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President visits hospital in Homalin, urges health workers to spread knowledge

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — President U Thein Sein comforted patients at the surgical and women's wards at Homahin Township Hospital on Monday, presenting them with gifts during his inspection tour of Homalin, Sagaing Region.

The president was accompanied by union ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Soe Thane, U Tin Naing Thein, U Hla Tun, U Ohn Myint, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Win Tun and U Ye Htut, Lt-Gen Myint Soe of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and deputy ministers.

After visiting a medical store and dental clinic, the president urged doctors and health workers to disseminate health knowledge to the people not only at hospital but at basic education schools.

President U Thein Sein presents gift to a child patient at Homalin People's Hospital.—**IPRD**

He stressed the need to reduce the mortality rate and minimize the death rate of children under five.

Homalin Hospital was opened as a 25-bed facility in 1900. It was reopened at a temporary building in 1947 after fire engulfed the hospital building. In 1954, the temporary building was damaged.

The 120-foot-long and 98-foot-wide new building was opened in 1997. The Ministry of Health upgraded it to a 100-bed facility in September 2004. The government spent K820 million on construction of the upgraded hospital building on 10.5 acres of land on Naungpakyit Hill and opened it in 2008.

The president and party visited downtown Homalin and along the Strand Road.

He met Sagaing Region Shan Ethnic Affairs Minister U San Shwe and members of the Shan literature and culture committee, as well as officials of the development supporting committees and development affairs committees from Homalin, Phaungpyin and Shwepyiaye towns at Kyaukse Hall in Homalin.—*MNA*

Textile and garment industry targets US $2 billion export income

By *Aye Min Soe*

YANGON, 6 April — Myanmar's textiles and garment industry has set an export earnings target of US $2 billion for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the sector's national trade body said Monday.

With the foreign component of investment in the sector rising to 90 percent, the industry created more than 100,000 job opportunities in fiscal 2014-2015, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association.

Workers at the South Bay Garment Factory in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone check quality of the factory's production that will be exported to Japan.
PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

The textiles and garment industry is one of seven sectors targeted for expansion under the country's new National Export Strategy.

The five-year strategy, which is aimed at tackling the trade deficit, also focuses on rice, peas and pulses, fisheries products, timber and forest products, rubber, and tourism.

Implementing the NES is expected to cost $900 million over the five years, an official said.

The Ministry of Commerce will prioritise export sectors in an attempt to boost the country's economy, said U Win Myint, Union Minister for Commerce, in parliament recently. The export income from the textile and garment sector made up 40 per cent of the country's foreign income around 1990, according to the MGMA.

GNLM

Myanmar plans to announce its diabetes survey findings before August

By *Khaing Thanda Lwin*

YANGON, 6 April — Findings of the national survey on diabetes are expected to be announced before August, said Prof Tint Swe Latt, chairman of Myanmar Diabetes Association (MMDA), Saturday.

Financed by the World Diabetes Federation, the survey was initiated in 2013 by the Ministry of Health teaming with the World Health Organization and relevant organizations.

A task force is finalizing the survey data files, with MMDA Secretary Dr Thein Myint telling the Global New Light of Myanmar that the study aims to measure the occurrence of diabetes alongside other major non-communicable diseases on a national scale.

"It plays a crucial role in prevention and control of diabetes in the country."

According to WHO, over two million people in Myanmar are living with diabetes, the majority of whom are not aware of it.

"The prevalence of diabetes in the country might be higher than previous calculations," the chairman of MMDA said at the association's annual meeting.

The 2003 public survey in Yangon stated that 12 in 100 adults in big

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New UEC members take oath at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Eight new members of the Union Election Commission appointed by the president took their oath before the speaker at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on Monday.

Afterwards, the session put on record bills approved by both the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Huttaw, including the nursing and midwifery council bill, the inland water transport bill, and the healthcare for population control bill.

The session also put on record the protection and promotion of peasant farmers' interests bill approved by both houses.

The secretary and a member of the bill committee later submitted their findings on a bill for the development of small and medium enterprises, the highways bill, the law translation commission bill and the Myanmar Medical Council bill.

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Representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for 39th day session.

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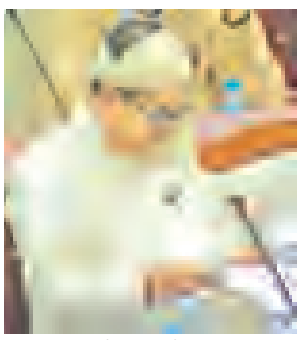
Pyithu Hluttaw

Health ministry constructs rural health branches in Kachin State

***U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency.*—MNA**



***U Win Naing, an MP of Shwegu Constituency.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Ministry of Health explained establishments of rural health branches in two villages of Shwegu Township of Bhamo district, Kachin State and budget allocation for two branches in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Region.

U Win Naing, an MP of Shwegu Township constituency, called for construction of each rural health branch at Shwechaungthar and Naungmoh villages. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay said in accordance with the number of locals in the area, the ministry will construction one health facility in Shwechaungthar and another one in Zinbone village, instead of the proposed one.

Regarding the query of MP U Tin Maung Oo from Shwepyitha Township constituency, the deputy minister said Yangon region government did not cut the budget allocated by Union Hluttaw, but public funds are totally given out only when the projects are completed and the qualities are passed by the ministry.

Proposal of Ye Township constituency in southern Myanmar on upgrading the road linking the villages of Lamai, Thaungpyin and Aryutaung was rejected for 2015-2016 fiscal year on the ground of budget limitation by the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development.

The Lower House then decided to approve Myanmar Accountancy Council Bill submitted by the Upper House with its amendments.—*MNA*

Dy Health Minister discusses 2014 financial performance of Global Fund

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint participated in the Pre-Briefing & Constituency Meeting for SEA Constituency of the 33rd Global Fund Board in Geneva, Switzerland, from 30 March to 1 April.

On behalf of SEA countries, he reviewed 2014 financial performance of Global Fund.

In meeting with Dr Urban Weber, head of High Impact Asia and Senior Fund Portfolio Manager Mrs Izaskun Gaviria discussed management of Ministry of Health for control of AIDS, TB and malaria diseases in Myanmar with the assistance of Global Fund after 2016.

The meeting was also attended by Thailand, India, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and North Korea together with other global countries.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

Deputy education minister responded to questions in Amyotha Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung responded to questions raised for the ministry at the Amyotha Hluttaw Session on Monday.

The first question was concerned with a dangerous school building in an affiliated middle school in Ywama Village in Chauk. The deputy minister said school buildings are being built according to their priority and the school building could not be replaced with a new one during the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Another question focused on upgrading of a middle school into a high school in Webula Village in Falam. The deputy minister said that there is no plan to upgrade the school at the moment but it is possible to upgrade it according to priority if the state government recommends doing so.

***Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung.*—MNA**

Another question was raised for construction of a reinforced concrete school building for a primary school in Dawmu Kalar Village in Loikaw. The deputy minister said that the ministry has allotted K 738.00 million for other 25 schools in the township and could not build the new building for the school.

Then, the session accepted the bill repealing the township development committee's law as there was no representative to discuss the bill.

Afterwards, the reports of the government's guarantees, pledges and undertaking vetting committee was read out at the session and submitted to the Hluttaw by the committee chairman.

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cities suffer from diabetes, with researchers estimating that three in 100 people in the hilly regions are likely to be diagnosed diabetic.

The International Diabetes Federation's figures show 382 million people or 8.3 % of adults worldwide are diagnosed with diabetes, over 46 % of whom do not notice any warning signs.

Diabetes is a medical condition that raises sugar levels in blood. The disease occurs when the body cannot produce enough hormone insulin. Doctors usually suggest that people should be careful with their lifestyle and break their unhealthy eating habits so as to prevent and control the chronic disease.—*GNLM*

People observe documentary photos of Myanmar Diabetes Association displayed at the association's annual meeting.

PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

Vice president warns senior government officials against corrupt conduct

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed senior government officers upon completion of a training course Monday at the President's Office, telling them to think critically and warning them against corrupt conduct.

The vice president said the refresher course would improve the ability of department leaders to implement the projects of current and future governments.

He urged the officers to develop critical thinking and leadership skills, and foster the ability to understand the thinking of people from all social strata.

Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham poses for documentary photo with trainees at completion of special refresher course.—MNA

Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham sprinkles scented water on 9th white elephant Thiri Marlar.

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The vice president said the senior officers must undertake their work with the best of intentions, and put into practice their theoretical knowledge.

He also said the time and resources dedicated to the refresher courses would be wasted on those who tarnish their departments through corrupt behaviour.

The vice president also welcomed the recently discovered white elephant, only the ninth of its kind ever found, by spraying fragrant water together with Union Minister U Thein Nyunt and deputy ministers U Than Tun and Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda, here, on Monday morning.

The vice president and party greeted the white elephant, revered in Myanmar culture as a symbol of good luck, by calling its name, "Thiri Marlar," three times each.

The ninth white elephant, revered as a symbol of good luck, is thought to be about seven years old. The 6.25-foot-high female was found in Thalatkhwa forest reserve in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 27 February.

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Myanmar traditional performing arts competitions to be held next month

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Vice President U Nyan Tun delivered opening speech at coordination meeting on Monday for holding annual traditional performing arts competitions next month.

The 21th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions will be held at Yezin University in Nay Pyi Taw from May 7 to 12.

U Nyan Tun said the annual competitions are aimed to conserve traditional culture of Myanmar and it is not meant 'travelling into the past'.

Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, secretary for competition organizing committee, explained preparations for the competitions, followed by reports of chairpersons of respective committees.

The competitions will be held on five bases, namely Amateur Level (Upper grade), Amateur Level (Lower grade), Higher Education Level, Basic Education Level (from 15 to 20 years) and Basic Education Level (from 10 to 15 years).

The award giving ceremony is scheduled to hold at Myanmar International Convention Centre (2) on May 13.

The Government has been holding this annual competition with the noble aim of reviving, preserving, and promoting Myanmar's cultural heritage which is the hardcore of national identity.

The competitions covered five subjects, singing, dancing, music, song composition, and marionette performance, under each of which were different types and categories to compete in, such as traditional, folk, classical and modern in the case of singing and dancing.—*MNA*

Pyithu Hluttaw speaker meets political parties' officials

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with officials of political parties from Hluttaw.

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NAY PYI TAW, 6 April— Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann held a meeting with officials of political parties from the Hluttaw at Zabuthiri Hall, here, on Monday.

The speaker urged them to cooperate with the Hluttaw for serving interests of the State and citizens without party attachment and ism during remaining term of Hluttaw.

The speaker reviewed general round discussions presented by officials of political parties. The meeting was attended by officials of 18 political parties and those of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw offices.—*MNA*

University students teach villagers in basic literacy campaign

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Volunteers including university students have been conducting reading and writing lessons as part of a basic literacy campaign in 42 villages in Pyinmana Township as of 1 April.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myo Nyunt visited sessions in Wegyi and Zeeyaing villages in the township on Sunday and presented gifts to volunteer students from Meiktila University.

The council member also visited Natthaye, Thitseintbin, Kadohseik and Zeebyubin villages where he presented stationery and books to the trainee villagers. While at the teaching sessions, the council member praised the volunteer students for their noblest efforts in realizing the campaign.

