Growing quality paddy strains for boosting per-acre yield

Today's significant time for farmers. They gradually replace the traditional farming equipment and farming cattle with modernized machinery in ploughing.

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Photo shows thriving quality paddy plantation near Thinyoegon Village of Thayawady Township.
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Suicide car bomb rocks US military camp in E Afghan province

KHOST, 3 May—A suicide car bomb explosion rocked a US military camp in Khost Province of southeastern Afghanistan Monday morning, leaving one civilian dead and two others injured, an Afghan official said.

“A suicide bomb explosion occurred near Camp Chapman in Khost city, capital of Khost Province on Monday morning, killing one civilian and injuring two others,” said Abdul Qamr Ishqzai, police chief of the province.

He said the attack targeted Afghan government troops.

Afghan Interior Ministry confirmed the suicide car bomb attack in the city, but it said one civilian and two guards were injured, no one was killed in the incident.

Residence, who said on condition of anonymity, told Xinhua via cell phone that he saw a big smoke near the military base located Suicin southeastern part of Khost city, but he did not mention the casualties.

596 killed in Afghanistan over one month

KABUL, 3 May—Taliban-led insurgency and conflicts in war-torn Afghanistan have claimed lives of 596 people including 350 militiants, 173 civilians and 73 policemen in the first month of Afghan calendar falling from 21 March till 20 April, 2010, the spokesman of Interior Ministry Zamarai Bashari said on Sunday.

“There were some 500 terrorist and security incidents in the first month of new Afghan year, an increase of 30 percent over the same period last year,” Bashari told a weekly press briefing here.

Majority of the incidents took Place in southern provinces of Kandahar, Helmand and Ghazni as well as eastern Khost province where Taliban militants are active.

Lightning kills 10 persons in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 3 May—Lightning killed ten persons, five head of cattle and wounded seven persons during a tropical storm in three northern and north-eastern districts of Bangladesh on Sunday, hospital and police sources said.

Doctor Debaprada Roy of the Sadar Hospital in Habiganj district, 163 km northeast of capital Dhaka, told Xinhua by telephone that six persons were killed in lightning in the district during the tropical storm, which swept through the district on Sunday noon.

He said some of the victims died on the way to hospital and the others died after arrival at the hospital. Five head of cattle were also died in the lightning in the district.

S Korea plans to develop electric motorbike by 2013

SEOUL, 3 May—The South Korean government said on Monday that it plans to develop high-performance electric motorbikes by 2013, as it continues to enforce environmentally-friendly policies as part of its effort to reduce energy-consumption.

According to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, a local consortium led by Daelim Motor Co. will receive government funding worth 7.84 billion won (7.04 million U.S. dollars) for research and development under the goal of developing electric motorcycles with a conventional 110 cc gasoline engine by 2013.

The new motor-cycle, expected to weigh 140 kg with a top speed of 80 km per hour, will be able to save 740,000 won (661.5 U.S. dollars) annually in fuel costs and reduce carbon dioxide gas emissions by nearly 376 kg, the ministry added.

Also, the recharge time will be reduced to about 20 minutes, a significant drop from the current recharge time of three hours, and the bike will be able to run on a slope as steep as 30 degrees, it said.

The ministry added that it plans to first distribute the electric motorcycles to local post offices, as it currently operates some 12,000 motorbikes and buys roughly 4,000 new units per year, and later expand it to the private sector and overseas markets.

The first book printed in Slovenian is exhibited in Slovenia Pavilion at the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 2 May, 2010. Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia was named “World Book Capital 2010” by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization this year, giving Slovenia Pavilion a perfect theme “Open Book”. Visitors is able to read through videos, audios and projection when they come to each book and enjoying a journey of Slovenia’s spectacular scenery and culture.
Massive oil slick threatens nesting birds, spawning fish

Louisiana, 3 May – The massive oil spill bearing down on Louisiana’s fragile coast wetlands comes at the worst time for untold numbers of nesting birds and spawning fish whose young are most vulnerable to the toxic sludge.

Nearly all migratory birds in the Western Hemisphere stop over in the marshes surrounding the mouth of the Mississippi river and tens of thousands are currently guarding eggs laid along the shores.

There are brown pelicans - which were only recently removed from the endangered species list. There are terns, and gulls, and herons, and egrets, ducks and sparrows.

