Prime Minister attends opening of paper factory

Building of more factories contributes to regional development, creates job opportunities

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects 50-ton newspaper pulp factory and 80-ton packing paper factory in Yedashe Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The opening ceremony of the 50-ton newspaper pulp factory and the 80-ton packing paper factory of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries near Yein No-2 paper factory in Yedashe Township in Bago Division was held this morning. Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the ceremony and unveiled the signboard of the factory.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein to attend ASEAN Summits in ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—At the invitation of H.E. Mr. Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will attend the ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit and Related Summits of Bilateral Summit and ASEAN-ROK CEO Summit scheduled to be held in Jeju Island, the Republic of Korea, in the near future.—MNA

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Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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People’s Desire

Plants, trees, forests are necessary for the existence of humans and animals. Deforestation can lead to climate change, and dry soil, floods and desertification are the consequences of climate change.

Therefore, every nation in the world has given a special emphasis to environment and wildlife conservation and are carrying out reforestation work.

Climate depends on trees and forests and there can be streams only with green mountain ranges. Plant trees all over the world in order to keep it lush green. These are the mottos of Forest Department and show the importance of trees for favourable climate.

Myanmar is systematically conserving aquatic and terrestrial resources. Forests and wildlife are being protected in accordance with the forest law. The Ministry of Forestry and related ministries are establishing watershed forests and special teak plantations.

Plants and trees are thriving now in the 13 arid districts as people are cooperating in the work for greening these regions. The Bago Yoma is the region where teak trees grow well and so teak plantations are being established to keep it ever green. Young trees are being distributed to villages to extend the cultivation of teak and other hardwood trees.

Hardwood trees, including teak and ironwood, contribute not only to national economic development but also to greening the environment. If Forest Department and local people work together and grow more and more trees every year, it will make the climate regular and keep the environment always green.

Talk on Network Security Policies on 30 May

YANGON, 26 May—Myanmar Computer Professionals’ Association (MCPA) have arranged a talk focusing on control and apply of network security policies to be held on 30 May from 1 pm to 3 pm at Room No. 205 Myanmar InfoTech Hlaing Township here.

Executive U Aung Zaw Myint of MCPA, managing-director of M.S.T Computer Center will give talk on network security policies. MCPA have invited members of MCPA, companies and organizations using networking system, technicians, and those interested in the subject to participate in the seminar for free. For more information, contact MCPA Office, Room.4 Building.4 (Ph: 652276).—MNA

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects regional development tasks in Magway Div

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects Duringabo River Water Pumping Station near Pyinpinhla Village in Aunglan Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe inspected building of embankment at the foot of Lawkananda Swae-daw-myat Pagoda in Nyaung-U on 24 May.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into major repair of Pinchaung Bailey Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Madalay Road in Yaynanchaung Township and called for timely completion of the task.

At Daung Nay Chaung Bridge building project site in Magway Township, he instructed officials for timely completion of building the bridge in accord with the set standard after hearing their reports on the bridge.

He also inspected Kopin-Sanmagyi-Thityarkauk shortcut in the town.

During his visits to Pyithayar Agriculture Co Ltd in Kopin region, the Public Works in Kopin Village in Hsin Paung We township, and Pyay-Aunglan-Setthwar railroad section, Lt-Gen Tha Aye fulfilled the needs and left necessary instructions.

Before his inspection of Bwagyi Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Magway, he viewed pumping of river water at Duringabo River Water Pumping station in Aunglan Township. At Aunglan People’s Hospital, Lt-Gen Tha Aye made cash donations. —MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Myanmar Medical Association’s monthly golf tournament will be held at Thanyin golf course at 6 am on 31 May. Members of the association may take part in the tournament. —MNA

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Iran’s Ahmadinejad invites Obama to debate at UN

Ahmadinejad said in a press conference here on Monday.

“Ahmadinejad had invited US President George W Bush to participate in a live debate with him in the United Nations over global diversified issues, but Bush did not give response to his invitation. Ahmadinejad told reporters that his congratulation to Obama upon his victory in the US presidential elections was a ‘great gesture’ to him. Iran is waiting for US changes not in words but in practice, Ahmadinejad said, thanking Obama for his willingness to enter direct talks with Iranians.”

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad holds a press conference at the presidential palace in Teheran on 25 May, 2009. —INTERNET


“Our proposal (to President Obama) is to sit at the UN and debate about the origin of the global problems and each side put forward its solutions,” Ahmadinejad said in a press conference.

Roadside bomb kills four civilians in Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 May—A roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan killed four civilians while an operation by US-led forces left three people dead and a woman and child wounded on Monday.

The bomb struck the civilian’s vehicle and also wounded three civilians inside in Zabul Province, said Jalani Khan, a provincial police official.

He blamed the Taleban for planting the bomb. Separately, US-led troops killed three men and wounded a woman and a child during a raid against a Taleban commander in southern Helmand Province Monday, the force said in a statement. It did not say whether the men were armed militants or civilians.

The wounded woman and child were transported to a coalition hospital for treatment. Southern Afghanistan is the center of the Taleban-led insurgency. President Barack Obama has ordered 21,000 new American troops into Afghanistan, hoping to reverse Taleban gains.

Eleven armed Taleban fighters join Govt reconciliation in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 May—Eleven armed Taleban fighters on Monday laid down their arms and joined reconciliation process in Baghlan Province, north of Afghanistan, police said. “Eleven armed rebels, whose commander Abdul Jabbar surrendered to government days ago, also laid down their arms and joined reconciliation process in Jilga district today (Monday), and they vowed to defend government thus working for peace,” provincial police spokesman Ahmad Jawed Basharat told Xinhua.

Mullah Abdul Jabar along with his 19 arm men joined the reconciliation process 14 May in Jilga district and urged to help Afghan forces to boost durable security in province, he added. —INTERNET

Iraqi Army say almost one-quarter lacks minimum qualifications

BAAGHDAO, 26 May—In a legacy of the US rush to build Iraqi security forces, almost one-quarter of the Iraqi Army currently fails to meet its own minimum qualifications for soldiers, the Iraq government is discovering in its first real look at the composition of the Army. “They’re finding about 24 percent are not qualified based on Army criterion for being in the Army,” US Brig Gen Steven Salazar says of an ongoing rescreening of Iraq’s 253,000 soldiers. “A very small number of them are overage, a little bit bigger number of them would be medically disqualified, and then somewhere—around 15 percent they’re finding—aren’t literate,” says General Salazaar, deputy commander of the Multinational Security Transition Command-Iraq, in an interview. Salazaar says the rescreening, which has surveyed 46,000 soldiers so far, was undertaken because neither the Iraqi Ministry of Defence nor US officials knew who exactly was in the Army. Although the cash-strapped Iraqi government has had to scrap plans to expand the Army due to budget cuts, it does not plan to automatically fire the不合格 soldiers. —INTERNET

Iraqi killed US soldier bailed out by court

TIKRIT, 26 May—An Iraqi court on Monday released on bail an Iraqi old man accused of killing an American soldier and wounding five others, a provincial police source said. An inquiry judge in Tikrit, the capital city of Salahudin Province, released the 70-year-old Ahmad Dawood al-Allwo, who was accused of man slaughtering an American soldier and wounding five others about three months ago near the town of Duluiyah, some 90 km north of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The judge released the Allwo on a bail of 30 million Iraqi Dinars (25,000 US dollars) after finding the incident was not a terrorist act, the source said.

