

Honesty, loyalty key for reaching nation-wide ceasefire: Karen National Union

By Aye Min Soe

Pado Mahn Nyein Maung, a central executive committee member of the Karen National Union has stressed the importance of honesty and loyalty to achieve a nationwide ceasefire at the meeting of ethnic Karen people in Ayeyawady delta on Tuesday.

"If we build peace with honesty and loyalty, it is sure we will achieve peace," said Pado Mahn Nyein Maung, member of

ful associations to be able to speed up the peace process.

Out of seven chapters of the peace deal for the nation-wide ceasefire, five have been agreed on by the government's peace negotiating team and the ethnic groups' National Cease-

Pado Mahn Nyein Maung, a central executive committee member of the Karen National Union says peace can be achieved.

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



the Central Executive Committee of the Karen National Union (KNU), at the gathering of ethnic Karen people in Maubin, Ayeyawady Delta, at a ceremony to support the efforts of the Union government and KNU for striking a peace deal.

During the ceremony, Mahn Khin Maung Nyein, a member of the panel of the patrons of the ceremony, has called on the Union government to abolish the KNU from the list of unlaw-

fire Coordination Team (NCCT)—which is representing 16 ethnic armed group, according to Mahn Nyein Maung. He is optimistic that an agreement for the remaining two chapters would be reached, Mahn Nyein Maung said.

The KNU has already organized two gatherings of ethnic Karen people in the Ayeyawady delta, where around 2 million Karen are living, to clarify the policy and efforts of the KNU for

achieving peace in the country.

The ceremonies are

aimed at removing doubts and lack of trust among the national people as the



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leaders of the ethnic armed groups and the government are making efforts to reach

a nation-wide ceasefire deal, Mahn Nyein Maung said.

Myanmar's trade deficit at \$633.99 million in April

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—The Central Statistical Organization of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development on Tuesday said Myanmar had a trade deficit of \$633.99 million in April.

The total value of export amounted

to \$542.35 million, including \$108.14 million in exports done directly with neighbouring countries at the borders. Myanmar spent around \$1.18 billion on imports, including \$136 million on imports from neighbouring countries.

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Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Than Htay and Township Administrator U Tint Kyaw Lwin donated textbooks and exercise books to 600 trainees from Summer Culture Course at Hmamkyang monastery in Kyitaunggan No 2 Ward in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Sunday.—Ko Ko YUPA



Mandalay Region CCI holds annual general meeting

MANDALAY, 27 May—Mandalay Region Cham-

bers of Commerce and Industry held the annu-

al general meeting at Yadanabon Super Cen-

tre at the corner of 78th street and 34th street in Chanayethazan Township on Monday.

Chairman of the chambers U Aung Win Khaing discussed the endeavours of the chambers, regulations and rules for election of new executives, and adding executives of sister associations to the chambers.

Vice-Chairman of the chambers U Soe Myint explained rules of the associations, substitution of new generations into the chambers, organizing new sister associations, finance and disciplines.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Mandalay Region sink tube-wells, artesian wells, lakes for water supply

KYAUKPADAUNG, 27 May—As part of efforts to supply water for public consumption, a ceremony to mark completion of lakes and tube-wells, sunk by Mandalay Region government, was held in Letpanbin Village in Kyaukpadaung Township on Monday.

In his address, Mandalay Region Minister for

Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myint Than urged the local people to maintain the lakes and tube-wells for durability. In 2014-15 fiscal year, Mandalay Region government will allot the fund for sinking 15 tube-wells, four artesian wells and two lakes and dredge three lakes in 24 villages.

Departmental offi-

cials reported on progress in implementation of the green village project.

Spending the development fund of the region government, Kyaukpadaung Township authorities sank 41 tube-wells and 12 lakes and maintained 15 lakes in 2013-14 fiscal year.

Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)

Chin State plans to power supply to over 1,000 villages

HAKA, 27 May—Arrangements are being made for supplying electricity to Haka of Chin State in 2014-15 fiscal year through national grid.

Moreover, the electrification will be undertaken for Falam, Tiddim and Tunzang townships of Chin State through the national grid in 2016-17 fiscal year, said Upper House MP U Steven Thabeik of Haka.

“Chin State is formed with over 1,300 villages. Of them, about 300 villages enjoy electricity. When the proposal was submitted

to the Hluttaw, the officials replied that electrification will be conducted for the villages that have never enjoyed electricity,” he said.

Two 300-kilowatt generators installed at Liva Dam, 18 miles from Haka, are generating hydropower to regiments and units, departments, 11 wards and three villages of the township.

“Electrification will contribute much to poverty alleviation. So, we plan to supply electricity to over 1,000 villages in 2014-15 fiscal year,” said the MP.—Linlet Kyelsin



Traditional boxers selected for Mandalay Region boxing team

MANDALAY, 27 May—The sports trial for traditional boxing challenge took place at Aungmyay Mandala gymnasium in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on 25 May evening.

In the three-round matches, Po Lone (Aung Soe), Wai Phyo (Aung Soe), Nay Thway (Aung Soe), Myo Hset Thit (2), Mway Pway (1) (Mway Pway), Thurein Tun (SKK) and Saw Lu Min (SKK) beat their opponents.

Sein Lone Chaw (Kya Ye) and Shine Htet Aung (White New Generation) played a draw in the four-round match. 5K (Kyar Ye) won over his

opponent in the five-round match while Tun Naing Oo (White New Generation) knocked out Moe Ma Kha (Kyar Ye).

Fourteen tentatively selected boxers were selected after the sports trial. As of 27 May, those players are under training of coach U Maung Maung, manager U Myint Lwin and referee U Kyaw Gyi at Aungmye Mandalar Gymnasium. The nine players will be chosen finally. On 8 June, the boxers representing Mandalay Region will take part in the Inter-State/Region Myanmar Traditional Boxing Challenge in Hpa-an of Kayin State.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Central Myanmar Photographic Society awards winners in photo contests

MANDALAY, 27 May — A ceremony to present prizes to the winners in the 42nd photo contest of Central Myanmar Photographic Society for 2013-14 fiscal year was held at Oriental House

at the corner of 27th and 64th streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Monday.

Patron and officials of the society awarded the winners in the coloured

photo contest, natural photo contest, digital photo contest, human posture photo contest, black and white photo contest and online photo contest.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

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Myanmar, Japan to strengthen military cooperation



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Gen Shigeru Iwasaki, Chief of Staff of the Japan's Self-Defense Forces inspect the Guard of Honour.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — As there are historical relations between the militaries of Myanmar and Japan, the Myanmar Armed Forces will strengthen its cooperation with the Japanese military, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said on Tuesday morning at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall, where he met Gen Shigeru

Iwasaki, Chief of Staff of the Japan's Self-Defense Forces.

The senior general highlighted that this year not only marks the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Japan, which started in 1954, but it also coincides with that of the signing of the five principles for peaceful coexistence by

Myanmar, China and India.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing expressed his army longs for a suitable democratic system, making a pledge that continuous steps will be taken until the set goal materializes.

He also talked of measures being taken for a complete settlement of conflicts with ethnic armed groups as well as for strengthening

of both bilateral and international relations. Regarding nation-building activities, the Japanese general pledged his country's help to Myanmar, expressing his praise for host Myanmar's successful organization of the meetings of ASEAN defence ministers.

He also promised greater cooperation between the two militaries.—*Myawady* try are using one financial services from a regulated financial service providers, only 6 % make use of more than one regulated financial product class and remaining 24 % of adults using one financial product class from regulated financial service providers. The study revealed that only 5 per cent of Myanmar's adult population have bank accounts.—*UNDP*

Financial inclusion roadmap for Myanmar discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — A second meeting on financial inclusion roadmap for Myanmar, jointly organized by the Ministry of Finance and UN Development Programme, UN Capital Development Fund and LIFT, took place at Myanmar International Conven-

tion Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 and 23 May.

Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein spoke on the occasion. During the meeting, the results of the Making Access Possible (MAP) Myanmar Diagnostic - a comprehensive study of Myanmar's

financial services sector and an analysis of its potential to enhance financial inclusion were launched and discussed at the conference. The results of MAP Myanmar is now available

According to the study, although 30 % of adult population of the coun-

President sends felicitations to Azerbaijan, Nepal

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and His Excellency Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal on the occasion of the National Day, which falls on 28 May 2014.

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FM sends felicitations to Azerbaijan, Nepalese counterparts

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to his Excellency Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan and His Excellency Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Foreign Minister of the Democratic Republic of Nepal on the occasion of the National Day, which fall on 28 May 2014.—*MNA*

Public notice for remonstration

Rakhine State National Force Party of Myanmar, headquartered at No. 54, Shwepyisoe Road, (14/2) ward, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, applied to change its title as Rakhine State National Force Party to the Union Election Commission on 23-5-2014 in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law Section 9.

It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rule 14 (d) that those who wish to remonstrate with the Union Election Commission about the party name may do so with firm evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement.

Union Election Commission

Ethnic leaders to gather at conference before planned UPWC-NCCT meeting

By Ye Myint

Ahead of the planned UPWC-NCCT meeting at Myanmar Peace Centre in Yangon in June, ethnic leaders will gather at a summit to hold further discussions on a second draft single text document to cement a ceasefire, Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win, one of the NCCT leaders and KNU secretary-general, has said.

According to him, a date has not yet been set, but the city of Tachilek was suggested as the meeting place by Union Minister U Aung Min, following the meeting between the Union Peace-Making Work Committee-UPWC and the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination

Team-NCCT last week.

Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win who led the NCCT in the three-day meeting which wrapped up Friday told media that U Aung Min pledged government's support for the ethnic conference.

In his concluding speech after the talks the union minister said the UPWC will assist ethnic leaders if they want to hold an ethnic summit like the Laiza and Lawkheela conferences.

Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win said the NCCT needs to seek approval from ethnic leaders on several points that have yet to be agreed on.

The second draft of the single text document has, however, been approved with the decision made that

the final version will be written in June.

"As the NCCT is a co-ordination team, we have to present our report on the second draft document to the decision-makers at the ethnic conference," Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win said.

The UPWC and NCCT—representing 16 ethnic armed groups—concluded discussions on the 7-chapter document that includes 122 points of which nearly 100 were agreed on by the end of the second meeting as 77 points had been agreed on at the first draft

Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win speaking on the final day of UPWC-NCCT single text meeting at MPC in Yangon.

PHOTO: YE MYINT

single text meeting.

U Hla Maung Shwe of MPC said political dialogue might be held before the end of this year if the signing of the ceasefire agreement takes place in July or August after final-



izing the single text at the end of June.

According to an agreement that needs no further coordination between UPWC and NCCT, a framework meeting shall be held within 60 days and a political dialogue within 90 days after the signing of a nationwide ceasefire

agreement, he added.

According to local reports, NCCT leaders met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the NLD's chairperson, and members of the 88 Generation Peace and Open Society and United Nationalities Alliance-UNA separately during their stay in Yangon.

Thai army gets down to work on economy, stifles dissent

BANGKOK, 27 May — Thailand's military rulers will settle down to work at their Bangkok headquarters on Tuesday, firmly in charge after royal endorsement but facing small protests that the security forces have so far handled with restraint.

Coup leader General Prayuth Chan-ocha said on Monday he had been formally endorsed by King Bhumibol Adulyadej as head of a military council in charge of the country. He warned he would use force if protests flared up again.

Prayuth seized power last week, saying the army had to restore order after nearly seven months of sometimes deadly demonstrations.

The junta has moved quickly to tackle economic problems, notably preparing payments for hundreds of thousands of rice farmers that the ousted government was unable to make.

The military has detained scores of politicians and activists and anyone defying a summons could be jailed for up to



Soldiers, policemen and emergency workers are deployed at the Victory monument during a protest against military rule in Bangkok on 26 May, 2014.—REUTERS

two years. It has censored the media and imposed a nightly curfew.

"We are very firm on our strategy when it comes to anti-coup protesters," said deputy army spokesman Winthai Suvaree. "If they break the law, we

have to detain them. If they don't go home by 10 pm curfew time, we must take them in."

He said the army had found a number of weapons in raids around the country in recent days.

"Most of these appear

to belong to those linked to the 'red shirt' movement," Winthai said, referring to supporters of ousted Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and her brother, former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, who is at the heart of the long-running crisis

in Thailand and was also deposed by the military, in 2006.

An army ranger was killed on Monday in Trat Province, southeast of Bangkok near the Cambodian border, in a clash during a raid on suspected

pro-Thaksin activists. Authorities seized weapons and detained suspected activists late last week in the northeast, a Thaksin stronghold.

Along with maintaining order, the immediate focus of the military's work is boosting the battered economy.

Prolonged protests by groups seeking to oust Yingluck have hurt business confidence, halted much government spending and scared away tourists. The economy is on the brink of recession after shrinking 2.1 percent in the first quarter.

Yingluck was removed by the Constitutional Court on 7 May and the military seized power on 22 May.

Her brother Thaksin has lived in self-exile since 2008 to avoid a graft conviction he says was politically motivated, but remains Thailand's most influential politician, hugely popular among poorer Thais, particularly in the rural, populous north and northeast.

Reuters

Market is stable, save for some bottled water shortages



Serbian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications Rasim Ljajic

BELGRADE, 27 May — Serbian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications Rasim Ljajic has said that there is no shortage of basic foodstuffs, except bottled water in some places, but this is being compensated for through humanitarian aid.

Bottled water is almost unavailable in Ljubovija and Krupanj, two municipalities in western Serbia badly hit by flash floods, and Paracin, central Serbia, but drinking water is being supplied as part of humanitarian aid.

"I believe that we can ensure market stability. We have sufficient quantities of stockpiles and we will intervene if there are any disturbances on the market in terms of supply and price volatility," Ljajic said for Novi Sad-based TV Vojvodina on Monday.

He said that the stockpiles have been opened to provide corn for livestock feed, together with 85 tons of flour, meat products, and milk powder, and construction materials, medicines, pharmaceuticals and wheat are ready to be provided if needs arise.

Speaking on repairing damages, the minister said that a donation from the Turkish government provided a sufficient number of drying machines that will render it possible to make flooded buildings habitable very soon, but the biggest problem is the fact that about 1,700 houses are of no use for housing at the moment and they will have to be thoroughly repaired.—Tanjug

Modi unveils Indian gov't portfolios



President Pranab Mukherjee (3rd L) administers the oath of office to Prime Minister Narendra Modi (C) at the presidential palace in New Delhi on 26 May, 2014.—REUTERS

NEW DELHI, 27 May — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi began his first day in office on Tuesday assigning government portfolios to his Cabinet members and meeting with regional leaders who attended his oath-taking ceremony the

previous day.

Sushma Swaraj, a former leader of the opposition in the lower house of Parliament, was named external affairs minister, while Arun Jaitley was appointed minister of finance and corporate affairs with

the additional defence portfolio. Swaraj, 62, is India's first woman external affairs minister. A communique released by the presidential office announced the portfolios of 23 Cabinet ministers, 10 junior ministers with independent charge,

and 12 junior ministers.

Modi also met government leaders from the South Asia and Indian Ocean region who attended Modi's swearing-in ceremony on Monday, including Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.—Kyodo News

WORLD

Amnesty International in Spain receives suspicious envelope



An emergency worker in a special protection suit walks past firefighters outside the headquarters of Amnesty International in Madrid on 26 May, 2014. —REUTERS

MADRID, 27 May — The Madrid office of the human rights group Amnesty International received an envelope on Monday containing a suspicious substance, the city's emergency services said, adding they were preventively securing the area and attending staff.

The building housing Amnesty's offices in the Spanish capital has been evacuated. The group's 30 workers were still inside and would be decontaminated, a spokesman said.

"Around 1745 CET (1545GMT) emergency services were alerted to an envelope in Amnesty In-

ternational's offices with a suspicious substance, susceptible of being toxic," the emergency services spokesman said.

Bomb disposal specialists, who will analyze the envelope, were on the scene alongside firefighters and ambulance staff, while the road where Amnesty's

Spanish headquarters are situated was cordoned off.

A spokesman for Amnesty International said in an email that the group's 30 staff were well and that no-one had shown any abnormal symptoms. He expected they would leave the building shortly.

Reuters

American doctor shot dead in Pakistan in suspected sectarian attack

ISLAMABAD, 27 May — An American volunteer cardiologist was shot dead in Pakistan on Monday, a member of his minority Ahmadi community said, in the latest attack on a group that says it is Muslim but whose religion is rejected by the state.

Mehdi Ali Qamar had taken his wife, young son and a cousin to a graveyard in Punjab Province at dawn to pray when he was shot, said Salim ud Din, a spokesman for the Ahmadi community.

"He came here just one or two days ago to work at our heart hospital, to serve humanity and for his country," Din said. "Two persons came on motorbikes. They shot 11 bullets in him."

Qamar was born in Pakistan but moved abroad in 1996. He had returned to do voluntary work at a state-of-the-art heart hospital built by the Ahmadi

community in the eastern town of Rabwah.

Qamar, 50, moved to Columbus, Ohio, in the United States, where he founded an Ahmadi centre and raised funds for medical charities in Pakistan, Din said.

He is survived by a wife and three young sons, Din said.

The US Embassy said it was providing consular assistance but declined to give further details.

"We express our deepest condolences to his family and friends," the embassy spokeswoman said.

The Ahmadis believe there was a Prophet after Mohammed. Pakistani law says they are not Muslims, although Ahmadis insist that they are.

Ahmadis have often been jailed or lynched for blasphemy for things such as offering Islamic prayers or reading the Koran.

Qamar's killing fol-

lows the fatal shooting of a 61-year-old Ahmadi man last week. A teenage gunman killed Khalil Ahmad in police custody after the grandfather was arrested on blasphemy charges for objecting to stickers denouncing his religion.

Blasphemy carries the death penalty in Pakistan and cases against both religious minorities and Muslims are rising.

Some mullahs promise that killing Ahmadis earns a place in heaven and give out leaflets listing their home addresses. Few attacks are ever solved, even when the victims can identify their attackers.

Seven Ahmadis were killed and 16 survived attempted assassinations last year, according to an annual report produced by the Ahmadi community in Pakistan. Others were driven from their homes or had businesses seized.

Reuters

Chinese state councilor meets Indian ambassador

BEIJING, 27 May — Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi met with Indian Ambassador to China Ashok Kumar Kantha to discuss bilateral ties on Tuesday.

Yang conveyed Chinese leaders' congratulations to new Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Yang said China attaches high importance to relations with India and is ready to work with the new Indian government to maintain high-level contact, strengthen cooperation and communication in all areas, keep the good momentum in developing bilateral ties, and contribute to the peace and progress of Asia and the world.

Kantha echoed Yang, saying India's new government will continue a friendly policy with China and is looking forward to close cooperation with China to promote continuous development of the India-China strategic partnership of cooperation.

Xinhua

Fukushima plant releases groundwater into Pacific

TOKYO, 27 May — The operator of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant on Tuesday dumped groundwater into the Pacific Ocean after confirming its safety, the second such release, in an attempt to address the buildup of contaminated water at the site.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. said it released 641 tons of groundwater on Tuesday, having dumped 561 tons last Wednesday, under a so-called groundwater bypass system that enables it to keep untainted groundwater from flowing into the contaminated area of the site.

The buildup of contaminated water is a major problem that workers at the complex need to tackle. Highly radioactive water has been increasing by around 400 tons a day because the same volume of groundwater is seeping into the basement of reactor buildings and mixing with water used to cool the three reactors that suffered meltdowns in the 2011 nuclear crisis.