If they get coated in oil they can die in a matter of days or even hours. And since they fish close to the nests, they can also carry the oil back to their young.

The timing will make it harder to reach and rescue oiled birds because of the risk of trampling the eggs, said Jay Holcomb, director of International Bird Rescue Research Centre.

“We’ve had times when we’ve had to leave oiled birds because it would kill more birds to get them,” said Holcomb, one of a handful of specialists who have set up a triage centre in Fort Jackson, Louisiana to clean and treat rescued birds.

Heavy metal dinosaurs rock the kiddie crowd in Finland

Finland, 3 May— The usual heavy metal fan may not be a five-year-old girl in pigtails, but she is typical of hardcore following of Hevisaurus, a heavy metal band that has hooked the kiddie crowd in Finland.

The group, which rocks on about homework and monsters, played its first gig, a charity event, only last September but its fan base of mainly five-to-seven-year-olds has grown rapidly.

The band was born when a flash of lightning and witches’ spells revealed, cracked and brought to life five metal dinosaur eggs buried deep in a mountain 65 million years ago — around the time most other dinosaurs became extinct.

Or so goes the “official” creation story of the long-haired reptiles in spiked bracelets and black leather billed as the world’s only Jurassic metal band.

In reality, the idea hatched in the mind of drummer Mirka Rantanen, 38, a veteran “headbanger” who has played with numerous bands including the Finnish power metal group Thunderstone.

Ocean bacteria can harvest energy from sunlight for survival

Washington, 3 May— Bacteria in the ocean can harvest light energy from sunlight to promote survival thanks to a unique photosynthetic function. This novel finding by a team of scientists in Sweden and Spain is published in the online, open access journal PLoS Biology.

“It was long thought that phytoplanクトnic organisms carry out the photosynthesis process as green plants on land,” says Dr. Jaronen Pinhasi, scientist in marine microbiology at Linnaeus University, Sweden. “These microscopic planktonic organisms carry out the same chlorophyll driven photosynthesis process as green plants on land.”

In 2000, American scientists discovered that many marine bacteria contain a gene in their genome that encodes a new kind of photosynthetic pigment: proteorhodopsin. Proteorhodopsin is related to the pigment in the retina that enables human vision in low light. Now, a decade later, the first direct evidence for the functioning of proteorhodopsin in marine bacteria is presented, based on mutational analysis in a marine bacterium. At the same time the present study shows that proteorhodopsin-mediated phototrophy (the process of acquiring energy from light) allows marine bacteria to better survive periods of starvation in an often nutrient-depleted ocean.

Mexico, Germany urges action on climate change

Koenigswinter, 3 May— With the fight against global warming in serious trouble, Germany and Mexico are calling on leaders to get international negotiators back on track and reach concrete results by the end of the year. “We need to show the world how serious the threat is,” Mexican President Felipe Calderon said as he opened an international climate change conference in Germany on Sunday.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who also spoke at the opening of the conference co-hosted by both countries and aimed at laying the groundwork for the next UN conference on climate change, asked nations around the world for more ambition in their efforts to cut greenhouse gases.

‘Junk DNA’ Drives Cancer Growth, Hodgkin’s Lymphoma Study Finds

Washington, 3 May— Researchers from the University of Leeds, UK, the Charité University Medical School and the Max Delbrück Centre for Molecular Medicine (MDC) in Berlin, Germany, have discovered a new driving force behind cancer growth.

Their studies have identified how ‘junk’ DNA promotes the growth of cancer cells in patients with Hodgkin’s lymphoma, Professor Constanze Nonner (University of Leeds) and Dr Stephan Mathas (Charité, MDC) who co-led the study suspect that these pieces of ‘junk’ DNA, called ‘long terminal repeats’, can play a role in other forms of cancer as well. The work is published in Nature Medicine.
Doctor’s advise: Be well armed if you break your elbow

LONDON, 3 May—Miriam Clegg, wife of Lib Dem leader Nick, was spotted on the campaign trail last week with her arm in a variety of home-made slings. She fractured her left elbow when falling awkwardly while out shopping the previous weekend, and was treated at her local hospital. Breaking part of the arm accounts for half of all bone fractures among adults.

Here, DR ELLIE CANNON explains how to tell - and what to do - if the damage is serious...

Question: I've fallen over and hurt my arm and now it is extremely painful. How do I know if it is broken?