The source said that the incident took place on 8 March when Allwo opened fire on US and Iraqi security forces during a raid on a house adjacent to Allwo’s house to arrest a wanted individual according to an arrest warrant issued by an Iraqi court. —INTERNET

Low-level explosive shatters New York storefront

NEW YORK, 26 May—A low-level explosive went off early Monday morning, outside a Starbucks in Manhattan of New York City, said New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. According to local TV channel NY1, the blast went off at around 3:30 am local time at the corner of 92nd Street and 3rd Avenue. No one was injured.

The explosive took out windows at a Starbucks on the corner. Several people in the apartments above the coffee shop were reportedly evacuated, but have since been let back into their homes, “We’re going to analyze the type of explosive that’s been used. As I say, it’s been described by our bomb experts as a low explosive,” Kelly was cited as saying. —INTERNET
Iran’s Ahmadinejad rejects Western nuclear proposal

TEHERAN, 26 May—Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday rejected a Western proposal for it to “freeze” its nuclear work in return for no new sanctions and ruled out any talks with major powers on the issue.

The comments by the conservative president, who is seeking a second term in a 12 June election, are likely to further disappoint the US administration of President Barack Obama, which is seeking to engage Iran diplomatically.

The United States, Russia, China, France, Germany and Britain said in April they would invite Iran to a meeting to try and find a diplomatic solution to the nuclear row.

The West accuses Iran of secretly developing atomic weapons.

Iran, the world’s fifth-largest oil exporter, denies the charge and says it only wants nuclear power to generate electricity. Breaking with past US policy of shunning direct talks with Iran, Obama’s administration last month said it would join nuclear discussions with Teheran from now on.

Ahmadinejad proposed a debate with Obama at the United Nations in New York “regarding the roots of world problems” but he made clear Teheran would not bow to pressure on the nuclear issue.

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BRUSSELS, 26 May—Negotiators from the European Union (EU) and Iraq opened another round of talks on Monday, moving closer to the conclusion of a comprehensive cooperation deal between the two sides.

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After an emergency landing, all the 110 passengers on board the Flight 857 plane of Oman Air were safely de-planed by police. Bomb disposal squad and other security personnel launched a thorough search for possible bomb, said local TV channel Times Now.

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Honda’s marks declined from last year as well, though not by as much.

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Competitors are dressed to raise money for charity, as they take part in the Rupa London 10,000 Run in London, on 25 May, 2009.—INTERNET

File photo shows visitors look at Honda Motor Co’s Insight Hybrid displayed at an ecology fair in Tokyo, Japan.—INTERNET

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The Republic of Korea (ROK) National Pavilion for the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai broke ground on Monday. The national pavilion will be the largest that the ROK has built for a World Expo abroad, ROK Knowledge Economy Minister Lee Young-ho told the groundbreaking ceremony. The exhibit will have two parts: one pavilion for companies and a national pavilion. “This fully demonstrates that our country attaches great importance to the relationship with China, and I hope the two countries will expand economic and cultural exchanges and deepen friendship through the Shanghai Expo,” said Lee.—Xinhua

The European aid convoy called “Hope” which included 39 European activists and 40 wagons of humanitarian aids of food and medicine to the Gaza Strip population arrived at Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Gaza on Sunday. Arafat Madi, chief of the European Campaign to defy Gaza blockade, told reporters that the Egyptian authorities initially refused to let the 39 activists to cross into the Gaza Strip, but “finally Egypt allowed 20 of them to cross.”

“Following intensive negotiations between the organizers of the aid convoy and the Egyptians, Egypt denied the entrance of 19 activists and only let 20 of them to cross into the Gaza Strip with the 40 aid-laden wagons and trucks,” he said.

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“We assess the situation with payment for gas supplies in May as very, very serious. If there is any disruption of payments for supplies for May, Gazprom will have every reason to go over to 100 percent advance payments,” said Gazprom Chief Executive Alexei Miller.

Miller and Ukraine’s Naftogaz Chief Executive Oleh Dubina held a working meeting on Monday, in which they discussed whether a timely and full payment will be made for the Russian gas, according to Gazprom spokesman Sergei Kupriyanov.

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Cyclone floods east India, Bangladesh, kills 115

KOLKATA, 26 May – Cyclone Aila lashed low-lying areas in eastern India and Bangladesh, destroying thousands of homes, stranding tens of thousands of people in flooded villages and killing at least 115 before it began to ease Tuesday.

Conservationists expressed concern over the fate of one of the world’s largest tiger populations, which is in the path of the storm. Aila tore down nearly 3,000 thatched and mud houses and uprooted a large number of trees in nearly 300 villages across India’s West Bengal state, said Kanti Ganguly, a state minister. He said 34 people were killed in West Bengal. Storm surges hit coastal areas in Ganguly, a state minister. He said 34 people were killed in villages across India’s West Bengal state, said Kanti Kong, and the Chinese mainland.

Air strike on Sudan convoy killed 119

KHARTOUM, 26 May – A total of 119 people were killed when unidentified aircraft attacked a convoy of vehicles traveling close to Sudan’s border with Egypt in January, state media reported on Monday.

Sudan’s defence minister Abdel Rahman Mohamed Hussein made a report to parliament saying the attack on a suspected smuggling convoy was still under investigation, the state Sudan News agency said.

Details of the air strike on a remote road in Sudan’s eastern Red Sea state first appeared in the international media in March and sparked widespread speculation.

Newspaper reports in Egypt and the United States suggested the attack was aimed at arms smugglers bound for Hamas-ruled Gaza via Sudan and Egypt and was carried out by either the United States or Israel.

NC teen accused of using banana in robbery attempt

Authorities say a North Carolina teenager who was charged as he tried to rob a store with a banana ate it before they could arrest him.

Winston-Salem authorities say 17-year-old John Szwalla held the banana under his shirt when he entered the store, saying he had a gun and demanded money.

