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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No. 22/2012

2nd Waxing of Kason, 1374 ME

(22 April, 2012)

39 Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives substituted

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute 39 Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted 39 Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives stated hereunder in Notification No. 1/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 and Notification No. 5/2011 of the commission dated 29-1-2011 with personnel shown against them.

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| (1) BC 26985
Major Win Moe Khaing | (Substitution) BC 14185
Brig-Gen Wai Linn |
| (2) BC 26996
Major Thet Win Aung | (Substitution) BC 16413
Brig-Gen Win Myint |
| (3) BC 27004
Major Khin Zaw Moe | (Substitution) BC 17943
Brig-Gen Tauk Tun |
| (4) BC 27012
Major Kyaw Linn | (Substitution) BC 18280
Brig-Gen Min Naung |
| (5) BC 30859
Major Win Aung | (Substitution) BC 17319
Col Aung Thiha |
| (6) BC 33046
Major Win Ko Ko | (Substitution) BC 18029
Col Aung Myint |
| (7) BC 33057
Major Yarzar Linn | (Substitution) BC 18701
Col Myint Han |
| (8) BC 33062
Major Thaw Zin Naing | (Substitution) BC 19307
Col Khin Maung Tun |
| (9) BC 33063
Major Tin Ko Linn | (Substitution) BC 19584
Col Saw Min |
| (10) BC 33079
Major Aung Aung | (Substitution) BC 19642
Col Than Htut Thein |
| (11) BC 33124
Major Than Soe Htaik | (Substitution) BC 20205
Col Than Tun Oo |
| (12) BC 33129
Major Zaw Aye Tun | (Substitution) BC 20255
Col Kyaw Shwe |
| (13) BC 33135
Major Yan Gyi Aung | (Substitution) BC 21915
Col Hla Myint Soe |
| (14) BC 33138
Major Kaung Htet San | (Substitution) BC 16617
Lt-Col Saw Shwe |
| (15) BC 33142
Major Win Min Thant | (Substitution) BC 18074
Lt-Col Ngwe Soe |
| (16) BC 33145
Major Aung Hsan Win | (Substitution) BC 19001
Lt-Col Kyaw Myint |
| (17) BC 33147
Major Myo Min Tun | (Substitution) BC 20193
Lt-Col Nyi Nyi Lwin |
| (18) BC 33160
Major Zaw Zaw Linn | (Substitution) BC 20231
Lt-Col Pe Kyaing |
| (19) BC 33178
Major Min Han Tun | (Substitution) BC 20991
Lt-Col Khin Maung Win |
| (20) BC 33180
Major Soe Thiha | (Substitution) BC 21470
Lt-Col Win Naing |
| (21) BC 33187
Major Aung Aung Latt | (Substitution) BC 21880
Lt-Col Thein Htut |
| (22) BC 33193
Major Kyaw Lin | (Substitution) BC 21909
Lt-Col Tin Moe |
| (23) BC 33208
Major Chan Min Latt | (Substitution) BC 22100
Lt-Col Hla Soe |

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(22 April, 2012)

20 Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives substituted

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute 20 Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted 20 Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives stated hereunder in Notification No. 2/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against them.

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| (1) BC 24888
Major Myint Naing Than | (Substitution) BC 13765
Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin |
| (2) BC 26982
Major Win Min | (Substitution) BC 16736
Brig-Gen Min Thein Zan |
| (3) BC 27105
Major Thein Tun Tin | (Substitution) BC 17974
Brig-Gen Aung San Chit |
| (4) BC 33061
Major Sai Thura | (Substitution) BC 18959
Brig-Gen Myat Kyaw |
| (5) BC 33066
Major Pyae Phyo Kyaw | (Substitution) BC 16601
Col Khin Soe |
| (6) BC 33067
Major Nay Tun Lin | (Substitution) BC 18020
Col Aung Khin Zaw |
| (7) BC 33068
Major Soe Thiha Kyaw | (Substitution) BC 19717
Col Aung Kyaw |
| (8) BC 33082
Major Aung Aung | (Substitution) BC 20331
Col Thet Tun Aung |
| (9) BC 33099
Major Zaw Min Thant | (Substitution) BC 20808
Col Nay Myo Aung |
| (10) BC 33108
Major Lin Aung Kyaw Soe | (Substitution) BC 18032
Lt-Col San Win |
| (11) BC 33121
Major Nyan Myo Kyaw | (Substitution) BC 19499
Lt-Col Tun Lin Aung |
| (12) BC 33125
Major Sithu | (Substitution) BC 21317
Lt-Col Than Kyaw Soe |
| (13) BC 33127
Major Yan Naung Soe | (Substitution) BC 21503
Lt-Col Zaw Moe |
| (14) BC 33136
Major Zaw Thant Lwin | (Substitution) BC 23990
Lt-Col Zaw Moe Lwin |
| (15) BC 33155
Major Nay Lwin Phone Myint | (Substitution) BC 24192
Lt-Col Zaw Than Htaik |
| (16) BC 33156
Major Aung Zaw Oo | (Substitution) BC 24927
Lt-Col Ye Naing Oo |
| (17) BC 33162
Major Kyaw Swa Win Khaing | (Substitution) BC 25863
Lt-Col Hlaing Win |
| (18) BC 33166
Major Kyaw Lin | (Substitution) BC 26019
Lt-Col Kyaw Soe Oo |
| (19) BC 33205
Major Soe Hein Naung | (Substitution) Navy 35806
Cdr Kyaw Kyaw Htoo |
| (20) BC 33341
Major Nanda Aye | (Substitution) Air 2162
Lt-Col Soe Lin |

By order,

(Win Ko)
Secretary

Union Election Commission

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 23 April, 2012

Improve waste collection system

Today, local municipal authorities are calling on the people to follow the waste dumping ways such as dumping wastes including plastic bags at garbage and designated dump sites.

Besides, as part of environmental conservation and waste management which was given low-priority attention, people are urged to use recycling bags instead of plastic bags, to dump garbage directly into the vehicles and into

garbage tanks.

However, there are garbage piles out of garbage tanks and over piling garbage, tarnishing the image of towns.

The constant dumping of domestic garbage at garbage sites make the environment of the area highly unsuitable for students of minor age, as young as three years old. A dumping spot has virtually become the breeding ground for mosquitoes, flies, and germs, multiplying their presence in the environs of the locality that could cause epidemics among minor students. The germs and bacteria rife in the environment especially during the currently changing weather pattern and advent of summer could cause harmful epidemics among residents.

Just conducting garbage campaigns to distribute

recycle bags and to urge the people to dump their garbage at designated sites is not enough to create hygienic environments and to clean towns.

It is clear that not only the people but also local municipal bodies are responsible for garbage dumping spots with piles of garbage for several days.

Today is the time for local municipal bodies to really look again at our garbage collection system and they should give priority to streamlining waste collection and should open their eyes to the danger its dump poses to the general health of its people.

Meanwhile, people are to cut back on household waste through recycling, a reduction in unnecessary packaging materials, or simply less wasteful consumption. Let's work together!!!

39 Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw ...

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| (24) BC33212
Major Aung Ko Latt | (Substitution) BC22390
Lt-Col Win Zaw Htay |
| (25) BC33214
Major Soe Min Aung | (Substitution) BC22403
Lt-Col Thein Htay |
| (26) BC33216
Major Kaung Myat | (Substitution) BC22462
Lt-Col Tun Linn Oo |
| (27) BC33229
Major Aung Teza Lwin | (Substitution) BC22613
Lt-Col Ye Htut |
| (28) BC 33231
Major Sein Myint | (Substitution) BC 22983
Lt-Col Myat Khaing |
| (29) BC 33253
Major Hnine Khaing | (Substitution) BC 23001
Lt-Col Saw Myint Win Aung |
| (30) BC 33313
Major Soe Thura | (Substitution) BC 23011
Lt-Col Kyaw Aung |
| (31) BC33326
Major Aung Kyaw Soe | (Substitution) BC23174
Lt-Col Htin Kyaw Soe |
| (32) BC33376
Major Kyaw Myo Tun | (Substitution) BC24002
Lt-Col Aung Khaing |
| (33) BC33450
Major Aung Myat Htay | (Substitution) BC24850
Lt-Col Than Naing |
| (34) BC34001
Major Oak Soe Hlaing | (Substitution) BC24853
Lt-Col Thein Win |
| (35) BC34024
Major Yazar Tun | (Substitution) BC24983
Lt-Col Myo Tun |
| (36) BC34111
Major Aung Naing Win | (Substitution) BC25258
Lt-Col Myo Myint Oo |
| (37) BC 34126
Major Hein Htet Aung | (Substitution) BC 26839
Lt-Col Kyaw Thiha |
| (38) BC34135
Major Soe Win Naing | (Substitution) Navy 3686
Cdr Moe Hein |
| (39) BC34136
Major Kyaw Lwin Oo | (Substitution) Air 1934
Lt-Col Khin Myint |

By order,

(Win Ko)
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Sports federations meet to prepare for XXVII SEA Games



Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu delivering an address at work-coordinating meeting on preparation for XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013.—MNA

YANGON, 22 April— Myanmar Sports Federations met at National Indoor Stadium 1 (Thuwunna), Thingangyun Township here this morning to discuss preparation for XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013.

During the meeting, Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu highlighted the need of urgent preparations to host sports events and clinch medals by

forming SEA Games preparation subcommittees. He noted that preparedness measures were needed since then to win victories in respective sports events as the success in the SEA Games was of national objective. He called for exploration of qualified athletes and intensive training for mastery of techniques and tactics. He stressed sending of athletes aboard to receive joint-training and participation in investigational qualifiers is a must.

Next, Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports

and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik called for unprecedented victories over sports events, suggesting hosting Olympic sports categories in the SEA Games.

Afterwards, presidents, vice-presidents and secretaries of respective sports federations discussed requirement of coaches, number old selected players and new blood, joint-training programme, and requirement or sports gear for training and sports competitions, followed by concluding remarks of the deputy minister.—MNA



ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: A total of 20 retired teachers were provided K 50,000 each at home through the fund of Thanlyin Basic Education High School No 1 old students committee on New Year Day, 17 April. Patron of the old teachers respect paying committee U Tin Win, Secretary U Maung Maung Toe and committee members present cash assistance to SAT (Rtd) Daw Apein of 99 years old.—Kyemon

New school buildings extended in Thandaunggyi

THANDAUNGGYI, 22 April—New buildings are under construction at Basic Education Primary Schools in Thandaunggyi of Kayin State.

A one-storey four-classroom reinforced concrete building including toilet, 72 feet long and 23 feet wide, is being built at BEPS in Ward 1 of Thandaunggyi, spending K 44.8 million.

Moreover, BEPS in Ward 3 is being facilitated with a one-storey four-classroom RV building, 120 feet long and 32 feet wide, including toilet. It costs K 65.8 million.

In Ward 5, the BEPS is being provided with a one-storey two-classroom RC building, 72 feet long and 32 feet wide, including toilet. The facility costs K 42.3 million. All the constructions have completed by 50 per cent.

The buildings will be opened before 2012-2013 academic year with the assistance of UNHCR and Progress or Border Areas and National Races Department.

Ko Lwin (Swa)



Photo shows progress of construction site for new building of Basic Education Primary School in Thandaunggyi Township.

Three Tunisians killed in Syrian fighting

TUNIS, 22 April — Three Tunisian nationals were killed by forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, the local newspaper *Attounissiya* reported on Saturday. The three young Tunisian nationals infiltrated into Syria with two others from Tunisia's southern town of Ben Guerane in March to join the Syrian opposition in its fight against the Syrian regime.

The families of the victims asked the country's foreign affairs ministry to repatriate the bodies of their slain relatives, according to the report. In February, five other Tunisians arrived in Syria through Turkey to join anti-government fighters. Four of the five men were reportedly arrested while the fifth managed to escape, the newspaper said. — *Xinhua*



Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, addresses a banquet held by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Thailand in Bangkok, Thailand, on 21 April, 2012. — XINHUA

China's top political advisor vows more cooperation with ASEAN countries

BANGKOK, 22 April — China's top political advisor Jia Qinglin on Saturday said China will join hands with Thailand and other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to promote east Asian cooperation. Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), made the remarks when addressing a banquet held here by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Thailand. More than 900 people from all walks of life attended the banquet. Jia said China had always supported ASEAN's development and actively participated in east Asian cooperation since the establishment of their dialogue relationship in 1991. As a big country outside the region, China took the lead in joining the ASEAN Treaty of Amity and Cooperation, establishing strategic partnership with ASEAN, signing free trade

French Red Cross official kidnapped in Yemen



SANAA, 22 April — A French official with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been kidnapped by armed men in Yemen. He was seized late Saturday around 30km (20 miles) from the Red Sea port of Hodeida. It is not yet clear who is responsible, but

kidnappings of westerners are not uncommon in Yemen.

The ICRC said it had not heard from the kidnappers but it has issued a call for the aid worker's immediate release. Reports say the man, who has not yet been named, was with two Yemeni drivers who were released shortly afterwards.

The Red Cross office in Sanaa said he had been working in the northern city of Saada. Last week, al-Qaeda announced that it was holding a Saudi diplomat kidnapped at the end of March.