Answer: Extreme pain after a fall is often an indication of a fracture, particularly in the elbow or upper arm. But you can also dislocate your elbow from falling, and it is difficult to know for sure without being examined and X-rayed.

Question: What are the signs that I need to visit the doctor?

Answer: If you have difficulty with any movements at the elbow, and extreme pain that is not responding to simple painkillers. Also if there is any swelling, deformity or you have a sensation of pins and needles, or numbness in the arm.

Question: Is it best to keep it immobile and can I take painkillers?

Answer: Yes. Try to keep your arm immobile, so as not to dislocate any fracture. It is a good idea to take painkillers. Getting seen by a doctor and having an X-ray may be a long process. It does not make sense to wait.

Children raised by relatives face greater health risk

LOS ANGELES, 3 May—Children raised by relatives instead of their parents are at increased risk for physical and mental health problems, US researchers suggest.

Researchers at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry came to the conclusion after analyzing data from more than 91,000 children included in a 2007 national survey, the HealthDay News reported on Sunday. The study compared children living with relatives with those raised by at least one birth parent. The findings showed that children living with relatives, called kinship care, had poor overall health or mental health. Compared with child-ren who lived with a parent, children in kinship care were more likely to be black, older than 9 years, have public health insurance and live in households with incomes at or near the poverty level, the researchers noted. Like those in foster care, children in kinship care experience a number of health issues, the study concluded.—Xinhua

Colon polyps more common in Hispanic men than women

PUERTO RICO, 3 May—Among Hispanics, men are twice as likely as women to have colon polyps and are also more likely to have multiple polyps, a new study in Puerto Rico has found.

The researchers also found that the study patients, older than 60 were 56 percent more likely to have polyps than those younger than 60.

Polyps are growths in the large intestine. Some polyps may already be cancerous or can become cancerous.

The study included 647 patients aged 50 and older undergoing colorectal cancer screening at a gastroenterology clinic in Puerto Rico. In 70 percent of patients with polyps, the growths were on the right side of the colon. In white patients, polyps are typically found on the left side of the colon. This difference may result from underlying molecular differences in the two patient groups, said study author Dr Marcia Cruz-Correa, an associate professor of medicine and biochemistry at the University of Puerto Rico Cancer Center.—Internet

Screening test hope in painful bone disease

LONDON, 3 May—Three genes which account for 70% of cases of a painful bone condition have been identified by Scottish scientists.

It is hoped the finding could lead to a screening test for Paget’s disease, which affects up to one million people in the UK. Nature Genetics reported.

The genes are thought to regulate bone repair and may explain why the bones of people with the condition become enlarged and malformed. Screening could help doctors target preventive treatment at an early stage. The international team led by researchers at the University of Edinburgh studied the DNA of 1,250 patients with Paget’s disease to pinpoint the genes that cause the condition. It showed that three genes that were faulty more frequently in patients with the bone disease than in healthy people.

Paget’s disease causes painful deformities.

Together they account for seven in ten cases, they said. The findings explain why many patients with Paget’s disease have a family history of the condition.—Internet

Fears grow as animal disease spreads in S Korea

SEOUL, 3 May—South Korea stepped up major quarantine efforts Monday as a highly contagious animal disease threatened the centre of its livestock industry.

The agriculture ministry said more roadblocks and quarantine posts were set up after the foot-and-mouth outbreak hit a state livestock research institute at Cheongyang, 160 kilometres (96 miles) south of Seoul, on Saturday. The Livestock and Veterinary Science Institute had raised 1,549 beef cattle and hogs for research and breeding. These were culled to contain the disease.

The outbreak there was the 10th since 9 April and was close to Seosan and Yesan counties which have major cattle farms. Agriculture Minister Chang Tae-Pyoong visited the institute Sunday and called for intensive efforts to contain the outbreak.

“All-out efforts must be made to stop it from spreading into the centre of our livestock industry,” he said.—Internet
Oil hovers at $86 as traders eye Gulf crude spill

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SINGAPORE, 3 May — Oil prices hovered near $86 a barrel on Monday in Asia as traders eyed whether a massive crude spill in the Gulf of Mexico would slow imports to the US.

Benchmark crude for June delivery was down 9 cents to $86.06 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 98 cents to settle at $86.15 on Friday.