Owner Bobby Ray Mabe says he and a customer jumped Szwalla, holding him until deputies arrived. While they waited, Mabe says the teen ate the banana. May be says deputies took pictures of the banana peel. Forsyth County Sheriff’s deputies joked about charging Szwalla with destroying evidence.

Australian flood waters create ‘inland sea’

SYDNEY, 26 May – Thousands of homeowners remained isolated in Australia’s flood-hit northeast Sunday, where authorities said days of torrential rain had created a vast “inland sea”.

Swollen rivers peaked overnight, allowing cleanup operations to begin and evacuated residents to return to the northern New South Wales towns of Grafton and Kempsey, the State Emergency Service (SES) said.

But SES spokesman Greg Slater said up to 20,000 people in small communities remained cut off by the floodwaters, which have led to disaster declarations in NSW and neighbouring Queensland.

“We’re concentrating our efforts on those communities in terms of resupply and provision of immediate medical assistance and medical supplies, just the basic necessities, foodstuff and the like,” he told Sky News.

Two people have died in the floods, which have dumped one-third of southeast Queensland’s average annual rainfall in just 24 hours.

NSW Premier Nathan Rees flew over the affected area Sunday and said it was difficult to grasp the extent of the floods, even from the air.

Eight patients killed in hospital fire

ANKARA, 26 May – A fire at a western Turkish hospital killed eight intensive care unit patients dead on Tuesday, authorities said.

Gov Sahabettin Harputlu of Bursa Province said it was not clear whether the patients died of smoke inhalation or when life supporting machines were left without power during the fire at the Sevket Yilmaz hospital.

A suspected short circuit sparked the fire in the hospital’s basement and affected the entire building when the hospital’s ventilating system did not work because of the power failure, Harputlu said.

Authorities evacuated all 44 of the hospital’s patients, eight of whom died, Harputlu said. Several other patients suffered from smoke inhalation but all were in stable condition, authorities said.

Mass wedding with 299 couples held in Macao

The Macao Businesswomen Association (MBWA) has gathered some 299 couples from four regions of China to attend a mass wedding show held at Macao’s landmark place, the Ruins of St. Paul’s Church, the Macao Post Daily reported.

Entitled “Century Wedding — Love in Macao”, the two-million-pataca (253,000 US dollars) wedding show on Thursday involved a total of 299 couples, who came from Macao, Hong Kong, and the Chinese mainland.

A traditional Hungarian horseman steers horses in a horse show on the Great Hungarian Plains, or Puszta, in Bagas, 90 km (56 miles) south of Budapest.

Statue of former President loses head in Ohio

Someone has beheaded a statue of President James Garfield that was installed last week at an Ohio college.

Hiram College spokesman Shawn Brown says the vandalism was discovered Friday morning, just a day after the sandstone statue was dedicated on the campus in Hiram, 30 miles southeast of Cleveland.

Brown says the college is hoping the head will be recovered so the 95-year-old statue can be restored, but police have no leads in their investigation.

In the mid-1800s, Ohio native Garfield was a student and later the principal at the school that later became Hiram College. He was elected the nation’s 20th president in 1880.

Pre-Hispanic pieces symbolising governors of the city of Teotihuacan is displayed as part of the “Teotihuacan, City of Gods” exhibition in Mexico City’s anthropology museum on 21 May, 2009.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and guns at picnic

A picnic open to the public at a park in La Crosse County will offer free brats and hamburgers and an invitation to bring your gun.

Organizer Hubert Hoffman said Sunday’s picnic at Marvin Gardens Park in the Town of Onalaska celebrates a recent opinion from state Attorney General JB Van Hollen that citizens who openly carry firearms should not be cited for disorderly conduct.

Hoffman said the picnic is open to everyone, including children and those who don’t want to bring a gun.

The gun rights advocate said it’s a way to let the public know that openly carrying a firearm isn’t dangerous or risky. La Crosse County Sheriff’s Captain Mike Horstman said Hoffman is “legally entitled” to host the open carry picnic.

This undated photo released by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game shows Charlie Vandergraw with a brown bear at his property near Alexander Creek, Alaska. The 78-year-old retired science teacher who has been feeding bears at his property in the Susitna River valley about fifty miles northwest of Anchorage, Alaska, for 20 years was charged with 29 counts of illegally feeding game in May, 2009.
Trial against American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma continues for seventh day

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May — Trial against American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma continued at the court of Yangon North District for seventh day today.

Yangon North District Court examined defendant Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in connection with the Criminal Case No. 47/2009 filed against her. Following are questions and answers when Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was examined.

Q: Do Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay stay with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi?
A: Yes, in my home.

Q: Are the restriction order, prohibition order and the order for extension of the prohibition order issued?
A: Yes, the orders are issued to me.

Q: Did American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw come to your home on 30 November, 2008?
A: I was told about his arrival, but I didn’t see him.

Q: Did American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw intruded into your house compound swimming across the Inya Lake on 3 May night?
A: As far as I understand, he arrived at my home in the morning of 4 May.

Q: What time did he arrive at your home?
A: I don’t know. I was reported on his arrival about 5am.

Q: Who reported to you?
A: Daw Khin Khin Win reported to me that a person was in my house.

Q: Who was that person?
A: I didn’t know who that person then, but I knew him later on.

Q: Is that person American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw?
A: Yes.

Q: Did you report to the authority concerned on his arrival at your home?
A: No.

Q: Is it true that you received Mr John William Yettaw, gave food to him and arranged accommodation for him?
A: I permitted him to take shelter at my home temporarily.

Q: Did you provide food and talk to Mr. John William Yettaw and accept letters and gifts from him?
A: I talked to Mr. John William Yettaw. I am not sure whether letters and items remained or were left by Mr. John William Yettaw. Only Mr. John William Yettaw himself knows that matter.

Q: Which date and time did Mr. John William Yettaw leave your home?
A: Mr. John William Yettaw left my home between 11.45 pm and midnight on 5 May.

Q: Which way did Mr. John William Yettaw take when he left your home?
A: I only knew that Mr. John William Yettaw went to the lake. Because of the darkness, I don’t know which way he took.

Q: Did Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun come and confiscate the things Mr. John William Yettaw had left at the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi?
A: Yes, Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun came and confiscated the things Mr. John William Yettaw had left.

Q: Were there members of security force at the surrounding of the residence while Mr. John William Yettaw was at the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi?
A: They were not in the compound. I don’t know whether they were out of the compound or not.

Q: Did American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw take photos and shoot video in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi?
A: I don’t know whether he took photos and shot video while I was at my house.

Q: Do Daw Aung San Suu Kyi know the facts prescribed in restriction order, prohibition order and order for extension of the prohibition order?
A: Yes, I know the facts written in the orders.