Abdullah al-Khalidi, a deputy consul in Aden, was abducted outside his home in the southern port city on 28 March. Al-Qaeda called for militants held in Saudi Arabian prisons to be freed in exchange for his release. A Swiss woman working as a teacher was also kidnapped in Hodeida in March. French news agency *AFP* reported that she is being held by al-Qaeda after being taken to the far eastern province of Shabwa. — *Internet*

Iraqis clear the debris following a blast in central Baghdad on 19 April. Bombs exploded in two minibuses in Baghdad on Saturday, killing three people and wounding at least 17, while a bomb attack on a governor's convoy wounded two guards, security officials said.

INTERNET



Three killed, 17 injured in bomb attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 April — Three people were killed and 17 others injured Saturday in separate bomb attacks in Iraq, the police said.

In the morning, two roadside bombs went off almost simultaneously near two minibuses at the Shiite neighborhood of Chikook in northwestern Baghdad, killing three people and wounding 12 others, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In eastern Iraq, Hisham

al-Hiyali, governor of Diyala province, survived a roadside bomb explosion near his convoy while travelling near the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala's operations command anonymously told *Xinhua*.

Three of Hiyali's bodyguards were wounded by the blast, which also damaged one of his convoy's vehicles, the source said.

In the western province of Anbar, two policemen were

injured when a sticky bomb attached to their car detonated near the provincial capital city of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, a provincial police source anonymously told *Xinhua*.

MNA/Xinhua



Rescuers work at the scene of a bus-truck collision on the Yanjiang Expressway in Changshu, east China's Jiangsu Province on 22 April, 2012. Thirteen people died after a tour bus collided with a truck here on Sunday morning, said traffic police in Jiangsu Province. The injured, numbering more than a dozen, have been rushed to a local hospital for treatment.

XINHUA

13 dead, 21 injured in road accident in E China

NANJING, 22 April — Thirteen people were confirmed dead and 21 people injured after a collision between a tour bus and a truck on Sunday morning, Jiangsu provincial government confirmed Sunday.

The accident occurred at 9:25 a.m. after a tour bus from Shanghai drove through the barriers in the middle of the expressway and collided with a heavy truck coming in the opposite direction in the Changshu section of the Yanjiang Expressway in Jiangsu Province.

Both vehicles were overturned at the scene, the government spokesman said.

According to official reports, 33 passengers were aboard the bus when the accident happened. Six bus passengers and the driver of the truck were killed instantly, and six other people died after rescue efforts failed.

Among the 21 injured, four are still in critical condition.

The tour bus left Shanghai People's Square at 8:00 a.m. and was heading to Shanghu in Changshu, for a peony show.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Xinhua

Blast rocks Syria airbase: monitors

DAMASCUS, 22 April — A huge explosion on Saturday rocked a Syrian military airport on the outskirts of the capital, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported. "A loud explosion was heard at the Mazzeh military airport in Damascus," the Britain-based monitoring group said. It provided no further details. Activists however told *AFP* that the army blocked the road leading to the military airbase

while snipers took positions on the rooftops of buildings in the area.

Sporadic clashes between government troops and army deserters have rocked Damascus in recent weeks, ahead of the ceasefire that went into effect on 12 April. Mazzeh, an upscale district which houses many government offices and embassies, is a Damascus neighbourhood that has been

hit by violence. The latest report comes as a team of United Nations observers monitoring the shaky ceasefire visited the central Syrian province of Homs on Saturday, according to the state news agency *SANA*. Monitors say more than 200 people have been killed in Syria since the ceasefire to which the government and rebels committed themselves. — *Internet*



A picture released by the official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) in December 2011 shows a Syrian military aircraft. A huge explosion on Saturday rocked a Syrian military airport on the outskirts of the capital, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported.

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Polar bears are no new kids on the block

SVALBART, 22 April—Polar bears evolved as a separate species far earlier than previously thought, according to a new genetic study, which adds to worries about their ability to adapt in a rapidly warming world. Research published on Thursday found the Arctic's top predators split off from brown bears, their closest relatives, around 600,000 years ago - five times earlier than scientists had generally assumed.

The finding suggests polar bears took a long time to adapt to their icy world and may therefore struggle to adjust as the Arctic gets warmer and the sea ice melts, depriving them of vital hunting platforms. Despite being a very different species in terms of body size, skin and coat color, fur type, tooth structure, and behavior, previous research had indicated that polar and brown bears diverged only recently in evolutionary terms.

That assumption was

based on studying mitochondrial lineage - a small part of the genome, or DNA, that is passed exclusively from mothers to offspring.

But after studying a lot more DNA from inside the cell nucleus, using samples from 19 polar and 18 brown bears, Frank Hailer of Germany's Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre and colleagues reached a very different conclusion. They found both polar and brown bears were much older, as species, according to a paper published in the journal *Science* on Thursday.

"Previous studies suggested that polar bears would have had to be evolving very rapidly, since they were so young," Hailer said in a telephone interview.

"Our study provides a lot more time for polar bears to adapt... It makes more sense from an evolutionary standpoint that polar bears would be older."

His team's calculations



A polar bear mother and her cubs rest on a piece of drift ice in the Barents Sea, northern Svalbard, late July 2011.—REUTERS

put the moment when the two types of bears diverged in the Pleistocene period, when the climate record shows that global temperatures reached a long-term low. That could be coincidental but it suggests that the planet's cooling may have triggered the split.

While the latest research implies that past polar bear adaptation was probably a slow process, it also means the animals have been through warming phases before. "If they go extinct in this phase of warming, we're going to have to ask ourselves

what our role in that process was," Hailer said. "In previous warm phases between the ice ages polar bears were able to survive. The main difference this time is that humans are impacting polar bears as well."

Genetic studies are an important tool in researching the evolutionary history of polar bears, since the animals typically live and die on sea ice. As a result, their bodies sink to the sea floor, where they get ground up by glaciers or remain undiscovered, making fossils scarce.

Reuters

Rare alligator population expands in China

HEFEI, 22 April—The number of critically endangered Chinese alligators living in the wild has been growing over the past few years, thanks to human efforts to aid in the animals' survival.

The Chinese alligator is widely known as the Yangtze alligator because the animal lives along the lower reaches of the Yangtze River. Anhui Province, where a nature reserve was set up over 30 years ago to protect the extremely rare species, is home to the majority of the country's Chinese alligators.

The number of wild Chinese alligators is currently estimated to exceed 150, excluding about 50 captive-bred animals that have been reintroduced to the wild in recent years, Wang Chaolin, deputy director of the Anhui Yangtze Alligator Nature Reserve, said Wednesday, citing a recent census.

Wang said the number stood at about 96 to 108 in

2005. Though the population has been growing, the Chinese alligator remains threatened by extinction, as the population is far below the widely recognized 500-line separating "endangered" species and "critically endangered" ones, he said.

The Chinese alligator was originally scattered throughout eastern China. However, its wild habitat has been reduced significantly by human activities, especially as land has been converted to suit agricultural needs.

To restore the 230-million-year-old species' habitat, China has been converting farmland to forests over the past few years, a move believed to have helped increase the alligator's population.

Meanwhile, human intervention can raise the freshwater alligator's survival rate in the wild to 20 percent from the meager 2 percent, Wang said.—Xinhua

"Bumblebee" gecko discovered in Papua New Guinea: USGS

JAKARTA, 22 April—A new species of gecko with black and gold bands like a bumblebee and slender toes termed a "striking surprise" has been discovered deep in

the tropical forests of Papua New Guinea, the US Geological survey said.

The lizard, which measures about 13 cm (5 inches) from head to tail and is



The Bumblebee Gecko (Nactus kunan) is seen on Manus Island, in this handout photo taken 29 May 2010, and released to Reuters by the US Geological Survey on 19 April, 2012.—REUTERS

covered with rows of skin nodules that make it easier for it to conceal itself on the forest floor, was collected on Manus Island in March, 2010 and described in a report published in the journal *Zootaxa* in April. "We've officially named it *Nactus kunan* for its striking colour pattern - *kunan* means 'bumblebee' in the local Nali Language," said Robert Fisher of the USGS Western Ecological Research Centre, who with biologists from the Papua New Guinea National Museum discovered the gecko.

"It belongs to a genus of slender-toed geckos, which means these guys don't have the padded, wall-climbing toes

The Bumblebee Gecko (Nactus kunan)



like the common house gecko," he added in a statement.

Fisher found two on Manus Island in 2010 and analyzed their genetics to show that the lizards were new. Two other species also found on that trip are set for further analysis. "This species was a striking surprise, as I've been working on the genus since the 1970s and would not have predicted this discovery," herpetologist George Zug of the Smithsonian Institution, co-author of the report on the new find, said.—Reuters

Hundreds of thousands may lose Internet in July

WASHINGTON, 22 April—For computer users, a few mouse clicks could mean the difference between staying online and losing Internet connections this summer.

Unknown to most of them, their problem began when international hackers ran an online advertising scam to take control of infected computers around the world. In a highly unusual response, the FBI set up a safety net months ago using government computers to prevent Internet disruptions for those infected users. But that system is to be shut down.

The FBI is encouraging users to visit a website run by its security partner, <http://www.dcwg.org>, that will inform them whether they're infected and explain how to fix the problem. After 9 July, infected users won't be able to connect to the Internet. Most victims don't even know their computers have been infected, although the malicious software probably has slowed their web surfing and disabled their antivirus software, making their machines more vulnerable to other problems.

Last November, the FBI and other authorities were preparing to take down a hacker ring that had been running an Internet ad scam on a massive network of infected computers.

"We started to realize that we might have a little bit of a problem on our hands because... if we just pulled the plug on their criminal infrastructure and threw everybody in jail, the victims of this were going to be without Internet service," said Tom Grasso, an FBI supervisory special agent. "The average user would open up Internet Explorer and get 'page not found' and think the Internet is broken." On the night of the arrests, the agency brought in Paul Vixie, chairman and founder of Internet Systems Consortium, to install two Internet servers to take the place of the truckload of infected rogue servers that were infected computers were using.—Interent



This undated handout image provided by The DNS Changer Working Group (DCWG) shows the webpage. It will only take a few clicks of the mouse. But for hundreds of thousands of computer users, those clicks could mean the difference between staying online and losing their connections this July. INTERNET

LightSquared gains breathing space with Inmarsat payment

LONDON, 22 April—Inmarsat (ISA.L) said it had received an overdue \$56.25 million payment from LightSquared, the US group attempting to build a mobile network using the British satellite firm's spectrum, and in return it would suspend further payments until 2014.

The agreement gives LightSquared, which is backed by Philip Falcone's Harbinger Capital Partners, breathing space to gain regulatory clearance for the network, Inmarsat said in a statement

on Friday. LightSquared's plans were derailed when the US Federal Communications Commission in February proposed to stop it from building a high-speed wireless network after tests had found that the network could interfere with GPS services used by everyone from farmers and drivers to airlines and the military. The blow put LightSquared's future in jeopardy, and Falcone, who has invested more than 60 percent of his \$4 billion Harbinger Capital Partners'

assets in the venture, has considered filing for voluntary bankruptcy to salvage the company. Inmarsat, whose satellites provide communications for shipping and aircraft, said that under an amended cooperation deal with the cash-strapped company, it had suspended quarterly payments of nearly \$30 million and an overdue payment of \$29.6 million for two years. "As a result of the amendment announced today, LightSquared will no longer be in default in relation

to any payments under the cooperation agreement," Inmarsat said.

LightSquared interim Chief Operating Officer Doug Smith said in a statement that the new agreement allows the company "to focus its efforts on obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals" for its network. The payments from LightSquared have bolstered Inmarsat's revenues against a slowdown in its core shipping business and less use of its services by the military.—Reuters

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A worker walks through the "Action Alley" at a new Wal-Mart store in Chicago, on 24 January, 2012.

REUTERS

Qantas A380 blowout plane returns to service

SINGAPORE, 22 April—Australia's Qantas took its repaired A380 superjumbo back to the skies on Saturday, resuming a 3,900-mile journey dramatically interrupted 18 months ago when one of its engines blew up over Indonesia.

After \$140 million of repairs, the world's largest jetliner took off for Sydney shortly before midnight, carrying Qantas Chief Executive Alan Joyce and members of the crew that safely landed the crippled Airbus in Singapore with 440 passengers on board.

"She's running a little late... 18 months," Joyce earlier told reporters under the left wing of the big jet, which was sprayed by shrapnel as the engine blew apart shortly after take-off from Singapore in November 2010.

The return to service of the flagship European jetliner ends a harrowing episode for the airline, planemaker Airbus and engine supplier Rolls-Royce. Investigators have blamed the incident on a

potential manufacturing flaw at Britain's Rolls-Royce, which endured blunt criticism from Joyce following the Trent 900 engine explosion.

Qantas and Airbus said the aircraft is safe and nearly as good as new after going through what they described as the biggest repair job on a single aircraft in aviation history. The only visible scars are two patches of metal under the left wing where it was pierced by debris, some of which shot out at an angle that narrowly missed the top of the fuselage.

"We believe this aircraft is as good as new. In the test flight that has taken place it is performing better than a new aircraft would," Joyce said.

The engine blowout initially prompted the grounding of the entire Qantas A380 fleet — six A380s at the time — for over three weeks. The aircraft has undergone extensive repairs involving 70,000 hours of work in a hangar belonging to Singapore Airlines at Changi Airport in Singapore.