Some analysts expect the 30-mile (48-kilometer) oil slick caused by as much as 210,000 gallons (795,000 liters) of crude gushing into the Gulf each day could undermine imports to key Louisiana terminals, helping to lower crude inventories and boost prices. US authorities have said imports have not yet been affected.

“The potential disruption of oil tanker traffic in the Gulf of Mexico is already having an impact on oil prices,” Goldman Sachs said in a report. “Traffic of oil service boats and oil tankers through the Gulf will likely slow down.”

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Euro partners agree on $145B Greek bailout

BRUSSELS, 3 May — European governments and the International Monetary Fund on Sunday committed to pull Greece back from the brink of default, agreeing on euro110 billion in emergency loans on the condition Athens make painful budget cuts and tax increases.

The rescue is aimed at keeping Greece from defaulting on its debts and preventing its financial crisis from infecting other indebted countries just as Europe is struggling out of recession.

After chiding Athens for years of mismanagement and cheating on their budget reporting, the IMF and Greece’s 15 partners that share the euro currency rewarded Prime Minister George Papandreou for tough measures including cuts in civil servant’s pay.

“I have done and will do everything so the country does not go bankrupt,” Papandreou told a nation which now faces years of painful belt-tightening after years of overspending.

France, Greece’s most sympathetic partner, agreed there was no other choice.

“It’s a very harsh plan because there was a lot of laxity,” Finance Minister Christine Lagarde said.

Iran to produce passenger planes

TEHERAN, 3 May— Iran will begin the production of domestically-manufactured medium-size passenger planes, Iran’s defence minister said on Sunday.

Speaking at an avionics conference in Teheran on Sunday, Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi said the ministry is designed to carry up to 150 passengers, local satellite Press TV reported.

Vahidi also said apart from outstanding progress in the making “stealth” drones, the ministry is also working with the private sector to develop larger passenger planes, according to the report.

Universities, knowledge-based companies and industry are the sectors promoting their cooperation for development of technology, the official IRNA news agency quoted Vahidi as saying.

On Saturday, Iran’s Air Force was equipped with 10 new Toufan (storm) helicopters which are equipped with state-of-the-art weapons systems including anti-tank missiles, rocket-launchers and 20mm canons. Press TV reported.

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Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, the chairman of MES and officials formally launched the vessel.
Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed scale models and posters on storms and earthquake education.
For conducting educative tasks on storm and earthquake, the vessel will go trips to coastal regions where mobile educative vehicles cannot reach. Especially, the vessel plans to tour Ayeyawady Delta and some regions of Yangon Division that were hit by storm Nargis.—MNA

Information Minister facilitates TV re-transmission station in Sagaing

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May — Systematic assignment of duties was what Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan stressed during his visit to the re-transmission station of Myanmar Radio and TV in Sagaing, Sagaing Division, yesterday.
The minister was there to inspect the re-transmission process of MRTV and MRTV-4 and related channels, broadcasting and extended installation of FM and radio equipment, storage system and installation of power lines.
At his meeting with officials, he discussed fire preventive measures and maintenance of buildings and machines, speaking of the need to assign duties systematically to prevent broadcasting failures.
The minister also sought means for durability of transmission towers, satellite dishes and power lines and for ensuring security.—MNA

MWEA holds Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 3 May — Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs’ Association (MWEA) held the 15th Annual General Meeting at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel, yesterday morning. Founder of the association Adviser Secretary Daw Hla Yi spoke words of thanks.
Chairperson Daw Nu Nu extended greetings at 15th AGM of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs’ Association.—MWEA

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harvesting and threshing works. Likewise, they use quality paddy strains.
In Myanmar, a plan was set to produce paddy to meet the target of 100 baskets per acre. At present, Thinyoegon Village-tract of Thayawady Township meets the target of paddy production. Therefore, MAS designated the village as the model paddy quality farming site.
As to distribution of quality paddy strains we had an interview with Township Manager of MAS U Thwin Myint.
He explained, “To grow quality paddy strains, we took the quality grade (1) of paddy strains from Hmawby and Letpadan agricultural farms. Initially, we cultivated the quality grade (1) on 500 acres of farmlands. Then, we distributed the paddy produced through the quality grade (1) to the farmers. At that time, such type of paddy can be called the grade (2). The farmers can use it for three years. After that, they have to purchase new paddy quality strain again. The quality paddy strain can yield 15-20 baskets more per acre than the normal. If the quality strains are not used, the paddy output would decline by 15 baskets per acre.”
U Than Oo of Thinyoegon Village explained advantage of growing the quality strains. He said, “In the past, I used ordinary paddy strains. Last year, I started growing quality paddy strains following the advice of Myanmar Agriculture Service. The quality paddy strain can yield 15-20 baskets of paddy more per acre than the ordinary strains. So, I used the quality strains on 40 acres of my farmland this year and it yields around 100 baskets of paddy per acre.”
Translation: TTA Myanma Alin: 26-4-2010

