina for the kids, but that's not quite true," showbizspy.com quoted a source as saying.

"They had hardly any time for each other, with him promoting a string of films while she spent 10 months working 18-hour days on In the Land of Blood and Honey. He was convinced she was pulling away from him and worried that she

wouldn't need him anymore. He felt marriage would give her a reason to stay."

"She is very controlling of Brad, his wardrobe and everything. He does what she says," said another source.

PTI



Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

Robin Williams confronts deep-rooted secret in drama 'Boulevard'

NEW YORK, 23 April — A random drive down an unfamiliar road and a chance encounter with a stranger force a soft-spoken bank employee to reassess his life and acknowledge his true self in the new indie drama "Boulevard," starring Oscar winner Robin Williams.

Williams, 62, most familiar to audiences as a sharp-witted, fast-talking comedian, shows his darker, more intense side in "Boulevard," which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival that runs through 27 April.

The four-time Academy Award nominee, who took home the best supporting actor prize in 1998 for "Good Will Hunting,"



Actor Robin Williams

plays a 60-year-old, meek loan officer comfortably attuned to his life and marriage until he meets a young man who reawakens his inner conflict.

"He is an older man, long married, who essentially comes out of the closet at an age when most couples have settled into the tedium of a kind of combative relationship," said Geoffrey Gilmore, Tribeca Film Festival's chief creative officer.

Williams' character, Nolan Mack, must choose between hiding the secret he has suppressed for decades and continuing his life with a woman he loves and respects, or dealing with it and upending the only life he has ever known.

Although the film focuses on a gay man, director Dito Montiel, who picked up awards at the Sundance and Venice Film Festival in 2006 for his coming-of-age drama, "A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints," said it is a story about a life and a relationship.

"For me it was about letting go and holding on, the weird push and pulls of life, when it comes to anything from a job to a relationship — the thin line,"

the New York director explained. "It didn't matter all that much that he was gay."

Montiel thought Williams was perfect to play the repressed Nolan because the actor had no way to release his natural energy in the character he portrayed.

Reuters



American country music singer Ronnie Milsap performs during the Country Music Association (CMA) Music Festival in Nashville, Tennessee on 8 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Milsap, Wiseman, Cochran get call from Country Music Hall of Fame

NEW YORK, 23 April — Ronnie Milsap, who scored a handful of crossover hits in the 1970s and 1980s, bluegrass singer Mac Wiseman and songwriter Hank Cochran are this year's inductees into the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Country Music Association said on Tuesday. Milsap, the singer of hits such as 1977's "It Was Almost Like a Song," 1981's "(There's) No Gettin' Over Me" and 1982's

"Any Day Now," broke ground as a blind country music star and helped the genre win over pop music fans.

The 71-year-old pianist, who was born in North Carolina, suffered as a child from a congenital disorder. Milsap started his career as a rhythm and blues performer in the 1960s and served a session musician for Elvis Presley. In 1972, he was discovered by country star Charley

Pride who convinced Milsap to move to Nashville and focus on country music. Milsap went on to win five Grammy awards over the next two decades and scored a total of 40 No 1 country songs along with selling more than 35 million albums in his career.

Milsap will be inducted as a "modern era" artist, while Wiseman will receive recognition as this year's "veteran era" inductee and Cochran will be inducted

as a songwriter. Wiseman, 88, a Virginia native who was stricken with polio as a child, rose to prominence in the 1950s as the singer of hits "Tis Sweet to Be Remembered," "Love Letters in the Sand" and "The Ballad of Davy Crockett." Noted for his beard and nicknamed "The Voice with a Heart," Wiseman earned popularity outside of country music with the folk revival of the 1960s.

Reuters

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Firefighters work beside a billboard that collapsed due to heavy rain and strong winds in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 22 April, 2014. The billboard overwhelmed three cars and one motorcycle, causing two people injured and long traffic jam.—XINHUA

Smuggling charges dropped against Vietnamese cabin attendant

TOKYO, 23 April—Prosecutors have dropped charges against a Vietnamese cabin attendant detained in March on suspicion of attempting to take stolen goods to Vietnam, they said Wednesday.