Next, prosecution witness Investigating Officer Police Captain Than Soe of Special Branch who remained to be examined in connection with the Criminal Case No. 48/2009 filed against Mr. John William Yettaw was examined. He said that on 11 May he got the case of Bahan Police Station, (Pa) 302/09 under section 13 (1) of Immigration Act (Emergency Provisions) at Yangon North District Court.

The proceedings are adjourned until 10 a.m. on 27 May.—MNA

Construction works in Ayeyawady Div inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May — Deputy minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thwin inspected Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu road, Nalinkyaw bridge and Cyclone Shelters being constructed by T.Z.T.M and Ayeya Shwewah companies on 22 May.

The deputy minister and party looked into construction of Cyclone Shelters built by A1 company and Max Myanmar company in Pyinsalu Township on 23 May.

On 24 May, he visited Oahtwin-Haiksun road section of Labutta-Oahtwin-Htakuson road project, and Gwyaungchung bridge construction workplace and workshop of construction of Cyclone shelter being built by F.M.I company.—MNA

Explosives discovered in Shwepyitha Township

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May — Explosives were unearthed in the compound of a house in Shwepyitha Township yesterday.

U Win Hlaing handed over the devices and explosives to the authority. It is found that as the explosives are the same kind found in the blast in Maha Bandoola Park on 25 September, 2008, they are connected Thet Oo Win. Seven people were injured in the blast on 25 September, 2008. The explosives discovered yesterday were left by Thet Oo Win who planned to set successive bombings in Yangon but died.

MNA

New memory material may hold data for one billion years

WASHINGTON DC, 26 May — Scientists are reporting an advance toward developing a new computer memory device that can store thousands of times more data than conventional silicon chips with an estimated lifetime of more than one billion years.

Their discovery is scheduled for publication in the June 10 issue of the American Chemical Society’s Nano Letters, a monthly journal.

Alex Zettl and colleagues note in the new study that some of today’s highest-density experimental storage media can retain ultra-dense data for only a fraction of a second. They note that William the Conqueror’s Doomsday Book, written on vellum in 1086 AD, has survived 900 years. However, the medium used for a digital version of the book, encoded in 1996, failed within 20 years.
Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min, ministers, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, personnel of the Chinese Embassy, the Director-General of the Government Office, departmental heads, personnel, division and township-level departmental personnel from Bago Division, the factory manager and staff, members of social organizations and guests.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo of the People’s Republic of China officially opened the factory.

The Prime Minister then unveiled the stone plaque of the factory and sprinkled scented water on it. Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Min, Minister U Aung Thaung, and personnel also sprinkled scented water on it. Afterwards, the Prime Minister, together with the Commander, the ministers, the Chinese Ambassador, officials concerned, Chairman of Chenyda Company and members, factory manager and personnel had documentary photos taken. Prime Minister and party inspected the factory.

The Prime Minister viewed storage of bamboo and wood raw materials, nailing process of bamboo and wood, production process of pulp, wood and chemicals used in making pulp, pulp sheets and newsprint, newspaper whose printpaper is made of pulp of the factory, production of packing paper rolls in 80-ton packing factory. The Prime Minister signed on the paper produced by the factory.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, the commander and the ministers and party put signatures on the paper produced by the factory.

At the briefing hall of the factory, minister U Aung Thaung reported to the Prime Minister on facts about 50-ton newspaper pulp and 80-ton packing paper factory (Yeni), location and aim of the factory, demand and production of newspaper pulp and packing paper for a year, State’s need and fulfillment on newspaper pulp for a year, generating capacity of the factory, demand on main raw materials such as softwood, bamboo, lime stone, caustic soda and water and electricity needs, demand on fuel and manpower, value of investment, production process, cultivation of timber and bamboo plantations, arrangements for upgrading of Yeni No.2 paper factory and machines installed at the factories and raw materials and products.

The factory can reduce paper imports by producing pulp and packing paper at home with the effective use of natural resources.
Prime Minister...

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In his address, the Prime Minister said that the factory can reduce paper imports by producing pulp and packing paper at home with the effective use of natural resources. Building of more factories can contribute to development of the region and can create job opportunities for the local people, he added.

Then he stressed the need to operate machinery at full capacity for ensuring proper ratio between cost and income, to see that workers gain competence in work, to fulfill the requirement of raw materials and to grow timber and bamboo plants at factory-owned plots in order to fulfill the requirements on raw materials, carry out fire preventive and worksite safety measures and to conduct educative programme.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented a basket of fruits to the Chinese ambassador and the chairman of Chengda Company.

Then the Prime Minister accepted a gift to mark the opening of the factory presented by the Chinese ambassador and the chairman of the company.

The factory is situated near Yeni No-2 Pulp Factory in Yedashe Township of Taungoo District, Bago Division. The factory can produce 50 tons of newspaper pulp and 80 tons of packing paper per day. It was built by Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 with the aim of reducing paper imports, ensuring regional development, job opportunities, better standard of living, modern technology and gaining experiences by using modern machines and equipments, producing newspaper pulp and packing paper on a wider scale to satisfy the demand of growing population and to improve the role of newspaper, to fulfill the demand of cement factories and to export the surplus.

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Press conference on clarifying Sections ...

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He said that regarding the authority bestowed on the Central Board, according to Article (10) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts, the body has the following rights to impose restrictions to protect the State against subversive acts, and that is also exhibited with tables.

(a) A person against whom action is taken can be detained for a period of not exceeding sixty days at a time in accord with Article 10 (a). This can be extended to a period up to one hundred and eighty days.

(b) A person against whom action is taken under Article 10 (b) can be restricted for a period of up to one year.

Regarding the authority of the Cabinet

(a) Article 10 (a)

(1) Under the Article 12, the Central Board shall obtain the approval of the Cabinet prior to the detention of a person against whom action is taken under Article 10 (a), in case such detention is considered necessary for a period longer than stipulated under Article 10 (a).

(2) Under Article 14, the Cabinet may grant prior approval to continue the detention or restrictions of rights of a person against whom action is taken for a period of not exceeding one year at a time up to a total of five years.

(b) Article 10 (b)

(1) Under Article 13, the Central Board shall obtain the approval of the Cabinet in case it is considered necessary to extend the restrictions on a person against whom action is taken under Article 10 (b).

(2) Under Article 14, the Cabinet may grant prior approval to continue the restrictions of rights of a person against whom action is taken for a period not exceeding one year at a time up to a total of five years.

When the Central Board reviews the restriction order in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts, it can also review the detention order or prohibition order and has the right to do as follows:

(A) According to the Procedure 46 (b), if there is strong evidence of the danger, the restriction order can be changed as required and the detention order can be issued instead of the prohibition order and, according to the Procedure 46 (e), whether the restriction order is changed or not, the detention order can be cancelled and the prohibition order issued instead.