Wal-Mart silenced Mexican bribe inquiry

NEW YORK, 22 April—Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, squelched an internal investigation into allegations of bribery at its Mexican subsidiary instead of broadening the probe, the *New York Times* reported on Saturday.

The *Times* said that in September 2005, a senior Wal-Mart lawyer received an e-mail from Sergio Cicero Zapata, a former executive at the company's largest foreign unit, Wal-Mart de Mexico, describing how the subsidiary

had paid bribes to obtain permits to build stores in the country. Wal-Mart sent investigators to Mexico City and found a paper trail of hundreds of suspect payments totaling more than \$24 million, but the company's leaders then shut down the investigation and notified neither US nor Mexican law enforcement officials, the *Times* reported.

According to the *Times*, current Wal-Mart Chief Executive Mike Duke and former CEO Lee Scott, who now sits on the company's

board, were among senior executives allegedly aware of the situation. Wal-Mart said in a statement on Saturday it was "deeply concerned" about the allegations in the *Times* report and began an investigation into its compliance with the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) last fall. The company also said it had disclosed the probe to the US Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Many of the alleged activities in *The New York Times* article are more than six

years old. If these allegations are true, it is not a reflection of who we are or what we stand for," said David Tovar, vice president of corporate communications at Wal-Mart.

The company said it had taken steps in Mexico to boost internal controls for stronger FCPA compliance. It declined to make any executives available for comment, and said the investigation was continuing.

In 2011, the Mexican unit reported total sales of 379 billion pesos (\$29 billion). Walmart's fiscal 2012 sales, for the year ended January 31, were \$443.85 billion.—Reuters

With each aircraft costing almost \$400 million at today's list prices, the insurance-paid repair bill of

Qantas A380 jet, "Nancy Bird Walton," will make its first commercial flight on April 28 from Sydney to Hong Kong.
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A\$139 million (\$143 million) was cheaper than writing off the damaged jet.

The plane, named after Australian aviation pioneer Nancy Bird-Walton, began the 6-1/2 hour journey home as flight QF32, the same call sign it was using at the time of the incident.

Qantas will stop using that call sign after Saturday's homecoming flight. "It is very important that everybody was here to fulfill the last flight that was not completed 18

months ago," Joyce said.

Passengers on the journey home included Richard De Crespigny, the captain on the troubled flight 18 months ago. "I have absolute complete confidence in the aircraft. I am very pleased that my CEO is coming back on the flight tonight and I look forward to having my wife and two children also here on the A380 as soon as possible," De Crespigny told reporters.

Reuters

BofA board \$20 million settlement called inadequate

NEW YORK, 22 April—Bank of America Corp directors, who were sued by shareholders for allegedly paying too much for Merrill Lynch & Co in 2008, must defend a proposed \$20 million settlement of the claims in federal court in New York, court papers show. Calling the settlement "grossly inadequate," lawyers in a similar Delaware case have asked P. Kevin Castel, the judge overseeing the New York matter, to order the parties agreeing to the deal to justify its terms.

Castel directed that parties submit necessary documents by 4 May. *The New York Times* first reported that the Delaware plaintiffs objected to the settlement in New York as inadequate.

Damages in the case could reach \$5 billion, according to the plaintiffs in the case being handled in Delaware Chancery Court, the paper said. Larry Grayson, spokesman for BofA, declined to comment on the matter. Lawyers in the Delaware case complained that if the settlement in New York were approved, their clients' damages claims would be wiped out ahead of a scheduled October trial, the newspaper said.

Court papers show the settlement was struck on 12 April by lawyers representing two public employee pension funds that had sued the directors of Bank of America for breach of fiduciary duty. The funds are the Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System and the Hollywood Police Officers' Retirement System in Florida.

Bank of America has been the subject of much litigation over Merrill, including its failure to more quickly disclose that Merrill was on its way to losing \$15.8 billion in the fourth quarter of 2008 and was also paying out \$3.6 billion in bonuses to employees.

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A sign for the Bank of America is seen outside a branch in Vienna.—REUTERS

Fatigue after early breast cancer often fades



Many people treated for cancer are worn out for a time, but new findings suggest that long-lasting fatigue may be less common than thought — at least for women with early-stage breast cancer.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 22 April—Many people treated for cancer are worn out for a time, but new findings suggest that long-lasting fatigue may be less common than thought — at least for women with early-stage breast cancer.

The study, of 218 women treated for early breast cancer, found that almost one-third had "cancer-related fatigue" at the end of treatment. But far fewer — six percent — still had

the problem a year later.

That suggests for most women with the disease post-treatment fatigue will fade with some time, the researchers report in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

It's well known that cancer patients often suffer fatigue. And some studies have concluded it's common for that weariness to last for years after treatment ends. Among breast cancer survivors, researchers have found that more than one-third have fatigue two to three years after treatment.

The reasons, though, have not been clear. And the new findings support the idea that some cases of chronic fatigue in earlier studies may have had causes other than the cancer itself.

Past studies have often been "cross-sectional," meaning they studied people at one time-point.

So it's possible to catch some bouts of fatigue that are related to various causes, explained Dr. David Goldstein, who led the new study.

That could mean lingering fatigue from a viral illness, for example, or fatigue related to depression, according to Goldstein, of Prince of Wales Hospital in Randwick, Australia. "There are cancer survivors with true post-cancer fatigue," Goldstein said in an email. It's just that the number may be "less than previously thought."

Reuters

Health Tip: Consider kickboxing

Kickboxing is a fun way to burn calories and tone muscles. But experts say participants, especially beginners, should take precautions to avoid injury.

The American Council on Exercise offers these suggestions for people who are just starting to kickbox:

- * Don't wear weights or hold dumbbells when you punch. Either can injure your joints.
- * When kicking or punching, don't lock your joints.
- * Don't overextend when you kick.
- * Don't give in to your peers and continue exercising when you are tired.—Internet

Around 130 injured in Amsterdam train collision

AMSTERDAM, 22 April— Around 130 people were injured in passenger trains collision on Saturday in west side of Amsterdam, capital city of the Netherlands. The accident happened at around 18:30 (1630 GMT) when the train from Den Helder to Nijmegen and the train from Amsterdam to Uitgeest had a head-on collision. Both trains were damaged.

"Around 130 people were injured, and especially, there are 11 people who have

been stuck in the train for long time, we just released them out," a spokesman of the rescue team told *Xinhua* at location. "The search and rescue is still going on." According to the Dutch railways company NS, all injured have been out of the trains.

The Dutch police blocked the whole area around the Ambulances and trauma helicopters are at the scene. Temporary medical centre have been built to treat

some light injured.

National Police earlier said approximately 125 were injured, 56 of them seriously wounded, 13 in a very bad condition. Most of victims suffered broken bones and severe bruises. The cause of the disaster is still unknown, an investigation will be started. Due to the collision no trains are driving in the west side of Amsterdam, including the trains to Schiphol Airport.

MNA/Xinhua



Police and other rescuers search victims at the accident site of trains collision in the west side of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on 21 April, 2012. According to the Dutch National Police (KLPD), approximately 125 are injured, of which 56 people are seriously injured. XINHUA



Customers try new iPads in the Apple Retail Store in Seoul, South Korea, on 20 April, 2012. Apple's new iPad started selling in South Korea on Friday. XINHUA

Four charged in Aboriginal shooting incident

SYDNEY, 22 April — A man and two teenagers were due to face court on Sunday after a stolen car mounted a crowded footpath in central Sydney, leading to two Aboriginal youngsters being shot by police. The incident in the city's red-light district early Saturday morning stoked fears of racial tensions but there were no reports of trouble overnight in the impoverished Aboriginal suburb of Redfern, where the youths came from.

After the car hit a bystander police opened

fire, hitting the 14-year-old driver in the chest and arm while his passenger, 18, took a bullet to the neck. Four others in the back seat, a man aged 24 and three youths aged 13, 14 and 16 were charged late Saturday with being carried in a conveyance, or joy riding. Three were to appear in court Sunday and the youngest at a later date.

The two with gunshot wounds remain in a serious condition, police said as they continued working to defuse tensions with Redfern's Aboriginal elders amid fears

of a repeat of 2004 riots following the death of TJ Hickey. The 17-year-old Hickey was impaled on a fence as — according to his family — officers chased him on his bicycle. Scores of police were injured in a wild nine-hour standoff but an inquiry ultimately cleared them. Aborigines are Australia's most disadvantaged minority, with a shorter life expectancy and much higher rates of imprisonment and disease than the broader population.— *Internet*

India to declare tea as national drink next year

NEW DELHI, 22 April — India is to declare tea as national drink by April next year, the country's top planner has said. "The drink would be accorded national drink status by 17 April next year to coincide with the 212th birth anniversary of first Assamese tea planter and Sepoy Mutiny leader Maniram Dewan," India's Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia was quoted by the local media as saying Saturday.

Ahluwalia made the remarks in his address at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Assam Tea Planters Association on Jorhat in the northeastern state of Assam. Maniram Dewan was the country's first indigenous tea planter who also took part in India's struggle for the freedom movement, he said. India is the largest producer and consumer of black tea in the world, with 83 percent households consuming the beverage considered to be the cheapest in the world after water.— *Xinhua*

China and Russia hold first navy exercises

HONG KONG, 22 April — China and Russia on Sunday launched their first joint naval exercises amid tensions between China and its Asian neighbours over regional territorial claims.

The six days of drills are taking place in the Yellow Sea off China's east coast, the official China News Service said, adding these were the first dedicated exercises involving the two navies. Taking place near Qingdao city off the coast of Shandong Province, they were launched by Russian and Chinese military officials on Sunday morning, the state-run *Xinhua* news agency said.

The exercises come as China boosts military spending and asserts claims over disputed territory, including a chain of islands in the East China Sea also claimed by Japan. China and several Asian countries also have rival claims to uninhabited islands in the South China Sea, which is believed to be rich in oil and natural gas and straddles strategic shipping lanes vital to global trade. The exercises will focus on joint air defence, anti-submarine tactics and search and rescue, *Xinhua* has previously said. They will also include simulated rescue of hijacked vessels and anti-

terrorism drills.

China has 16 naval vessels and two submarines taking part while Russia has four warships. China said Thursday that the exercises were aimed at upholding regional peace. "This joint military exercise is a long scheduled one between China and Russia in order to uphold regional peace and stability," foreign ministry spokesman Liu Weimin told a regular news briefing. China and Russia have together participated in four military exercises since 2005, some involving other countries as well, *Xinhua* has said.

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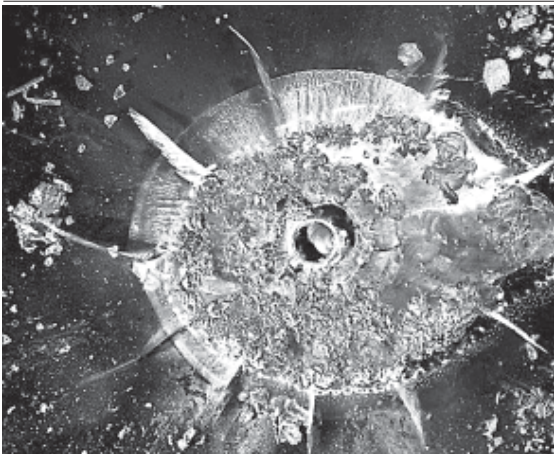
Russian naval flagship arrives in China for joint drill. XINHUA

China steps up probe into contaminated drug capsules

BEIJING, 22 April — More inspection teams have been sent to investigate the incident of contaminated drug capsules and find out those held responsible, said the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) on Saturday. Inspection teams from several departments, including the police, health authorities and supervision agencies, have been sent to Zhejiang, Hebei and Jiangxi Provinces to supervise the investigation of the case, said a statement from the SFDA.

China Central Television (CCTV) reported on last Sunday that several companies have been manufacturing drug capsules with industrial gelatin, which contains a greater amount of chromium than edible gelatin and can be toxic if ingested in excessive amounts. It named several medications that have been packaged in the contaminated capsules. In response to the report, the SFDA ordered 13 medications produced by nine pharmaceutical companies named in the TV report to be suspended from distribution and use until they are cleared by a lab analysis. An overhaul has been carried out on the production of drug capsule makers, pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers of gelatin for medical use, the statement said.

Those who refuse to cooperate in the investigation and try to cover up malpractice will be severely punished, the statement said. Supervision agencies have started investigation into officials who might have neglected their duty in this case, it added. The SFDA also promised to timely inform the public the development of the investigation. Chinese police have detained 53 suspects and closed 10 industrial gelatin and gel capsule factories believed to have been involved in producing contaminated medicine capsules, said the Ministry of Public Security in a Thursday statement.— *Xinhua*



Shocking! Moment of bullet breaks through glass.— XINHUA

Towards modern, developed country

By T.S. (NLM)

A vast majority of rural people are farmers whose livelihood is agriculture. Agriculture plays a very important role in the country's economy. In the past, Myanmar earned most of her foreign exchange by selling agricultural products. Rice alone fetched more foreign exchange than all the non-agricultural exports combined.

With poor transportation plus primitive methods of farming, the country's rice per acre yield was low when compared to that of her neighbours.

Although the farmers have to work hard day in, day out, they could enjoy very few fruits of their labour. They have been down-trodden and exploited by capitalists for years countable by the thousand. This being the case, they had to live in abject poverty with little or no comfort let alone luxury. And their socio-economic status was as low as could be. Myanmar used to export three million tons of rice a year before World War II. Now she exports less than one million tons of rice due to a variety of reasons.