Only 23 bomb blast victims under treatment

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May — Of 170 wounded in the bomb blast that occurred in front of X2O pandal of Kandawgyi circular road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 15 April who are undergoing treatments at Yangon General Hospital and other hospitals, most of the patients were discharged from the hospitals.
News has already been released that the remaining 32 patients—19 men and 13 women—are being given treatment.
Of them, some more patients have been discharged from the hospitals. Up to now, a total of 23 patients—12 men and 11 women—are undergoing medical treatments.—MNA
Mandalay, Magway Divisions witness development

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects thriving summer paddy plantation of farmers of Kaing Village in Kyaukpadaung Township.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 May — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe, inspected Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung road section.

Next, they met with the local farmers and fulfilled the requirements.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party and the chairman of Magway Division PDC looked into Kyaukpadaung-Chauk-Seikpyu road section.

Union Election Commission Meeting 24/2010 held

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe speaking at meeting 24/2010 of the commission. —MNA

Free eye operation performed in Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 May — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe visited free eye operation, jointly performed by eye specialists from Myanmar and Japan under the programme of Ministry of Health, at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) today.

Myanmar-eye specialists from University of Medicine (1) and (2) (Yangon), University of Medicine (Mandalay), Health Department, Meiktila, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Toungoo, Nay Pyi Taw and Minbu and Japanese eye specialists performed the operations on patients who suffered glaucoma and cataract. The 22-member team is Japanese specialists led by Professor Dr Yoshifumi Fujita of Association of Japan-Myanmar Mutual Cooperation (AJMMC), nurses and experts. Today is the 20th operation since 1990 in Myanmar.

The deputy minister encouraged eye patients at the pandal of main operation theater of the Hospital. And he enjoyed eye operations. Myanmar specialists performed the operations on 77 patients and Japanese specialists, on 31 patients.

The 10th Eye Specialists Conference will be held at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital tomorrow. Specialists will submit the nine papers at the conference. —MNA

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Remain vigilant… (from page 16)

“In 2009, fires broke out 714 times. The outbreak of fire is major hindrances in building a modern and developed nation. Although FSD tried hard to cut the outbreaks of fire and loss of property in 2010, the blaze caused large loss and damage to Mandalay Yadanabon Market and Myanmar Brewery Factory. So, all the people should participate in fire preventive measures. The department is carrying out educative tasks, preventive measures and inspection. Training courses on emergency fire fighting was to the staff of factories, workshops and departments. Necessary, anyone may seek help of FSD. The department is inspecting industrial zones, factories and workshops of townships, States and Divisions in line with the Fire Brigade Law 1997.

“All the people should join hands with the department conscientiously in taking fire preventive measures. It is a national concern only when everybody takes special care in the use of fire, will outbreaks of fire decline.

“The department inspects and gives advice for making arrangements of fire security and emergency exits in construct buildings. So, it is necessary to submit the plans for buildings to the FSD before the construction. The buildings are to be constructed through systems of ventilation, smoke, water supply, fire fighting system, emergency exit and availability of fire extinguishers and other equipment in line with the advice of the department. I would like to point out that carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide contained in the smoke cause suffocation and death to human beings. Smoke of fire raises temperature and cause flash over cases. To be able to avoid outbreak of fire, the inspection teams of the department inspect the buildings. The department issues the endorsements of residential permission if the buildings are constructed in accord with the prescribed rules and norms. So, the construction entrepreneurs are to exactly follow the advice of the department for enabling the people to be free from danger of fire.

“Today, the Fire Brigade is being formed as a reserve force of the State for discharging duties of fire preventive measures, fire fighting and rescue works.”

Two members show off fire fighting skills.