Tokyo police had arrested Nguyen Bich Ngoc in March for allegedly carrying stolen clothes worth 125,000 yen by bus from a hotel in Osaka Prefecture to Kansai International Airport last September at the request of a Vietnamese resident of Japan.

The Tachikawa Branch of the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office said they have decided it would be too difficult to get Nguyen to admit to knowing the goods she handled were stolen.

The 25-year-old employee of Vietnam Airlines has maintained she did not know the goods were stolen in her denial of the allegations.

The prosecutors released Nguyen on 14 April.

Kyodo News

Nine detained for deadly China mine blast

KUNMING, 23 April — Nine people have been arrested after a coal mine gas explosion that killed 14 mine workers on Monday in southwest China's Yunnan Province, local authorities said on Wednesday.

Among the nine are investors and managers of the Hongtutian Coal Mine in Fuyuan County in Qujing City, the city's government said in a Press release.

The accident happened at around 12:30 am on Monday in a pit of the privately run Hongtutian Coal

Mine when 56 miners were underground. The other 42 escaped without injuries, it said. Meanwhile, 10 local officials have been removed or suspended from their posts pending further investigation.

Qujing is a major coal production base in eastern Yunnan Province. A mine flood on 7 April trapped 22 miners in the pit of a coal mine in Qujing's outer Qilin District. Twenty-one have been confirmed dead.

Xinhua

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Chelsea may field weakened team v Liverpool — Mourinho

MADRID, 23 April—Chelsea could field a weakened team in their top of the table Premier League game at Liverpool on Sunday, said manager Jose Mourinho after Tuesday's 0-0 draw at Atletico Madrid.

With his second-placed side five points adrift of leaders Liverpool with only three games left, Mourinho is clearly prioritising next week's Champions League semi-final second leg at home to Atletico over their slim Premier League title hopes.

The Portuguese, however, said he would speak to the hierarchy at Chelsea before making a final decision on the team he would field at Anfield on Sunday.

Asked on ITV Sport if he would select a weak-

er team against Liverpool, Mourinho replied: "I think I will but it's something we have to speak about internally. It's not a decision a manager can make on his own.

"I can't decide by myself, that's a decision where I have to listen to the club. I'm just the manager, no more than that."

He said Chelsea had already tried and failed to get the Premier League to switch the Liverpool game to Friday or Saturday in order to give his team more time to prepare for the second leg against Atletico.

"The fact the match is on a Sunday puts the problem not in my hands but the hands of the people who decide the game should be played on Sunday, not Sat-

urday or Friday," explained Mourinho. "We represent English football, we are the only English team left in Europe.

"Spain has four teams and gives them all the conditions to have success," added Mourinho, referring to the fact that the top sides in La Liga often get the chance to play on a Friday or a Saturday ahead of Champions League mid-week fixtures.

Chelsea will be without midfielders Frank Lampard and John Obi Mikel for the second leg against Atletico after they were booked in Tuesday's 0-0 draw.—Reuters

Chelsea's coach Jose Mourinho



Atletico Madrid, Chelsea draw Champions League semi 0-0

MADRID, 23 April — Atletico Madrid and Chelsea drew a tactical Champions League semi-final first leg 0-0 in the Vicente Calderon Stadium on Tuesday night to leave qualification in the air ahead of next week's return leg in Stamford Bridge.

Atletico did nearly all of the attacking but were unable to break down Chelsea's packed defence and midfield in a match which was more interesting than entertaining.

A look at the starting elevens made it clear that this was to be a tactical and physical game as Eden Hazard failed to recover from injury and Chelsea left Fernando Torres as a sole striker, while Atletico included Diego Rivas in their starting 11 along with striker Diego Costa and Raul Garcia, their midfield was based on the double pivot of Mario Suarez and Gabi Fernandez.

The first half was indeed a tactical affair in which Chelsea

were quite happy to cede possession to the Spanish side, while getting virtually the entire side behind the ball and leaving Torres to plough a lone furrow up front.