Realizing such general weaknesses, the government of successive eras had given top priority to the modernization and mechanization of agriculture the length and breadth of the nation. In this context, it had undertaken a series of activities which include disbursing interest-

free agricultural loans or low-interest loans, selling chemical fertilizers, pesticides and farm implements to farmers at reasonable prices, launching agricultural banks and seed-banks to help the farmers, building dams and reservoirs in different regions, implementing river-water pumping stations in some areas where water is scarce, introducing high-yield strains of paddy and other crops, disseminating modern agricultural methods to farmers so that they can extensively engage in double and mixed cropping as well as summer paddy cultivation and seeking foreign markets for locally produced rice. Thanks to the endeavours of the government the living standard of farmers has improved remarkably.

Nowadays, economic, political and social transformation has been undertaken steadily in consistent with the Constitution which is in line with multiparty democratic practices. The door is always open for those who are willing to participate constructively in the political process in accordance with the Constitution. As politics and economy usually go hand in hand, necessary amendments to the relevant laws and regulations are being made. Changes have taken place in various sectors. Meanwhile, the mechanization of farming is being introduced steadily with the extensive

use of high-yield strains of paddy. More and more farm implements are being imported or manufactured locally so that the farmers can grow paddy all the more.

Being agro-based country, Myanmar is trying its best for the development of agricultural sector, especially boosting paddy output for domestic consumption and export. With this end in view, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has taken steps for acquisition of necessary technology, methods, quality strains and cooperation wherever possible including from the international community and international organizations. It is also seeking cooperation from countries enjoying higher technology. As the method to grow Palethwe hybrid strains of paddy is the best for the time being, the ministry is mobilizing and educating farmers across the country to widely grow the hybrid strains. And the growing of Palethwe hybrid strains of paddy with GAP system is demonstrated region-wide, for hybrid paddy production technology is widely used in the world.

At such a time, the participation of private sectors in successful cultivation of paddy is welcomed. And with private sector participation, the country will soon become an agro-based modern and developed nation.

Cash and kind donated to Shwebo Youth Development Centre

SHWEDO, 22 April—Rector (Rtd) U Ye Myint Aung of Shwebo University, Rector Dr Tin Tun Myint and faculty members cooperated with Pyae Kaday Construction Co in donating K 2 million and two sets of computer to Shwebo Youth Development Centre.

Rector (Rtd) U Ye Myint Aung explained the purpose of donation.

Rector Dr Tin Tun Myint and faculty members presented K 2 million and two

sets of computer to Principal of the centre Dr Than Tun and Chairman of the Centre Supervisory Committee U Tin Win.

Principal Dr Than Tun established Shwebo Youth Development Centre in 1963 and now admits 40 students. The golden jubilee anniversary of the centre will be held in 2013.

Any person may set up trust funds for durability of the centre.

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Palethwe hybrid paddy grown in irrigated area

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—A ceremony to grow Palethwe hybrid paddy was held at the field of farmer U Aung Kyi Lay with the use of paddy transplanting machines in the irrigated area of Shwehlanbo river water pumping project being implemented by Water Resources Utilization Department in Singaing Township of Mandalay Region on 9 April.

It was attended by Singaing Township Administrator U Khin Zaw, Manager of Singaing Township Agriculture Department U Aung Win and officials, officials of Shwehlanbo river water pumping project, administrators of Ywathaya, Meethwaybok and Kanauk villages and

Vehicle donated to Thilawa Social Association



YAMETHIN, 22 April—A ceremony donate a vehicle to Thilawa social association of Yamethin in Mandalay Region was held at Yanaungmyin Sasana Beikman on 14 March.

It was attended by Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Myint, Deputy Commissioner U Zaw Win of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Maung Maung and service personnel of departments, members of Shwethin Home for the Aged, Township Maha Bonkahtein Committee, Township Bus Association, Thilawa Social Association, Union Solidarity and Development Party and townselders.

The deputy commissioner made a speech. Secretary of Thilawa Social Association U Thein Lwin reported on tasks of the association and presented gifts to four volunteers.

U Shwe explained the purpose of donation. Chairman of Thalawa Social Association retired Township Education Officer U Mya Thein spoke words of thanks and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers. Thilawa Social Association of Yamethin has three vehicles during 10-year period of its establishment.—Kyemon

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MLF invites donation of cash, books

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

VEHICLES UNDERSURPRISED CHECKED: Under the supervision of Commander of Sagaing Township Police Force Police Captain Myint Swe, Commander of No 1 Police Station IP Hlaing Myint Than, SIP Thant Zin Htoo of District Traffic Rules Enforcement Team and members surprisingly checked vehicles and motorcycles at the corner of Myoma Market in Sagaing recently. Photo shows police members check motorcycles.

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local people.

Use of paddy transplanting machine will solve difficulties of female paddy transplanters.

Assistant Director U Ye Win Tun of the project said, "As the local people do not dare cultivation of high yield paddy strains through modern agricultural methods, paddy transplanting machines were bought to provide assistance for growing paddy. Due to advantages of the machines, the local farmers will apply modern agricultural methods."

Shwehlanbo river water pumping project is implemented to benefit 3000 acres of irrigated farmlands. While implementing the project, paddy fields are being irrigated. Thus, the local people grow paddy twice or thrice a year. Moreover, the river water project contributes much to greening of the region.—Ko Htw

YANGON, 22 April—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe visited Ahlon Power Plant of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise on Strand Road in Ahlon Township here this morning and inspected control room and operation of three gas turbines at full capacity.

He then went to Ahlon sub-power station and inspected power inflow from control panels, power distribution of respective feeders, installation of power lines, and condition of 230/66/11 KV 100 MVA transformer Nos 1 & 2.

The Union Minister then met the chairman of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board and division heads, deputy commissioners, district electrical engineers, managers of power stations in Yangon Region, managers of sub-power stations, and personnel from Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions. On the occasion, he instructed sub-power station managers to guard against unscrupulous practices and called for full systematic power supply to the public. He urged them to monitor current power consumption and power distribution, calling for supervision of responsible personnel at different levels.

Next, Chief Engineer Dr Tun Naing of Power System Division under Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and sub-power station managers explained power available and distributed, coordinated by the Union Minister to fulfill the requirements.—MNA

Union Electric Power No.2 Minister visits Ahlon Power Plant, Ahlon Power Station



Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe inspects Ahlon Power Plant of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise on Strand Road in Ahlon Township.—MNA

Kachin State Government provides peace-loving KIA members with cash assistance



An official presents cash assistance provided by Kachin State Government to Cpl Kyaw Hsan of KIA Brigade-5 who exchanged arms for peace.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April — Kachin State Government has presented cash assistance to KIA members led by Corporal Kyaw Hsan of Brigade (5) of KIA who exchanged arms for peace on 16 April as they are not willing to engage in meaningless armed struggle.

The ceremony to provide them with assistance in cash was held at Basic Education High School (Branch) at the village of Talawgyi in Myitkyina Township on 20 April and it was attended by Myitkyina District Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Cho, Myitkyina Township Administrator U Than Zaw Oo, Commander of Myitkyina District Police Force Lt-Col Aye Than and officers from Northern

Command, members of the group who exchanged arms for peace and local people totaling 1500.

At the ceremony, on behalf of Kachin State Government, District Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Cho extended greetings and welcomed the members of the KIA and explained peace making efforts of Kachin State Government.

Officials presented

K 4.3 million provided by Kachin State Government, K 8.6 million, 67 bags of rice, 120 viss of edible oil, 250 viss of gram and 24 viss of salt provided by Northern Command and aids from Relief and Resettlement Department to the members of KIA.

At the ceremony, the leader of the group disclosed how they were recruited forcibly while they were working at farmland, received military training unwillingly, rape cases, exchanged arms for peace after contacting the Tatmadaw and their commitment to defending the country while joining hands with the Tatmadaw. He also expressed thanks for warm welcome by Kachin State Government, the Tatmadaw and the people and cash and aids for the members of the group and families.

Afterwards, townselder U Than Shwe spoke words of thanks for providing the members of KIA with cash and aids by Kachin State Government, the Tatmadaw and the people.

Local Shan ethnic women and men entertained the members of KIA with songs and the ceremony ended.

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Labutta District clinches title in international boxing championship



The prize presentation for winners in Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's Trophy International Boxing Championship in Labutta.

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 22 April—The Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's Trophy Inter-District International Boxing Championship 2012 reached the final match on 6 April evening.

In the final matches, five matches for junior class and men's open class took place at Mawshwewa Hall in Mawlamyinegyun

Township. After the tournament, Thet Aung (Pyapon District) secured the best boxer award in the junior class and Thet Naing Oo (Labutta District) in the men's open class.

Township Administrator U Htay Maung presented championship trophy to the winner in the junior class whereas Deputy Director U Soe Nyunt of

Region Sports and Physical Education Department the men's open class trophy.

On behalf of the Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region, Deputy Commissioner U Kan Win of Labutta District General Administration Department presented championship trophy to Labutta District team in the tournament.

Kyemon

Polar bears evolutionarily five times older and genetically more distinct

SCIENCE DAILY, 22 April — A study appearing in the current issue of the journal Science reveals that polar bears evolved as early as some 600,000 years ago. An international team led by researchers from the German Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre (BiK F) shows the largest arctic carnivore to be five times older than previously recognized.

Polar bears in Canadian Arctic. INTERNET

The new findings on the evolutionary history of polar bears are the result of an analysis of information from the nuclear genome of polar and brown bears, and shed new light on conservation issues regarding this endangered arctic specialist.

Polar bears are uniquely specialized for life in the arctic. This fact is undisputed, and supported by a range of morphological, physiological and behavioural evidence. However, conducting research on the evolutionary

history of polar bears is difficult. The arctic giant spends most of its life on sea ice, and typically also dies there. Its remains sink to the sea floor, where they get ground up by glaciers, or remain undiscovered. Fossil remains of polar bears are therefore scarce. Because the genetic information contained in each organism carries a lot of information about the past, researchers can study the history of the species by looking at the genes of today's polar bears.

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Gold panning enjoys an unprecedented boom

YEDASHE, 22 April—Some people are engaging in panning gold on a manageable scale at the land near forest reserve in Kalaywa Village of Toungoo Township in Bago Region.

Since last two years, the people got 70 pieces of gold in sizes of yway seeds daily. Pieces of gold were sold in Toungoo and to brokers. Some of them spent their money on donations.

"We faced loss in cultivation of paddy. So, family of us is panning gold



foils there," said a local.

They pan gold foil with the use of hands or machines.

A visitor made a remark that it is necessary to supervise

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the gold panning mine so as to conserve the degradation of ecosystem and fertile soil in next years.

Than Lwin

Two pieces of tusks seized from express bus



YEDASHE, 22 April—While stopping over at 115th-Mile Bus Stop over in Pyu Township, An express bus that left Yangon for Mandalay along Yangon-Mandalay Expressway at 2.30pm on 18 April informed the 115th-Mile Expressway

Police Station about some suspected materials were contained in some bags.

In-charge of the station SIP Nay Lin and party gathered the passenger of Yazar Aung express bus in the bus stop and then announced to search the bus

acting on tip off. The police officials ordered the bus to drive into the compound of the police station.

The authorities searched the bags and found two tusks of 26 inches in length and 8.5 inches in diameter weighing two viss and 70 ticals from the bags of Maung San, 36, of Kanmyint Village, Htandawgyi Village-tract in Bago Township and Maung Maung, 42, Pinnmakyan Village of Mindon Village-tract in Yangon Region.

Pyu 115th-Mile Expressway Police Station opened file against them under (pa) 46/2012, section 380/54.—Ko Lwin (Swa)

Kyeeni Lake contributing to evergreen status in Yamethin

Kyeeni Lake, located adjacent to Yamethin, was dug in Myanmar monarchical era. The lake has 1525 acre feet of water surface and 15 feet high and can store 8066 acre feet of water. It is a lake dammed on the south and the north sides.

The height of southern bund of the lake has been raised more six feet so as to

store more volume of water. In the past, the lake overflowed water from the southern bund. The local people were worried about breakdown of bund.

Thanks to better bund of the lake, local people and students from the villages near Kyeeni Lake such as Kanswe, Kanmyint, Hmanshi, Wadaw, Hteinkan and

Yonbinkwin villages enjoy fruits of smooth transport along the bund.

The northern bund of the lake has been filled with retaining walls and gravels.

Scenic beauty of Kyeeni Lake can be seen with the magnificent background of Shan mountain ranges in the east.

Hlaing Than Tint



Trust-fund set up for maintenance of pagoda, monastery

MINDAT, 22 April—A ceremony to offer gold foils to Myatheindan Hsutaungpyae Pagoda, share merits for construction of Myatheindan Monastery and set up K 4.5 million trust-fund of Myatheindan Pagoda and Myatheindan Monastery was held at the

monastery in Yanpan Village of Mindat Township in Chin State on 12 April.

Present on the occasion were Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai and

state ministers, wellwishers U Shein Lein Tan, Daw Shein Lein Ewe and U Shein Lein

Aung and other wellwishers.—Township Administration

CASH AND KIND DONATED: Township correspondent Pathein Hla Kyi, wife Daw Mya Mya Win and family donated rice, salt, foodstuffs, exercise books and ball-pens as New Year donations to children in Pathein on Myanmar New Year Day, 17 April.