(B) This being the case, the Central Board can change Article 10 (a) to Article 10 (b) and vice versa.

According to Article 10 (a) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts, the Central Board issued the prohibition order on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi three times in the period from 31-5-2003 to 27-11-2003, one time stretching up to 60 days totalling 180 days.

During that period, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had to be hospitalized at Asia Taw Win clinic on Bahan road in Sanyangu Township on 17-9-2003 as she was suffering from a certain female disease. When her health improved, she was discharged from the clinic on 26-9-2003. The government sent her back to her health improved, she was discharged from the clinic on 26-9-2003. The government sent her back to her house on University Avenue on humanitarian grounds and allowed her to live there till the prohibition period under Section 10 (a) expired on 27-11-2003.

Then, as it was necessary to issue Article 10 (b) because Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was likely to undermine the community peace and stability, the Central Board issued a one-year prohibition order on her at her house from 28-11-2003 to 27-11-2004 by changing Article 10 (a) to Article 10 (b) according to Procedure 46 (e).

When it no longer has the right to continue the prohibition and as it was necessary to issue another prohibition order, the Central Board, with the prior permission of the Cabinet, issued prohibition orders as follows:

(a) one year from 28-11-2004 to 27-11-2005-First time

(b) six months from 28-11-2005 to 27-5-2006-Second time

(c) one year from 28-5-2006 to 27-5-2007-Third time

(d) one year from 28-5-2007 to 27-5-2008-Fourth time

(e) one year from 28-5-2008 to 27-5-2009-Fifth time

Therefore, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been prohibited for 4 years and 6 months according to Article 13 and Article 14 and with the prior permission of the Cabinet. According to Article 14 and with the prior permission of the Cabinet, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi can be prohibited for five years by issuing prohibition orders, each one covering the period of not more than one year. Therefore, according to the law, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi can be prohibited for another six months.

As has been mentioned above, on 27-5-2009, the fifth prohibition order that came into effect on 28-5-2008 expires and it will turn 4 years and six months.

Therefore, according to the law, the Central Board, with the prior permission of the Cabinet, has the right to prohibit her for another six months. However, as she is the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San, the founding leader of Myanmar, the Central Board was seriously considering whether to issue another 6-month prohibition order.

At this time, unfortunately, it was found out that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi allowed Mr John William Yettaw, an American citizen who entered her house illegally, to stay at her house for two days, received him and served meals to him. As it was against the law, she had to be sued.

Whatsoever it may be, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has the right to defend herself by asking for the services of a lawyer according to the law. In addition, the government has provided food, accommodation and health care to her on humanitarian grounds.

At 8:40 am, the press conference came to a close.

At 1 pm today, the cases against the American citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma were heard at Yangon North District Court for the seventh day and ambassadors to Myanmar, charge d'affaires, diplomats, UNDP resident representatives, members of Myanmar foreign correspondents club, editorial staff of local journals and magazines and township representatives in Yangon Division were present as observers at the trial.—MNA

Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein.—MNA
Review past events from 1948 to 1988, study stability, peace and development of nation from 1988 to date

Aids provided for schools of Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan held a meeting with local people at the city hall of Monywa yesterday. The meeting saw attendance figures of more than 2300 from 25 wards of Monywa.

Those responsible reported on progress in implementing regional development tasks and requirements. The commander and the minister attended to the needs, in coordination with officials concerned.

In his speech, the commander said that the government is working hard to ensure all-round development of the nation. Now, Sagaing Division has seen tangible progress as a result, he added, calling for maintenance of the already-achieved development momentum.

The minister said that the government is trying to fulfil the three requirements of the public: stability and peace, development, and freedom of business in the framework of the law; and that the people have to maintain the development momentum. He stressed the importance of generating a situation that can guarantee sustainable development of the nation, correctly reviewing the past events that took place from 1948 to 1988 and studying the stability, peace and development of the nation from 1988 to date.

The commander presented school textbooks and exercise books to the schools of the township, and the minister, K 1.5 million to needy students for their school uniforms, K 1 million for upgrading Shwe Wah Yaung road to a tarred one, K 500,000 for respect-paying ceremony of Monywa No (1) Basic Education High School, and school textbooks and exercise books to the schools.—MNA

Virus tamed to destroy cancer cells

LONDON, 26 May — Scientists at Oxford University have tamed a virus so that it attacks and destroys cancer cells but does not harm healthy cells. They determined how to produce replication-competent viruses with key toxicities removed, providing a new platform for development of improved cancer treatments and better vaccines for a broad range of viral diseases.

Cellular microRNA molecules regulate the stability of mRNA in different cell types, and this newly-understood mechanism provides the possibility to engineer viruses for cell-specific inactivation.—Internet

Immunomagnetic beads can attract plague bacteria

SCIENCE DAILY, 26 May — Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists have used antibody-coated immunomagnetic beads (IMBs) to detect Yersinia pestis, the bacterium that causes bubonic plague.

While similar techniques are often used to detect various bacterial species, the methods must be altered to suit specific pathogens.

This is done by taking advantage of variations in the biological makeup of the different bacteria. Because antibodies can be selected that bind to very specific targets, antibody-coated IMBs can be used to specifically remove target pathogens from the other harmless bacteria present in most food.—Internet

ARS microbiologist George Paoli and his colleagues have developed antibody-coated immunomagnetic beads that can detect Yersinia pestis, the bacterium that causes bubonic plague.
Hundreds of Mt Qomolangma trekkers stranded after heavy snowfall

KATHMANDU, 26 May—Heavy snowfall and storm have hampered hundreds of tourists and trekkers in Mt Qomolangma region with most of them stranded at the base camp, 5,365 meters on Tuesday.

According to Nishant Shrestha, field officer of Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee at Namche, Solukhumbu, more than 300 persons who were on their way to Lukla, were affected by the snowfall in the region. Arun Pokharel, senior officer at the Mountaineering Department of the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, said that tourists and trekkers couldn’t proceed to their destinations due to the storm and snowfall in the upper part of Mt. Qomolangma region including the base camp.

It is a very unusual phenomenon and the Himalayan range hadn’t witnessed this kind of snowfall this season, said the general manager of Himalaya Expeditions, Satish Neupane.

Blast kills three police in South Russia

STOCKHOLM, 26 May—Sweden’s Navy says one of its ships detained seven suspected pirates after stopping them from capturing a cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden.

Swedish sailors fired warning shots with a cannon, a machine gun and a sniper rifle early Tuesday to thwart the attack on the M/V Antonis. The pirates fired a grenade launcher, but Swedish navy spokesman Anders Grenstad says no one was injured in the attack.

He says the crew of the Swedish corvette HMS Malmo boarded one of the fishing vessels used by the pirates, but a second pirate boat escaped.