A total of 65 students from Meiktila University led by seven supervisors are participating in the basic literacy campaign, with 657 local people attending the lessons in Pyinmana Township.—*Shwe Kokko*

Students invited to join roundtable discussion on painting, poems and literature

Writers and artists coordinate plans to hold IQ contest for basic education students in Myanaung.

MYANAUNG, 6 April —Myanaung Township Writers Association held a preliminary meeting for a roundtable discussion on painting, poems and literature at Yatha Aungmyay library in the township, Ayeyawady Region, on Sunday.

Artists and writers will discuss the art mediums and the history of Myanaung with participation of students. The roundtable discussion will run from 1 to 5 May.

Students from seventh standard to matriculation may join the discussions. An IQ contest will follow the talks. The final date for enrolment of students is 25 April.—*Nay Win Zaw (Myanaung)*

Commander of Myanaung Township Police Force Police Major Tun Pe highlights prevention of sales of hormone and narcotic drugs during Maha Thingyan Festival 1376 ME in the township and reduction of crime and traffic accidents.
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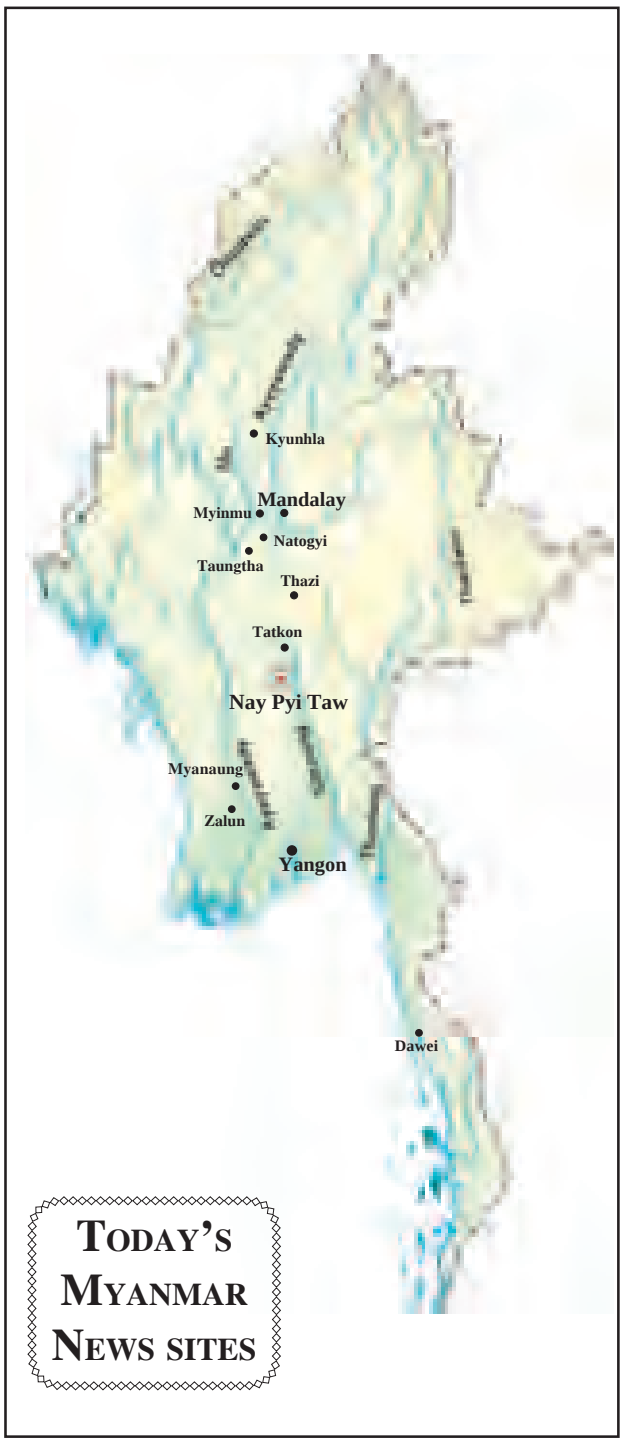

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Police officers undergo training on security measures for election

DAWEI, 6 April — A training course on election security was conducted at the hall of Taninthayi Region Police Force in Dawei on Monday.

The Chairman of the Region Election Sub-commission U Than Sein, Commander of Taninthayi Region Police Force Police Col Kyi Lin and Deputy Commander Police Col Chit Sein spoke at the opening of the course, which was attended by members of the district and township election sub-commissions.

Altogether 40 police officers from townships in the region are attending the course from 6 to 10 April.

Po Shwe Thun (Dwei)

MPs inspect township development tasks funded by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

TAUNGTHA, 6 April — Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Myo Myint and Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Than Htay Aung viewed works in progress in Taungtha Township, Mandalay Region.

The Amyotha Hluttaw MP inspected construction of a water tank for fire prevention among the township projects for which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw allotted K100 million in the 2014-15 fiscal year.

U Myo Myint met township development committee members at the MP's office and discussed plans for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Kyaw Myo Naing (Taungtha)

Improved earthen lake to store more water

THAZI, 6 April—Local authorities dredged an earthen lake to improve the water supply for humans and animals in Ywamontha village, Thazi Township, Mandalay Region.

They spent K3.6 million provided by local residents on hiring a dredger.

The 250-foot-long and 200-foot-wide lake was improved with an eight-foot bund so as to store a larger volume of water. Ywamontha village, located on Mandalay-Meiktila-Thazi-Taunggyi-Tachilek road, is home to over 1,500 local people. Most local residents are engaged in agriculture.

Maung Ko (Thazi)

Road works aim to reduce flooding, accidents

KYUNHLA, 6 April — Expansion of Aungzeya Road and dredging of drains along both sides was undertaken in Pyinmamyaing Ward, Kyunhla, Sagaing Region, on 1 April with the aim of reducing traffic accidents and ensuring proper flow of water.

"Thanks to expansion of the road and dredging of drains, local people can receive better transport service," a local resident said.

Under the instructions of the Township Management Committee, authorities are upgrading roads in the township one after another.

Myo Win Nyo (Kyunhla)

Local residents receive fly-proof latrines in rural area

ZALUN, 6 April—With the aim of contributing to building a hygienic environment for the rural people, Township Rural Development Department has built fly-proof latrines in Zalun Township, Ayeyawady Region.

Thanks to the department, over 5,000 people from 10 villages such as Htanbinchaung, Hngetpyawdaw, Lamaing, Zawgyikwin and Dauntgyi will have betterment of hygienic activities.

Township RDD

Vets vaccinate more than 26,000 cattle in Myinmu Tsp

MYINMU, 6 April — Vets and volunteers have been vaccinating livestock in Myinmu Township, Sagaing Region, as part of a programme beginning 23 March.

Up to 1 April, veterinarians have given booster vaccinations to 12,347 buffaloes and cows in 69 villages.

Five veterinarians and 30 rural volunteers led by Head of Myinmu Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Daw Myint Myint Htay vaccinated cattle against foot-and-mouth disease.

"The vaccination can cover animals for six months, enabling farmers to get full labour from animals," said the head of the Township LBVD.

The Township LBVD has so far vaccinated 26,602 cattle in total.

Po Kha (IPRD)

Natogyi to represent Myingyan District in Mdy Maha Thingyan Festival

NATOGYI, 6 April — A decorated float from Natogyi Township to represent Myingyan District will take part in Mandalay Mayor's Cup Maha Thingyan Festival 1376, Natogyi Township Administrator U Kyaw Naing told media.

Four townships of Myingyan District took part in the Mandalay Maha Thingyan Festival in rotation yearly. This year, Natogyi will join the festival with a decorated float.

Local authorities built a decorated float spending K6 million.

Htay Myint Maung

Cambodia inaugurates Japan-funded bridge across Mekong River

NEAK LOEUNG, (Cambodia), 6 April — Cambodia on Monday inaugurated the Japan-funded, 2,215-metre "Tsubasa" bridge across Mekong River, the longest bridge in the country.

Speaking at the opening ceremony in Neak Loeung, about 60 kilometres east of Phnom Penh, Hun Sen thanked Japan for the assistance it has consistently rendered to his country and said, "Long live the friendship between Cambodia and Japan."

The suspension bridge, constructed at a cost of 119.4 million yen, will link not only National Route 1 at both sides of the Mekong River, but other countries in the region, namely Cambodia's neighbours Vietnam and Thailand.

Calling the bridge a "dream come true," Hun Sen said it "replaces the costly and time consuming boats and ferries that have been used by Cambodian people as well as regional transport operators for ages."

Japanese Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Senior Vice Minister Akihiro Nishimura, who joined the ceremony read out a message from Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in which Abe said the bridge is expected to not only contribute to economic development of Cambodia, but also the wider Mekong region.

He noted that the bridge's inauguration coincides with the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Cambodia and Japan and also the year set for formation of an ASEAN Economic Community.

The bridge in Kandal Province is part of linkages in the so-called "southern economic corridor," a roughly 1,000-kilometre-long stretch of road linking Ho Chi Minh City with Bangkok via Phnom Penh.

It is the third large-scale bridge donated so far by Japan after the Cambodia-Japan Friendship Bridge built across Tonle Sap River in Phnom Penh and the "Kizuna" bridge across Mekong in the country's eastern province of Kompong Cham.

In a gesture of gratitude for Japan's grant assistance, Cambodia earlier this year issued a new 500 riel (about $0.125) banknote carrying images of the two Japan-built bridges that span the Mekong.

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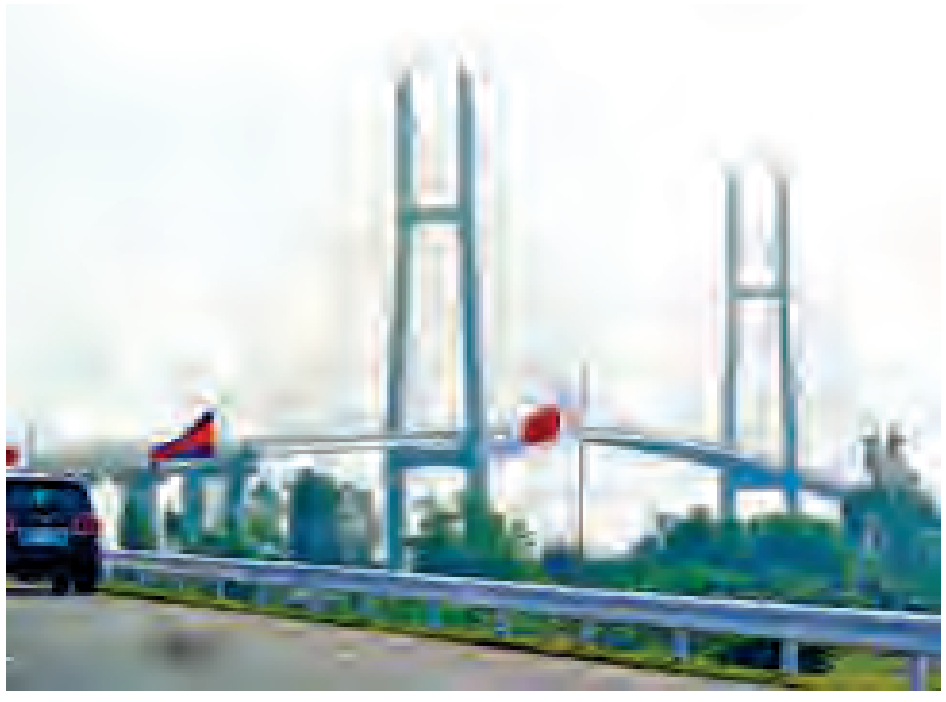

A 2.2-kilometre-long bridge called "Tsubasa Bridge" over the Mekong River in Cambodia is seen on 6 April, 2015. The newly completed bridge, built with funding from Japan's official development assistance project, is expected to boost trade between the country and neighbouring nations.—KYODO NEWS

Severe storm kills 24, injures more than 50 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 6 April — A severe storm sweeping across Bangladesh killed at least 24 people and injured dozens more, mostly in Bogra district in the northern part of the country, police and officials said on Sunday.