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Talks on traffic rules given to local vehicle owners, drivers

MAWLU, 22 April—Under the supervision of the Indaw Township Police Force Commander, a talk on traffic rules was held near Mawlu railway station in Myamarlar Ward 5 in Mawlu Region of Indaw Township, Saganig Region on 13 April morning.

It was attended by Commander of Mawlu Police Station IP Sein Gaung and policemen, vehicle owners

and drivers.

Commander of Mawlu Police Force IP Nay Win talked about reduction of traffic accidents, traffic rules, and punishments for traffic rules offenders.

After that, the authorities of Mawlu Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee gave talks on traffic rules and disciplines for pedestrians.

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FREE EYECARE GIVEN: Chairman of U Khin Maung Zin and party of White Heart Group in Mawlamyinegyun Township give optical glasses to eye patients free of charge as donation in commemoration of the New Year on 10 April.

MYANMA ALEN



Trucks, express buses rundle at night due to high temperature

YEDASHE, 22 April—Trucks and express buses running along Yangon-Mandalay Highway daily changed their schedules of transport to night time due

to high temperature in April.

A driver of truck said that day temperature causes overheating of engines and break down of tyres, and so they prefer to run their vehicles at night.

"Suffering from diabetes, I cannot drive vehicle under high temperature. As I am worried about unfitness, I drive my vehicle at night comfortably," he continued.

The number of vehicles running along Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay

Commander of

Expressway now declines at day time. They go along the expressway at night. Most of the vehicles stop over at shady areas and restaurants at day time. In consequence, the restaurants can earn increased incomes.

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Township Police Force Captain San Wai formally opened the library and the school.

The talk was also attended by police veterans and families of police force who were served with light refreshment.

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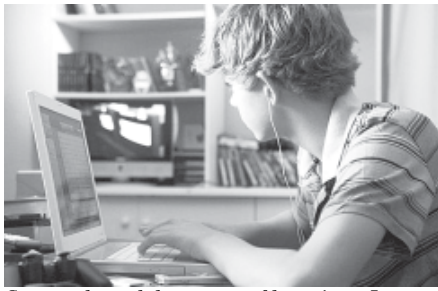
Take Fire Preventive Measures



Computer therapy helps young out of depression

WELLINGTON, 22 April—A computer game designed to lift teenagers out of depression is as effective as one-on-one counselling, New Zealand doctors reported on Thursday in the *British Medical Journal* (BMJ). Researchers at the University of Auckland tested an interactive 3-D fantasy game called SPARX on a 94 youngsters diagnosed with depression whose average age was 15 and a half.

SPARX invites a user to take on a series of seven challenges over four to seven weeks in which an avatar has to learn to deal with anger and hurt feelings and swap negative thoughts for helpful ones. Used for three months, SPARX was at least as effective as face-to-face conventional counselling, according to several depression rating scales. In addition, 44 percent of the SPARX group who carried



Computer therapy helps young out of depression.— INTERNET

out at least four of the seven challenges recovered completely. In the conventional treatment group, only 26 percent recovered fully.

"Use of the programme resulted in a clinically significant reduction in depression, anxiety and hopelessness, and an improvement in quality of life," according to the study led by Sally Merry, an

associate professor at the Department of Psychological Medicine. The adolescents also gave a high rating to SPARX, saying they liked being able to use it at home and to learn at their own pace. Eighty percent said they would recommend the computer therapy to others, although the treatment-as-usual group had similarly high approval ratings.

Internet

Nepali climber, 30, dies in fall on Everest

KATHMANDU, 22 April—A 30-year-old Nepali mountaineer died on Saturday attempting to scale Mount Everest, a government official said, in the second death this season on the world's highest peak. Namgya Tshering Sherpa fell into a deep crevasse while climbing towards Base Camp Two, more than two-thirds of the way up the 8,848-metre (29,029-foot) mountain, said Gyanendra Kumar Shrestha of the Nepal Tourism Board.

"He slipped from the snow and fell 40 metres into the crevasse. His body has been recovered near Camp Two, which is located at a height of 6,500 metres," Shrestha told AFP. Namgya grew up in the shadow of Everest and conquered the peak in 2010 and 2011. He was part of the support team for an expedition of mountaineers from the Netherlands, Canada, Ecuador and Norway, said trek organiser Roshan Sharma Bhattarai. More than 3,000 people have climbed Everest, which straddles Nepal and China, since it was first conquered by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay in 1953 and every year hundreds more set out in April to attempt the climb.

Around 300 people have died trying to reach the summit.



A 30-year-old Nepali mountaineer died on Saturday attempting to scale Mount Everest, seen here in February, a government official said, in the second death this season on the world's highest peak. Namgya Tshering Sherpa fell into a deep crevasse while climbing towards Base Camp Two, more than two-thirds of the way up the 8,848-metre (29,029-foot) mountain.— INTERNET

On Wednesday, the son of famed Everest climber Ang Rita Sherpa was killed by suspected altitude sickness while attempting to scale the mountain. Karsang Namgyal Sherpa, an experienced climber who had conquered the peak several times, collapsed at Everest base camp, said trek coordinator Dambar Parajuli.— Internet

Rare Egyptian scrolls found in Australian collection

CANBERRA, 22 April—A British historian said on Saturday he had unearthed a trove of Egyptian Book of the Dead fragments by a top ancient official after chancing upon a scrap on show in an Australian museum. John Taylor, a world-famous Egyptologist from the British Museum, said his discovery began with a shred of papyrus on display at Queensland Museum's new mummies exhibition bearing the distinctive

hieroglyphs of Amenhotep.

The 15th century BC figure, son of Hapu, was Egypt's chief architect and is among those credited with designing and constructing the Great Temple of Amun at Karnak, near Luxor—one of modern Egypt's most visited landmarks. Excited and intrigued, Taylor said he asked if there were any more such fragments in the museum's archives and was shown into the conservation lab. "After a very short period

of time it became apparent that we did indeed have many fragments of the Book of the Dead of this extremely important man," he told *The Weekend Australian* newspaper.

"This is not the papyrus of just anybody, this is one of the top officials in Egypt at the peak of Egyptian prosperity," added Taylor, describing it as a "once in a lifetime" find. The fragments were donated to the museum by a private citizen in 1913 and are not normally on public display, but had been brought out to accompany the British Museum's touring mummies exhibition, which Taylor was here to open. He said there were pieces of Amenhotep's scroll scattered across global institutions including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, British Museum and New York's Metropolitan

Museum of Art.

The Australian specimens would be photographed to try and determine where they fit in the scroll, which Taylor said could be up to 20 metres long—among the largest and most significant Egyptian burial scripts recorded.— Internet



File picture shows a papyrus with hieroglyphs (R) and hieratic script (L) from the Library of Alexandria. INTERNET

Kitten gets new legs and lease on life

SOUTH FARGO, 22 April—Corky, a stray cat born with a rare congenital birth defect was set to be euthanized in Fargo, ND. He was given a new lease on life when he was picked up at a local shelter, Cat's Cradle, at the end of March. Corky was born with a genetic deformity called bilateral arthrogyposis of the tarsus, where his legs were backwards and overlapping. Cat's Cradle co-founders Gail Ventzke, Amber Schaffer and Carol Stefonek fell in love with the kitten when they were scheduled to pick up two others. They took him immediately to get radiographs to see what they were dealing with and realized they needed to operate right away. They called around to a "couple different vets and they didn't want to touch him," said Ventzke. They took him to the Casselton Veterinary Service where Dr Dan Burchill agreed to operate on the 8-month-old kitten. Unaware of his condition, Corky was a "happy, healthy, engaging, fun cat who dragged his back legs around," said Burchill.

After considering all options, like amputating him and putting him in a wheel chair, Burchill determined he would be able to surgically fix his legs. A rare disease in cats, the condition was more common in

cattle, said Burchill. After practicing for 17 years, he had performed the surgery before on dogs, but never cats. "Dr Burchill is our hero...he customized the surgery for Corky," said Ventzke. The operation took four hours and cost roughly \$1,000 an hour including medication and surgical fees. It was successful, and Corky's more severely affected right leg is doing "fabulous." The left leg had a few anatomy problems and was stabilized with a pin. Estimated to cost only \$2,500, the surgery costs have not affected Ventzke. She says "We'll fund raise until we cover it. He's such a great little guy, he's such a great spirit and he has a great purpose and we'll do whatever we can to get him back up on his feet." Corky's rehab, which includes acupuncture and hydrotherapy, is slow and steady.

Internet



Kenya rangers gun down suspected elephant poachers

NAIROBI, 22 April—Kenyan rangers shot dead five suspected elephant poachers in a night-time firefight in the north of the country, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) said on Saturday. "Five suspected poachers were last night gunned down and one escaped during a fierce exchange of fire with Kenya Wildlife Service rangers at Chepareria in West Pokot County," it said.

Two rangers were wounded in the firefight which went on for more than 40 minutes, the KWS said, adding that it had recovered 50 kilograms (110 pounds) of elephant tusks and three assault rifles at the scene. Trading in ivory was banned in 1989 under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

Internet



An elephant forages at the Tsavo-east National park last month. Kenyan rangers shot dead five suspected elephant poachers in a night-time firefight in the north of the country, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) says. INTERNET

Toronto boy and mother found safe after Ontario wide Amber Alert issued

TORONTO, 22 April—A missing Toronto boy who was the subject an Ontario-wide Amber Alert is now back home with his much relieved father. The Toronto Police Service said eight year old Joshua Low and his mother, Jessica Yi Qing Low-Zhen, 45, were located Saturday night after Ontario Provincial Police issued an Amber Alert hours earlier.

Detective Mark Charuk of 33 Division said police

used their "investigative techniques" to find the two, then brought them back to the station where the boy was later reunited with his father. Detective Charuk said mother and son were both in "very good health," however, the mother was taken to York Region Hospital to be assessed by doctors after she'd been questioned by police. Charuk said Low's parents had recently separated, and Saturday's

Amber Alert indicated police had received information that led them to be concerned for the safety of both the boy and his mother. The Alert called it an abduction case, but Charuk told *The Canadian Press* that police did not, at this point, expect to lay charges. Police said the boy and his mother had left the family's Toronto area home on 13th April, more than a week before the Amber Alert was issued.— Internet

New Mexico fat cat weighs in at nearly 40 pounds

ALBUQUERQUE, 22 April — Meow can't help but waddle. He's one super-sized cat. The 2-year-old orange and white tabby tips the scale at nearly 40 pounds, and the Santa Fe Animal Shelter is on a mission to get the feline back into shape. Meow's 87-

year-old owner could no longer take care of him, so the pet was turned over to a shelter in southeastern New Mexico that called the Santa Fe shelter for help. "The thing with this cat is when you look at it, certainly it's obese. You see that. But it's a sweet looking

cat. His face is very sweet. It's just incredibly fat," shelter spokesman Ben Swan said on Friday.

Meow has been placed with a foster family. He'll be on a special diet so he can start shedding some pounds. The goal is for him to lose at

least 10 pounds so he can be put up for adoption. The shelter plans to post updates on Meow's weight loss on its Facebook page. It's not clear how the feline was able to gain so much weight in just two years. Adult cats typically weigh between seven and 12 pounds. "If you go online, you'll see a lot of fat cats and these are people who have fed them just one thing, like meat or something that's not nutritionally balanced," Swan said. "Then the cat refuses to eat anything else and then they just get fatter and fatter and fatter."

Meow has one thing going for him. He's not the fattest cat out there. That record belongs to Himmy, a tabby from Australia that weighed almost 47 pounds. The shelter said Guinness World Records has since stopped accepting applications for the record over concerns it would encourage people to overfeed their animals. In Meow's case, the shelter is awaiting blood test results to make sure he doesn't have any additional health problems.—*Internet*



This 19 April, 2012 photo provided by the Santa Fe Animal Shelter veterinarian Dr. Jennifer Steketee holds Meow, a 2-year-old tabby at the shelter in Santa Fe, NM Meow, arrived at the shelter weighing in at over 39 pounds, after his elderly owner could no longer care for the feline. The shelter plans to put the cat on a special diet so he can lose weight gradually. Adult cats typically weigh between 7 and 12 pounds.

INTERNET

One killed, 11 injured in chemical plant explosion in Japan

OSAKA, 22 April — One person was killed and 11 others were injured when an explosion rocked a chemical plant in Yamaguchi Prefecture in southwestern Japan early Sunday, local Press reported. The explosion occurred at around 2:00 am local time at a plant belonging to leading Japanese company Mitsui Chemicals, killing a 22-year-old worker and injuring 11 other workers at the site.

Glasses of windows of some 100 houses near the plant were broken due to the explosion, the report said, adding that firefighters are still trying to extinguish the fire caused by the blast.

MNA/Xinhua

SkyePharma asthma drug wins European backing

LONDON, 22 April — SkyePharma said on Friday its lead product, asthma therapy Flutiform, had been recommended for approval by European regulators, doubling the value of the group's shares.

Flutiform was referred to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) last year after member states could not reach unanimous agreement on the drug, which will compete with Glaxo-SmithKline's Advair and AstraZeneca's Symbicort in the multi-billion dollar respiratory drugs market. A positive opinion from the EMA is usually rubber stamped by the European Commission in a matter of months.