The water, which had been pumped through wells and kept in a tank, underwent safety checkups and its radiation level met safety guidelines, according to TEPCO.—Kyodo News

China's foreign companies pay top salaries

BEIJING, 27 May — Employees in China's foreign-invested companies earned more than any other group last year, according to new survey results released on Tuesday.

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said in a statement on its website

that foreign companies paid an average annual salary of 61,694 yuan (10,001 U.S. dollars) to their employees in 2013, topping all other types of companies.

State-owned companies paid the second highest at 56,728 yuan, while companies with investment

from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan paid 49,683 yuan to employees, the statement showed.

The NBS tracked 870,000 companies in 16 sectors for the survey. The average salary of all tracked companies was 45,676 yuan.—Xinhua



Protesters hold placards during a rally against the Enhanced Defence Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) at the gate of the Philippine Senate in Pasay City, the Philippines, on 27 May, 2014. —XINHUA

UK's Cameron calls EU leaders to discuss Commission president

LONDON, 27 May — British Prime Minister David Cameron has called EU leaders to discuss choosing a new European Commission president, his office said on Monday, a day after anti-European Union parties won resounding victories in elections for the European Parliament.

The euro-sceptics include Britain's own UK Independence Party (UKIP), which on Sunday won more seats in the European elections than any other British party.

The prospect of UKIP's widely forecast success may have influenced Cameron's plans to lobby against the two most

prominent candidates for the commission's president, on the grounds that they are too federalist, as Reuters reported on Friday.

With a national election next year in the UK, the rise in UKIP's popularity has put Cameron under pressure to toughen his stance on Britain's relationship with Europe, to win over voters and placate anti-EU members of his governing Conservative party. EU leaders are due to hold a preliminary discussion about who should get the Commission job, and other senior EU roles, at an informal dinner in Brussels on Tuesday.

"The prime minister

has agreed with the other leaders that tomorrow's meeting is just the start of the process and there will need to be more consultation in the coming months," a spokeswoman for Cameron's office said.

In the series of calls over the last few days, in which Cameron spoke to six EU leaders including German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, he also reiterated that the decision was one for the heads of state.

Earlier on Monday, former Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude

Juncker, the centre right's choice for Commission president, brushed off questions about his candidacy, saying the job was effectively his for the taking.

Candidates must be nominated by the EU's 28 heads of state and government and then by approved by a simple majority in parliament.

"It is clear that other leaders share the Prime Minister's view that the European Council has a clear mandate in the Treaty to nominate the next President of the European Commission and it is important to follow that procedure," the spokeswoman for Cameron said.—Reuters

Malaysia, UK satellite firm release data on missing flight, say families

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 May — Malaysia's Department of Civil Aviation and British satellite firm Inmarsat on Tuesday released the data used to determine the path of missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370, following mounting calls from passengers' relatives for greater transparency.

Relatives of passengers on the missing flight said they had received the data report compiled by Inmarsat and Malaysian officials and they published it on their Facebook page.

The data communications log comprises 14 pieces of data from seven "handshakes," or pairs of numbers, between the aircraft and the satellite, Inmarsat said last week. One number is time information, the other is frequency.

The Boeing 777 with 239 passengers and crew disappeared on 8 March during a scheduled service between Kuala Lumpur and Beijing, and is believed to have gone down in the Indian Ocean, off western Australia.

Reuters

Battle at Donetsk airport; new Ukraine leader says no talks with 'terrorists'

KIEV/ DONETSK, (Ukraine) 27 May — Ukraine launched air strikes and a paratrooper assault against pro-Russian rebels who seized an airport on Monday, as its newly elected leader rejected any talks with "terrorists" and said a robust military campaign in the east should be able to put down a separatist revolt in "a matter of hours".

Ukrainians rallied overwhelmingly in Sunday's election behind Petro Poroshenko, a political veteran and billionaire owner of chocolate factories, hoping the burly 48-year-old can rescue the nation from the brink of bankruptcy, civil war and dismemberment by its former Soviet masters in the Kremlin.

Monday's rapid military response to separatists who seized the airport in Donetsk was a defiant answer to Moscow, which said it was ready for dialogue with Poroshenko but demanded he first scale back the armed forces' campaign in the east.

Even as the fighting was getting under way,



A military truck with armed pro-Russian militants drives through a police check-point towards the airport of the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk on 26 May, 2014. — REUTERS

Poroshenko held a news conference in Kiev where he said the government's military offensive needed to be "quicker and more effective". "The anti-terrorist operation should not last two or three months.

It should last for a matter of hours," he said. As for the rebel fighters: "They want to preserve a bandit state which is held in place by force of arms," he said. "These are simply bandits. Nobody in any civilized

state will hold negotiations with terrorists." Gunfire and explosions could be heard as a warplane flew over Donetsk's Sergei Prokofiev International Airport, hours after truckloads of armed rebel fighters ar-

rived and seized a terminal. Thick black smoke rose from within the perimeter.

The government said its jets had strafed the area with warning shots and then struck a location where rebels were concen-

trated, scattering the fighters before paratroops were flown in to face them.

Eight hours after it began, fighting was continuing after nightfall and had spread to residential neighbourhoods nearby.

"Fighting continues in the airport, with the use of planes and helicopters," said separatist leader Denis Pushilin. "It's a full-blown military standoff. I have no information on casualties. Our groups have destroyed one helicopter of the enemy." At one point, three Ukrainian Mi-24 helicopter gunships fired rockets and cannon at the concrete and glass terminal. More plumes of black smoke shot up into the air as the helicopters fired at targets on the runway. The gunships threw out decoy flares as fighters shot at them from the ground.

The airport serves a city of 1 million people that the rebels have proclaimed capital of an independent "people's republic", and where they succeeded in blocking all voting in Sunday's election.—Reuters

China breaks up another 'terrorist gang' in Xinjiang

BEIJING, 27 May — Chinese police have broken up a "terrorist gang" in the restive western region of Xinjiang, the local government said on Tuesday, arresting five people conspiring to launch attacks with explosives, days after a deadly blast in the capital, Urumqi. China has announced a year-long "anti-terrorism" operation in Xinjiang, home to a large Muslim Uighur minority, as

well as nationwide, following a series of bloody incidents that Beijing blames on Islamists and separatists from the region.

Monday's arrests in the Hotan area of southern Xinjiang, reported on the local government's news website, come after the authorities said they had caught more than 200 suspects in 23 "terror and religious extremist groups" in May.

Police in Hotan arrest-

ed five gang members, destroyed two explosive-making sites and seized 1.8 metric tons of explosive raw materials, the Tianshan news website reported. "The members of the criminal gang ... organized members to go to Urumqi and other areas to gather and buy raw materials for explosives and made explosive devices, and covered up a conspiracy to launch violent terrorist attacks,"

Tianshan said.

The suspects, who were Uighur judging by their names, also watched and disseminated "violent terrorist and religious extremist videos", it said.

China's leadership has been eager to reassure the public of stability in view of the recent deadly attacks, including a suicide bombing by five people on Thursday that killed 31 at a market in Urumqi.

Tianshan also reported tighter security at schools in Urumqi and at a train station targeted by a bombing late in April that killed a bystander and wounded 79. At least 180 people have been killed in attacks across China in the past year. Exiles and rights groups say the real cause of the unrest is China's repressive policies that put curbs on Islam and the culture of Uighurs, Muslims who speak a Tur-

kic language. Uighurs have long complained of official discrimination in favor of the Han, China's majority ethnic group.

Beijing says separatist groups in Xinjiang are seeking to form their own state called East Turkestan, though experts dispute the influence and reach of the most prominent group, the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM).

Reuters

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Eastern Libya oil rebel rejects new government

TRIPOLI, 27 May — The leader of the protesters occupying Libyan oil ports said on Monday he did not recognize Prime Minister Ahmed Maiteeq's new government and suggested a previously agreed deal to end his blockade could be in jeopardy.

Ibrahim Jathran, who wants more autonomy from Tripoli for his eastern region, had agreed with Maiteeq's predecessor to steadily end the protests, which have cut the OPEC member country's oil exports after the ports fell under his control last summer.

Jathran's statement added to the opposition to Maiteeq, a businessman backed by the Muslim Brotherhood, who was appointed two weeks ago in a chaotic, parliamentary vote that prompted anti-Islamist factions to challenge his legitimacy.

Libya's parliament, the General National Congress, has been paralyzed by infighting among pro- and anti-Islamist, tribal

Nigeria military says knows where girls are, rules out force

LAGOS, 27 May — Nigeria's military knows where the more than 200 girls abducted by Boko Haram are but has ruled out using force to rescue them, the state news agency quoted Chief of Defence Staff Air Marshal Alex Badeh as saying on Monday. Seven weeks since Boko Haram militants abducted more than 200 girls taking exams in a secondary school in the remote northeastern village of Chibok and little is known of their whereabouts or what exactly the military is doing to get them out.

"The good news for the parents of the girls is that we know where they are, but we cannot tell you," Badeh was quoted as saying. "But where they are held, can we go there with force? We can't kill our girls in the name of trying to get them back." Most officials think any raid to rescue them would be fraught with danger and probably not worth the risk that the girls would be killed by their captors — an Islamist group that has shown a degree of ruthlessness in killing civilians.

Reuters



Libya's new Prime Minister Ahmed Maiteeq (6th L), President of the General National Congress Nouri Abusshamin (7th L) and other members of the new Libyan government pose for a group photo in Tripoli on 26 May, 2014.

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and regional factions vying for influence in the chaos that followed the 2011 uprising against Muammar Gaddafi.

"All options are on the table," Jathran said, without a direct reference to the oil accord. "If the parliament keeps with its decision on the new gov-

ernment, then we will take a different position than we have before."