Women and children were among the dead, who included some victims in the capital Dhaka, they said, and more than 50 people were injured and admitted to hospitals around the country.

Shafiqur Reza Biswas, Bogra's chief district administrator, told reporters storm killed at least 14 people killed alone in his district, 228 kilometres (143 miles) north of Dhaka, Several houses were damaged while trees were uprooted, he said, adding that power supply had been cut for several hours. This was the first severe storm in the usual spring storm season, weather officials said.—*Reuters*

Indonesian court rejects last-ditch appeal by Australian death-row convict

JAKARTA, 6 April — An Indonesian court rejected on Monday a last-ditch challenge by Australian drug convict Andrew Chan, who is facing execution by firing squad, a verdict the attorney general's office said left him with no further legal avenues to avoid the death penalty.

Chan had challenged the Jakarta administrative court's decision not to hear an appeal against President Joko Widodo's decision to refuse him clemency.

He and fellow Australian Myuran Sukumaran were convicted in 2006 as the ringleaders of a plot to smuggle heroin out of Indonesia.

The administrative court will rule on an identical appeal by Sukumaran later on Monday.

The rejection of Chan's challenge means that he has exhausted all means of legal recourse, according to a spokesman for the Attorney General.

The Australian pair are among 10 drug convicts due to be executed by firing squad on the prison island of Nusakambangan. Others in the group include citizens of France, Brazil, the Philippines, Ghana, Nigeria and Indonesia.

Widodo denied clemency to the convicts despite repeated pleas from Australia, Brazil and France.

Sukumaran and Chan had sought in February to challenge the president's blanket rejection, with their lawyers arguing that he did not give due consideration to each case. But the administrative court originally dismissed their case on the grounds it did not have the legal authority to assess it.

The attorney general is awaiting the outcome of legal appeals by three remaining death row inmates before setting a date for executions. His office's spokesman has previously said the intention is for all the executions to be carried out together, but they could be conducted in batches.

Indonesia has harsh penalties for drug trafficking and resumed executions in 2013 after a five-year gap.

Reuters

Michael Chan (C), walks in front of Kerobokan Prison shortly before two Australian death row prisoners, Myuran Sukumaran and Michael's brother Andrew, leave the prison for the airport, in Denpasar, on the Indonesian island of Bali on 4 March, 2015.
REUTERS

ASEAN leaders aim to narrow economic gap in region, document says

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 April — Leaders from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations will push for more engagement with the private sector to narrow the gap among their countries as the bloc strives toward a common market by the end of this year, according to a draft declaration set to be adopted by the leaders at a summit later this month.

Leaders from the 10 member countries in ASEAN are expected to meet in Kuala Lumpur for their annual summit on 26 April before heading to the northern island resort of Langkawi for an informal gathering the next day.

Malaysia plays host at a crucial juncture in ASEAN developments as this year marks the deadline for the formal establishment of the ASEAN Community, a project which entails closer integration through political security, and closer economic and socio-cultural relations.

On economic ties, the leaders agree to "encourage more engagement and interaction between ASEAN leaders and business leaders including small and medium enterprises to narrow the gaps within and among ASEAN as well as promote the free movement of peoples and skilled labour," according to a draft obtained by *Kyodo News* titled "Kuala Lumpur Declaration on a People-Centreed ASEAN."

The ASEAN Economic Community blueprint envisaged an integrated market and production base with free flow of goods, services and investments, skilled labour and capital.

But there is a startling development gap among member countries. For example, Singapore's gross national income per capita is 56 times bigger than that of Cambodia. Skeptics have long voiced doubts over ASEAN's ambition for closer integration given the grouping's sacred stance on sovereignty and the increase in protectionism as national interest trumps regional ambition. But host Malaysia has a plan to integrate the private sector, helping companies to expand across borders.

At the ASEAN economic ministers meeting last month, Idris Jala, minister in the Prime Minister's Department, presented his "pathfinder project" proposal to the ministers where each country identifies 10 companies and gets all 100 to sit together and thrash out their problems trying to expand in other ASEAN member countries. "Those are basically companies from ASEAN countries that want to expand but have encountered problems such as with approvals and other nontariff barriers. You will only know if you look at it company by company," the official news agency *Bernama* quoted Idris as saying.

In addition to the Kuala Lumpur declaration, the ASEAN leaders are also expected to adopt the "Langkawi Declaration on the Global Movement of Moderates."

The declaration calls for "a commitment to democratic values, good governance, equitable economic growth and adherence to social justice" as a way "to counter and address the root causes of terrorism, violent extremism and radicalism," according to a draft obtained by *Kyodo*.

Southeast Asia has not been spared by extremists' violence. Groups like the Indonesia-based Jemaah Islamiyah and the Abu Sayyaf based in southern Philippines have wrought terror.

And now, the latest threat is the growing influence of Islamic State militants. Officials say dozens of people in Southeast Asian countries have headed to Syria and Iraq to join IS.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

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Indonesia keen to buy Japan-made US-2 amphibian aircraft: minister

JAKARTA, 6 April — Indonesian Defence Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu on Monday expressed his government's interest in possibly buying the US-2 amphibious aircraft from Japan.

"We feel (there's a match) and we wish to buy. We're still mulling on (this), and if we already finish (the assessment) we will report to the president about this," Ryamizard said in an interview with *Kyodo News*.

ShinMaywa Industries Ltd, based in Japan's Hyogo Prefecture, is the manufacturer of the US-2.

The defence minister said the US-2 aircraft are well suited for the geographical conditions of Indonesia, a country that consists of many islands.

Noting how both Japan and Indonesia are archipelagic countries that frequently have to contend with natural disasters like earthquakes, he said, "Geographically, we are in the 'ring of fire,' so we learn from Japan in terms of disaster management."

The US-2 is a short takeoff and landing aircraft that is already in use by the Japan Self-Defence Forces in responding to maritime accidents.

Indonesia is also assessing the possibility of purchasing amphibian aircraft from Russia, with Ryacudu scheduled to go to Russia on 14 April for meetings including one with his Russian counterpart.

In March, Japan and Indonesia signed a defence agreement that stipulates cooperation in several sectors including maritime cooperation and disaster management.—*Kyodo News*

N Korea sets no-sail zone in waters of Sea of Japan: Yonhap

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un shakes hands during a photo session with participants in the 7th National Conference of Sportspersons in this undated photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in Pyongyang on 27 March, 2015.—REUTERS

SEOUL, 6 April — North Korea has declared a no-sail and no-fly zone in waters of the Sea of Japan, which could presage missile tests in the area, *Yonhap News Agency* reported on Monday.

It quoted a South Korean government official as saying the zone was set on 1 April with no specified end date.

Asked to confirm the reports, Defence Ministry spokesman, Nah Seung Yong said North Korea has not made any such notification to the International Maritime Organization or South Korea.

Another government official told *Yonhap* that North Korea may launch missiles as part of celebrations of founder Kim Il Sung's birthday, which falls on 15 April, or during US Defence Secretary Ashton Carter's visit to Seoul on Thursday and Friday.

"Analyzing military movements on the North's eastern coast, we can foresee the possibility North Korea may launch a Nodong missile," the official was quoted as saying, while adding that related movements have been detected.

On Thursday and Friday last week, North Korea fired several short-range rockets into the Yellow Sea, apparently as a gesture of defiance against an annual US-South Korean military exercise that has been under way since 2 March.

The drill is scheduled to run until 24 April.

Kyodo News

GSDF helicopter makes crash landing on rice field in Sendai

SENDAI, 6 April — A Ground Self-Defence Force helicopter made a crash landing on a rice field in Sendai's Miyagino Ward at around 10:10 am Monday, the Defence Ministry said.

Two crew members — a pilot in his 40s and a maintenance engineer in his 30s — were safe, the ministry said.

The OH-6D helicopter left the GSDF's Kasumigaume air field in Sendai's Wakabayashi Ward at 9:44 am for a test flight after receiving regular checks there. As a result of the crash-landing, the helicopter had its main rotor bent while its tail rotor had fallen off, ministry officials said.

On 13 February, a Maritime Self-Defence Force helicopter was found to have crashed into a mountain in the city of Ebino, Miyazaki Prefecture, after leaving its base in neighbouring Kagoshima Prefecture the previous day, resulting in the death of three crew members.

On 17 February, a separate GSDF helicopter crash-landed in waters off the town of Shirahama, Wakayama Prefecture, but its two crew members remained safe.

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Netanyahu seeks better deal on Iran; Obama says it is best hope on nuclear issue

WASHINGTON, 6 April — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged the United States on Sunday to seek a better deal to curb Iran's nuclear programme and said he would press American lawmakers not to give Teheran "a free path to the bomb."

President Barack Obama, hoping to sway skeptics at home and abroad to get behind the framework agreement struck on Thursday between world powers and Iran, defended the deal as the best hope to prevent Teheran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

Obama, whose relations with Netanyahu have frayed badly over the Iran issue, sought to assure Israelis he understands their concerns. They should know "there is no formula, there is no option, to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon that will be more effective than the diplomatic initiative and framework that we put forward — and that's demonstrable," he said in an interview with *The New York Times* published on Sunday.

The Israeli prime minister has been strongly critical of the deal struck on Thursday in Switzerland, saying it threatens the survival of Israel. Netanyahu said he has spoken with both Democrats and Republicans in Congress — nearly two thirds of House of Representatives members and a similar number in the US Senate — about the Iran nuclear issue.

In appearances on US television on Sunday, Netanyahu did not repeat his assertion on Friday that any final agreement should include a commitment by Iran recognizing Israel's right to exist.

But, speaking on CNN's "State of the Union" programme, he said of the deal, "This is not a partisan issue. This is not solely an Israeli issue. This is a world issue because everyone is going to be threatened by the pre-eminent terrorist state of our time, keeping the infrastructure to produce not one nuclear bomb but many, many nuclear bombs down the line."

Netanyahu angered the White House and alienated some of Obama's

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Democrats when he accepted a Republican invitation to address Congress and speak out against the looming agreement on 3 March, two weeks before the Israeli elections that returned him to office. Netanyahu denied he was coordinating with House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, who visited Israel last week, and with other Republicans to block the Iran deal.

But he denounced the framework agreement between Iran and the United States, Britain, France, Germany, China and Russia, saying, "There's still time to get a better deal and apply pressure to Iran to roll back its nuclear programme."

Israel, which is believed to be the only nuclear-armed state in the Middle East, says it believes Iran is committed to its destruction.

Obama told Netanyahu in a telephone call soon after the deal was reached that it represented progress toward a lasting solution that cuts off Iran's path to a nuclear weapon. Iran has long maintained that its nuclear programme is purely for peaceful purposes.