In meeting with Director Ye Kyawsoe Aung Kyaw Myint he explained, “The department is formed with 4778 permanent servants, 249324 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and 9772 members of Separate Fire Brigade at 297 permanent fire stations and 328 auxiliary fire stations facilitated with 1914 fire engines. Engineers of the department assembled 219 TE fire engines. Local and foreign wellwishers donated 202 fire engines to the department. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Central Fire Fighting Training School was opened in Pyin Oo Lwin and the training section in Yangon for turning out qualified fire fighters. In 2010-2011 financial year, a total of 300 training courses were provided to the trainees. A total of 155 were sent to foreign countries to attend the advanced courses. Uptown, gallantry and honorary titles were conferred on 229 fire servicemen.

“Under the programme to form and train all auxiliary fire brigade members as a reserve force of the State, a total of 128,044 members aged-wise had been trained under 1326 courses opened in states and divisions from August, 2000 to October, 2010. The Fire Service Department concluded that there were 328 permanent fire stations and 328 auxiliary fire stations for markets and crowded buildings.

“Basic Fire Fighting Course and Rescue Course are being conducted with the aim of conducting closer cooperation between permanent and auxiliary fire brigade members in times of emergency. In giving lectures, risk management is taught as a main subject while giving lectures of rescue work and experiences and concepts as work directives. Firemen are always ready for 24 hours to help hands not only in fire fighting and rescue works while natural disasters occur but also in other rescue operations. It is very important to contact fire brigade urgently in times of emergency. Firemen are ready to help regardless of time and circumstances. Up to date from 1990, Myanmar Fire Brigade saved the lives of 255 victims. Firemen actively participated in rescue works with Tatmadawmen and police in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis. Besides, they made field trips and provided health care to 44, 834 storm victims in the affected regions in cooperation with international medical groups.

“Moreover, preparedness measures, conducting training courses and forming rescue groups were carried out in states and divisions. Numbers to contact fire brigade in the time of emergency are as follows:—Fire Control Center 01-252011 252022 Mandalay Division Fire Control Centre 191 date from 1947. Volunteer Fire Services formed in 1902 was reconstituted with permanent fire services, separate fire services had 4778 permanent servants, 249,324 had been set up and auxiliary fire service. In 1963, Fire Services Law and rules were passed. Members of Myanmar Police Force, Myanmar Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society have taken part since the 53rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day. At the parade of 53rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that “the fire brigade members are serving the interest of the people. For the State that the brigades equipped with noble spirit become the reserve forces of the national defence focusing on the national interest. Actually, those serving the interest of the State are genuine citizens of the nation.”

A total of 6425 groups for prevention of fire had been formed in states and divisions including Nay Pyi Taw in order to carry out fire preventive measures effectively. Upto March, 2010, 6536 auxiliary fire platoons with the members of 249,324 had been set up as a reserve force of the State, all auxiliary fire brigade members together with the Tatmadawmen have to march towards the goal of the State. I firmly believe that they will be given a rossing welcome by the people.

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Fire fighters participate in rescue works.

A fire fighter with fire fighting equipment putting out oil fire with the use of fire extinguisher.
France, Germany agree to quicken pace on Greek aid plan

PARIS, 3 May—French President Nicolas and German Chancellor Angela Merkel agreed Saturday to speed up negotiations for the bailout of debt-ridden Greece, the Elysee Palace said in a statement.

The two leaders held a telephone talk to concrete their “complete identity of views and reaffirmed their determination to act quickly to implement the aid plan,” the statement said.

The aid plan will support a three-year program to be concluded soon between the Greek authorities, the European Commission and the International Monetary Fund, the statement added.

They promised to present measures in the next few days that aim to reinforce the stability of the euro zone and the regulation of the financial market, which includes the rein-in of speculation and increasing the transparency of derived products.

Their discussion was followed by working meeting among French cabinet members on further discussion about the aid package prepared for Greece and the surveillance scheme over European market.

Representatives from the European Commission, IMF and European Central Bank have been negotiating with Greek government on detailed measures since last week.

Toyota now faces 327 state, federal lawsuits

DETROIT, 3 May—Toyota Motor Corp now faces more than 320 lawsuits in federal and state court related to its sudden acceleration problems.

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Selna’s court is in Orange County, California, near Los Angeles and close to Toyota’s US headquarters.

The next court date in the case is scheduled for 13 May.