Keeping ports closed will be a blow to Maiteeq's new government, with the country's oil production down to 160,000 barrels per day (bpd) compared with 1.4 million bpd because of the Jathran block-

ade and other pipeline protests. In a further complication, a deputy parliamentary president sent a letter on Monday to Maiteeq's predecessor, Abdullah al-Thinni, asking him to stay on because a justice ministry body had ruled Maiteeq's initial election by parliament was illegal.

It was not clear how Thinni would respond to the request, which his spokesman said he had received. He asked to step down from the prime minister's post after gunmen attacked his family. His predecessor was ousted by parliament in March.

Reuters

Gunmen kill four soldiers southeast of Nigeria's Jos

Jos (Nigeria), 27 May — Gunmen killed four Nigerian soldiers on Monday in an ambush on a military patrol in central Plateau state, about 180 km (110 miles) southeast of Jos, a local government official said. Islamist militant group Boko Haram has made inroads into Plateau state in the past month, setting off a bomb in Jos last Tuesday that killed 118 people. Bendel Nancwat, head of the local council that administers the village of Gida Bua, where the attack happened, said it was not known if the assailants were Boko Haram or just bandits. A spokesman for the Special Task Force — made up of military and police personnel meant to keep the peace in Plateau state — Captain Ikedichi Iweha, confirmed the incident but declined to give details ahead of an investigation.—Reuters

Sisi closes on presidency on final day of Egypt vote

CAIRO, 27 May — Former army chief Abdel Fatah al-Sisi is expected to emerge from a second and final day of voting on Tuesday as Egypt's next president, with supporters seeing him as the man who can pull the Arab world's most populous nation back from the brink.

Since the overthrow of Hosni Mubarak in 2011 raised hopes of new freedoms, the country of 85 million, where one in four Egyptians lives in poverty, has been convulsed by political, security and economic turmoil.

The vote — with initial results expected hours after polls close at 9 pm (2 pm ET) on Tuesday evening — means Egypt will likely revert to rule by men from the military after Sisi toppled the country's first freely elected leader, Mohamed Mursi of the Muslim Brotherhood. Former army chief Sisi faces only one challenger: the leftist



Soldiers secure a road during the presidential elections in Cairo on 26 May, 2014.

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politician Hamdeen Sabahi. Other candidates who contested the 2012 election won by Mursi did not run, saying the climate was not conducive to democracy.

Despite calls for a big turnout by Sisi and media loyal to the army, the turnout on Monday appeared

lower than in previous elections. With Sisi seemingly assured of victory, he needs a good turnout to shore up his legitimacy.

Lines at 20 Cairo polling stations visited by Reuters consistently over the past three years appeared shorter than in previous

elections. The interior minister said turnout was good.

As polls were about to close after the first day of voting on Monday, there was no sign of a late rush. The supervisor of a polling station in a working-class district of Cairo told Reuters fewer than 30 percent

Murders in El Salvador spike to record high for May

SAN SALVADOR, 27 May — Murders in El Salvador shot up in May, surpassing previous homicide rates in one of the world's deadliest countries and pushing the president to claim criminal groups were trying to destabilize the government.

The number of murders in May more than doubled from the same month last year, when homicides had fallen back from one of the world's highest murder rates, with 81 people killed just over the last weekend.

With 356 homicides so far in May compared with 174 in the same month last year, the murder rate has surpassed the highs seen in early 2012 before a truce between the country's powerful street gangs, according to Miguel Fortin, head of the prosecutor's office forensic unit.

Fortin said the 81 murders over the last weekend overwhelmed forensic officials, who could not keep up with the demand to investigate crime scenes. "While they were doing one autopsy, the next order would arrive," he told reporters.—Reuters

of registered voters had shown up. Earlier on Monday, it was hard to find anyone who planned to vote for Sabahi in lines of voters where young Egyptians — the generation that drove the "Arab Spring" uprising — were conspicuous by their absence.

Many of Sisi's supporters said they voted for stability rather than Western-style democracy, which they felt had brought chaos and hardship into their lives. "The Egyptian people and democracy, it doesn't work like it does in Europe," said Ahlam Ali Mohamed, a 47-year-old housewife in Alexandria, who voted for Sisi. "I voted today because I want to feel safe." Although he enjoys the adulation of many Egyptians, Sisi, 59, faces serious challenges including an economy in crisis and a campaign of Islamist violence that has spiraled since he overthrew Mursi.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 28 May, 2014

Myanmar's nightlife must remain safe*By Aung Khin*

Major cities in Myanmar now have a night life. There are a few night clubs popular with young people, but there is also an increase in strip-tease joints or sex shows which are still illegal in this country.

The nights in Myanmar cities are still pleasantly quiet and peaceful compared to those of some neighbouring countries where the sex industry has taken over large parts of some cities

and where sex tourists from across the world take advantage of minors and other vulnerable people.

Myanmar is not free from the world's oldest profession, but the industry has not yet defeated the country's traditional and conservative life-style.

Most of the crimes related to a buzzing night life include crimes against vulnerable and illegal drugs. Authorities should be prepared to combat such issues as the problems will one day arise.

An open society has its own good and bad consequences. Appropriate policies are to be adopted and law enforcement programmes are to be made in accordance with changing trends.

Crimes or accidents should be prevented with systematic measures. Nights in Myanmar should be comfortable with entertainment and relaxation, and public security officials must take

responsibility for the prevention of incidents happening in Myanmar.

As the country has only a small middle income class, night life is out of reach for many fun-seekers, but that will change as well. Myanmar is now developing, and a modern life style will soon have an impact on society as a large number of foreigners is coming to the country. While this is a society that welcomes foreigners and is curious about different lifestyles, exploitation of locals and vulgar behavior are not welcome here.

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Let's create a verdant environment in our schools and universities

Education institutions are more than just places to provide knowledge and professional skills. They also serve as places to form good habits, attitudes and social skills. In addition, they can also act as places to promote good citizenship. With more and more people living in apartments, and houses on smaller plots of land, open spaces in schools and universities can function as places for relaxation, learning about the natural world, and playing sports and games.

Creating a verdant and pleasant school environment can have a variety of educational and social benefits. Firstly, it can be exploited to teach students nature study and to interact with nature, realize the value of preserving one's environment and use as a resource to teach the contents of subjects like general science, botany, zoology, geography, forestry and many others. Secondly, students can be taught about the use of plants, flowers and trees as sources of food as well as medicine. Thirdly, the pleasant atmosphere created by plants and trees at schools and universities and tree planting activities can kindle the interest of students and teachers in plants and trees and later this affection may stimulate them to take up gardening as a hobby or participate in environmental preservation activities. Arousing lifelong interest of young people in positive activities such as environmental protection will stop

them from engaging in harmful pursuits, such as becoming addicted to computer games and drugs, or joining gangs. Fourthly, by improving their surroundings at school and universities and creating opportunities to take part in constructive acts of caring for one's environment, students will learn to appreciate the charm of nature, develop their aesthetic sense and the desire to enhance the beauty around them will be developed. Hopefully, this desire from a young age will prevent them from engaging in destructive acts when they grow up, such as destroying phone booths, and bus stops, disfiguring monuments, scribbling and drawing graffiti on walls and dirtying places by littering and spitting out betel. Fifthly, the well maintained open spaces in schools and universities can be used to organize outdoor activities and to carry out outdoor teaching occasionally to provide students opportunity to interact with nature. Fifthly, in accordance with the concept "when you educate a child, you also educate the family", students who are taught environmental literacy at school can have a positive impact on their family and community by sharing with them their knowledge of how to improve their surroundings and conserve their environment that they have learnt at school and university.

In creating a verdant and pleasant environment, schools and universities

should consider a number of points. Growing plants and trees require watering, weeding, trimming, replacing and a certain amount of fertilizing. All these undoubtedly need money and manpower, both of which are in short supply at education institutions. So, education institution administrators need to start the greening on a manageable scale, and draw up a plan for expansion when the resource they need becomes available. Next, the plants and trees to be grown should be carefully chosen. Due to the occurrence of storms and heavy rains in many parts of the country, planting of huge trees and trees that have branches that break off easily must be avoided. Since one of the reasons for growing trees is to provide shade, one should also avoid growing lanky trees like eucalyptus as they do not provide much shade and they absorb a lot of ground water. Hence, only trees that are of medium height that provide shade, do not grow too big, and are environmentally friendly should be grown. Fruit bearing trees should also be included among trees that are grown so that students can have a chance to study the different stages of bearing fruits. When choosing plants, as many perennials as possible should be grown, so that plants need not be replaced often. They should also be common plants best suited to the local climate and soil and should not be expensive or rare plants in order to re-

duce as much expense as possible. Where possible, vegetables and fruit bearing plants should be included, so that students can participate in their cultivation as well as get a chance to see how plants and vegetables grow, bear flowers and fruits and appreciate the hard work that cultivators have to do. If students are asked to tend plants and vegetables, to ensure that there are no threats to them, all undergrowth should be cleared to make certain that no dangerous insects or creatures are hiding among the foliage. Books on gardening and cultivation of plants and trees should also be kept in the school library so that students and teachers can use them for systematic growing of plants and trees.

Heads of schools and universities must be resourceful and must know from who to seek assistance as the budget needs to be utilized on more important matters like buildings and learning facilities. As representative of an important institution of the community, heads of education institutions can get help and ideas from a wide variety of sources such as the forestry department, the township development committee, school board of trustees, township assistance committee, NGOs and other organizations. School inspectors, school and university heads must cultivate a strong interest in the management of the environment of their institutions as students take a lot of pride in it. For those

heads who say they have no expertise in beautification of their surroundings, it must be pointed out that interest promotes study, and study promotes expertise. As potential education administrators and persons assisting administrative heads, teacher trainees should also receive some training in gardening, landscaping and environmental conservation in addition to agriculture at teacher training colleges and institutes so that when they join schools, they will be able to play a role in the enhancement of the school environment.