Republicans, who control both chambers in Congress, and some Democrats are preparing legislation that would entail a vote in Congress on any Iran deal. Senator Bob Corker, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he was waiting to learn more details about the framework agreement.

"I don't know how someone can ascertain whether this is something good or bad," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

Obama has said he would veto legislation demanding an up-or-down vote in Congress on any final deal worked out with Iran by the deadline of the end of June that has been agreed by Iran and the six powers. Corker said it was unclear whether opponents of the deal would be able to muster the votes to override such a veto.

Netanyahu said he had an hourlong conversation with Obama. Asked on CNN if he trusted Obama, Netanyahu said he was sure the president was doing what he thought was good for his country, but they disagreed about the best policy on Iran.

In his interview with *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman, Obama sought to assure Israel of firm US support.

"Not only am I absolutely committed to making sure that they maintain their qualitative military edge, and that they can deter any potential future attacks, but what I'm willing to do is to make the kinds of commitments that would give everybody in the neighbourhood, including Iran, a clarity that if Israel were to be attacked by any state, that we would stand by them."

He said he was troubled by being perceived as less than supportive of Israel, telling Friedman, "It has been personally difficult for me to hear ... expressions that somehow ... this administration has not done everything it could to look out for Israel's interest."

While he was upbeat about the nuclear deal, Obama said the issue was not the only division between Washington and Teheran. The nuclear deal should be a single issue, and the United States at the same time wanted to send "a clear message to the Iranians that you have to change your behavior more broadly and that we are going to protect our allies if you continue to engage in destabilizing aggressive activity," Obama said.—*Reuters*

PERSPECTIVES

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Find friends with shared goals

By *Myint Win Thein*

People make friends with each another, but it is hard for them to maintain lasting relationships if they have opposing aims in life. It is inevitable that people travelling in one direction will face away from those moving the opposite way.

There is no need to feel sad about taking the opposite path to those who have different goals in life. The real tragedy comes when people with the same aims and beliefs turn their backs to one another. In fact, people travelling in the same destination can help one another and together reach their goal more easily.

If a traveller going in one direction tries to help another moving the opposite way, they might be delayed forever, straying from the path toward their intended destination. It is therefore important for a traveller to make sure where he or she is going.

It can be said that choosing the right kinds of friend is one of the important issues of life. As people are going in different directions, you will have to choose the right kind of friends to reach your goal more quickly. Some people are egocentric and opportunistic, while others are altruistic and make sacrifices for people. Success depends on the right kind of friends when one cannot go it alone.

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Growth Strategy

By *Kyi Mun*

To grow is the law of nature. All living things, including plants and trees and vines are designed to grow. So, growth is an important function of nature. Human beings should take a cue from nature that growth is a fundamental law of life. Man, being the highest form of nature, has got to grow in several ways, such as:

- **Physical** growth and maturity of **BODY**
- **Mental** growth and maturity of **MIND**
- **Emotional** growth and maturity of **HEART**
- **Spiritual** growth and maturity of **SPIRIT**
- **Creative** growth and maturity of **LIFE**

Now, let's see how we human beings can grow in the following manner:

- **G** *for* **Goal-driven**
- **R** *for* **Resources**
- **O** *for* **Opportunities**
- **W** *for* **Working for Win-Win Outcomes**
- **T** *for* **Trust**
- **H** *for* **Harmony**
- **S** *for* **Strengths**
- **T** *for* **Total Quality Management & Leadership**
- **R** *for* **Revolutionary Spirit**
- **A** *for* **Attack**
- **T** *for* **Targets**
- **E** *for* **Effectiveness-cum-Efficiency**
- **G** *for* **Going all-out for Success**
- **Y** *for* **Yin and Yang**

*** GOAL-DRIVEN**

To grow and develop, we have got to adopt a goal. To determine what our goal should be, we have got to analyze our objective conditions in the following ways:

- ***What business are we in ?***
- ***Where are we now ?***
- ***Where do we want to go ?***
- ***How can we get there ?***
- ***Which is the best way ?***

In setting up a goal, we should adopt the following approach:

- **Vision** : What do we want to become in the (long-term) future ?
- **Mission** : What is our reason for being ?
- **Goal** : Where do we want to be in the (Medium term) future ?
- **Objectives** : What are our (short-term) wins ?
- **Strategy** : What are our ways and means of fulfilling our aims and objects in the Plan of Action ?
- **Tactics** : What are our practical moves on the ground of action and how do we perform?
- **Control** : How do we coordinate and collaborate in our tactical tasks ?
- **Rewards** : How do we motivate and inspire our people ?

*** RESOURCES**

Our resources are : Man, Mind, Morale, Methods, Materials, Machines, (Mobility, Communication, Commitment, Conviction, Courage, Caring.) We should bear in mind the importance of fighting today's battles with today's methods, machines and all other means which must surely be updated. You cannot win a today's battle with the yesterday's means. In the matter of resources, man matters most invariably.

*** OPPORTUNITIES**

The SWOT method of analyzing our true position is like this:

Strengths	Opportunities
Weaknesses	Threats

It means we have got to eliminate as much as possible, our weaknesses and the threats from the competition; and multiply our own strengths and the opportunities from the outside world and the market. We have to build up our strengths continuously to seize available opportunities.

*** WORKING FOR WIN-WIN OUTCOMES**

We should think Win-Win outcomes and relationships. We all have got to create wealth by helping each other and not by fighting each other. We should cooperate, collaborate and work in consultation, instead of grabbing whatever we can get at the detriment of others. We should practice : "Sahajāta-Inñamjiñña" Principle which means "Being Together, we should benefit each other." It means we should collaborate for mutual benefits or advantages. In the Bible it is said; "Thou shalt prefer one another."

*** TRUST**

Trust is the foundation of living and working together. Without trust, there can be no friendship, nor love nor charity. In order to have mutual trust, both sides must be trustworthy. Trust is made up of Character on the one hand, and competence on the other. Character is composed of Integrity and Intent, and Competence is composed of Track Records and Results.

*** HARMONY**

The whole COSMOS is in harmony. The whole universe is in balance. Our planet is designed in harmonious order. So, our lives should be in harmony. We all should live and move and have our being in balance, in beauty, in truth, in love and in fairness. Human beings are regarded as higher and nobler beings than the animals. So, we all human beings should regard each other and all others as intrinsically equal in original nature. It must be clearly understood that all inequalities and inequities are man-made.

*** STRENGTHS**

We should always be adding up our strengths. Life, especially, strong and sound life can be built sustainably only by strengths. We can create greater, better, faster, more economical and more sustainable wealth and values only by our strengths. We can nurture, cultivate and cumulatively build up our strengths physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and transcendentally.

*** TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP**

Total Quality Management and Leadership include :

- ✔ Personal & professional Quality
- ✔ Interpersonal Relationship Quality
- ✔ Operational Efficiency Quality
- ✔ Managerial Effectiveness Quality
- ✔ Organizational Consolidation Quality

*** REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT**

Life is moving, changing, transforming and dynamic. Life is never static, passive and unchanging. The old ways should be transformed into new and better ways of doing things. The Japanese world KAIKEN denotes the meaning of "Continuous Quality Improvement" and the word Dantotsu indicates that : **"You can better the best"**. There are all revolutionary concepts.

*** ATTACK**

Defensive Strategy is to maintain or to keep intact what is already in your possession. On the other hand, offensive strategy is to extend or to expand or to increase what you already have by securing other advantages. Attack, here, only means forceful and all-out striving, seeking and finding and seizing legitimate opportunities.

*** TARGETS**

Targets are your planned objectives or aims and objects. It is very important to be able to hit at the bull's-eye of the target. Hitting the target fairly and squarely requires enduring practice, patience and perseverance. First, set the targets, and then practice hitting them with accuracy and speed.

*** EFFECTIVENESS & EFFICIENCY**

Effectiveness means: (1) Doing the Right things
(2) Achieving the goals
(3) The Leadership role

Efficiency means : (1) Doing the things Right
(2) Raising Productivity
(3) The Management role

To be effective is strategic; and to be efficient is tactical. And strategy and tactics are like the lips and the tongue; effectiveness and efficiency are also like the right steps and the left steps of the legs.

*** GOING ALL-OUT FOR SUCCESS**

A wholesome life does not accept the half-baked or half-done things. A wholesome effort deserves a wholesome victory. So, work while you work and play while you play; but you have got to work hard and to work smart, and to play hard and to play smart. You cannot go only half-way. You have got to go all the way with all your mind, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strengths.

*** YIN AND YANG**

Nature is in dichotomy, dualistic and Dvaita in Pali. It means : Nature is made up of Light & Darkness, Long & Short, Heat & Cold, Near & Far, Combination & Dissolution, Positive & Negative, Male & Female, Soft & Hard, Likes and Dislikes, etc. So, we should take into account the principle of unity and struggle of opposites in formulating our plans of action.

*** CONCLUSION**

Don't grow old; grow up !

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Union minister fulfills requirements of local residents from Homalin, Phaungpyin Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Thane held a meeting with departmental officials from Homalin and Phaungpyin townships, members of township development supporting committee and development affairs committee and local people at the gymnasium in Homalin on Monday.

The union minister attended to the needs of local people and presented Sky Net receiver and equipment, blankets, note books, copies of journals, marine products and kitchen crops for Homalin, Phaungpyin and Shwepyiaye townships through officials.—*MNA*

***Union Minister at President Office U Soe Thane presents a Sky Net receiver to local cultural troupe.*—IPRD**

NPE celebrates 17th Anniversary

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — The News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information celebrated its 17th anniversary Monday in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, honouring its outstanding staff and stringers while also inaugurating a newly installed offset printing press.

During the celebration at the Mirror Daily Press House, Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway formally opened the new press which can roll out 32-page colour newspapers.

He also presented the award for highest foreign exchange earner to the Mirror Daily and the award for progress in reforms to the Myanma Alinn Daily.

Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise U Kyaw Soe, Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television U Tint Swe, and General Manager of the NPE U Ye Naing gave awards to outstanding staff, stringers, contributors and cartoonists.

MNA

***Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway views newly-operated offset printing press at Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.*—MNA**

35-mile-long natural gas pipeline being laid from Ywama to Thakayta

***Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo visits Nitrogen Removal Unit in main natural gas control and distribution station in Ywama, Insein Township.*—ENERGY**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo together with officials of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise on 4 April inspected progress of Nitrogen Removal Unit in the main natural gas control and distribution station in Ywama, Insein Township.

The deputy minister and party viewed laying of 30-inch diameter and 35 miles long Ywama-Hlawga-Thakayta natural gas pipeline in Shwepyitha, Insein and Mingaladon townships.

He gave instructions on worksite safety and laying of pipelines meeting set standards.

MNA

Pro-peace rallies staged in Namhsam, Hopong in Shan State

KYAUKME, 6 April— People in Namhsam Township of Palaung Self-Administered Zone in northern Shan State held a rally on Monday to support draft deal on ceasefire agreement signed between the government and ethnic armed groups last week.

Holding placards with peace slogans, about 500 residents in the area took part the demonstration for peace.

"We have staged this official rally to show our support on draft peace deal between the Union Peace-making Work Committee and National Ceasefire Coordination Team signed on March 31," said U Ba Thaung who took part in the event.

Moreover, a similar demonstration for peace was staged in Hopong Township of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone in southern Shan State, with about 350 people denouncing armed conflicts and calling for nationwide ceasefire agreement.

