

NEWS IN brief

Modi to visit China next week

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit China next week, Beijing said yesterday, as New Delhi tries to balance its trade deficit with its neighbour despite a simmering border dispute.

7.4 quake sows panic in PNG

A 7.4 magnitude earthquake struck off Papua New Guinea yesterday, sending frightened residents fleeing from their homes, but a threatened tsunami passed without incident, seismologists said.

Taliban kill at least 13 Afghan police

Taliban militants killed at least 13 policemen after storming security outposts in Afghanistan's remote mountainous northeast, officials said yesterday.

Cattle raiders kill 46 in northern Kenya

At least 46 people have been killed and many others injured when cattle raiders attacked a village in northern Kenya, reports said yesterday.

Ailing Thai king makes rare public appearance

Thailand's revered but ailing King Bhumibol Adulyadej made a rare public appearance yesterday, leaving the hospital where he has been convalescing for much of the past few months.

Nepal quake leaves children traumatised

Ten-year-old Ranju Giri wrings her hands as she describes how she covered terrified under a bed with her younger brother when a massive earthquake rocked their home in Kathmandu.

Spokesman Kent Page said the spaces were designed to give young people "a sense of normalcy in a situation that's absolutely abnormal".

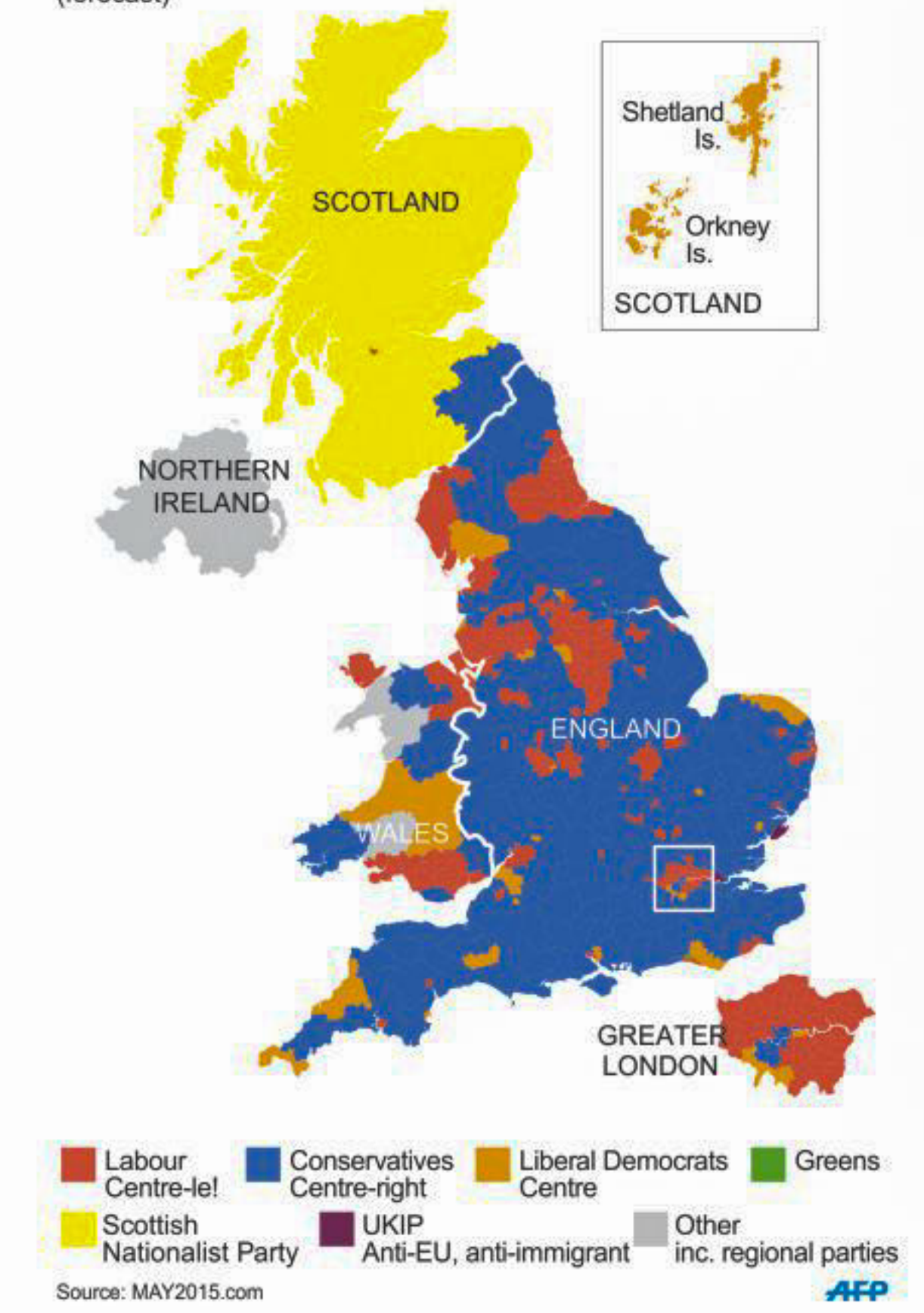


closed until May 15, 22 of these child-friendly spaces have been set up in the Kathmandu Valley and the UN says it wants to expand the service.

and my sister," said Prakash, who isn't related to Ranju. "I was scared at first but not any more -- I come here and I can have fun with other children."

UNICEF child protection advisor Prakash Acharya said many of the children he spoke to had nightmares about the quake or feared it would happen again.

How the UK may vote on May 7



Opposition Labour Party leader Ed Miliband poses for a selfie with supporters following a campaign event in Kempston near Bedford yesterday.

UK polls raise legitimacy question

This week's election in Britain has prompted a heated debate about the potential legitimacy of the next government given that the party that wins the most votes may not end up governing.

Get your paws off me!

Female French journalists fed up with lecherous politicians

Fed up with bawdy remarks and wandering hands, dozens of female French journalists have signed a petition published Tuesday denouncing sexism from male politicians.

India to build port in Iran

India will push ahead this week with plans to build a port in southeast Iran, two sources said, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi keen to develop trade ties with Central Asia and prepared to fend off US pressure not to rush into any deals with Iran.



Sale of US arms fuelling wars in ME

To wage war in Yemen, Saudi Arabia is using F-15 fighter jets bought from Boeing. Pilots from the United Arab Emirates are flying Lockheed Martin's F-16 to bomb both Yemen and Syria.

can sell to Arab nations, meant to ensure that Israel keeps a military advantage against its traditional adversaries in the region.

the world's fourth-largest defense market, according to figures released last week by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, which tracks global military spending.

Obama urges deeper look at US race-fuelled violence

President Barack Obama on Monday urged Americans to address the root causes of recent racially-tinged unrest, focusing not just on police actions but improving opportunities for young black men.