Seven people were detained by the Swedes, who also seized weapons and a GPS navigation system.

Swedish navy stops ship attack in Gulf of Aden

Three officers from the Chechen Interior Ministry died in a blast near the town of Datyykh during a joint search operation with their Ingush counterparts late Monday, the source was quoted as saying.

A man works at the construction site along the riverside of the Bund in Shanghai, China, on 26 May, 2009. The reconstruction project of the riverside along the Bund in Shanghai started recently.—INTERNET

Three killed in bomb attack on US convoy

BAGHDAD, 26 May—Three people were killed and two others injured in a roadside bomb explosion near a US convoy in western Iraq, the US military said Tuesday.

The blast took place on Monday when a bomb struck an American convoy carrying soldiers, US government employees and contractors while they were traveling near the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, a military statement said.

It was not immediately known whether any of those killed or wounded in the attack were Americans.

Fallujah, part of Anbar province, once was the key Sunni insurgent stronghold in Iraq after the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Sporadic attacks continue in Iraqi cities despite the U.S. and Iraqi officials announced a relative lull in violence during the past months.

Filipinos perform during the Makati Grand Parade marking its 339th Foundation Day in Manila's financial district, the Philippines, on 25 May, 2009. The reconstruction project of the riverside along the Bund in Shanghai started recently.—INTERNET

Eurozone industrial new orders down by 0.8% in March

BRUSSELS, 26 May—Eurozone industrial new orders dropped by 0.8 percent on the previous month in the euro area in March and by 26.6 percent over a year ago.

In March, new orders for non-durable consumer goods recorded the largest monthly drop of 2.5 percent, while capital goods fell 2.1 percent. Durable consumer goods decreased by 1.8 percent and new orders for intermediate goods declined by 1.6 percent. In the 27-nation EU, industrial new orders declined by 0.7 percent on month and by 25.5 percent compared with the same period of 2008. Among the member states for which data were available, total manufacturing working on orders rose in eight and fell in 13 on monthly basis.

The highest increase was registered at 44 industrial new orders in Denmark. Lithuania recorded the largest decline of 8.2 percent.—INTERNET
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (93309)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (93309) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T.W where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPI NG AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: MS GATI COAST TO COAST**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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**Quit smoking to help prevent influenza**

**Hong Kong, 26 May—**

In view of the recent emergence of A/H1N1 influenza worldwide, a spokesman of Hong Kong Department of Health (DH) urged smokers Monday to quit the habit, one of the best preventive measures against influenza.

“Research studies show a higher risk of influenza infections among smokers when compared with non-smokers,” said the spokesman. Adopting healthy lifestyles and maintaining good personal hygiene are also effective measures to prevent influenza, he added.

Starting from 27 May, the DH will launch a series of smoking cessation smoking exhibitions in various districts to strengthen public awareness of the harmful effects of smoking and enhance their knowledge of how to quit smoking. Visitors to the roving exhibition will get a better understanding of the perils of smoking and second-hand smoke, effective ways to quit smoking as well as tips and available channels for quitting smoking.

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**French orders ship to change course over pollution**

**Paris, 26 May—**A cargo ship suspected of deliberately dumping oil off the west coast of France obeyed an order to sail to the port of Brest late on Monday after ignoring a previous instruction, French maritime authorities said.

The *Mutterhorn*, a 115-metre-long (377-feet) refrigerated cargo ship registered in Liberia, was spotted by a French Customs plane on Monday morning with a trail of oil in its wake 22-kilometre (14-mile) long by 200-metre wide.

The ship was sailing from Kaliningrad in Russia to the Canaries, Spanish islands off the coast of West Africa, French authorities did not specify what the ship was carrying or why it could be dumping oil.

The *Mutterhorn* ignored a first order to change course and sail to Brest, prompting the French Navy to send out a helicopter from its *La Motte-Picquet* frigate to fly over the vessel and repeat the order.

A spokesman for maritime authorities in Brest said the ship had obeyed the second order and was now sailing towards the western port, where it was expected to arrive on Tuesday morning.

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**Solar power could surge by 2050 in deserts**

**Paris, 26 May—**Solar power plants in deserts using mirrors to concentrate the sun’s rays have the potential to generate up to a quarter of the world’s electricity by 2050, a report by pro-solar groups said on Monday.

The study, by environmental group Greenpeace, the European Solar Thermal Electricity Association (ESTELA) and the International Energy Agency’s (IEA) SolarPACES group, said huge investments would also create jobs and help fight climate change.

“Solar power plants are the next big thing in renewable energy,” said Sven Tacke, head of ESTELA.

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**Ecuador closes consulates in NY over flu fears**

**Quito, 26 May—**Ecuador temporarily closed its two consulates in New York City on Monday over fears one of its workers contracted the H1N1 flu virus that has sparked fears of a global pandemic.

Ecuador’s Foreign Affairs Ministry said the consulates in the New York boroughs of Manhattan and Queens would remain shut until health authorities are able to confirm whether it is a case of the new swine flu virus.

The Andean country has confirmed 24 cases of the virus, mostly contracted by people who visited countries such as the United States and Mexico with the most confirmed cases, or who had close contact with travellers.

The World Health Organization has confirmed 12,515 infections across 46 countries with the newly discovered strain that has killed 91 people.
A sunny bank holiday brings cancer risk

LONDON, 26 May—Sunny weather during last public Bank Holiday weekend in Britain brought thousands of sun worshippers to seaside resorts and attractions across the country, as temperatures hit 26 degrees, the warmest so far this year. But many may have been risking their health as cancer charities warned on Monday that skin cancer rates have risen dramatically in the last few years.

The annual Southend Airshow in southeast England brought thousands to the coast to enjoy the spectacle of military jets and acrobatic teams. Indulging in ice-creams, drinking beer and eating sandwiches in the May sunshine, few took the precaution of using sun block.

Despite warnings from cancer charities, few people heeded the advice, and instead attempted to take advantage of the occasional sunny weather to obtain a tan.

English playwright and composer Noel Coward once summed up the quintessentially British attitude to high temperatures in his 1932 song “Mad Dogs and Englishmen,” describing his countrymen as “imperious to heat.” Indeed, the British are crazy for hot and sunny temperatures.

Amazon hit by climate chaos of floods, drought

File photo is seen the Anama Lake after a drought affected the levels of parts of the Amazon River, 168 km from Manaus, Brazil. —INTERNET

SÃO PAULO, 26 May—Across the Amazon basin, river dwellers are adding new floors to their stilt houses, trying to stay above rising floodwaters that have killed 48 people and left 405,000 homeless.