Education in its full sense is not just the provision of knowledge. It is the development of the mind, the heart, the hands and the body. It is promoting knowledge and skills,

healthy living, and environmental literacy; it is promoting ways of improving oneself without affecting the environment and living beings; it is the development of positive attitudes, responsibility, harmonious coexistence, compassion, and advancing together. For all these to take place, it is not just enough to have buildings to teach in, and teachers to instruct but it is also necessary to have a conducive learning environment that can be used to promote all the positive qualities that will advance society in a positive way. Therefore, an important responsibility of school, college and university administrators is to create a verdant environment for learning and having fun together with fellow students.

Ministry of Health urges students to enroll in medical classes

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—The Ministry of Health announced on Tuesday that application forms for Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Child Health, Pathology, Anesthesiology and Radiology are now available, urging potential students to enroll at universities.

The ministry said those meeting academic requirements can apply for the courses and should submit their application forms to the Medical Science Department not later than 13 June, with further information available from the department, the ministry added.—MNA

GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (27-5-2014)**Yangon Gold Price**

Buying K660,900 per tical: Selling K661,400

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USD Buying K 963.5 - Selling K 967

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Euro Buying K 1313 - Selling K 1328

LOCAL NEWS

Farmer educative hall and seed sorting factory commissioned into service in Myaungmya

MYAUNGMYA, 27 May — A ceremony to launch the farmer educative hall and seed sorting factory was held at Kyonwa agriculture farm in Myaungmya Township of Ayeyawady Region on Monday.

The factory was provided by JICA.

Ayeyawady Region Minister for Agriculture

and Livestock Breeding U San Maung and officials presented prizes to five farmers and three staff for their excellent performance in the JICA project.

They also attended the Palethwe paddy strain seeding ceremony in the agricultural farm. Staff of Agriculture Department participated in demonstration of cultivation. Head of Ayeyawady Region Agriculture Department U Myint Thein explained seeding process at different levels.

They visited the agricultural machinery showroom.—Aung Min (IPRD)



Chin State government plans to reclaim farmlands

HAKA, 27 May—Chin State government adopted a plan to reclaim the farmlands and to fade out the slash-and-burn system in the state.

The plan is to reclaim the highland farmlands and terrace farmlands on a manageable scale, said Chin State Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Van Thoun.

The farmers wishing to reclaim under 50 acres of vacant land for cultivation are to apply their works to Chin State government. If the reclaimed lands are over 50 acres, the farmers must apply it to the Union government. A plan is underway to reclaim 100 acres of farmlands in 2014-2015



A plan is underway reclaim highland farmlands and terrace farmlands for local farmers in Chin State.

fiscal year.

This year, a total of 10 acres of farmlands

have been reclaimed in ship, according to Chin Haka township and 50 World Media.—Zo Hae Hsa (Chin Hill)

16-mile earthen road completed in Hsihseng Township



HOPONG, 27 May—Spending the fund of the border region development under the Ministry of Border Affairs, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone has built the Hsihseng-Loitwe-Panthakhwa earthen road in Hsihseng Township of southern Shan State in 2013-14 fiscal year.

Over 16 miles long

earthen road is 24 feet wide. A total of 15 reinforced concrete bridges were built on the road spending the border region development fund.

The newly-built road serves the local people with betterment of social, health and economic sectors.

Nang Oo Kham (Hopong)

Photo shows newly-built reinforced concrete bridge across Nantyin Creek in Mohnyin Township.



TODAY'S MYANMAR NEWS SITES

Mohnyin Tsp authorities to open Nantyin Creek Bridge

MOHNYIN, 27 May—Preparations are being made to commission the reinforced concrete bridge linking Nantma and Nantsawlaw villages in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State.

The villages had built wooden bridges between them but these structures were destroyed by the floods frequently. Thus, the local people constructed the RC bridge on a self-reliant basis.

Local people contributed their labour, sand, gravel and K32 million to construction of the bridge. The RC bridge is 480 feet long and 15 feet wide. Its clearance is 18 feet high.

Kachin State government funded K45 million to the construction. The bridge construction started in 2008 when the government could made peace with KIO. Therefore, KIO donated K10 million to the bridge.—NLM-001

Instability disrupts education, health, social activities

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May— Lack of stability in the region will hurt education, health and social sectors, Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun said in an address to an annual meeting held by Sakawamyay Foundation at the General Hospital in Kyaukpadaung township, Mandalay Region, on Tuesday morning, according to officials.

Also the patron of the foundation, U Hla Tun promised more assistance to

local youths in terms of education, calling for more efforts to channel into health care and social welfare. He also urged social organizations to strive to narrow down the rich-poor divide in the area by drawing short- and long-term plans.

He stressed the foundation needs to maintain its good reputation and stick to its objectives, which include ensuring high standard of living and support for rural development.

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Union Energy Minister visits oil fields, gas pipeline control stations in China

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May— At the invitation of the National Energy Bureau of the People's Republic of China, Union Minister for Energy U Zeyar Aung paid a visit to China from 18 to 25 May.

He visited the oil field in Daqing, the South East Asian Pipeline control station in Beijing, LNG Gas Station and CNPC Pipeline Control Centre in Beijing, the west to east pipeline

control station in Shanghai and the Yunnan oil refinery project in Kunming.

During his visit, the Union minister met chiefs of Chinese oil and pipeline companies.

They focused on strengthening bilateral relations, technical investment in Myanmar's energy sector, and present and future co-operation between the two countries.—MNA

Bell-like objects detected in ancient palace



NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — A geophysical date has shown that objects assumed to be ancient bells have been detected in Kathitmyaung Creek in front of a Hindu temple on the compound of Kambawzathardi Palace in

Bago, according to Royal Ye Htun Agriculture International Company.

The company said in its proposal to the government that the buried bells would be unearthed and handed over when found.

Regarding the re-

quest, Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu went to the site and had discussion with company officials and locals.

The union minister also visited three excavation sites in Winka village, Kyaikto township of

Mon State, whose archaeological evidence shows a strong link with an ancient city called 'Thuwanabumi'. However, according to historians and archaeologists, more research is needed.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Students discover 7,000-year-old mummy in Chile

SANTIAGO, 27 May — A group of students discovered a 7,000-year-old mummy in northern Chile, local media reported on Monday. The mummy was found in El Laucho beach at the foothills of Morro de Arica, *La Tercera* newspaper reported.

The students were part of an archaeology workshop and were investigating the site of a landslide caused by the 8.2-magnitude earthquake that hit the region on 1 April.

The students from the Escuela America school were performing an excavation when they found the mummy.

The mummy belongs to the Chinchorro culture and has an estimated age of 7,000-years-old. Authorities from the Chilean National Heritage Office arrived at the site to investigate the remains.

Chinchorro culture consists of fishermen villages located in the coast of Atacama desert, from Ilo in Peru in the north to Antofagasta in the south between 7020 BC and 1500 BC.—Xinhua



Offshore drilling plans threat to New Zealand's endangered seabirds

WELLINGTON, 27 May — New Zealand has more threatened seabird species than anywhere else in the world and planned deepwater oil and gas drilling could drive them to extinction, a leading conservation group warned on Monday.

The Forest and Bird group issued the warning with the release of a report on important bird areas (IBAs) for New Zealand seabirds, part of a global effort to identify marine IBAs and ensure protection.

More than a third of the world's seabird species lived at least part of their lives in

69 IBAs New Zealand's territorial seas and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) waters, Forest and Bird seabird advocate Karen Baird said in a statement.

"New Zealand also has more seabird species that breed only within its jurisdiction than any other country in the world.

We have 36 species. Mexico is next on the list, with only five species," said Baird.

"Sadly, New Zealand also has more threatened seabird species than anywhere else in the world." These included the Chatham Island taiko, yellow-eyed penguin,

antipodean wandering albatross, the New Zealand fairy tern, which was down to 10 pairs, and the tiny New Zealand storm petrel, which was thought to be extinct until 2003.

"The sheer number of IBAs for seabirds calls for a major rethink of the mass sell-off of deep water oil and gas drilling rights within our EEZ," said Baird.

"As the industry oil spill modeling shows, a deep sea blowout could cover thousands of square kilometers of bird habitat in oil, which in turn could push some species to the brink of extinction."—Xinhua

Foxconn to buy \$390 million stake in Taiwan telecom operator in 4G push

TAIPEI, 27 May — Apple Inc supplier Foxconn Technology Group will buy a stake in Taiwanese mobile telecoms operator Asia Pacific Telecom for T\$11.6 billion (\$390 million) in a deal that would expand its presence in Taiwan's fledgling 4G telecoms market.

Foxconn, which is listed on the Taiwan stock market under the name Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd, would pay T\$20 a share for 582.9 million shares in Asia Pacific via a private placement, both companies said in stock exchange filings on Tuesday.

Asia Pacific and a unit of Foxconn are then expected to merge fully via a share swap, pending agreement on terms, by 20 June. The deal comes as Foxconn, the world's largest contract manufacturer of electronic goods, is branching out into new areas including software and cloud computing, in addition to 4G services.

Foxconn has previously won one of the licenses to operate part of Taiwan's 4G spectrum, which is expected to begin service later this year. "The deal should definitely benefit Hon Hai as they move into 4G, though it could be as long as seven years before they see any real profit from their entry into the field," said Fubon Securities analyst Arthur Liao.—Reuters

HEALTH & BUSINESS

In Japan, Pigeon's quest for the perfect nipple



Kosuke Mori, a three-month-old baby, is fed by his mother as Satoru Saito (not pictured), general manager of Pigeon Corp's R&D centre, conducts a research on how babies drink milk, at Pigeon's facility in Tsukubamirai, Ibaraki prefecture on 4 April, 2014.