Thein Than (KME)/ Hopong IPRD

Local people including Pa-O ethnic stage rallies to finalize nationwde ceasefire agreement in Hopong, souothern Shan State. Township IPRD

Oil up more than $1 after Saudi's Asia price hike

SINGAPORE, 6 April — Oil futures climbed more than $1 a barrel on Monday, after Saudi Arabia raised prices for crude sales to Asia for a second month, signalling better demand in the region.

International benchmark Brent regained ground after tumbling as much as 5 percent on Thursday, when a preliminary nuclear deal was finally reached between world powers and Iran. More Iranian oil could enter global markets if that is followed by a comprehensive deal by June.

But analysts warned a ramp-up in exports could take months and would likely not happen before 2016.

"While clearly a bearish headline, a final deal and full lifting of sanctions still faces a number of obstacles," Morgan Stanley analysts said in a note.

A man holds banknotes in his hand as he fills his car with fuel at Zahret Al Rabwah gas station in Al-Rabweh, Damascus on 14 Jan, 2015. Picture taken on 14 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS

"Even if a final deal is reached, we do not expect any physical market impact before 2016," the analysts said.

Brent crude for May delivery LCOc1 touched a high of $56.19 (38 pounds) a barrel and was up $1.19 from Thursday at $56.14 by 0635 GMT. US crude for May delivery CLc1 was $1.21 higher at $50.35 a barrel, after earlier touching $50.48.

There was no settlement in either Brent or US crude futures on Friday as markets were closed for the start of the Easter holiday.

Despite the sanctions on Iran, China's imports from the OPEC producer are set to rise from August as a Chinese state trader has signed a deal with the National Iranian Oil Company to buy more condensate.

The world's top exporter Saudi Arabia kept output steady and cut its official selling prices (OSPs) sharply late last year in a fight for market share during a global supply glut.

Its ability to raise prices for April and May suggests its strategy is working, although competition has kept its flagship Arab Light at a discount to Oman/Dubai quotes, analysts said.

"There is still competition for the Asia market even though it is also a sign that some of the production elsewhere is less able to compete in the market right now," said Shunling Yap, a senior oil and gas analyst at BMI Research.

On the supply front, the number of rigs drilling for oil in the United States declined by 11 last week to 802, the smallest drop since December, a weekly survey by oil service firm Baker Hughes showed on Thursday.

Two weeks of small declines in the US rig count have raised expectations that drilling activity is nearing a level that could dent output, bolster prices and coax rigs back to the field after a precipitous cull since October.—*Reuters*

Jordan reports fresh 5 fatalities from swine flu

AMMAN, 6 April — Jordanian Health Ministry said on Sunday five fatalities were reported from the H1N1 influenza strain known as swine flu since the beginning of 2015, the state-run Petra news agency reported. Deifallah Lozi, the ministry's secretary general, said about 130 cases of the influenza were registered since the beginning of this year including those who died.

He added that the ministry will continue to take measures to combat the spread of influenza.

H1N1 influenza has killed at least 40 people in Jordan in recent years.

In 2009, H1N1 epidemic erupted in Mexico and spread into a worldwide pandemic.—*Reuters*

Toyota's Aqua top-selling car in Japan in FY 2014 for 3 yrs in row

TOKYO, 6 April — Toyota Motor Corp's Aqua hybrid became the top-selling car in Japan in fiscal 2014, maintaining the top spot for the third consecutive year, industry bodies said on Monday.

Aqua sold 228,375 units in the year ended last Tuesday, down 12.1 percent from fiscal 2013. Daihatsu Motor Co's Tanto minicar ranked second, selling 214,865 units, up 19.0 percent, according to the Japan Automobile Dealers Association and the Japan Light Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle Association.

Tanto was the top-selling car in calendar 2014, but Aqua overtook Tanto during the three months through March, as Toyota revamped parts of the hybrid vehicle released in December 2011.

Reflecting the popularity of fuel-efficient compact cars and minivehicles, Honda Motor Co's N-Box minicar came third with sales of 188,922 units, down 16.4 percent.

Minivehicles with engines of up to 660 cc accounted for seven of the 10 best-selling cars in fiscal 2014.

Sales of seven out of the top 10 vehicles, meanwhile, fell from a year earlier, as last April's 3-percentage-point consumption tax hike to 8 percent significantly dragged down demand for expensive products such as cars.

In March alone, sales of Honda's N-box rose 15.0 percent from a year before to 30,633 units, becoming the best-selling car, followed by Aqua, which sold 30,414 units, down 2.4 percent.

With demand growing for less-expensive cars with superior fuel efficiency, minicars account for around 40 percent of the new cars sold in Japan.

But the tax rate on minivehicles was raised this month, which could impact on sales going forward.

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Second Carmat artificial heart patient 'never felt so good'

PARIS, 6 April — The second patient to receive an artificial heart made by French firm Carmat is leading a normal life including physical exercise, eight months after his transplant, the 69-year-old man told weekly *Le Journal du Dimanche* in an interview.

Carmat is conducting trials of its heart device that is designed as a permanent implant that can extend the life of patients without them having to wait for a human heart donor.

The company's first transplant patient, a 76-year-old man, died in March last year, two-and-a-half months after his operation.

The second patient, who has asked not to be named, was discharged from hospital in January in western France.

"I have completely recovered. I can walk, I can get up and I can bend down 10 to 15 times a day without any difficulty," he told the paper in an interview published on Sunday.

"In fact, I have never felt so good," he said.

The patient, who spoke for two hours without losing his breath according to the newspaper, also said he does repair work at home and physical exercise including shooting and cycling.

The patients chosen for Carmat's artificial heart trials suffer from terminal heart failure. The company plans to operate on four patients in its trial phase, and it said last year it had made changes following the death of the first patient due to a short circuit in the device.

In an interview published on Friday in western French daily *Presse Ocean*, *Daniel Duveau*, one of the surgeons who operated on the second Carmat patient, said the next two transplants should be scheduled in the coming months.

Reuters

John Lewis to expand into Philippines

LONDON, 6 April — John Lewis Partnership [JLPLC.UL] said on Sunday it planned to expand internationally by opening outlets in 11 branches of department stores in the Philippines.

The outlets, due to open this summer, follow its establishment of shops in seven branches of South Korean chain Shinsegae and an already announced plan to open outlets in three branches of Singapore department store Robinsons.

The Philippines stores will be set up within branches of SM Retail and Our Home, John Lewis said in a statement, and will be between 300 and 1,000 square feet (30-93 square metres) in size. "The success of our partnership with Shinsegae has given us the confidence to continue our expansion in the international market," said Andy Street, managing director at John Lewis. "We are actively looking for more international partnerships, and expect to make more announcements about our international plans in the next year." Street said that while the move would give John Lewis, which already delivers to 33 countries, access to a new emerging market, its focus on physical expansion remained on Britain.

Shoppers enter a John Lewis store in Leicester, central England, on 14 Nov, 2008.—REUTERS

Reuters

Saudi request for help in Yemen puts Pakistani PM in a bind

ISLAMABAD, 6 April — Pakistan's parliament began debating a Saudi plea for military help in Yemen on Monday, a request that pits Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's staunch Saudi allies against a war-weary Pakistani public.

Saudi Arabia, the Gulf's main Sunni Muslim power, has asked Sunni-majority Pakistan to join a Saudi-led military coalition that began conducting air strikes last month against largely Shi'ite Houthi forces in Yemen.

Sharif has in turn hedged his bets. He has said repeatedly he will defend any threat to Saudi Arabia's "territorial integrity" without defining what action such a threat might provoke.

"They're looking to satisfy Saudi expectations at a minimal level," said Arif Rafiq, a Washington-based adjunct scholar with the Middle East Institute. "They're unlikely to be part of any meaningful action inside Yemen. Maybe they will reinforce the border."

Sharif owes the Saudis. Endemic tax dodging means Pakistan needs regular injections of foreign cash to avoid economic meltdown. Last year, the Saudis gave Pakistan $1.5 billion. Saudi Arabia also sheltered Sharif after he was overthrown in a 1999 military coup.

But joining the Saudi-led coalition could inflame a sectarian conflict at home where about a fifth of the population is Shi'ite and attacks on Shi'ites are increasing, further destabilising the nuclear-armed nation of 180 million people.

*Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif waves after attending the Pakistan Day parade in Islamabad on 23 March, 2015—*REUTERS

Pakistani intervention would probably also anger Shi'ite power Iran, which shares a long and porous border in a region roiling with its own separatist insurgency. Pakistan's other main borders are with arch enemy India and Afghanistan, where Pakistani troops are conducting anti-militant operations. The Iranian foreign minister will visit Pakistan this week.

Pakistani public opinion is also largely against intervention in any Saudi-led action in Yemen.

"It must be remembered that Pakistan is not Saudi Arabia's handmaiden, doing its bidding at the flick of a wrist," said a Friday editorial in the Express Tribune.

Many analysts say the military, which has ruled Pakistan for more than half its existence since independence, has the final call. The generals have been silent.

Pakistan has nearly 1.5 million active soldiers and reserves, but about a third of those are tied up with operations along the Afghan border.

The bulk of the remaining forces face off with nuclear-armed India. Others are executing the government's new counter-terrorism plan.

Even though Saudi Arabia is a "special friend" of both the government and the military, Pakistani intervention in Yemen might be unwise, said retired Major General Mahmud Ali Durrani, a former national security adviser.

"If it was to defend Saudi Arabia against aggression, in spite of our commitments, I think we would stretch to sending troops," he said. "To send our troops to a third country — I think that would be foolhardy.

"Either way, it is an absolutely terrible choice to be made for Pakistan."

Reuters

Pakistan parliament discusses Saudi request to dispatch troops to Yemen

ISLAMABAD, 6 April — A joint session of parliament began discussing on Monday the situation in Yemen in the context of Saudi Arabia's request for the dispatch of Pakistani troops there. The discussion was led by Defence Minister Khwaja Mohammad Asif who told the house that Saudi Arabia has asked Pakistan to join the coalition against rebels in Yemen with aircraft, naval ships and ground troops.

"Our government has expressed unflinching support for Saudi Arabia," Asif said.

The government and the opposition agreed that after the defence minister's speech, the joint session will be adjourned until the evening.

Militants in Yemen have seized parts of the country, prompting Saudi Arabia and some other countries to carry out airstrikes against them.

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Dozens killed in fighting near Yemen's Aden port

ADEN, 6 April — Houthi fighters and allied army units clashed with local militias in the southern Yemeni city of Aden on Sunday, and eyewitnesses said gun battles and heavy shelling ripped through a downtown district near the city's port.

The Houthi forces have been battling to take Aden, a last foothold of fighters loyal to Saudi-backed President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, advancing to the city center despite 11 days of air strikes by a Saudi-led coalition of mainly Gulf air forces.

Sunni Muslim Saudi Arabia launched the air strikes on 26 March in an attempt to turn back the Iran-allied Shi'ite Houthis, who already control Yemen's capital Sanaa, and restore some of Hadi's crumbling authority.

The air and sea campaign has targeted Houthi convoys, missiles and weapons stores and cut off any possible outside reinforcements — although the Houthis deny Saudi accusations that they are armed by Teheran.