The lawsuits began appearing last fall as Toyota initiated the first of a series of recalls eventually involving about 8 million vehicles — including about 6 million in the US — over acceleration problems in several models and brake issues with the popular Prius hybrid.

Toyota said they were caused by faulty floor mats and sticky accelerator pedals. Some plaintiffs also claim that there is a defect with Toyota’s electronic throttle control system, but Toyota denies that.

Plaintiffs are alleging injury and death due to the sudden acceleration as well as breach of warranty, fraud and economic injury because the values of their vehicles plummeted after the recalls.

Bankruptcy filed by Ohio newspaper publishers

CINCINNATI, 3 May—Newspaper publishers Brown Media Holdings Co and Brown Publishing Co have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy relief and plan to sell their assets in 10 states to a bidder the companies have chosen.

The Cincinnati-based, family-owned businesses filed Friday in US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York, asking for approval of $2.5 million in financing to help the companies through bankruptcy.

The companies said in a news release that the unnamed bidder will assume a substantial portion of their liabilities. They said they have strong cash balances, positive operating cash flows and financing in place to finance the bankruptcy process.

EU sugar companies big winners from CAP subsidies

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In France, in the year between October 2008 and 2009, three sugar companies received the top subsidies: Tereos (117.9 million euros/156.8 million dollars), Saint Louis Sucre (143.7 million euros) and Cristal Union (57.2 million euros). In Spain a sugar company also occupied first place, with Azucarera Ebro receiving 119.4 million euros.

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Continental and United to combine

A Continental Airlines airplane is refueled at its gate at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey in this 29 March, 2009. — Internet

NEW YORK, 3 May — United and Continental Airlines plan to announce on Monday that they’re joining to form the world’s largest airline, testing the notion that the money-losing industry can work better on a large scale.

Corporate travelers love a wide choice of departure times and a worldwide network, and the combined United and Continental will have flights reaching from Shanghai to South America. The $3 billion stock swap gained approval from both airlines’ boards on Sunday, people with knowledge of the deal said. They declined to be identified because the transaction hasn’t been announced.—Internet

Polish student is Sudoku champion

About 120 Sudoku solvers from 32 countries competed in Philadelphia, with a Polish puzzler becoming the world champ the second time in a row, organizers say.

Jan Mrozowski, a 23-year-old Krakow engineering student, claimed victory on Saturday after finishing the last puzzle in a round of 10 that took him 54 minutes, 4 seconds to solve, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

Although the puzzler won last year in Slovakia, he said this year was different.

“This time, it was really hard,” he said.

“I made some stupid mistakes,” Mrozowski said.

“...really hard — especially in these conditions.”

The finals had more than 100 people watching under the glare of lights and cameras. “Because this is a world championship, we had already expected this level of difficulty,” said 13-year-old MengLei, the youngest competitor, whose mother translated for her.

Sudoku solvers from 32 countries took part in the 2010 World Sudoku Championship, the first held in Europe. The competition is Internet

Pakistan Taleban claims NYC car bomb

ISLAMABAD, 3 May—Pakistan’s Taleban chief promised attacks on major US cities in a video apparently dated early April and released following the weekend’s car bomb attempt in New York City, a monitoring group said on Monday. It followed reports of another video in which the group apparently tried to take credit for that attempted strike.

US authorities have played down the potential connection between the Pakistani militant network and the car bomb attempt in New York’s Times Square, saying the group does not have the global infrastructure to carry out such a strike. However, the Pakistani Taleban could expand their reach through their alliances with al-Qaida and other groups.—Internet

Chinese city’s bid to revive glory of imperial past

Workers have so far restored only one side of the city wall.—Internet

BEIJING, 3 May — Industrialisation has scarred the city of Datong like many others in China, it is a jumble of factories, roads and office blocks. But the polluted, industrial city in northern China - known for its coal mines and its manufacturing plants - was once an important metropolis. For a brief period 1,500 years ago it even served as an imperial capital.

Local officials are now trying to recapture some of that glory by rebuilding Datong’s 14th Century city wall. Towns, cities and villages across China have launched similar schemes in a bid to re-brand themselves and attract tourists.

But there is a deeper reason why Datong and others are revisiting history: in China there is a renewed interest in the past.—Internet

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Silk toxins ‘partially blind’ Indian weavers

BANGALORE, 3 May — Authorities in India’s Karnataka state are investigating reports that raw silk, adulterated with toxins, has partially blinded at least 40 weavers. Workers in Ramanagaram District have complained of eye injuries after handling cloth imported from China over the last three months. Officials said a sample of the yarn has been sent for testing.