REUTERS

TOKYO, 27 May — In a quiet side-room at Pigeon Corp's spacious R&D facility north of Tokyo, researchers are on a high-tech quest — to perfect a baby's bottle teat that replicates a breastfeeding mother's nipple.

Pigeon, founded almost 60 years ago, sells about 100 million bottle teats a year and has a more than 80 percent share of the Japanese market. As the country's birth rate declines, the company has moved overseas and ex-Japan sales will this year for the first time account for more

than half its total revenue.

Its main target market is China, where parents aspire to quality Japanese bottles to feed their babies. Pigeon, which has a workforce of close to 3,500, hopes to have 50 percent share of the baby bottle teat market in all major international markets by around 2020, according to a note by Shared Research.

At its 15,400 square meter (165,800 sq ft) facility at Tsukubamirai, some of the more than 100 researchers involved in product development place ultrasound

devices under suckling babies' chins to monitor how their tongues move. That's a step forward from when they used to place cameras under the bottles to monitor how babies drink milk, and a giant leap from the company's founder's research methods.

In a Japan recovering from World War II, Yuichi Nakata spent six years traveling around the country asking lactating mothers if he could drink from their breasts. He sometimes offered to pay, and is said to have drunk the breast milk of around 1,000 women — from hostesses to total strangers — to learn more about their nipples.

"My grandfather was even slapped by women after he made the proposal," said Yusuke Nakata, the late founder's grandson who is now managing director at Pigeon's Singapore office. "Our final goal is to make a teat as close as possible to a real mother's nipples."

Pigeon today has 200 mother and baby paid volunteers who take part in the research. "Babies can't tell us if they're comfortable

with the bottles. For babies who can't drink from the bottle well, we can't ask what's bothering them, so we came up with using ultrasound devices," Nakata said.

Babies are born with a natural reflex to help them find and latch on to the mother's nipple which, when it touches the roof of the baby's mouth, triggers rhythmical cycles of sucking — called the peristaltic movement — in which the tongue compresses the nipple. While the World Health Organization promotes breastfeeding as the best source of infant nourishment, many mothers opt for bottle-feeding for a variety of reasons.

"When a difficult baby drinks using our prototype teats, we're thrilled," said Satoru Saito, who has worked at Pigeon's R&D center for 17 years and is now general manager. Pigeon's first teat was made from rubber, but these tended to crack easily and have now been replaced by softer, stretchable silicon-made teats. Teats and baby bottles account for around a quarter of Pigeon's business.—Reuters

Stressful relationships may raise risk of death

NEW YORK, 27 May — Worries, conflicts and demands in relationships with friends, family and neighbours may contribute to an earlier death suggests a new Danish study. "Conflicts, especially, were associated with higher mortality risk regardless of whom was the source of the conflict," the authors write. "Worries and demands were only associated with mortality risk if they were related to partner or children." Men and people without jobs seemed to be the most vulnerable, Rikke Lund, a public health researcher at the University of Copenhagen, and her colleagues found.

The health-protecting effects of support from a social network and close connections with family and friends are widely recognized, Lund's team writes in the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*.

"Less is known about the health consequences of stressful aspects of social relations, such as conflicts, worries and demands,"

they write. To examine the influence of relationship stress on all causes of death, the researchers looked at data from a long-term study in Denmark.

They included 9,870 adults in their 30s, 40s and 50s when the study began and tracked their health from 2000 to the end of 2011. The researchers measured stressful social relations by comparing answers to questions about who — including partners, children, relatives, friends and neighbors — caused worry and conflicts in the participants' lives. They also looked at answers to questions about emotional support and symptoms of depression. During the study period, 4 percent of the women and 6 percent of the men died. Almost half the deaths were from cancer; other causes included cardiovascular disease, liver disease, accidents and suicide. About one in every 10 participants said that their partner or children were always or often a source of demands and worries.

Reuters

Fitness experts differ on best running techniques

NEW YORK, 27 May — Humans may be born to run but fitness experts differ on exactly how to embark on what has been called the most natural cardiovascular workout.

Some chase one ideal form, others work with the body's individual flow, but all praise the soft landing.

For Dr Nicholas Romanov, Miami-based sports scientist, two-time Olympic coach and creator of the Pose Method, running is a teachable skill requiring clean, precise movements.

"There's a universal, archetypal running form," said Romanov, whose forthcoming book "The Running Revolution" lays out the forward body tilt, forefoot landing and short, frequent steps that characterize the Pose form.

His method purports to exploit gravity rather than muscular strength to drive the running body forward faster, farther and injury-free.

Romanov said to assume a precise running pose, fall into gravity and pull back into the pose to re-establish a natural process that was perverted by

poor coaching and harmful shoes.

"It's not my standard, it's nature's standard," said Romanov, who describes running as controlled falling. "Pain is the penalty for violating nature. When you're going against gravity, it all crashes (down)."

Dr Heather K Vincent, a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) supports the forward lean, lifted knees and rapid foot turnover encouraged by the Pose Method, but remains wary of its one-size-fits-all form.

"We try to encourage

control, strength. I'm not sure you can fit a running style to all bodies," said Vincent, director of University of Florida Sports Performance Centre.

Vincent added that most runners' steps are too long. She recommends a running cadence of 180 steps per minute, using a metronome if needed.

"It feels more like shuffling at first," said Vincent, who trains clients in jump-rope jumping and jogging to foster the forward lean, knee lift and proper shoulder-hip-ankle alignment.

Reuters



Joggers run past as the skyline of Singapore's financial district is seen in the background on 21 April, 2014.

REUTERS

With London 'fix' under fire, China seeks bigger sway in gold trade

SINGAPORE, 27 May — China has approached foreign banks and gold producers to participate in a global gold exchange in Shanghai, people familiar with the matter said, as the world's top producer and importer of the metal seeks greater influence over pricing.

The Shanghai Gold Exchange (SGE) got the go ahead from the central bank last week to launch a global trading platform in the city's pilot free trade zone, a move that could challenge the dominance of New York and London in gold trade and pricing.

Beijing's plans to open up gold trading comes at a time when the benchmark price-setting process for precious metals is under scrutiny. Barclays Plc (BARC.L) became the first bank to be fined over attempted manipulation of the 95-year-old benchmark London gold market daily "fix" last week.

State-backed SGE has asked bullion banks such as HSBC (HSBA.L), Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ.AX), Standard Bank (SBKJ.J), Standard Chartered (STAN.L) and Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS.TO) to take part in the global



A Shanghai Gold Exchange employee stands beside gold bars displayed at the China International Exhibition on Financial Banking Technology & Equipment in Beijing on 9 Sept, 2010.

REUTERS

trading platform, two people approached by the exchange said.

SGE, the world's biggest physical gold exchange, where domestic banks, miners and retailers buy and sell gold, could also open up the international platform to foreign brokerages and gold producers, they said.

"China wants to have more voice in gold prices," said Jiang Shu, an analyst with Industrial Bank, one of

12 banks allowed to import gold into China. "The international exchange is the first step towards gaining a say in gold pricing."

"If you don't allow foreign players to participate in your market actively, or do not push Chinese financial institutions to participate in the international market, then China's strong gold demand is only a number, not a power," he said.

Reuters



Chinese navy soldiers arrive to attend the farewell ceremony for the Russia navy participating the China-Russia joint naval drill in Shanghai, east China, on 27 May, 2014. The Chinese and Russian navies on Saturday concluded the three-day real combat drill named "Joint Sea-2014" on the East China Sea, and all warships participating in the drill returned to a Shanghai port Sunday. Russian warships leaved Shanghai for home on Tuesday. —XINHUA

Mind your own business, Venezuela foreign minister tells Kerry

CARACAS, 27 May — Venezuela's foreign minister on Monday rebuked his US counterpart, John Kerry, for criticizing the handling of street protests and reiterated accusations Washington wants to topple the socialist government.

In the US government's strongest comments since demonstrations began in February, Kerry said last week that Venezuela's government had shown "total failure" of good faith in now-suspended talks to stem the unrest.

In Venezuela's worst



Venezuela's Foreign Minister Elias Jaua speaks during a news conference in Caracas on 26 May, 2014. — REUTERS

violence in a decade, 42 people have died during months of daily protests demanding President Nicolas Maduro's departure and solutions to economic hardships.

"This is not an issue

that concerns Mr John Kerry," Foreign Minister Elias Jaua told reporters on Monday after returning from the regional Unasur bloc's meeting in Ecuador.

Maduro, who became president after the death of Hugo Chavez last year, says the protests are a veneer for a US-supported conspiracy to bring him down. "It's not Bolivarian paranoia; these are real facts that clearly violate international law," he added, next to a photo of Chavez, who re-named the country the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in homage to

independence hero Simon Bolivar.

The Maduro government is particularly angry at some US legislators' calls for sanctions on officials, though the Obama administrations has expressed reluctance for fear of curbing attempts at political reconciliation within Venezuela.

At its weekend meeting, the Unasur group of South American governments explicitly condemned the sanctions proposal as "violating the principle of non-intervention." —Reuters

Protesters burn vehicles, buildings at New Caledonia nickel mine

SYDNEY, 27 May — Dozens of protesters caused tens of millions of dollars in damage to vehicles, equipment and buildings at Vale's nickel mining site in New Caledonia, as anger boiled over at a chemical spill into a local river.

The \$6 billion Vale plant at Goro in southern New Caledonia was closed earlier this month after some 100,000 liters of acid-tainted effluent spilled, killing about 1,000 fish and sparking protests at the mine site.

The Vale plant had been expected to produce about 40,000 metric tons of nickel this year, out of global supply of around 2 million metric tons. But it has been beset by problems in recent years, including several chemical spills and violent protests.