Shares in SkyePharma, which has partnered Mundipharma in deve-

loping the drug, more than doubled to 85.5 pence, valuing the group at about 22 million pounds.

"This is the end of a long struggle for the company," said Singer analyst Shawn Manning. "It's highly unlikely that it will get this stamp of approval and not get approved." He said Flutiform could have sales in Europe of \$200 million within five years, assuming it won "a modest" 7 percent share of combination therapy patients.

"We estimate 10 percent will go to SkyePharma, so it's a good solid contributor," he said, adding that the positive opinion also opened the door to markets in Latin America and Canada.

Flutiform is a

combination of two commonly prescribed drugs to treat asthma, the corticosteroid fluticasone propionate and the beta-agonist formoterol fumarate, in a metered dose inhaler. SkyePharma's chief executive Peter Grant said the decision was a strong endorsement of the group's capabilities in developing complex respiratory products.

"It is also good news that we are now on track for a new treatment option to be available for many patients suffering from asthma across Europe," he said.

Earlier on Friday, SkyePharma received a \$10 million payment from Pacira Pharmaceuticals following the launch of post-surgical pain drug Exparel in the United States.—*Reuters*

Microsoft quarterly earnings top estimates

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 April — Microsoft on Thursday reported a modest revenue increase and profit decline in its quarterly earnings with numbers still topping analysts' estimates. For the quarter ending on 31 March, the software giant reported quarterly revenue of 17.41 billion US dollars, a 6 percent increase on a year-on-year basis. Net income and diluted earnings per share for the quarter were 5.11 billion dollars and 60 cents per share, compared with 5.23 billion dollars and 61 cents per share from the same period last year.

While more consumers are choosing Apple or Google-powered tablets instead of Windows PCs, Microsoft was expected to report a modest sales increase and profits decline. Analysts

polled by Thomson Reuters expect the Redmond, Washington-based company to report earnings excluding items of 57 cents per share, down 7 percent compared to last year, on revenue of 17.18 billion dollars, up 5 percent on a yearly basis.

"We're driving toward exciting launches across the entire company, while delivering strong financial results," said Steve Ballmer, chief executive officer at Microsoft. "With the upcoming release of new Windows 8 PCs and tablets, the next version of Office, and a wide array of products and services for the enterprise and consumers, we will be delivering exceptional value to all our customers in the year ahead."—*Xinhua*

New purple crab species found in Philippines

MANILA, 22 April — Four new species of freshwater crab, bright purple in colour, have been discovered in the biologically diverse but ecologically-threatened Philippines, the man who found them said on Saturday. The tiny crustaceans burrow under boulders and roots in streams, feeding on dead plants, fruits, carrion and small animals in the water at night, said Hendrik Freitag of Germany's Senckenberg Museum of Zoology. Found only in small, lowland-forest ecosystems in the Palawan island group, most have purple shells, with claws and legs tipped red.

1980s, when one new species was found — the Insulamom unicorn, Freitag said. More field work led Freitag to conclude there were four other unique species.

"Based on available new material, a total of five species are recognized... four of which are new to science," Freitag wrote in the latest edition of the National University of Singapore's Raffles Bulletin of Zoology. The carapace of the biggest, Insulamom magnum, is just 53 millimetres by 41.8 millimetres while the smallest, Insulamom porculum, measures 33.1 by 25.1 millimetres. The two other new species were called



This handout photo released by Hendrik Freitag, of Germany's Senckenberg Museum of Zoology shows one of the four new species of freshwater crab found in remote areas of the Palawan island group.—*INTERNET*

"It is known that crabs can discriminate colours. Therefore, it seems likely that the colouration has a signal function for the social behaviour, e.g. mating," Freitag told AFP by email on Saturday. "This could explain why large males of various Insulamom species are more reddish compared to the generally violet females and immature males." Scientists began extensive investigations of similar freshwater crabs in the area in the late

Insulamom palawense and Insulamom johannchristiani. The four slightly differ from the first find, and from each other, in the shapes of their body shells, legs, and sex organs. US-based Conservation International lists the Philippines as one of 17 countries that harbours most of Earth's plant and animal life. Reptiles, birds or mammals likely prey on the crabs, and it is possible people in remote areas also collect them for food, Freitag said.—*Internet*

Developing world lags behind in nutrition

WASHINGTON, 22 April — Developing countries are lagging far behind World Bank nutrition targets amid a spike in global food prices, according to a report released Friday by the World Bank. Coupled with a fragile global economy, the rise in food prices has stalled progress in poor countries toward the Bank's millennium development goals — a set of goals that all UN member

states aim to achieve by 2015 including reducing child mortality rates, eliminating extreme poverty and combating HIV/AIDS, according to the World Bank's Global Monitoring Report 2012.

The World Bank's 2015 goals "will not be met in any developing region," said the report co-written with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Speaking to reporters

on Friday, Jos Verbeek, lead author of the report at the World Bank, said the impact of the food price increase depends very much on local, regional and socioeconomic factors, with some groups feeling the sting and others, such as some farmers, benefiting. The poorest of the world's poor have been the most severely affected, with millions prevented from climbing out of poverty

because they must spend an increasing amount of their income on food, Verbeek said. This deprives them of the chance to use excess cash for investments or education.

These are most often non-farmers, urban and female-headed households. Females tend to live more in urban areas and often cannot grow their own food, he said, unlike their rural counterparts, who can grow subsistence crops when times get tough.—*Internet*

Hailstorms kill 29 in China

BEIJING, 22 April—Hailstorms had killed 29 people across China from March to 20 April, according to statistics released by the Ministry of Civil Affairs late Friday. Hailstorms had stricken 270 county-level areas across 24 provincial regions since March this year, the ministry said.

As of 2:00 pm Friday, hailstorms had affected 3.072 million people, and resulted in direct economic losses of 3.38 billion yuan (536.7 million US dollars). Of the 29 deaths, ten were reported by Jiangxi, seven by Zhejiang, three by Xinjiang, two by Hunan, two by Guizhou, and one respectively by Hebei, Inner Mongolia, Fujian, Guangdong and Yunnan.

Xinhua



Members of the Greek police elite force walk past a tail of the Cypriot Helios airliner that crashed at Grammatiko village, some 40 km (25 miles) northeast of Athens, on 15 Aug, 2005.—INTERNET

Visitors try riding tricycles at the Earth Day activity in New York, the United States, on 20 April, 2012. Many energy-saving and environmental friendly products are shown at the activity. XINHUA



Russia launches space freighter to ISS

Moscow, 22 April—A Russian Soyuz-U rocket carrying a Progress M-15M cargo ship blasted off to the International Space Station (ISS) on Friday, according to Russia's Federal Space Agency, Roscosmos. The rocket was launched from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan at 16:50 Moscow time (12:50 GMT), Roscosmos said.

The Progress M-15M will deliver about 2.4 tons of fuel and scientific equipment to the ISS as well as oxygen, food and clothes for the crew. After orbital insertion, the Progress cargo ship will perform two days of free flight, making rendezvous burns and preparing for docking. The space freighter is due to dock to the ISS's Pirs docking module at 18:40 Moscow time (14:40 GMT) on Sunday in automatic mode, according to Roscosmos.

MNA/Xinhua

Airline execs convicted over 2005 Greece crash

ATHENS, 22 April—Three executives of a defunct Cypriot airline and a British engineer were each sentenced in absentia to 10 years in prison on Friday for their role in Greece's worst air crash that killed 121 people, court officials said. The Helios Airways Boeing 737-300 crashed into a mountain near Athens in 2005 after its oxygen supply failed and the pilots and most of the passengers fell unconscious.

An Athens court found

the defendants guilty of manslaughter and negligence charges, officials told Reuters. Lawyers for the four—Helios's former chief executive officer, its chief of flight operations, the firm's Bulgarian head pilot as well as a British engineer who had inspected the plane before it took off, said they had appealed against the decision. The ruling came four months after a Cypriot court acquitted the three executives during a separate hearing over

the accident.

Investigators have said the failure to switch a valve affected the oxygen supply to the aircraft shortly after the plane took off from Cyprus's Larnaca airport. The aircraft flew on autopilot in Greek airspace for two hours before it ran out of fuel and smashed into a hillside. Greek air force pilots who trailed the aircraft saw a lone man at the controls of the plane, apparently trying in vain to avert the disaster.

Reuters

Woman's Coca-Cola 'habit' cited in death

WELLINGTON, 22 April—When people attribute someone's untimely death to a Coke overdose, they're usually not talking about the world's most popular soda. But experts in New Zealand say Natasha Harris' 2-gallon-a-day Coca-Cola consumption "probably" contributed to her death. The soda company responded to the alleged connection by noting that even water consumption can be fatal in excessive amounts.

"The first thing she would do in the morning was to have a drink of Coke beside her bed and the last thing she would do at night was have a drink of Coke," Harris' partner Chris Hodgkinson said in a deposition. "She was addicted to Coke."

Hodgkinson testified that Harris drank between 2.1 gallons and 2.6 gallons of Coke every day. The 30-year-old Harris died of a heart attack in February 2010. According to New Zealand's Fairfax Media, pathologist Dr Dan Mornin testified on Thursday that Harris likely suffered from hypokalemia (low potassium levels), which he believes was caused by her overall poor nutrition, including the unusually high levels of Coke consumption.

Though in fairness to the soda manufacturer, it was also revealed that Harris made other questionable health choices before her death, including smoking a reported 30 cigarettes per day and having poor eating habits. Dr Mornin

also said Harris had "toxic levels of caffeine" in her blood, though it's not clear if those levels came exclusively from Coke or from a combination of other sources, including coffee. Karen Thompson, a spokeswoman for Coca-Cola Oceania, defended the safety of her company's products in a statement:

"We concur with the information shared by the coroner's office that the grossly excessive ingestion of any food product, including water, over a short period of time with the inadequate consumption of essential nutrients, and the failure to seek appropriate medical intervention when needed, can be dramatically symptomatic." Harris



Experts say Natasha Harris Coca-Cola habit probably contributed to her death.—INTERNET

reportedly experienced high blood pressure in the months leading up to her death. Hodgkinson called emergency services and tried mouth-to-mouth resuscitation but was not able to revive Harris after she collapsed in her home.

Internet

Iraq's second Gulf oil terminal comes online



View of the Khor al-Umayyah oil terminal on the outskirts of Basra in 2009. Iraq's second of five floating Gulf oil terminals came online on Friday, adding 900,000 barrels per day to the country's export capacity, according to the Southern Oil Company.—INTERNET

BASRA, 22 April—Iraq's second of five floating Gulf oil terminals came online on Friday, adding 900,000 barrels per day to the country's export capacity, the head of the Southern Oil Company said. "A ship with a capacity of 2 million barrels of oil has docked at the second floating oil terminal," and pumping has begun, Dhia al-Mussawi told a news conference in Basra.

The first of the floating terminals began exporting oil in March. With the new platform, Iraq's export capacity from the south will be 3.5 million barrels per day (bpd), Mussawi said, adding that "this is an important step; it is a very important day for us in the Southern Oil Company." Iraq currently produces about 2.15 million bpd from the south, though that figure is set to rise to 2.75 million bpd by the end of the year, Mussawi said.

Oil ministry spokesman Assem Jihad has said that the eventual goal is for Iraq to be able to export five million barrels per day of oil from the south alone, he said. Oil sales account for the vast majority of Iraqi government income and around two thirds of gross domestic product. The country exported an average of 2.1 million bpd in 2011, according to Oil Minister Abdelkarim al-Luaybi.—Internet

\$1 million for a penny; one of world's rarest coins sold at auction

WASHINGTON, 22 April—One of the first pennies ever produced by the US Mint was put up for auction Thursday night and reportedly sold for more than \$1 million. Bids for the 1792 Silver Centre penny reached \$1.15 million on Thursday night, according to Heritage Auctions, which conducted the sale. The US Mint itself was founded in April, 1792. If you don't have \$1.15 million on hand, there are more affordable rare coins available. The Canadian Mint recently began selling a limited-edition glow-in-the-dark quarter featuring a dinosaur skeleton for around \$30.

And the website ThinkGeek offers electromagnetically shrunk quarters for \$25, or 100 times their actual value as currency. ABC News reports that the rare penny is made of copper with a small silver plug at its center. It was an experiment by the then-fledgling US Mint, which shelved the penny before it could go into mass circulation. The US Mint determined the penny was too large and heavy for practical use. Todd Imhof at Heritage Auctions told ABC that unlike today's legal tender which bears the inscription, "In God We Trust," the copper-silver penny reads "Liberty Parent of Science & Industry."

"At the time, industry and science reflected an enlightenment mindset," Imhof said. "People believed freedom of thought and industrial growth would bind and unify the new country, not religion or God." An anonymous collector who has owned the coin for 10 years sold the penny. "With collectible items, for an item to sell for over a million dollars it is an unusual event," Imhof said. However, Imhof also said a coin of the same type sold for close to \$3 million over a year ago. Still, the \$1.15 million sale is one of only 30 \$1 million-plus coin sales in history.—Internet



An image of a computer screen shows the bidding for a 1792 Silver Centre Cent coin on 18 April, 2012 in Schaumburg, Illinois.—INTERNET

News Album

Tunisian deportees' mouths taped shut in Italy

Rome prosecutors said they are investigating allegations the mouths of two Tunisian men were sealed with duct tape as they were deported.