Flooding is common in the world’s largest remaining tropical wilderness, but this year the waters rose higher and stayed longer than they have in decades, leaving fruit trees entirely submersed. Only four years ago, the same communities suffered an unprecedented drought that ruined crops and left mounds of river fish flapping and rotting in the mud.

Experts suspect global warming may be driving wild climate swings that appear to be punishing the Amazon with increasing frequency.—INTERNET

A/H1N1 confirmed cases continue to rise in Asia-Pacific region

HONG KONG, 26 May—The number of A/H1N1 flu cases continued to rise in Asia-Pacific region on Monday, with new confirmed reports coming from China, China’s Hong Kong, South Korea and Japan.

China’s Ministry of Health Monday confirmed two new cases of A/H1N1 influenza on the mainland, bringing the mainland’s total number of confirmed A/H1N1 cases to 11. In Hong Kong, a four-year-old boy and his younger sister tested positive for the A/H1N1 virus on Monday, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the city to nine, health authorities of the HKSAR told a press briefing Monday evening.

On the same day, South Korea’s health authorities reported an additional confirmed case of In-fluenza A/H1N1, raising the total number of confirmed cases in the country to 22.

The man died on Saturday and lab testing the next day confirmed he had been infected with the new A/H1N1 flu virus, according to a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) report on Monday.

The man had other chronic medical problems and it is not clear what role the new flu played in the man’s death, Ontario’s acting chief medical officer of health, Dr. David Williams, said in a statement.—INTERNET

Study says businesses can create clean energy jobs

COPENHAGEN, 26 May—Business leaders vowed Monday to help world governments set a price on carbon, establishing a market that governments can use to cut greenhouse gases.

“I think we can craft some pretty clear direction,” said Tony Hayward, the chief executive officer of BP PLC. Hayward said most executives he had spoken with agreed the world “is going to establish a carbon price” — making carbon emissions a global commodity, with a universally accepted price, probably through so-called “cap-and-trade” by governments and the marketplace.

The other option is a direct carbon tax, favoured by some at the meeting. The predictions came at a global business summit where corporate leaders are focusing on how to help politicians negotiate a new global climate treaty to succeed the Kyoto treaty that expires in 2012.

Mexican A/H1N1 flu deaths rise to 83, infections now at 4,541

MEXICO CITY, 26 May—Mexico’s Health Ministry has now confirmed a total of 83 deaths from the A/H1N1 flu in the country, three more from the previous report, the ministry said in a Monday statement.

The statement also raised the total number of A/H1N1 virus infections to 4,541. However, it said that the rise of the figures was not caused by any new deaths or infections, but just through confirmation of previously reported suspected cases.

Canada reports second A/H1N1 flu death

OTTAWA, 26 May—A 44-year-old man has died of A/H1N1 flu in Toronto, the second such case in Canada, health officials said on Monday.

The man died on Saturday and lab testing the next day confirmed he had been infected with the new A/H1N1 flu virus, according to a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) report on Monday.

The man had other chronic medical problems and it is not clear what role the new flu played in the man’s death, Ontario’s acting chief medical officer of health, Dr. David Williams, said in a statement.—INTERNET

11 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 26 May—A European health agency said on Monday that 11 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 4 were confirmed in Britain, 3 in Spain, 3 in France and one in the Czech Republic, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report. The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries rose to 360, with 136 cases in Spain and 137 in Britain, 19 each in Italy and France, and 17 in Germany, the ECDC said.—INTERNET
Mourinho extends contract with Inter Milan

Jose Mourinho
Milan, 26 May—Jose Mourinho put an end to rumours linking him with taking over as coach of Real Madrid on Monday when it was announced he had extended his contract with Serie A champions Inter Milan. The Portugese— who had suggested that he wasn’t 100 percent certain of staying in Italy last Thursday before denying he was going anywhere on Saturday—was originally contracted to Inter till June 2011 but his extension will see him stay there till June 2012.

“Tough this extension is in response to the willingness of the coach to pursue his project that he panned out a year ago, which is a sign of attachment to the club and a spirit to always win,” read a statement from the club.—Internet

Sunderland axe Cisse

Sunderland, 26 May—France striker Djibril Cisse will not be joining Sunderland on a permanent basis, the Premier League club confirmed on Monday.

Cisse, 27, spent the season on loan at the Stadium of Light from Marseille and scored 11 goals in 38 appearances for the Black Cats. Sunderland had negotiated the terms of a permanent transfer, believed to be worth around 10 million pounds, when they originally took Cisse on loan.

But chairman Niall Quinn revealed they would not be taking up that option. He told the club’s official website: “We wish Djibril well and thank him for his contribution to the club this season.”

Although Cisse helped Sunderland retain their Premier League status, he scored only once in his last 12 matches and was an unused substitute for Sunday’s 3-2 loss to Chelsea.—Internet

Moyes not worried by Everton’s underdog tag

LIVERPOOL, 26 May—Everton manager David Moyes says he has no problem with the fact that his club are huge underdogs against Chelsea on Saturday when it was announced he was going to the World Cup with his team to Wembley with his club this season.”

Moyes not worried by Everton’s underdog tag

LIVERPOOL, 26 May—Everton manager David Moyes says he has no problem with the fact that his club are huge underdogs for the FA Cup final against Chelsea on Saturday. Moyes will take his team to Wembley with his preparations affected because South African winger Steven Pienaar is a potential doubt for the match with a hamstring injury, although sources at the club are hopeful he may recover in time to feature.—Internet

Elliott stunner fires Burnley into Premier League

LONDON, 26 May—Sheffield United manager Kevin Blackwell admits he could quit Bramall Lane to avoid suffering the consequences of his side’s failure to win promotion to the Premier League.

The Blades fell at the final hurdle on Monday as Wade Elliott’s superb strike condemned them to a 1-0 defeat against Burnley in the Championship play-off final at Wembley.

Losing with the promised land of English football’s top-flight within touching distance is always a heartbreaking experience. But Blackwell was speaking with experience as well as raw emotion when he said he would have to think hard about his future.

Blackwell was in charge of Leeds when they lost to Watford in the 2006 final and knows what a catastrophic effect defeat in the piece could have on a club.—Internet

Venus Williams into French Open second round

PARIS, 26 May—American third seed Venus Williams reached the French Open second round on Monday with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 win over compatriot Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

Williams will face either Germany’s Sabine Lisicki or Lucie Safarova for a place in the last 32.—Internet

Sharapova steals spotlight from Nadal, Federer

PARIS, 26 May—Rafael Nadal, bidding for an historic fifth successive French Open, and Roger Federer, still seeking a first Roland Garros crown to complete a career Grand Slam, swept into the second round on Monday.

But the two great rivals were overshadowed by the eagerly-awaited Grand Slam return of Maria Sharapova, the world’s highest-paid and most recognisable sportswoman.