The fighting has failed so far to inflict any decisive defeat on the Houthis, or the supporters of former president Ali Abdullah Saleh who are fighting alongside them, but the growing death toll and humanitarian suffering has alarmed aid groups.

The United Nations said on Thursday that more than 500 people had been killed in two weeks of fighting in Yemen, while the International Committee of the Red Cross has appealed for an immediate 24-hour pause in fighting to allow aid into Yemen. The ICRC, which has blamed the Saudi-led coalition for delays in aid shipments, said it received approval to fly in medical supplies and staff and hoped to send two planes on Monday.

A spokesman for the military coalition said the ICRC had approval to fly in aid on Sunday but pulled out because of problems with the company from which it chartered a plane.

Brigadier General Ahmed Asseri also said a Sudanese flight was prevented from landing at Sanaa on Sunday by authorities in the Houthi-run capital, and a Turkish evacuation flight was held up. "Usually, the delay is because of the other side," he said. A pro-Hadi militia source said 36 Houthi and allied fighters were killed on Sunday in Aden's central Mualla district, near the port, while 11 of Hadi's combatants died.

Houthi forces initially advanced towards the port area, but hours later had been pushed back several streets towards an army base. "There are bodies in the streets and we can't get close because there are Houthi snipers on the rooftops. Anything that gets near they shoot at, and the shelling on Mualla has been indiscriminate," a medic told *Reuters*.

Asseri said the coalition was providing pro-Hadi fighters with intelligence, equipment and logistics. "We hope in a few days they will control most of the city," he told reporters in Riyadh.—*Reuters*

Nigeria's neighbours hope for a fresh start with Buhari

MALAM FATORI, (Nigeria), 6 April — Surveying the charred ruins of the northern Nigerian town of Malam Fatori, which Chadian troops and his own soldiers from Niger liberated from Boko Haram last week, Colonel Toumba Mohamed paused to reflect on Nigeria's landmark election.

As the two nations' forces poured into the border town on Tuesday, driving out the Islamist fighters, Nigeria's election commission was announcing the victory of opposition candidate Muhammadu Buhari.

"We hope that finally the armies of Chad and Niger will be able to fight Boko Haram side by side with the Nigerian army," said Toumba, who expects to see changes when Buhari, a former general and Muslim from the north, is sworn in.

Boko Haram's six-year insurgency in northern Nigeria, and incumbent President Goodluck Jonathan's failure to decisively counter the threat, were a key issue in the Nigerian election.

Gains by the Islamist movement, which is seeking to carve a caliphate out of Nigeria's northeast, even forced a poll delay as a regional force launched an offensive to drive them back.

But it has been Chad's battle-hardened troops, and not Nigeria's, that have led in the offensive, expelling Boko Haram from the major towns in the north in just a matter of weeks.

Malam Fatori — seized by Boko Haram in November in fighting that sent hundreds of Nigerian troops stationed there fleeing into Niger — was one of the group's last border footholds.

The fall of the town marked the end of the first phase of regional action, General Seyni Garba, Niger's army chief of staff, told private Niger television station Ténéré.

"The second phase is to secure the whole of the conquered territory with mopping up operations everywhere that Boko Haram can be found. We need to be able to secure the whole of the Lake Chad basin," he said on Sunday.

Buhari has called Nigeria's reliance on neighbouring armies a disgrace and has vowed to restore the territorial integrity of Africa's most populous nation. There is still work to be done.

*Supporters of presidential candidate Muhammadu Buhari gesture in front of his election posters in Kano on 27 March, 2015.—*REUTERS

Boko Haram set Malam Fatori on fire before withdrawing to the former Nigerian army camp outside of town to dig in and fight. In clashes on Wednesday, 170 militants were killed, while nine Chadian soldiers died and another 16 were wounded.

"Boko Haram no longer has a stronghold. But they are still a threat that must be cleaned up," General Seyni Garba, the head of Niger's army, said during a visit to Malam Fatori on Friday.

To date, problems of communication and coordination have stymied military cooperation between Nigeria and its neighbours.

But it has also struggled to overcome distrust between armies that have not always fought on the same side. Chad occupied parts of Nigeria's north in the 1980s. Chad army chief General Brahim Seid Mahamat said on Friday times have changed.

"We came here to help our brother country. When they come to take control of the towns we've liberated, we'll leave."

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Pilots of India's national carrier Air India fight inside cockpit

New Delhi, 6 April — Two pilots of the country's national carrier Air India reportedly had a fight inside the cockpit just before the plane was about to take off from the western city of Jaipur.

The incident happened Sunday evening when the co-pilot of flight number AI 611 beat up the pilot of the Airbus A-320, the reports said on Monday.

The flight, however, flew to the Indian capital of New Delhi after the pilots decided to operate the passenger plane "in the interest of the airline," sources were quoted as saying.

However, Air India has played down the incident, calling it a minor argument between the captain and the co-pilot, even though both the pilots have been suspended from flights.

Xinhua

Global warming posing ice crisis for Japan

Utsunomiya, (Japan), 6 April — While climate change is posing a global threat by melting polar ice, it is creating an ice crisis of a different kind in Japan.

At risk is the tradition of making ice under natural conditions. As the weather pattern has changed in ice-making regions, it has become difficult to ensure the sensitive conditions necessary for producing the crystal-clear ice favoured by aficionados of Japan's favorite summertime delicacy — "kakigori" or shaved ice with flavored syrup.

Although this crisis may not be an existential problem for mankind, it is nonetheless a chilling reminder of the looming shadow of climate change. Global warming, the most prominent marker of climate change, is causing ice caps in the Arctic and Antarctic regions to melt, a phenomenon which, if unchecked, will raise sea levels and flood coastal areas.

"It was rainy throughout December," Yuichiro Yamamoto said with a sigh of frustration on an early February day. "I wonder how many times our ice was ruined," he lamented. Yamamoto, 64, runs a natural ice factory in Nikko, Tochigi Prefecture.

Yuichiro Yamamoto, owner of a natural ice works in Nikko, Tochigi Prefecture, eastern Japan, cuts out ice on 7 February, 2015, for this season's last shipments. Concerns are growing over adverse effects of global warming on the business of supplying naturally formed ice.—Kyodo News

Of course, any ice, be it from the bosom of Mother Nature or from a refrigerator in the kitchen, may be shaved and slathered with syrup. But pristine natural ice carefully nurtured by artisans like Yaamoto is presumably de rigueur, particularly for a clientele in posh places like Ginza in Tokyo and Gion in Kyoto, the main destinations of ice from Yamamoto's factory.

Yamamoto makes ice in a pond similar in size to a typical school pool. Machine cutters are used to divide the naturally formed ice into convenient-sized blocks, around 60 centimeters long, 45 cm wide and 15 cm thick. The ice blocks are kept in a wooden storage shed until shipment.

The tradition of making natural ice has a long history in Nikko, located deep in a mountainous area in the north of the Kanto region where winter cold is severe but there is little snowfall. Snow and rain are a curse for ice factories. For the pond water to be transformed into high-quality natural ice, it is essential that it freeze tight in a slow process that requires a temperature range of 5-8 C below zero. Rainfall and snowfall wreck this process by raising the temperature of the ice surface, causing cracks and reducing transparency.

The result of the wayward weather this winter was not a disaster for ice factories, but it was not quite satisfactory, either. "This year, we managed to secure a sufficient amount (of ice) again, but the quality of some ice was only 70 percent good," Yamamoto said.

Ryoji Asami, who manages an ice factory in Nagatoro, Saitama Prefecture, is also feeling the heat of climate change. "We have to deal with nature. We are lucky to have been able to continue running our factory until now," Asami said.

Asami, 35, has been keeping the records of the state of his factory's ice pond as well as temperature and other weather conditions every morning in the winter season, December to March, as his father did before him. That the weather pattern is not what it used to be is clear from the four decades of records accumulated by Asami and his father. Whereas the temperature dropped to 10 C below zero or lower on more than 10 days each year in the mid-1950s through the mid-1970s, it has fallen to 5 C below zero or lower only on a few days annually in recent years.

"The climate around here has completely changed," Asami said, and he has struggled to cope. For example, he attempted to keep down the temperature of water flowing into the pond by extending the pipe that shields the water from the open air, but to little avail.

In the entire Kanto region, there remain only a handful of natural ice factories, according to Asami. "The natural ice crisis is not something that concerns only our business," Asami said. "One reason why I will continue my work is because I want to make this environmental problem widely recognized."

Kyodo News

S Korea slams distorted Japanese textbooks over disputed islets

Seoul, 6 April — South Korea angrily responded on Monday to new Japanese textbooks distorting history and laying territorial claim to the Dokdo islands, called Takeshima in Japan.

"Today, the Japanese government strengthened its absurd claim to Dokdo, which is irrefutably our inherent part of territory historically, geographically and according to international law," South Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The ministry said it was another "provocation" by Japan, which distorted, diminished and omitted historical facts in its textbook for junior high school students.

The fact that Japan is seeking to cram skewed view of history and territory into the heads of younger generations reflects its intention to repeat the past wrongdoings and its unwillingness to play a responsible role and restore trust from neighbouring countries, the statement said. South Korea's unification ministry also issued a statement in protest against the Japanese textbooks, saying that it was furious about the revised textbooks as it betrays Japan's intention of aggression into Dokdo.

The statement came after Japan's Education Ministry approved 18 textbooks on history, civics and geography that will be used as teaching materials from next year for middle schools.

Among the total, 13 textbooks stated that South Korea "has illegally occupied" the Dokdo islands, up from four in 2011. The number of textbooks claiming that Dokdo is "an inherent part of Japanese territory" jumped from nine to 15 in the same period.

The distorted textbooks came after Japan's education ministry revised its textbook-screening standards in January 2014, sparking controversy over the would-be content of the textbooks.

Since April 2014, all of social study textbooks for 5th- and 6th-grade students in Japan's primary schools have included the content that Dokdo is being illegally occupied by South Korea.

Dokdo is comprised of two main islets and a group of smaller rocks, lying 87 km east of the South Korean island of Ulleungdo. The islets have been administered by South Korea since it stationed border guards there in 1954.

Japan claimed its sovereignty over the rocky outcroppings, but South Korea said the islets were the first victim of Japan's imperialistic occupation of the Korean Peninsula from 1910 to 1945.—*Xinhua*

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development
(Department of Rural Development)
National Community Driven Development Project (IDA Grant H814-MM)
Assignment Title: Township Level Technical Assistance

Ref No.	Township Clusters (TC) by Region/State	No of townships per cluster, beginning in October 2015	Potential expansion into additional townships in subsequent years up to a total of
C4.10	Ayeyawaddy	2 TS	6 TS
C4.11	Bago and Yangon	3 TS	8 TS
C4.12	Kayah	2 TS	5 TS
C4.13	Magway and Chin	2 TS	10 TS
C4.14	Mon, Kayin and Tanintharyi	4 TS	12 TS
C4.15	Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay	3 TS	8 TS
C4.16	Sagaing	12 TS	8 TS

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank to implement the National Community Driven Development Project (NCDD) under the Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development. The Government intends to apply part of the Grant proceeds to hire consulting services for new townships to be covered starting in year 3 of project implementation, e.g. around September 2015.