Prosecutors said they opened an investigation after filmmaker Francesco Sperandeo posted a photo to Facebook of the two men being deported on an Alitalia flight with their mouths taped shut and their hands cuffed with plastic bands, ANSA reported Thursday.

"The indifference of the other passengers" was the worst part, Sperandeo said.

He said the officers told him the methods they were using were "normal."

Veterinarian's family rescues baby pig

A Kansas veterinarian whose family rescued a piglet that fell from a livestock truck said the animal quickly made friends with the family's Labrador retriever.

Shane Tonn, a veterinarian at the Newton Animal Hospital, said his wife, Stacie, saw the piglet fall from a livestock truck on US Highway 50 on 29 March

and brought the animal to his office, *The Wichita Eagle* reported Thursday.

Tonn said the piglet was unconscious for about two days but was able to eat from a syringe when it woke up. He said the pig, which they dubbed Mu Shu, quickly bonded with the couple's blended family of four daughters and their 5-month-

old yellow Lab, Hunter.

"Where Hunter comes in is his constant stimulation of her, licking her, nudging her," Tonn said.

He said the family did not notice Mu Shu was blind for a few days after the accident, but Hunter seemed to recognize the piglet was having trouble and would lead her around the house.



A veterinarian's rescued piglet has made friends with the family dog.

Man, 92, still working at post office

A New York state man who began working for the US Postal Service when he was 70 is now 92 and the oldest postal worker in a district including eight states.

Officials said Charles Cook, of Pittsford, who works as a supervisor at the mail processing centre in Henrietta, is the oldest employee in a district including Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, Delaware, and portions of New York, West Virginia and New Jersey, the Rochester (NY) Courier Democrat reported Thursday.

"I say, 'If you think I'm going to be replaced and they're going to bring in some greenhorn to do my job, you're crazy,'" Cook said. "I'm going to be here for another 25 years."

Cook said he began his career with the Postal Service after a doctor told him when he was 70 he should seek out a job with a lot of physical activity to extend his life.

Liquid concrete floods upscale New York hotel

Workers at an upscale New York hotel said the facility was flooded with liquid concrete from a construction project next door.

Hotel staff at Le Parker Meridien, which costs an average \$600 per night, said concrete began to flow into the hotel from a 29-storey construction project next door around 11:30 am Wednesday.

Officials said there were

no injuries, and workers moved quickly to remove the concrete in wheelbarrows and hose down furniture on the sidewalk outside.

A construction worker from the hotel project next door said the concrete flowed into Le Parker Meridien when a wooden retaining wall failed.

An official with the city Department of Buildings said inspectors will determine whether the retaining wall

"He realized she was blind, but we didn't," Tonn said. "All along, he'd been her eyes."

Tonn said Mu Shu has since recovered her sight and is now a permanent member of the family.

"We're not going to make Mu Shu pork out of her," he said.

was properly built. Contractor DiFama Concrete was issued a partial stop-work order Tuesday for using an unlicensed crane operator.

"Good Morning America" breaks "Today" show's streak

NEW YORK, 22 April—ABC's "Good Morning America" outperformed NBC's the "Today" show for the first time in 16 years, drawing 31,000 more viewers last week than its rival in the lucrative television morning show market.

"Good Morning America," co-hosted by George Stephanopoulos and Robin Roberts, beat out "Today," drawing almost 5.17 million viewers and was ranked No 1 in the morning slot for the week of 9 April, according to Nielsen ratings data on Thursday.

"Today" co-host Matt Lauer was away on vacation during that week.

Morning TV shows are crucial to the networks for their popularity with advertisers and profitability compared to more expensive shows such as dramas and comedies.

The rivalry between the morning shows has been heating up in recent weeks. Katie Couric guest hosted "Good Morning America" two weeks ago, and NBC responded by booking Sarah Palin to drop in to co-host "Today."

Couric famously embarrassed Palin during the 2008 presidential race when the then Republican vice presidential candidate struggled to name which newspapers she regularly read.

"We congratulate our friends at 'Today' for the greatest winning streak in broadcasting history and for their excellence



The ABC's "Good Morning America" anchors (L to R) Robin Roberts, Sam Chapman, Josh Elliott, Lara Spencer and George Stephanopoulos, celebrate becoming No. 1 ranking in the week of 9th April in New York in this 19 April, 2012 handout photo.—INTERNET

and leadership during this historic run. It's a special day for ABC News," Ben Sherwood, ABC News President, said in a statement.

Stephanopoulos tweeted, "What a milestone!" "Today" noted in a statement it still beat "Good Morning America" among 25-45 year-olds coveted by many advertisers.

Reuters

Colton Dixon voted off "American Idol"

NEW YORK, 22 April—Colton Dixon, the young singer from Tennessee known for his flamboyant hairstyle, became the fifth person voted off top-rated TV singing contest "American Idol" on Thursday night.

"I wasn't myself last night," said Dixon, whose Wednesday performance of Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" was roundly criticized by the show's judges. Dixon thanked them for their honest feedback, and assured them he would incorporate it into a future album.

Host Ryan Seacrest described the singer as "a class act" as he left the stage, and judge Jennifer Lopez shook her head when Dixon's dismissal was announced.

Though Lopez described Dixon's performance as "exciting," she questioned whether he chose the right song for his voice, and mentor Jimmy Iovine said he sounded "completely wrong."

Thursday was Dixon's first - and last - time in the show's bottom three, where he was accompanied by contestants Hollie Cavanagh and Elise Testone, both of



Finalists (from L-R standing): Elise Testone, Jeremy Rosado, Joshua Ledet, Jermaine Jones, Jessica Sanchez, Shannon Magrane, Heejun Han, Phillip Phillips, Erika Van Pelt, Colton Dixon, (from L-R front): Hollie Cavanagh, Skylar Laine and Deandre Brackensick pose at the party for the finalists of the television show "American Idol" in Los Angeles, California on 1 March, 2012.

INTERNET whom had found themselves in danger of elimination in previous weeks.

Contestant Jessica Sanchez, who was saved by judges last week after audiences voted her off the show, received enough votes to stay out of the bottom three.

Reuters

Diddy beats Jay-Z, as Forbes' richest hip hop artist



Sean "P Diddy" Combs is being interviewed at the 13th annual Warner Bros and InStyle after party after the 69th annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, California on 15 January, 2012.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 22 April—Rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs topped a list of hip hop's wealthiest artists compiled by

Forbes on Wednesday, beating out contemporaries Jay-Z, DrDre, Birdman and 50 Cent.

Combs' net worth was estimated at \$550 million, including high returns from his investment in Ciroc vodka as well as clothing lines Sean John and Enyce, record label Bad Boy, marketing company Blue Flame and numerous tech start-ups.

The "I'll Be Missing You" rapper, 42, beat out hip hop mogul Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter, who came in at No 2 with a net worth of \$460 million.

Carter, 42, who is married to R&B superstar Beyonce,

continued to rake in substantial earnings from music and tours after signing a \$150 million deal with concert promoters Live Nation in 2008, as well as investments in the New Jersey Nets basketball team, the 40/40 club chain and numerous other business ventures. Pioneering rapper Dr Dre, 47, who has worked with top artists including Eminem and 50 Cent, took the No 3 position, with a net worth of \$260 million, a bulk of which comes from his headphone company, Beats Electronics, which he co-owns with Interscope Records founder Jimmy Iovine.—Reuters

Swift considering Joni Mitchell role

HOLLYWOOD, 22 April—US country music star Taylor Swift is considering playing the role of music legend Joni Mitchell in the upcoming film "Girls Like US," Variety



Singer Taylor Swift.

reported.

Swift has been linked to the role for several months as other actresses have auditioned to play fellow music legends Carly Simon and Carole King, the entertainment trade magazine reported Friday.

Alison Phil, who was in Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris," auditioned to play King, Variety said.

"Girls Like US," which would be produced by Sony Pictures and Di Bonaventura Pictures, has yet to be greenlit, though production has been scheduled to start later this year.

Internet

Real defeat Barcelona in Camp Nou to virtually assure title



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (L) celebrates after scoring during the Spanish League "El clasico" football match Barcelona vs Real Madrid at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 21 April, 2012. Real Madrid won 2-1. — XINHUA

MADRID, 22 April — Real Madrid took a huge step towards assuring the BBVA Primera Liga title on Saturday night as they defeated title rivals FC Barcelona 2-1 in the Camp Nou Stadium. Sami Khedira and Cristiano Ronaldo scored Madrid's goals in a game they deserved to win with a fine display of pressing football and pace on the break. Alexis Sanchez scored a goal which momentarily gave Barca hope, but the fact is that with Madrid leading by seven points with four matches left to play, it need a disaster to stop Madrid claiming the title. Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho kept faith with the side that was narrowly beaten away to Bayern Munich on Tuesday while Barca made changes with Alexis Sanchez and Cesc Fabrigas rested and

defend set pieces and although Valdes did well to save Pepe's header from a corner, Khedia was able to force the ball home from close range, although TV replays showed he may have been slightly offside.

Barca were finding it hard to combine their usual passes, but Xavi almost equalized on 25 minutes he found space in the Madrid area following a Messi pass, but this time it was Casillas who made a fine save. Overall through Madrid looked comfortable when Barca were in possession and always looked threatening on the break. The second half kicked off with no changes either in players or tactics and Madrid continued to look comfortable as Barca began to probe for a way through. They finally carved out an opening 10 minutes into the

half, but Tello sliced high and wide.

That was the sign for Barca to take more control in midfield as Madrid began to sit slightly deeper in their own half, although chances were still few and far between. Xavi fired wide after 67 minutes, directly before being replaced by Alexis as Barca tried to inject some pace. It turned out to be an inspired move as Alexis scored the equalizer after Messi had opened up the Madrid defence. Casillas made two fine saves, but Alexis followed up to score. Barca's joy lasted just over a minute before Ronaldo put Madrid back in front, finishing a quick break by rounding Valdes to make it 2-1 to the visitors. It is a goal that looks like being worth the league title.

Xinhua



Real Madrid's Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho (L) and Barcelona's coach Josep Guardiola react during the Spanish League "El clasico" football match Barcelona vs Real Madrid at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 21 April, 2012. — XINHUA



Arsenal's Robin van Persie fires a shot towards goal against Chelsea at the Emirates Stadium. INTERNET

Emirates stalemate for Arsenal and Chelsea

Gunners and Blues cancel each other out as both have to settle for a draw

LONDON, 22 April — Arsenal and Chelsea cancel each other out as both have to settle for a goalless draw. Arsenal and Chelsea cancelled each other in the Barclays Premier League as they played out a goalless draw at the Emirates Stadium. With both clubs in the hunt for a top-four berth and a place in next season's UEFA Champions League it was a

tight encounter, though Robin van Persie and Laurent Koscielny both hit the woodwork for Arsenal in the first half.

The Gunners always looked the likelier to take the three points, but Chelsea defended magnificently and Petr Cech made two more fine saves from Van Persie to help earn his side a draw.

Internet

Ai Miyazato wins LPGA Tour event in Hawaii

KAPOLEI, 22 April — Japan's Ai Miyazato won the LPGA LOTTE Championship on Saturday for her eighth career LPGA Tour title, birdieing three of the last six holes for a 2-under 70 and a four-stroke victory. Miyazato finished at 12-under 276 at wind-swept Ko Olina. She opened with rounds of 71, 65 and 70 to take a three-stroke lead in the final round.

Meena Lee, ahead early on the back nine and tied for

the lead after a birdie on No 15, had a 70 to tie for second with Azahara Munoz at 8 under. Munoz finished with a 71. The whirlwind finish still had Miyazato a little flustered. "I



Ai Miyazato, of Japan, watches her drive off the third tee in the final round of the LPGA LOTTE Championship golf tournament at Ko Olina Golf Club, on 21 April, 2012, in Kapolei, Hawaii. INTERNET

don't know what happened," said Miyazato, a 15-time winner on the Japan LPGA. "I just focused on my game. I was pretty nervous toward the end because I know everyone is playing so well. I had to finish really strong." — Internet

Dortmund earn Bundesliga title after beating 'Gladbach

DORTMUND, 22 April — Borussia Dortmund were crowned German league champions for the second consecutive season on Saturday having proved their worth by beating main title rivals Bayern Munich home and away. Dortmund's win at home to Moenchengladbach left the defending champions eight

points clear with two games remaining and they will be presented with the Bundesliga shield in their final game at home to Freiburg on 5 May.

Jurgen Klopp's team suffered the last of their three league defeats back in September and have now extended their record for the longest unbeaten run in a

single German league season to 26. Having amassed 75 points, they can still beat the record of 79 for the most league points won in a season which Bayern achieved twice in the early 1970s. The champions have dominated Bayern in both the table and on the pitch of late as the Bavarians have lost their last four matches against Dortmund and not beaten the champions, home or away, since February 2010.

After beating the Bavarians 1-0 at Munich's Allianz Arena last November, thanks to a single goal from Germany's teenage star Mario Goetze, Borussia backed it up with another 1-0 win over Munich in Dortmund on 11 April.