The Russian golden girl, ranked at a lowly 102 after a nine-month absence to cure a shoulder injury, overcame Belarussian Anastasia Yakimova 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 and booked a last 64 date against compatriot Nadia Petrova, the 11th seed.—Internet

Safina defeats Keothavong in French Open

PARIS, 26 May—Top seed Dinara Safina crushed Anne Keothavong 6-0, 6-0 on Monday to reach the French Open second round.

The Russian will face compatriot Vitalia Diatchenko for a place in the last 32.—Internet

Japan to play Chile, Belgium in World Cup warm-up

tokyo, 26 May—Former Asian champions Japan will tune up for the World Cup qualifiers by playing Chile and Belgium in the three-nation Kirin Cup football tournament this week.

In the Asian final qualifying round Group A, Australia lead the table with four wins and a draw for 13 points, followed by Japan on 11 points and Bahrain on six points. Uzbekistan and Qatar each have four points.

The top two teams will qualify for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, while the third-placed team will have to survive playoffs.

One more win for Japan will secure qualification.

“It is natural to think we are just one step away from the World Cup, but I’ve seen so many times that the tables can turn before winning. We haven’t got anything yet,” said Japan coach Takeshi Okada.

“We plan to gain our top form through these two games. We are just determined to do our best to beat Uzbekistan in our next game and concentrate on that,” he added.

Japan will play Chile in Osaka on Wednesday and Belgium in Tokyo on Sunday in the Kirin Cup before playing Uzbekistan away on June 6, Qatar at home on June 10 and Australia away on 17 June.—Internet

Rome tries to avoid ‘Stab City’ tag

ROME, 26 May—Authorities in Rome have been moving to try to calm concerns that Wednesday’s Champions League final risks being marred by fan violence.

Rome has been somewhat unkindly nicknamed ‘Stab City’ by English fans and press alike due to a number of previous incidents over the years where English fans have been stabbed by AS Roma supporters when coming to the Italian capital to watch their team in the Champions League.—Internet

Sharapova serves at Roland Garros

PARIS, 26 May—Maria Sharapova serves at Roland Garros stadium during their French Open tennis first round match at Roland Garros in Paris. Sharapova won 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.—INTERNET
Chicagoan dies of A/H1N1 flu in US state of Illinios

CHICAGO, 26 May — A resident of Chicago in the US state of Illinios died of A/H1N1 flu, the Illinios Department of Public Health (IDPH) reported on Monday.

A spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Public Health confirmed that the person was from Chicago and died over the weekend, but she refused to say on what day the person died, or the gender and age of the victim, citing confidentiality and the wishes of the family.

The victim had underlying medical conditions but the IDPH spokeswoman said that she did not know what those conditions were.

IDPH officials have been in contact with close family members of the person who died, and the IDPH would be following up.

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mawgaung Division, scattered in Kachin State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Mon States and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Chin States and Ayeawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungdaw (6.49) inches, Palawta (6.06) inches, Pathein (3.38) inches, Mawlaik (1.69) inches, Sittway and Kalay (1.46) inches each.

Minimum temperature on 26-5-2009 was 82°F. Maximum temperature on 26-5-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-5-2009 was 91%.

Total sunshine hours on 25-5-2009 was (Nil) approach. Rainfall on 26-5-2009 was (0.71) inch at Mingaladon, (0.55) inch at Kabu-Aye and (0.63) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (10.43) inches at Mingaladon, (13.50) inches at Kabu-Aye and (17.36) inches of Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South at (13:30) hour MST on 25-5-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST yesterday, the cyclonic storm “AILA” over Northwest Bay had crossed the Coast between West Bengal (India) and Bengaladesh. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and to strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kayin State, lower Sagaing, Bago, Mawgaung and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State and Ayeawady Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time Deltac, off and along Rakhae Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-5-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-5-2009: Some rain of thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-5-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Press conference on clarifying Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts held

**Chief of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi clarifying Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts.**—MNA

**Yangon, 26 May**—A press conference on clarifying Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts took place at the office of the director-general of the Correction Department in Insein Township here at 8.25 am today.

Present on the occasion were Chief of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Chief of the Special Branch of MPF Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein, ambassadors, charges d’affaires a.i and diplomats from the foreign embassies to Myanmar, and the acting resident representative of United Nations Development Programme totalling 45, 15 members of the Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, 10 editorial staff members from local journals and magazines, 20 representatives of townships in Yangon Division, and Advocate U Hla Myo Myint defending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

U Hla Myo Myint said that Advocate U Kyi Win and party who are defending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma were invited to the press conference.

Advocate U Kyi Win arrived at the gate of the Correction Department together with U Hla Myo Myint at 7.32 am, but he left the gate, saying that he would have to examine a case.

Of the four advocates, U Hla Myo Myint was the only one who attended the press conference.

The MPF chief in his introductory speech said that the trial against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attracts local and international attention considerably; that action has been taken against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts; that some have learnt the effects of Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b), but some do not; that on behalf of the Central Board he will explain facts about Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts; that the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts was enacted under 1975 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No. 3 to prevent the infringement of the sovereignty and security of the State against any threat to the peace of the people, and against the threat of those desiring to cause subversive acts causing the destruction of the country, without impeding citizens’ fundamental rights; that under Article (7) of that law, the Cabinet is authorized to pass an order, as may be necessary, restricting any acts causing the destruction of the country, without committing or committing or believing to be about to commit, any act which endangers the sovereignty and security of the State or public peace and tranquility; and that for the implementation of the authorization the Cabinet has formed a Central Board on its behalf, chaired by the Minister of Home Affairs.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi were invited to the press conference for some discussions, however, Advocate U Hla Myo Myint is the only one who appears at the press conference; that it is some time late to start the press conference, awaiting U Nyan Win, U Kyi Win and Daw Khin Huay Kywe; that in response to the request of foreign diplomats, local and foreign correspondents and guests, they were given permission to attend the press conference; and that Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein, a member of the Central Board of Home Affairs will make further clarification to the points.

Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein said that some understand well the existing laws of Myanmar, but some do not; that on behalf of the Central Board he will explain facts about Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts; that the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts was enacted under 1975 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No. 3 to prevent the infringement of the sovereignty and security of the State against any threat to the peace of the people, and against the threat of those desiring to cause subversive acts causing the destruction of the country, without impeding citizens’ fundamental rights; that under Article (7) of that law, the Cabinet is authorized to pass an order, as may be necessary, restricting any acts causing the destruction of the country, without committing or committing or believing to be about to commit, any act which endangers the sovereignty and security of the State or public peace and tranquility; and that for the implementation of the authorization the Cabinet has formed a Central Board on its behalf, chaired by the Minister of Home Affairs.

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