Tensions between the local population and Brazil-based Vale escalated over the weekend with young protesters frustrated at the latest spill by the Brazilian-based giant and a lack of response from indigenous Kanak chiefs,

according to local media reports. Television footage showed images of burnt mining vehicles and equipment. "There was damage at the site, but no damage to the plant. We had burned vehicles, one administration building was damaged, but no damage to the plant itself," Vale spokesman Corey McPhee told Reuters.

Peter Poppinga, an executive director at Vale, told *Les Nouvelles Caledoniennes* newspaper that damage to the mining site was estimated at at least

\$20 million to \$30 million, including the destruction of perhaps one third of the truck fleet.

"If there is no activity for several months, we will shut the plant, but that's not the case. The closing of the plant is not on the table," Poppinga was quoted as saying.

Earlier this month, New Caledonia's southern provincial government ordered an immediate halt to operations and started legal proceedings under its environmental code after the spill. —Reuters

Indian Air Force MiG-21 jet crashes, kills pilot in Indian-controlled Kashmir

SRINAGAR, 27 May — An Indian Air Force (IAF) MiG-21 crashed on Tuesday in Indian-controlled Kashmir, killing a pilot, police said.

The MiG-21 crashed in village Marhama-Bijbehara, about 50 km south of Srinagar city, the summer capital of Indian-controlled Kashmir.

"An IAF MiG-21 has crashed today at Marhama while taking sorties," a senior police official said. "The pilot has been killed

and his body was recovered." Police and rescue teams have been rushed to the spot.

"Further details are awaited," the official said.

Earlier, a report by the TV channel Times Now said two pilots aboard the plane were seriously injured.

India is phasing out its MiG-21 squadron as the jet is said to be prone to incidents and has been subject to frequent crashes in the past. —Xinhua

16 die as truck plunges into river in western Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 27 May — Sixteen people, including 10 children and five women, were killed when their truck fell into a river in the Swat valley in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, the police said on Tuesday.

Seven others were also injured in the accident on Tuesday morning.

A police officer at Swat police station said the truck was carrying nomadic families returning from Punjab.

Kyodo News

Vietnamese boat capsized in S China sea, crew saved

BEIJING, 27 May — A Vietnamese fishing boat capsized after harassing and colliding with a Chinese fishing boat in the South China Sea at around 5 pm on Monday, a source with the Chinese government said on Tuesday.

Crew aboard the boat were saved after their ship jostled a fishing boat from Dongfang City in southern China's Hainan Province and overturned in the waters near China's Xisha

Islands, according to the source.

Vietnam has sent a number of ships to obstruct the drilling of Chinese companies in the waters where the collision took place. The Chinese side has taken measures to stop Vietnamese interference and lodged serious representations to the Vietnamese side, asking them to immediately stop the disruptive activities, according to the source. —Xinhua

Security guard opens fire at Mumbai air force station, kills two

NEW DELHI, 27 May — A security guard at an Indian Air Force station in Mumbai opened fire in the early hours of Tuesday, killing two of his fellow guards and injuring two others, a police official said.

"The incident happened at the Santacruz Air Force station in Mumbai around 1 am (local time) when the accused suddenly started firing at his colleagues at the base. While two security guards were killed on the spot, the injured have been admitted to a local hospital," he said, on condition of anonymity.

The accused, who fled after the incident, was later arrested by the police, the official said.

A probe has been ordered as to why the guard opened fire, he added.

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Australian military personnel on Japanese ship for humanitarian mission

SYDNEY, 27 May—Nine medical specialists from the Australian Defence Force are on board a Japanese naval vessel bound for Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines to engage in medical, dental, veterinary and engineering projects over the coming weeks, the Defence

Department said on Tuesday. In a statement, it said the five medical staff and four support personnel are on the Kunisaki, a transport vessel of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force, as part of Pacific Partnership 2014, which includes such countries as the United States, Japan, Australia,

Canada and New Zealand.

Following its departure from Japan, the vessel is scheduled to visit Vietnam on 6-15 June, Cambodia on 19-28 June and the Philippines on 4-14 July.

“Japan is a close friend of Australia and we are delighted to be joining them for what will be an im-

portant humanitarian mission,” Lt Col John Cronin, the commander of the Australian contingent, was quoted as saying.

The partnership started in 2007 as a humanitarian response to the 2004 tsunami that devastated parts of Southeast Asia.

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Ministry of Energy Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise Invitation for Opened Tender (2/2014)

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(1)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/1 (2014-2015)	Toyota Towing Tractor (Brand-New) for Aviation Dispenser	4 Nos.	Kyats
(2)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/2 (2014-2015)	Server, and Accessories	11 Items	Kyats
(3)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/3 (2014-2015)	Projector, Copier, Printer, Fax and Scanner	5 Items	Kyats
(4)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/4 (2014-2015)	Air Conditioner	5 Sets	Kyats
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(8)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/1 (2014-2015)	400 IGPM Fuel Transfer Centrifugal Pump (Motor Driven) and 300 IGPM Fuel Transfer Centrifugal Pump (Engine Driven)	2 Items (each 2 nos)	USD
(9)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/2 (2014-2015)	Fire Fighting Angus Engine Driven Pump with Trailer inductor	2 Sets	USD
(10)	MPPE/MCY/T/1 (2014-2015)	Butterfly Valves, Swing Joints, Expansion Joints and Flexible Connectors	8 Items	USD

2. Tender Closing Date & Time - 24-6-2014, 12:00 Hrs.

3. Tender document are available at our office starting from 27-5-2014 at during office hours and for further detail please contact: Phone 067-411487.

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Cast members Hugh Jackman and Fan Bingbing take photos as Peter Dinklage (L) waves to fans at the South East Asia premiere of X-Men: Days Of Future Past in Singapore on 14 May, 2014.

REUTERS



'X-Men' sequel tops 'Avatar' as Fox's biggest global debut

LOS ANGELES, 27 May — Mutant superhero movie "X-Men: Days of Future Past" powered to \$302 million (179 million pounds) in worldwide ticket sales through the US Memorial Day holiday on Monday, capping a weekend in which it surpassed "Avatar" as the biggest global debut for film studio 20th Century Fox.

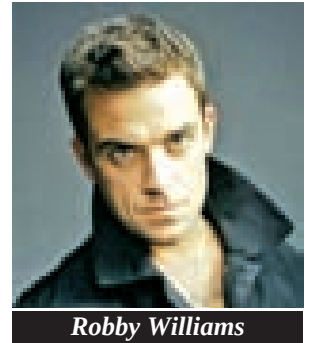
The seventh install-

ment in the "X-Men" franchise topped US and Canadian movie charts with \$111.0 million from Friday through Monday, according to estimates from tracking firm Rentrak. The film earned an additional \$191.0 million at theatres around the world, Fox said.

The "X-Men" sequel was boosted by strong reviews, including a 91 percent positive rating on the Rotten Tomatoes website, and an "A" grade in audience polling by CinemaScore, Fox executives said. The film drew an ethnically diverse audience that was 56 percent male and 44 percent female, said Spencer Klein, senior vice president and general sales manager for 20th Century Fox, a unit of 21st Century Fox.—Reuters

Xinhua

Robbie Williams headlines rock music festival in Portugal



Robbie Williams

LISBON, 27 May —The Rock in Rio music festival kicked off in Portugal's capital Lisbon on Sunday night, headlining Robbie Williams, who led fans on a fantastic trip down memory with the song "Let me entertain you."

The acclaimed pop star, famous for early days in the boy band "Take That," last performed in Lisbon in 2003 at the Atlantic Pavillion and on Sunday night sang songs from the album "Swing both Ways," launched in November. He also reinterpreted themes like "Dream a little dream" and "Puttin' on the Ritz."

Other performances on Sunday included Ivete Salgado, Paloma Faith and Boss AC.

The highly anticipated Rolling Stones will hit the stage on Thursday, as part of their tour "14 on Fire," and tickets have already sold out.

US Grammy-winning artist Gary Clark Jr and Portuguese band Xutos & Pontapes will also play on Thursday.

Rolling Stones resume world tour after death of Jagger's girlfriend

OSLO, 27 May — The Rolling Stones staged a high-energy concert in Oslo on Monday as the ever-youthful band resumed a world tour suspended in March after the death of Mick Jagger's girlfriend, fashion designer L'Wren Scott.

Jagger, 70, wearing a tight black shirt and jeans for most of the late-night show in front of more than 20,000 spectators, said he was happy to be back performing in the Nordic city where the band first played on a tour in 1965. Monday

night's concert, with hits including "Satisfaction", "Brown Sugar" and "Sympathy for the Devil," was the first of a European tour that will now go to Lisbon and then Zurich.

The Rolling Stones postponed concerts in Australia and New Zealand in March to mourn Scott, a 49-year-fashion designer and former model who committed suicide in her Manhattan apartment.

Jagger said on his website just after her death that he was struggling to understand "how my lover

and best friend could end her life in this tragic way."

He did not refer to Scott during the Oslo concert. The Australian and New Zealand concerts have been rescheduled for October and November.

Norwegian media hailed the band's performance, praising Jagger for his singing as well as joking, dancing, running and pirouetting around a vast stage. "It's rock and roll and we like it", the tabloid Dagbladet wrote, giving the concert five on a one to six scale.—Reuters



Members of the Rolling Stones perform during a concert at the Telenor Arena, in Fornebu, Baerum, in this 26 May, 2014 picture provided by NTB Scanpix.

REUTERS

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Appeal against ruling on base relocation assessment turned down

NAHA, (Japan), 27 May — The Fukuoka High Court on Tuesday turned down an appeal from local residents against a lower court ruling that rejected their lawsuit demanding the central government conduct another environmental impact assessment of the planned relocation of a US base in Okinawa Prefecture.

A three-judge panel at the high court's Naha branch led by Judge Hidekazu Imaizumi upheld last year's ruling by the Naha District Court that also rejected the plaintiffs' demand for 10,000 yen in damages per plaintiff.