The main incident of the first half saw Chelsea keeper Petr Cech forced out of the game after a collision with

shoulder, but Schwarzer was untroubled apart from a Diego shot which went into his

Garcia which caused him to fall badly and injure his elbow. 41-year-old Mark Schwarzer replaced Cech and one can only wonder what Atletico keeper, Thibaut Courtois, who is on loan from the English club, must have thought.

Cech was taken to hospital where he was diagnosed with a dislocated

Chelsea's Fernando Torres (top) vies for the ball during the Champions League semi-final first leg soccer match against Atletico Madrid in Madrid, Spain, on 22 April, 2014. The match ended with a 0-0 draw.—XINHUA



midriff. The second half started in a similar fashion as Chelsea

were happy to close Atletico out and after 15 more minutes of stalemate Atletico coach, Diego Simeone replaced Diego with winger Arda Turan.

Chelsea suffered another setback when John Terry was forced off with an ankle injury with 20 minutes remaining shortly before a midfield scuffle saw John Obi Mikel and Gabi receive bookings which will keep them out of the return leg.

Gabi tested Schwarzer with a free kick, while Turan headed a decent chance wide with 11 minutes remaining, while Chelsea were unable and also apparently unwilling to get out of their own half.

Atletico meanwhile seemed to be relying on crosses from right back Juanfran Torres and Gary Cahill did well to block a Costa header with three minutes left, but in the end tie will be decided next week in London.

Xinhua

Djokovic plays down injury fears, back for Madrid

MONTE CARLO, 23 April — Novak Djokovic has played down fears he will miss this year's French Open, saying the wrist injury he sustained at the Monte Carlo Masters last week is not as serious as first feared.

The Serb, second in the world rankings behind Rafael Nadal, said on his website (www.novakdjokovic.com) that he hoped to be fit to play in the Madrid Masters which starts on 4 May. "Fortunately, the situation with the injury is better than it first seemed," Djokovic, who was beaten by Roger Federer in Monte Carlo, said on Tuesday.

"Doctors assured me that I will be ready for Madrid, then Rome and Roland Garros, just as it has been planned." "However, I need to continue with the recovery process and full medical treatments. It means I will have to take a short break in order to recover as soon as possible." Djokovic is looking to win the French Open to complete his set of grand slam titles.

Reuters

Benfica, Juventus meet after 21-year wait



Benfica's goalkeeper Artur Moraes (L) holds up the Portuguese Premier League trophy title with Benfica coach Jorge Jesus after beating Olhanense at Luz stadium in Lisbon on 20 April, 2014. REUTERS

LISBON, 23 April — Benfica and Juventus, two great clubs hoping to end long waits for a European trophy, meet for the first time in more than

20 years in their Europa League semi-final first leg on Thursday. Hosts Benfica, who have just won their domestic league, have not lifted a continental trophy

since winning the old European Cup in 1962. Juventus, on course for a third successive Serie A title, have not added any major European silverware to

their trophy cabinet since the Champions League in 1996.

Despite their long traditions in European football, the teams have met only twice before, in the 1968 European Cup semi-finals and the 1992/93 UEFA Cup quarter-finals, when the current Juventus coach Antonio Conte played in both legs of a 4-2 aggregate win for the Italians. Both teams are unbeaten in the Europa League since they parachuted into the competition after finishing third in their respective Champions League groups. Benfica, beaten in last season's final by Chelsea, have barely had time to celebrate the Portuguese league title which they won for only the fourth time in 20 years on Sunday by beating Olhanense 2-0.

The Eagles will be without Argentine midfielder Eduardo Salvio, who broke his arm during the first half of the Olhanense game and is out for the rest of the season. Juventus striker Carlos Tevez may be fit after missing his side's last two games with a minor thigh injury and midfielder Arturo Vidal may also be back after a knee problem. The Juventus stadium will host the final on 14 May in Turin and, as the only reigning domestic champions still standing, they are obvious favourites to win the competition.

"Many players in this team have never won a European competition and Juventus haven't won a trophy in Europe for so many years," Juventus midfielder Claudio Marchisio told UEFA.com.—Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia reacts after missing a point during his match against Roger Federer of Switzerland during their semi-final match at the Monte Carlo Masters in Monaco on 19 April, 2014. REUTERS