This is the first time for 16 years Bayern have been denied the German title for two seasons running when Dortmund last earned back-to-back titles in 1994/95 and 1995/96 before winning the 1997 Champions League title. — Internet



(From L) Dortmund's Moritz Leitner, Mario Goetze and Mats Hummels celebrate with a mock trophy after their German first division Bundesliga match against Borussia Moenchengladbach, in Dortmund, western Germany, on 21 April. After winning the match 2-0, Dortmund were confirmed as German league champions for the second consecutive season. — INTERNET

Curtis rallies to maintain PGA Texas Open lead

SAN ANTONIO, 22 April — Former British Open winner Ben Curtis managed to overcome a pair of double bogeys in the third round of the PGA Tour's Texas Open to stretch his lead to three shots. Curtis, who is chasing his fourth US PGA title, on Saturday fired a one-over 73 for a nine-under 207 total on the TPC San Antonio's Oaks Course. Even though it has been six years since his last win, Curtis is confident heading into Sunday's final round.

"In the past when I've played in these circumstances, that's what I did: I just focused on my game and if at the end of 18 holes it's good enough to win, great," Curtis said. "If not, I have to shake the guy's hand that won and move forward." Matt Every was alone in second after a one-over 73 as the American seeks his first Tour win. South Koreans Noh Seung-Yul (68) and Charlie Wi (71) were tied for third with American John Huh.

Internet



Ben Curtis plays a tee shot during the third round of the Valero Texas Open at the AT&T Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio, on 21 April, in San Antonio, Texas. Curtis managed to overcome a pair of double bogeys in the third round to stretch his lead to three shots. — INTERNET

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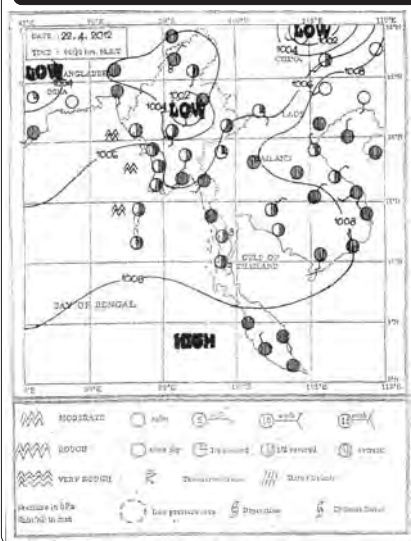
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5. International News
- 4:00 pm**
6. Martial Song
- 4:20 pm**
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- 4:35 pm**
8. Documentary
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9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:15 pm**
10. Myanmar Language
- 5:30 pm**
11. Teleplay (Agri)
- 7:30 pm**
12. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
13. News
- 14. World's Stars**
- 15. India Drama Series**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 23rd April, 2012

Sl. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	35/95	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayin	38/100	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	24/75	17/63	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	41/106	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tamuhayi	36/97	22/72	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	39/102	25/77	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	42/108	28/82	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	36/97	28/82	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	39/102	24/75	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	35/95	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	32/90	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	34/93	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	36/97	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	38/100	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	40/104	26/79	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	39/102	24/75	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Partly cloudy	

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Yamethazi Region, Kachin and Shan States, isolated in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Chin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (5°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State, (1°C) to (5°C) above April average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Chin State and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chank (45°C), Maba and Bawthalak (45°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Moekek (1.18 inches), Thawu (0.51 inch) and Hkamti (0.43 inch).

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Northern Myanmar areas.

Respects paid to the aged in Insein Township

YANGON, 22 April—The 32nd ceremony to receive the precepts and serve refreshment was held at the pandal in West Ywama Ward in Insein Township of Yangon Region in Maha Thingyan period.

The 32nd respect paying ceremony was held at the Dhammayon of the ward. Chairman of the organizing committee Vice-Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Bo Kyi (Dr Bo Thanmani-Taungdwingyi) and ward administrative member U Myint Kyaing made speeches.

After paying respects, they presented cash assistance and gifts to 46 older persons of above 70 years old.—Kyemon



FISH RELEASED: Patrons of Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization, Chairperson of Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and WAO Daw Thung Mya and responsible persons released fish into Mingala Lake near Bronze Buddha Statue in Bahan Township on Myanmar New Year Day, 17 April.—TOWNSHIP GAD

Wilson Kipsang and Mary Keitany win London marathon

LONDON, 22 April—Wilson Kipsang and Mary Keitany, both from Kenya, won the men's and women's races at the London Marathon on Sunday.

Kipsang led for the final 11 kilometres with a time of 2:04:44. Keitany won for the second successive year in 2:18:37.

Kipsang's performance



Kenya's Wilson Kipsang crosses the finish line to win the Men's London Marathon in London, April 22, 2012.
REUTERS



Mary Keitany of Kenya poses for photographers after winning the women's section of the London Marathon on 17 April, 2011.—REUTERS

saw him finish more than two minutes clear of fellow countryman Martin Lel, who finished second, and 2010 winner Tsegaye Kebede.

Keitany set a relentless pace to pull away from compatriot Edna Kiplagat in the final three miles and won by more than a minute, with Priscah Jeptoo coming in third, the BBC said.

She is thought to have set a new personal best and a new Kenyan record on the way to defending her crown. Approximately 36,000 runners took part in the event.

Xinhua

Wolves 0-2 Man City

LONDON, 22 April—Goals from Sergio Aguero and Samir Nasri saw Manchester City relegate Wolves and move to within three points of leaders Manchester United.

Both sides had early chances before City took control and Aguero slid them ahead from Gael Clichy's superb cross.



Aguero celebrates his goal with Carlos Tevez

Joe Hart made an excellent save to deny Steven Fletcher as Wolves worked hard to level, but Nasri slotted in to earn his side a vital win in the title race.

If City beat United at home on 30 April they will be top with two games left. Their goal difference is

six superior to that of their local rivals and all eyes will now be on that meeting at Etihad Stadium.

Suddenly, though, they are very much back in contention and it promises to be a thrilling end to the campaign.

The same can not be said for Wolves, who drop into the Championship after three years in the top flight.

Terry Connor's side have lost a club-record nine successive home games and are without a win of any description since 4 February.

Carlos Tevez fired just over the bar after only 17 seconds and at the other end Sebastian Bassong's shot was deflected narrowly wide.

Aguero then drilled across the face of goal before David Davis forced Hart into



Carlos Tevez, right, hugs Samir Nasri after the Frenchman seals all three points for Man City against Wolves.

a fine save with a powerful effort from 18 yards.

Tevez took a quick free-kick, squared for Nasri and he benefited from Bassong pulling a hamstring to coolly slot past De Vries.

Wolves were furious with referee Lee Probert's decision to penalise Davis for his challenge on Tevez, but their protests were in vain.—Internet

Liverpool 0-1 WBA



Peter Odemwingie of WBA celebrates scoring his goal against Liverpool at Anfield.
INTERNET

Flood kills 7 in N Afghan province

PUL-E-KHUMRI, 22 April—Heavy rains and floods have claimed the lives of seven people and destroyed dozens of houses in Baghlan province 160 km north of capital Kabul over the past two days, a local official said Sunday.

"At least seven people have lost their lives in Burka and Dahnai Ghor districts over the past two days due to heavy rains and flooding," head of Natural Disaster Department in Baghlan province Mohammad Nasim Kohzad told the media. More than 100 houses have also been damaged in both districts, he said, adding heavy rain is still continuing. The rain and flood have also damaged the properties in the neighbouring Kunduz province, according to an official. Some 500 houses have been damaged and hundreds of people are left homeless in Imam Sahib district of Kunduz province, due to heavy rains and flooding in the past two days, district governor Imamudin Qurishi said.—Xinhua

Union Construction Minister meets staff

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, in meeting with building, airport, road/bridge special groups in Yangon Region and staff from district and township offices at Yangon Region Superintending Engineer's Office of Public Works yesterday morning, called for disciplined and responsible performance, goodwill and devotion to work, systematic distribution of machinery and vehicles, allocation of fund in line with financial rules and regulations, and observance of civil servants code of conducts.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin also called on them to work hard, demanding speed, quality and cost effectiveness.

Next, Deputy Managing Director (Administration) U Kyi Win Oo reported on personnel affairs, Superintending Engineer U Thein Hsaing on construction of roads and bridges in Yangon Region, and district engineers-in-charge on construction works in districts concerned.

The Union Minister then visited Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development where he urged the staff to work hard with a sense of duty.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin reported to the Union Minister on works divisions the Yangon Region DHSHD would undertake and, Director-General U Min Htein on organizational set-up and directors from divisions on works of respective divisions.—MNA



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint meets staff of Yangon Region Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development.—MNA



Cultivation of Paletwe hybrid paddy demonstrated

YESAGYO, 22 April—Sowing of paddy seeds was held on 10 acres of Paletwe hybrid field in Nyaungsauk Village-tract in Yesagyo Township of Pakokku District recently.

Township Manager U Sein Maung of Yesagyo Township Agriculture Department and an official of OISCA of Japan explained cultivation of Paletwe hybrid paddy strain in detail to farmers.

“OISCA training school purchased paddy seeds at K 3300 per pyi from Nay Pyi Taw. So, we cost K 231,000 for 10 acres of farmlands as seven kilos of paddy seeds are

to be used for one acre. Moreover, we provided one bag of Armo compound fertilizer per acre for the 10-acer paddy field. We have disbursed K 100,000 per acre as agricultural loans to farmers for five months. Furthermore, we will give other necessary assistance to the farmers,” said Assistant Manager Daw Ni Ni Soe of the OISCA training school.

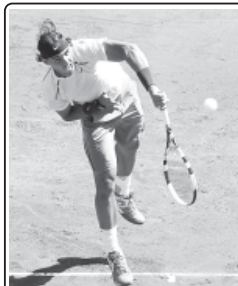
Paletwe hybrid paddy will be grown there for the first time this year. The paddy strain produces over 200 baskets per acre. The seeds will be distributed to local farmers of the township.—*Ei Mon Swe*

Calculation tables issued to pay BOT bridge tolls at a set rate

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—In granting permit for taking charge of collecting bridge tolls for 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Ministry of Construction has no longer granted permit to the person who could offer the biggest amount of money at the auction with sealed tender system. Instead, it has granted permit to those who are allowed to engage in the business to pay 85 percent of their bridge tolls collected at BOT bridge toll gates to the State, based on the floor price collected during a year.

Bridges have been categorized into various levels – bridges 180 feet to less than 1000 feet long as normal level (D), bridges 1000 feet to less than 5000 feet long as

project level (C), bridges 5000 feet to less than 8000 feet long as project level (B) and bridges 8000 feet and above as project level (A). The business can be done only with bidding system and the contract includes types of vehicle, types of axle and types of bridges prescribed by the Ministry of Construction. Moreover, the ministry has issued calculation tables for the public and drivers/owners so that bridge tolls can be paid at a set rate. The Ministry of Construction requested that the public and drivers/owners are to pay charges of roads and bridges exactly and they must be ready to pay the charges with respective currency notes.—MNA



Spain's Rafael Nadal plays a return to Novak Djokovic of Serbia during their final match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament in Monaco, Sunday on 22 April, 2012. INTERNET

Nadal beats Djokovic to win Monte Carlo final

MONACO, 22 April—Rafael Nadal finally managed to beat Novak Djokovic in a final, thrashing the top-ranked Serb 6-3, 6-1 on Sunday to win the clay-court Monte Carlo Masters for the eighth consecutive year and end a run of seven straight defeats to his rival in title matches.

Nadal was hardly troubled by Djokovic this time and broke the Serb's serve five times in a one-sided matchup. He thrust his hands in the air after clinching victory in style with an ace that flew past the beleaguered Djokovic, who beat Nadal in an epic Australian Open final this year. Nadal had promised to be aggressive and, after Djokovic held his opening service game at love, the Spaniard was relentless in running the Serb all over the court. It was his first title since last year's French Open.—*Internet*

Everton shock United as draw revives title race



Manchester United forward Danny Welbeck (left) scores the second goal during the Premier League match between Manchester United and Everton at Old Trafford in Manchester.—INTERNET

MANCHESTER, 22 April—Everton twice came from two goals behind to share the points in an extraordinary 4-4 draw away to leaders Manchester United that reignited the Premier League title race on Sunday.

Everton, who last won at Old Trafford 20 years ago, took a 33rd minute lead when Nikica Jelavic headed in Tony Hibbert's cross as the visitors looked to bounce back from their FA Cup semi-final defeat by cross-town rivals Liverpool. But United were level before the break when Wayne Rooney, against his former club, powered in a header from Nani's cross. Danny Welbeck's superb curling shot past former

United keeper Tim Howard gave Sir Alex Ferguson's men a 2-1 lead before Nani's clever finish on the hour made it 3-1. Everton, however, would not lie down and Marouane Fellaini's first time shot from Tony Hibbert's cross cut United's lead to 3-2. But when Welbeck teed up Rooney for the England striker's second goal in the 69th minute, it appeared United had wrapped up all three points. Everton though had other ideas with Jelavic scoring his second seven minutes from time and, two minutes later, South Africa's Steven Pienaar swept in Fellaini's cross. United almost won the match in the fifth and final minute of stoppage time but Howard saved from Rio Ferdinand.—*Internet*



The ABC's "Good Morning America" anchors (L to R) Robin Roberts, Sam Chapman, Josh Elliott, Lara Spencer and George Stephanopoulos, celebrate becoming No. 1 ranking in the week of 9th April in New York in this 19 April, 2012 handout photo.

Ai Miyazato wins LPGA Tour event in Hawaii