The consulting services (the "Services") include:

- Assisting township DRD offices in planning, implementing and monitoring project activities in the respective townships in line with the procedures contained in the Project Operations Manual and directions received from the DRD union office.
- Assisting villages and village tracts in (i) the preparation and annual revision of development plans; (ii) sub-project technical design, cost estimation, review and approval; (iii) Sub-project implementation, including adherence to environmental and social safeguards outlined in the Operations Manual, procurement of labor and materials and supervision during implementation; and (iv) organization of annual social audits.
- Assisting village tract project support committees to manage project funds in a transparent and accountable manner.
- Where applicable, providing technical support as needed to existing project townships within the State/ Region.

The consulting services will be procured in seven separate contracts, covering the geographic areas outlined below. Technical assistance will begin in two to four townships (as per the table above) starting in October 2015, and depending on performance and project needs may be increased into additional townships in 2016 up to the total listed above. The consultant teams will include five full time experts based in each township: (i) team leader/training specialist, (ii) finance officer, (iii) procurement officer, (iv)monitoring and evaluation officer, (v) communication/social accountability/gender officer. Furthermore, there may be a national senior advisor as well as short-term inputs by an international CDD expert to support the township teams. In addition, the Consultant will also locally recruit community facilitators (1 CF per 2 village tracts or 8 villages) and technical facilitators (1 TF per 3 village tracts or 15 villages) to be based in each township. In each township, this team shall be in place for a period of 24 months starting from 1 October 2015 to build the capacity of local DRD offices, with an annual review at the end of the first 24 month period in a given township to see what remaining inputs may be needed in each township. Given the phased nature of township expansion, the contract will be for a period of 48 months.

DRD now invites eligible consulting firms or NGOs ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing these Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services in one or more of the townships in the aforementioned locations. Consultants may associate with other NGOs/ firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **18 May 2015** and clearly indicate the township cluster(s) in which the Consultant is interested. Consultants may indicate more than one township cluster in their Expressions of Interest.

Following a review of Expressions of Interest, DRD will invite short-listed consultants to prepare full proposals. Consultants will be selected in accordance with the QBS method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Contracts will be structured primarily as lump sum payments against agreed outputs. The short-listing criteria are:

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

Further information and detailed sample terms of reference may be obtained from the NCDD Project webpage: http://www.cdd.drdmyanmar.org or the address below during office hours from 09h00 to 16h00, Monday through Friday, except public holidays.

Attn: U Khant Zaw (Deputy Chief Engineer)
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Office No. 14, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
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WEATHER REPORT

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 6th April, 2015: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).
STATE OF THE SEA: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(6/2015)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars/Myanmar kyat.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(1)	IFB-001(15-16)	4" Dia Discharge Vibrator Hose and 4" Dia Hammer Union (2) Items	US$
(2)	IFB-002(15-16)	Electrical Spares for USS Oil Well Rig (26) Items	US$
(3)	DMP/L-001(15-16)	PGGO 140 Gear Oil (1) Lot	KS
(4)	DMP/L-002(15-16)	Hydraulic Oil (H.O.L) (1) Lot	KS
(5)	DMP/L-003(15-16)	Cooling Fan Motor, Water Pump & Motor, Oil Pump & Motor for CNG Compressor (4) Items	KS

Tender Closing Date & Time - 4-5-2015, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 6TH April, 2015 at the Finance Department , Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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India's western Gujarat state launches Modi tourism package

NEW DELHI, 6 April — The western Indian state of Gujarat has launched a unique tourism concept — Modi Tourism, a senior official said on Monday.

The tourism package includes a visit to Modi's birthplace in Gujarat, the school where he studied, the railway station where he used to work as a tea vendor in his childhood and an interaction with his former classmates.

The Gujarat Tourism Corporation has launched the concept in collaboration with a private tour operator and the response has been overwhelming, the official said on condition of anonymity.

The tour starts in Vadnagar, where the Indian prime minister was born more than 64 years ago, followed by a visit to Vadnagar Prathamik Kumar Shala primary school, Modi's alma mater, then the streets where Modi used to play as a child.

The package also encompasses a visit to the Vadnagar Railway Station where Modi used to work as a tea vendor in his father's stall in his childhood, the official said.—*Xinhua*

Roadside bomb kills 4 police, wounds 3 in N Afghanistan

PUL-E-KHUMRI, (Afghanistan), 6 April — Four police were killed and three others injured as a roadside bomb struck police van in the northern Baghlan province with Pul-e-Khumri as its capital 160 km north of Kabul on Monday, a local official said. "The terrorists organized a roadside bomb which struck police vehicle in Baghlan-e-Markazi district at noon time killing four police personnel and injuring three others," district governor Gohar Khan Babri told *Xinhua*.

Meanwhile, Zabihullah Mujahid who claims to speak for the Taleban outfit in contact with media claimed responsibility, saying the Taleban insurgents were behind the bombing.—*Xinhua*

Abigail Breslin to release debut album in June

Former child actress Abigail Breslin

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — Former child actress Abigail Breslin will release her debut album, "The World Now", on 15 June, this year. Breslin announced the project in a Twitter post she sent out earlier this week.

"I am so happy to tell you I will be releasing my debutalbum, 'The World Now' 15th June 2015!!!! Produced by @DavidAndronico," she wrote.

In a follow-up tweet, the "Little Miss Sunshine" star revealed some more details about the upcoming record.

"'The World Now' is all new music that I wrote and it's the story of my life over the past 2 years and I can't wait for you to hear it," she added.

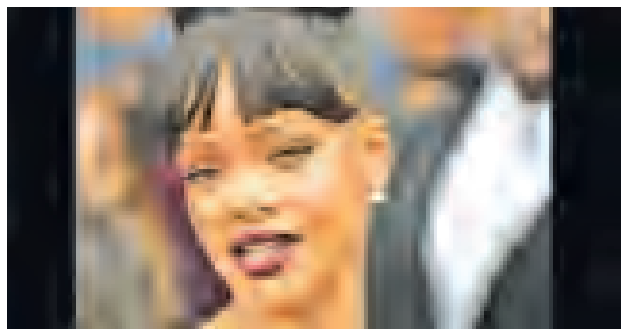
"The World Now" is expected to feature "You Suck", Breslin's first single which she debuted late last year.—*PTI*

I am boring when not working: Rihanna

LONDON, 6 April — R&B star Rihanna says her life is not as glamorous as it is thought to be and she is a "boring" person when not working. Rihanna, 27, said her work forms the most exciting part of her life, reported *Female First.*

When asked about the biggest misconception about her, she said, "That I live an exciting life around the clock. Yes I do love to go out and do things, travel the world and have new experiences but when I get home I'm just so boring. I just want to lie on the couch and watch TV." The singer admitted to be a fan of reality shows.

"I love reality TV – although I know it's awful – movies, documentaries, anything. And late at night, I only watch cartoons because I don't want to get scared," she said.—*PTI*



***R&B star Rihanna says her life is not as glamorous as it is thought to be and she is a "boring" person when not working.*—PTI**

Kylie Minogue looks forward to 10th anniversary of cancer all-clear

LONDON, 6 April — Actress Kylie Minogue says she will celebrate the 10th anniversary of her all-clear from breast cancer with family, friends, champagne and tears.

Minogue was 36 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer on 17 May, 2005. Four days later she had surgery and soon after she started chemotherapy, an experience she later likened to "experiencing a nuclear bomb", reported *The Guardian.* Appearing as a guest on ITV's "Jonathan Ross Show", she said of the upcoming anniversary, "I'm good. I have yet to reach my 10-year mark, which I imagine I'll be having a bit of champagne and crying a lot and feeling very happy and joyful and thanking all my friends and family.

Actress Kylie Minogue

"It's quite difficult to talk about it in interview situations because it's deep and it's long and it's involved and it's hard to really say what it was in a neat package. It's pretty strange."

When asked on the show whether she identified with Angelina Jolie's recent decision to speak publicly about having her ovaries removed.

"To a point," she replied, adding, "I mean cancer has many forms. I guess I can only say to a point I did because I don't really know her story, she doesn't really know my story.

"Cancer has probably touched everyone in this audience in some way or another and all the stories are different, but certainly in as much as she felt it was her duty to talk about it. I never questioned — not for a split-second did I think of not saying what I had.

PTI

Sam Smith flies to Paris for new album

Grammy-winning singer Sam Smith has flown to Paris to pen the follow-up album to his debut work "In The Lonely Hour". —PTI

LONDON, 6 April — Grammy-winning singer Sam Smith has flown to Paris to pen the follow-up album to his debut work "In The Lonely Hour".

The 22-year-old singer, who wrote his first record after suffering heartbreak, said he is "completely over" his old crush and is now looking for some new inspiration.

Smith's bass player Brendan Grieve tweeted, "Another amazing writing session with @samsmithworld @itsreubenjames."

While he is dedicated to producing his second album, he also took some time out from working in the studio to enjoy the romance capital of the world and visited the iconic Eiffel Tower.

"Amazing hotel room. So happy right now," he wrote on Twitter.

PTI

'Furious 7' destroys records with $143.6 million debut

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — 'Furious 7' raced to the top of the domestic box office, picking up a massive $143.6 million in its opening weekend. That establishes a new high-water mark for the month of April, blowing past the $95 million debut of 'Captain America: The Winter Soldier', and stands as the highest-grossing kick-off for any film in the 'Fast and Furious' franchise. It also ranks ninth among the top ten openings in history.

Much as 'The Dark Knight' turned into a memorial for Heath Ledger, audiences flocked to see star Paul Walker in one of his final roles. The actor died in a 2013 car crash at the age of 40 and his work on the film was completed using digital technology and a series of stand-ins. "This is a bittersweet installment in the franchise," said Phil Contrino, vice president and chief analyst at BoxOffice.com. "[Walker's] passing made this movie more intriguing for people who hadn't seen some of the installments. It raised awareness and its success is a tribute to him."

Universal Pictures spared no expense in bringing the latest chapter in the fast cars and gravity-defying-stunts series to the big screen, shelling out $190 million on the production. It unspooled in 4,003 North American theaters, earning $14 million on 365 Imax screens and $11.5 million from premium large format screens. Going into the weekend, most analysts estimated that the film would open in the $115 million range. Foreign numbers were steroidal. Internationally, the film rolled out across 10,500 screens in 63 territories, earning $240.4 million. "This is the next member of the billion dollar club and that's a rarefied place to be," said Contrino. "This thing is on fire." With an A CinemaScore and strong reviews, 'Furious 7' could be one of the few modern blockbusters that hangs on for more than a few weeks. The month of April is lean on blockbuster fare and 'Furious 7' won't get serious competition until "The Avengers: Age of Ultron" debuts on 1 May.

The opening weekend crowd was impressively diverse, a testament to a series that has drawn strength from its multi-cultural cast. The audience was 51% male, 44% under age 25, 37% Hispanic, 25% Caucasian, 24% African-American and 10% Asian. "We're expanding our audience based on the diversity of interest from different ethnic groups all buying into saga of Dom Toretto and his family," said Nick Carpou, Universal's president of domestic distribution, referencing the character played by Vin Diesel.

Last weekend's box office champion, DreamWorks Animation's "Home," showed impressive stamina, falling less than 50%. The animated tale picked up $27.4 million in its sophomore frame, pushing its domestic total to $95.6 million.

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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Daw Soe Soe (Sally San Lin), daughter of Sithu U Tin and Wunna Kyaw Htin Daw Kin Thet Tin, wife of U San Lin, mother of Daw Hmi Hmi Lin and U Soe Lin (Dougals)-Myadali, grandmother of Wyn Soe Lin-Amara Thiri Myaing, who passed away a year ago on 7th April, 2014. 7th April 2015, Sadly missed by family and friends.

