

## Kayah State marks 63<sup>rd</sup> Fire Brigade Day

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Kayah State celebrated the 63<sup>rd</sup> Founding Anniversary of the Fire Brigade Day at its office on 5 May.

Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint addressed the ceremony and watched the demonstration of a firefighting drill.

He also delivered a speech at the World Red Cross Day commemorative ceremony at the city hall of Loikaw on 8 May.

On the morning of 10 May, the chairman of Kayah State PDC and officials attended the Kayah traditional costumes show and viewed Kayah traditional foods and demonstrations of traditional costumes. The wife of the chairman of Kayah State PDC presented certificates of honour, gifts and bouquets to the presenters.—MNA

## Potential anti-ulcer herb medicine



*Eruca sativa.*

RIYADH, 19 May — A research group from Saudi Arabia studied the anti-ulcer properties of the salad herb Rocket, also known as Arugula, species name *Eruca sativa*. They found that Rocket extract possesses antisecretory, cytoprotective and anti-ulcer activities against experimentally-induced gastric lesions in rats. The anti-ulcer effect is possibly through prostaglandin mediated activity and/or through its anti-secretory and antioxidant properties.

Gastric ulcer is an illness that affects a considerable number of people worldwide. Although the introduction of proton-pump inhibitors to the classic anti-ulcer therapy has revolutionized treatment of peptic ulcers and other gastrointestinal disorders, there is still no complete cure for this disease. It has been shown that long term use of these drugs leads to various adverse and side effects. Relapses of the malady, ineffectiveness of different drug regimens and even resistance to drugs are emerging. Thus, there is an urgent requirement to identify more effective and safe anti-ulcer agents. In recent years, Rocket "*Eruca sativa* L." (EER), a member of the Brassicaceae family, has gained greater importance as a salad vegetable and spice, especially among Middle Eastern populations and Europeans.—Internet

## Trial against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and American Citizen Mr John William Yettaw continues

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—The case against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and American Citizen Mr John William Yettaw continued at the court of Yangon North District today.

Criminal Case No 47/2009 filed by Yangon North District Court under Section 22 and Section 109 of the 1975 Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts continued for the second day today.

In the case, plaintiff witness Pol Lt-Col Maung Maung Khin was questioned first at 10 am. In his statement, he said that he had to interrogate the American citizen who had entered secretly the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that the American citizen was Mr John William Yettaw from Detroit, Michigan; that according to Mr John William Yettaw's statement, he arrived in Myanmar holding the visa issued by the Myanmar Embassy in Thailand on 2 May; that then he was putting up at Beauty Land Hotel (2); that at 11 pm on 3 May, he entered the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi through the drain on the Inya Lake side on University Avenue; that after getting to the compound, he entered the residence; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her two female housemates received him, and served him drinking water, biscuits and cookies; that they also served him meals two times; that he had investigated the case in which Mr John William Yettaw entered the house compound from the Inya Lake side on 30 November 2008; that according to the accused, he learnt that the former left the book "Book of Mormon" near the backdoor at that time; that so he reported to his superiors and searched the house and seized it; that Mr John William Yettaw was arrested together with a camera; that documentary photos bore witness that he stayed in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that in addition, a video documentary also featuring him was seized; and that 21 objects including the camera were seized from Mr John William Yettaw, and 23 objects including the above-mentioned book were seized from the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

When questioned by the court, plaintiff witness Police Inspector Than Naing from Police Battalion (7) stated that he had performed his duties around old Kanthaya Hospital near Tadabyu bus-stop on Pyay Road since the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> May; that he was reported by Police Lance Corporal Myo Lwin at 5.30 pm on 6 May that a suspicious object was floating in Inya Lake; that when he went to the bank and had a look at it, he found the object about 100 yards off the bank; that it was found out that together with the object was a foreigner; that they pulled him out of the water and asked who he was, and he replied that he was Mr John William Yettaw; that found together with him were two empty five-liter drinking water bottles, two small bags, a camera thoroughly wrapped up in plastic, a pair of pliers, a screw driver, a pair of folding pliers with laser, six memory cards, a torch light with dry cells, 28 separate dry cells, a hat, a white shirt with long sleeves, a pair of trousers, seven paper sheets stating English words, two paper sheets stating printed words, two envelopes, an American passport stating the name of Yettaw, two 100-US dollar notes, 93 1000-kyat notes, two 10-US dollar notes, a 50-kyat note, and 10 visiting cards; and that the memory cards in the camera featured a picture of General Aung San, a picture of a fighting peacock, and a bookshelf.

Then, prosecution witness Lance Corporal Myo Lwin of police battalion (7) was examined and he stated the same as plaintiff witness Police Inspector Than Naing.

When prosecution witness Police Captain Maung Maung Myint of Special Branch (operation) was examined, he stated that, at about 5 am on 6 May, police inspector Than Naing of platoon (3), police battalion (7), handed over to him Mr. John William Yettaw, an American citizen who had left Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house by swimming across Inya Lake, that, in the presence of witnesses U Tha Sein, Chairman of Ward (4) Peace and Development Council, and U Soe Myint, he seized the things found on Mr. John William Yettaw and that he listed the objects confiscated after showing them one by one to Mr. John William Yettaw.

At 10 am today, prosecution witnesses Police Lt-Col Maung Maung Khin, Police Inspector Than Naing, Police Lance Corporal Myo Lwin, Police Captain Maung Maung Myint and witness U Tha Sein were examined.

U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win, U Hla Myo Myint and Daw Khin Htay Kywe and HGP U Khin Maung Oo, advocates for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and Mr. John William Yettaw, also appeared in court to defend their clients. The hearing ended in the evening and was adjourned till 20 May.

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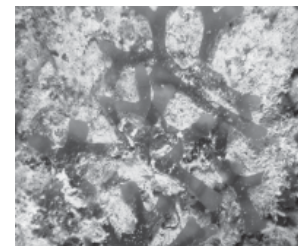
## New red alga discovered in Mediterranean sea

MADRID, 19 May — An international team of researchers led by the University of Girona (UoG) has described a new species of red algae (*Leptofauchea coralligena*) in the western Mediterranean. This is the only species of the *Leptofauchea* genus currently known to be in the Mediterranean.

"The species that we

have described, *Leptofauchea coralligena*, is a deep water red alga which can often be found in the western Mediterranean between the end of winter and autumn. It is of great ecological importance, given that it is a species characteristic of the coral lining situated between 30 and 45 metres below the surface", explains Conxi

Rodríguez-Prieto, main author of the study and director of the UoG's Marine Benthic Algae team.—Internet



*Leptofauchea coralligena* in nature.

## Erratum

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Please read Rules (41) instead of Rules (40) of YCDC Water Supply and Sanitation in the news on trial against American Citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma that appeared on 19 May daily newspapers.

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