The focus of the lawsuit was whether local residents had a right to express their opinions during the environmental impact assessment for the planned relocation of the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station from the city of Ginowan to the city of Nago.

About 620 plaintiffs living around Nago's Henoko district maintained their right to express their views about the relocation plan had been stymied by

the central government as it did not release crucial information about the plan in a timely manner, thus breaching the environmental impact assessment law.

The plaintiffs claimed they were stripped of their right to express their opinions because the central government hid key information concerning the environmental assessment.

On 20 February, 2013, the Naha District Court ruled that the environmental assessment process is intended simply to collect information from residents, rejecting the plaintiffs' claim that the residents have the right to express their opinions.

During the high court hearing, the plaintiffs argued that the expression of their opinions is protected by law.

They said the central government failed to report in the first phase of the assessment procedure key details of the relocation plan, including how sand for land reclamation would be procured and that US military planes would fly over residential areas.



Okinawa base relocation site
File photo taken in January 2014 shows coastal areas of Henoko in Nago, Okinawa Prefecture, the planned relocation site of the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station. — KYODO NEWS

It reported such details later, too late for residents to express their opinions before the environmental assessment procedures were completed, the plaintiffs said.

Last December, Okinawa Gov Hirokazu Nakaima, who has authority over landfill in the sea in the southernmost island prefecture, accepted the central government's application for landfill in the sea off the Henoko district.

The central government plans to launch a drilling survey in waters off the Henoko district this

summer.

The Futenma base is seen as a dangerous military station because it is located in a densely populated district in Ginowan, central Okinawa Prefecture.

Local residents and Nago Mayor Susumu Inamine are opposed to the relocation plan.

Many environmental conservation groups are also opposed to the relocation plan, noting that there are coral reefs, seagrass meadows and dugongs in waters off the Henoko district. — *Kyodo News*

Organizers could do better handling rain, top seeds say



Rafael Nadal of Spain reacts after defeating Robby Ginepri of the US in their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 26 May, 2014.

REUTERS

PARIS, 27 May — French Open organizers can't stop the rain from falling on Roland Garros, yet they could have done a better job at smoothing things out on Monday, according to Rafa Nadal and Novak Djokovic.

Eight-times champion Nadal, who demolished American Robby Ginepri to reach the second round, complained that the Suzanne Lenglen court was too heavy, while second seed Djokovic questioned

the umpire's decision to leave the courts uncovered for 10 minutes while rain was falling.

Spain's Nadal, who is more efficient on dry courts because this is where his top spin is at its most devastating, barely suffered from the conditions as he thrashed Ginepri 6-0, 6-3, 6-0. But the world No1 said the court could have been dried out before his entrance.

"Today it's true that the court was very heavy.

The balls were very heavy, very wet," Nadal told a news conference.

"Why don't they dry the court before we start playing? The court is soaked with water. Why don't they do anything?"

Forecasters predict a rain-hit first week in Paris, with only Tuesday's action likely to be spared.

World number two Djokovic also had his say on the way organisers managed the day, after his three-set victory over Joao Sousa. "In my opinion there are a few times today they maybe should have covered the court earlier," the Serbian said.

"So I think the chair umpire should have made a decision earlier to take us off the court and cover the court. I'm talking for the court's sake, you know, for a good condition, because it was a lot of rain.

"I know that on clay, of course, we can play with a certain level of rain, but still it's not that great for the court's condition." Djokovic spent one rain interruption chatting with

a ball boy who shared his courtside seat.

Play started one hour late on Monday because of persistent light rain and was later interrupted for another hour when heavy showers forced the players off the courts. — *Reuters*



Maria Sharapova of Russia returns the ball during the Women's Singles first round match against her compatriot Ksenia Pervak on day 2 of the French Open at Roland Garros in Paris on 26 May, 2014. Maria Sharapova won 2-0.

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MFF Ooredoo Futsal Cup 2014 kicks off



A ceremony to launch the MFF Ooredoo Futsal Cup 2014 took place at the National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) in Yangon on Tuesday morning.

In a demonstration, the former selected football team routed the Actor Star FC 11-4. The former selected football team deployed Myo Hlaing Win, Kyi Lwin, Aung Kyaw Moe, Tun Tun Win, Myo Min Tun and other star players. Actor Star FC consisted of Zarni, Thu Htoo San, Kyaw Kyaw Bo and other actors.

In the debut of the Futsal event, MIC FC whitewashed Za North FC 10-0; South Dagon FC trounced Hteik Tan FC 11-2; and Lansdowne FC beat Zwegabin FC 5-4.

Hline FC played a 3-3 draw with Jade Youth FC and Yadana Theinga FC ended with Hit Man with a 1-1 draw.

Altogether 42 futsal clubs are taking part in the Cup.—Nyi Myat Thawda; Photo: Soe Nyunt

Cipriani in line for England berth after six years in freezer

LONDON, 27 May — Flyhalf Danny Cipriani is in line for a first England appearance in six years after being named in Stuart Lancaster's provisional 30-man squad for next month's three-test tour of New Zealand.

Cipriani, who played the last of his seven caps under Brian Ashton in 2008, enjoyed a solid season with Sale Sharks, helping the Premiership side to a sixth-placed finish after they were in danger of being relegated last year.

With Bath flyhalf George Ford ruled out by a shoulder injury, the 26-year-old Cipriani and Gloucester number 10 Freddie Burns have been named in a squad featuring seven uncapped players and a trio of new hookers. Harlequins duo Dave Ward



Barbarians' Danny Cipriani (R) gets a pass away despite some defence during their rugby match against Australia at Twickenham stadium in London on 26 Nov, 2011.—REUTERS

and Joe Gray, and Exeter Chiefs' Luke Cowan-Dickie will bid for a test debut, with five-test Bath forward Rob Webber the fourth hooker in the squad.

Worcester full back Chris Pennell, Newcastle tighthead prop Kieran Brookes, Leicester lock Ed Slater and Gloucester centre Henry Trinder complete the new faces. Centre Billy Twelvetrees had made "sufficient progress" with

an ankle injury to join the first flight to New Zealand on Tuesday but Anthony Allen would not tour due to a knee injury, the Rugby Football Union said. Further players are to be added to the squad after Saturday's Premiership final between Saracens and Northampton, and the match between an England XV and the invitational Barbarians side the following day.

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Bad food confiscated from Italy, England World Cup hotels

SAO PAULO, 27 May — Brazilian health and safety officials raided the England and Italy team hotels for next month's World Cup and confiscated fish, butter, ham and other food past their sell-by dates.

More than 50 kilograms of food deemed unfit for consumption was taken from the Portobello Hotel where Italy will stay and another 2kg was removed from England's Hotel Royal Tulip. Both hotels are in Rio de Janeiro.

As part of a wider campaign by the 'State Secretariat for the Defence and Protection of Consumers', officials visited 13 restaurants, supermarkets, bakeries, shops and hotels, and notified eight of them for irregularities.

"In total, 218kg of food unfit for consumption was discarded," the Secretariat said in a statement. One of the biggest raids came on Monday at Italy's hotel in Mangaratiba, just outside the city of Rio. Officials there discovered 25kg of seafood and margarine past the sell by date, and another 24kg of meat, sauces, cheese and sugar that had no visible sell-by date. They also removed 2.6kg of salmon, parma ham and butter after visiting England's hotel.

Both hotels were also warned for not providing condoms to guests, as is required under Brazilian law.

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Rodgers given new long-term contract by Liverpool

LONDON, 27 May — Brendan Rodgers has been rewarded for leading Liverpool to the brink of their first English league title for 24 years with a new long-term contract, the club said on Monday.

Liverpool ended two points behind champions Manchester City after faltering near the end of the season, but are looking forward to a return to the Champions League for the first time since the 2009-10 season.

In a joint statement, owner John Henry and chairman Tom Werner said Rodgers was the right manager to bring silverware back to Anfield.

"We are very fortunate to have a hugely talented individual leading our football performance and in whom we place our trust to deliver the vision we share for Liverpool Football Club.

"Brendan is at the heart of what we, as an ownership group, are trying to achieve on the pitch.

"This season has reaffirmed everyone's belief that we can bring football success to Liverpool and we are all committed to working together to achieve that."

Rodgers's second season in charge at Anfield saw a dramatic improvement on his first when they finished seventh.

"I am both humbled and privileged to be offered the chance to extend my stay at this great club," he said.

"I am very happy to build on the foundations we have built over the last two years and now we move on to the next phase which I believe will be as exciting, challenging and rewarding."—Reuters



Liverpool's manager Brendan Rodgers waves following their final soccer match of the Premier League season against Newcastle United which they won 2-1, at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 11 May, 2014.—REUTERS

Li Na, Wozniacki feature on French Open's third day



Li Na

PARIS, 27 May — China's Li Na will hope to avoid a similar fate to Stanislas Wawrinka when she begins her French Open campaign on Tuesday against home player Kristina Mladenovic but the media spotlight will fall on Caroline Wozniacki.

Wawrinka, like Li the reigning Australian Open, lost in the first round on Monday.

Danish former world No1 Wozniacki's engagement to Rory McIlroy was called off by the golfer last week and the 13th seed is sure to face questions about the split after she plays Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium in the third match on court three.

Simona Halep of Romania, a rising force in women's tennis and seeded fourth here, opens the day on the Philippe Chatrier show court against Alisa Kleybanova of Russia.

Wimbledon champion Andy Murray takes on Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan in the third match on Suzanne Lenglen while 15th seed Sloane Stephens of the US will play her rain-postponed match against China's Shuai Peng second up on Court One.

Kimiko Date-Krumm, the 43-year-old Japanese, plays 24th seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia — one of 66 women in the draw who were not even born when she turned professional.

After rain disrupted play on Monday, the grand slam tournament's second day, and forecasters expect few problems on Tuesday before the rain returns later in the week.

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Caroline Wozniacki