Defoe's cracker seals derby win for Sunderland

Burnley's Danny Ings has a shot on goal against Tottenham Hotspur during their Barclays Premier League at Turf Moor on 5 April, 2015.—REUTERS

LONDON, 6 April — Jermain Defoe made himself an instant Sunderland hero with a sensational volleyed goal to seal a vital 1-0 win over North East rivals Newcastle United in the Premier League on Sunday.

Londoner Defoe, signed in January from MLS side Toronto to help Sunderland climb away from danger, sent a dipping thunderbolt over Newcastle keeper Tim Krul just before halftime to send the home fans into delirium.

It proved enough to earn Sunderland a first league win in eight attempts and give manager Dick Advocaat a victory in his second match in charge since replacing Gus Poyet.

Relegation-haunted Sunderland moved up to 15th place in the table, three points above third-from-bottom Burnley who had earlier drawn 0-0 at home to Tottenham Hotspur.

It was Sunderland's fifth derby win in a row and they deserved the spoils after playing the better football in a typically frenetic clash, with Defoe impressive throughout.

His winner arrived out of nowhere in first half stoppage time and in its own way was just as spectacular as Stoke City midfielder Charlie Adam's 60-metre goal at Chelsea on Saturday.

A long punt forward was flicked on by Steven Fletcher and Defoe, lurking just outside the area, connected with his left foot, sending the ball on an unstoppable trajectory over Krul.

The former England striker appeared close to tears as he walked off the Stadium of Light pitch at the break and was given a standing ovation when he was substituted later.

"It's unbelievable," Defoe told Sky Sports as he watched a video monitor showing his goal.

"I just concentrated on the strike. As soon as it left my foot I knew it was a goal. An unbelievable feeling, words can't describe the way I felt."

Newcastle applied some late pressure in a desperate bid to avoid a fourth consecutive league defeat and the home fans had their hearts in their mouths when Ayoze Perez fizzed a volley just over the crossbar as full-time approached.

Newcastle remained in 13th place with 35 points.

If there was tension aplenty at Sunderland, Burnley's home stalemate with a lacklustre Tottenham side resembled a training ground kickabout at times.

Spurs barely managed an effort on target while Burnley's best two chances fell to striker Danny Ings.

He fired straight at Tottenham keeper Michel Vorm after some sloppy defending early on and then forced a fine save from the Dutchman with a curling effort just before the interval.

Spurs, who could have moved above Liverpool into fifth with a victory, showed little attacking intent with England new boy Harry Kane, captain for the day, largely anonymous.

Burnley remained in the relegation zone but moved back above Queens Park Rangers into 18th place, two points behind Aston Villa who lost 3-1 at Manchester United on Saturday.

Despite not capitalising on the game's best chances, Burnley manager Sean Dyche said he was happy enough with his side.

"It was a strange game and that sometimes happens when the sun shines out of nowhere — especially up here," he told the BBC. "Every point is vital and it's a clean sheet against a good side. Sometimes you've got to be realistic and accept that.

"We're not disappointed. We went for the win and created chances that could have won the game."

Tottenham clambered ahead of Southampton into sixth spot with 54 points, the same as Liverpool, but their hopes of finishing in the top four and qualifying for the Champions League are fading fast.

On Saturday Chelsea stretched their lead at the top to seven points with a 2-1 victory over Stoke, although Manchester City can cut it to six if they beat Crystal Palace on Monday.—*Reuters*

Samsung signs local sponsorship deal for 2018 Games

SEOUL, 6 April — South Korea's Samsung Group has signed a 100 billion won ($92.22 million) local sponsorship contract to support the 2018 Winter Games, Pyeongchang organizers (POCOG) announced on Monday. Sponsors had initially been slow to come forward for Pyeongchang, prompting the Korean government to urge business leaders to support the Games, but POCOG said that with Samsung's involvement they had achieved more than 40 percent of their target.

Samsung, who extended its TOP sponsorship contract as a worldwide International Olympic Committee partner last year, will provide assistance across a variety of business areas in the run-up to Asia's first Winter Olympics outside Japan. It first signed up as a TOP sponsor with the IOC in 1998 and was also a local sponsor at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

POCOG President Cho Yang-ho suggested that bringing Samsung on board would make other companies follow suit.

"We are happy to have Samsung support in addition to the TOP partner agreement with POCOG," he said in a statement. "We are confident that this sponsorship agreement will encourage other Korean companies to join as sponsors for the Pyeongchang 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games." Samsung's involvement brings to six the number of local sponsorship agreements inked by POCOG with the Games less than three years away. National flag carrier Korean Air signed up during an IOC coordination committee meeting last month. Earlier on Monday, POCOG announced that the Korea International Cooperation Agency, the government-funded organization which oversees foreign assistance and promotes the country abroad, had also signed on to give the Games a boost.

Reuters

A worker works on a Samsung outdoor advertisement installed atop an office building in central Seoul on 23 March, 2015.—REUTERS

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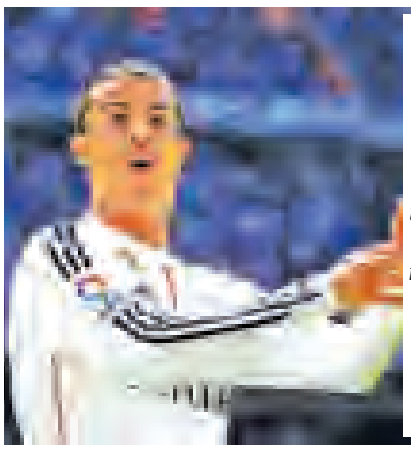
Ronaldo hits five, Barca eke out win at Celta



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates his goal against Granada during their Spanish first division soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, on 5 April, 2015. REUTERS

MADRID, 6 April — Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo hit his quickest hat-trick on the way to netting his first five-goal haul in a 9-1 drubbing of Granada on Sunday but there was no change at the top of La Liga as leaders Barcelona edged a 1-0 win at Celta Vigo.

Portugal captain Ronaldo struck three times in eight minutes in the first half and added two headers after the break on a festive, sun-drenched afternoon at the Bernabeu to help fire Real to their biggest victory in almost half a century.

Ronaldo's five goals took his tally in La Liga this season to 36, four ahead of Barca forward Lionel Messi, who was unable to get on the scoresheet in Galicia, where Jeremy Mathieu headed the winner in the 73rd minute.

Barca have 71 points with nine games left, with Real on 67. Champions Atletico Madrid are third on 62 points after they won 2-0 at bottom side Cordoba on Saturday.

Valencia missed their chance to climb back above Atletico when they were held to a 0-0 draw at home by sixth-placed Villarreal and have 61 points in fourth.

After failing to find the net in his previous nine outings, Gareth Bale netted his fifth in his last four appearances for club and country to put Real ahead in the 25th minute.

The Wales winger and world record signing pounced on a defensive error, rounded Granada goalkeeper Oier Olazabal and slotted the ball into the empty net.

Ronaldo clipped home his first of the game five minutes later, added a second after more poor defending in the 36th minute and a third in the 38th when Oier could only palm his fierce shot into the net.

Benzema made it 5-0 at a corner seven minutes into the second half, Ronaldo nodded his fourth two minutes later and Benzema grabbed his second a further two minutes after that as Real put a woeful second-bottom Granada to the sword.

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Players of Myanmar national women's team taking intensive training at training grounds and Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon so as to take part in AFF Women's Championship in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from 1 to 10 May.—MFF

Djokovic continues domination with win over Murray

Novak Djokovic celebrates with the Butch Buchholz Championship Trophy after his match against Andy Murray in the men's singles final on day fourteen of the Miami Open at Crandon Park Tennis Centre, Key Biscayne, FL, USA on 5 April, 2015.—REUTERS

MIAMI, 6 April — World number one Novak Djokovic continued his impressive run of form, winning the Miami Open over Andy Murray 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-0 at Key Biscayne on Sunday.

The victory followed Djokovic's triumphs at the Australian Open and Indian Wells and was the Serb's fifth title at Miami. He has now beaten Murray in 10 straight matches on hard courts and has an 18-8 overall record against the Scot. The contest, played in the early afternoon heat and bright sunshine, was captivating for two sets but after Djokovic broke in the first game of the final set, he never looked back.

"It was brutal. Very warm. I was prepared for a physical battle but it's one thing to prepare and another thing to experience it on court," said Djokovic.

"It is not the first time I have had this kind of battle with Andy. As I was expecting, there were very long rallies and I just managed to play the third set as I was supposed to. I am thrilled with this win."

Murray started aggressively and broke Djokovic in the third game, but the Serb broke back straight away and then dominated the tie-break. The second set produced some wonderful tennis from both players but turned in Murray's favour when, at 5-4 up, he broke Djokovic to love.

Following up on a brilliant return of an overhead shot from Djokovic that took him to break point, Murray sealed the set with a superb cross-court backhand winner. Djokovic lost his cool, picking up a code violation for his yelling at the end of the set that left a nearby ball boy looking shaken. But the Serb quickly turned his anger to his advantage. He broke Murray in the first game of the third set, the Scot twice dragging the ball into the net on the final two points to hand Djokovic an edge he was in no mood to let slip away.—*Reuters*

PSG back on top with 3-2 win at rivals Marseille

Olympique Marseille's Rod Fanni (R) challenges Paris St Germain's Zlatan Ibrahimovic during their French Ligue 1 soccer match at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, on 5 April, 2015.—REUTERS

PARIS, 6 April — Two goals in three minutes earned Paris St Germain a 3-2 win at bitter rivals Olympique de Marseille as the French champions regained the Ligue 1 lead on Sunday.

Andre-Pierre Gignac scored twice as OM reached the interval with a 2-1 advantage after Blaise Matuidi had equalized, only for the visitors to score through Marquinhos and Jeremy Morel's own goal in the 49th and 51st.

PSG have 62 points with seven games left and lead Olympique Lyonnais, who beat En Avant Guingamp 3-1 away on Saturday, by one point with Marseille in third on 57.

OM, who had lost only one of their last eight league games, were on the back foot early on but they went ahead on the half hour when Gignac sent a powerful header past Salvatore Sirigu from Dimitri Payet's cross.

PSG centre back David Luiz sustained a possible hamstring injury and was substituted by Gregory van der Wiel in the 34th minute.

In the 35th, PSG hit back with Matuidi curling a superb shot from just inside the box into the far top corner.

Javier Pastore then lost possession in the midfield and Alaixys Romao set up Gignac, who slotted the ball past Sirigu two minutes before the break.

Marseille though got off to a terrible start in the second half and they paid dearly for it.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic's free kick was deflected by goalkeeper Steve Mandanda into the path of Marquinhos, who smashed the ball into the roof of the net in the 49th minute.

Two minutes later, Morel, pressured by Ibrahimovic, deflected a cross into his own goal as PSG took the lead.

PSG came close to making it 4-2 when Pastore's low shot shaved the post.

Marcelo Bielsa substituted the disappointing Florian Thauvin for Lucas Ocampos in midfield before sending on Michy Batshuayi for Gignac, who was sent off after the final whistle for arguing with the referee.

Neither change could alter Marseille's fate, which had been sealed by their three-minute snooze.

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