Karnataka is a leading silk-producing state, but over the years, more Chinese silk has entered the market. An official said chemicals had been added to increase the weight of silk and to make the cloth look more attractive — silk and to make the cloth look more attractive — chemicals had been added.

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Doctors barred from using new cancer treatment equipment

LONDON, 3 May — NHS bosses are refusing to let cancer patients be treated with potentially life-saving technology endorsed by senior doctors — at a hospital which has just spent £3m on it. The Mount Vernon cancer hospital in London has become the first NHS hospital to buy a CyberKnife machine, which delivers radiotherapy with pinpoint accuracy. It is better at targeting tumours than conventional radiotherapy, less damaging than surgery and can treat some patients whose conditions would otherwise be untreated, say leading oncologists.

But the east of England strategic health authority’s specialised commissioning group (SCG) has banned NHS patients from its region from being treated with CyberKnife at the Mount Vernon because it is not convinced the robotic radiosurgery system works. As a result, scores of cancer sufferers every year from Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire whose doctors believe they could benefit from CyberKnife treatment will not be able to go there when it becomes operational in September. Only private patients whose insurers agree to pay will have access.

A Cyberknife which is being used in an American hospital.

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**‘Green’ exercise quickly ‘boosts mental health’**

Green space is important for mental health. — Internet

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Morning sickness may be genetic

LONDON, 3 May — Women whose mothers experienced severe morning sickness are three times more likely to develop the condition in their own pregnancy, research suggested on Friday.

Serious sickness affects up to two per cent of pregnancies, meaning thousands of women in the UK suffer each year.

The condition is called hyperemesis gravidarum and is defined as nausea and vomiting before the 22nd week of pregnancy.

It can lead to weight loss, dehydration and deprivation of essential nutrients for both mother and baby. Babies whose mothers have the condition can be born premature or at low birth weight, and it can prove fatal in extreme cases.

A study suggests that when a person blinks, it is a sign that their mind is wandering. — Internet

Ontario, 3 May — You can tell when someone is being blinking rude and not listening by looking at their eyes, scientists have shown.

A study suggests that when a person blinks, it is a sign that their mind is wandering. Blinking is thought to set up tiny physical barriers that help to shut off the outside world. Scientists in Canada were inspired by studies showing that when attention falters,
Pavilion of Urban Planet in a child’s eyes

SHANGHAI, 3 May—11-year-old Chen Yi’ou from Shanghai Seeking Knowledge Primary School visit the World Expo Park with his mother on the first opening day of the Expo on Saturday.

Among the five pavilions he had been to, the most favorite one was the Pavilion of Urban Planet. “I felt the greetings from all over the world here, realized the common responsibility of urban residents and saw new hope for the future,” he said.

The Pavilion of Urban Planet is one of the five theme pavilions in the World Expo Park. The top of its two parallel spiral ramps offers a good view of a 32-metre-diameter globe. Yi’ou couldn’t stop asking “how to deal with the problems” until he visited the “Road of Solutions” section. He gradually learned that all the trifles like choosing energy saving lamps, fastening water taps, reducing use of throwaway tableware could also mean a lot for the maintenance of low-carbon life.

Little Yi’ou was very excited during his Expo tour and determined to persuade his classmates to pay a visit. After his mother told him about the theme of 2010 World Expo “Better City, Better Life”, Chen Yi’ou said, “Hope our human beings’ efforts and cooperation will make the beauty of the cities last for ever!”

Jackie Chan tops Forbes China Celebrity List

BEIJING, 3 May—Hong Kong movie star Jackie Chan ranks number one in the recently released Forbes China Celebrity List of 2010. Taiwanese musician Jay Chou and Hong Kong singer and actor Andy Lau are in hot pursuit.

Chan, who held a concert in Beijing’s Bird Nest in May 2009, became the first artist to perform in the National Stadium. Jay Chou didn’t receive good reviews for his movies, but he got more attention for his work in the Hollywood film The Green Hornet with American actress Cameron Diaz. Meanwhile, Lau has starred in three movies, but his secret marriage to Carol Zhu that was exposed grabbed headlines. Writer Guo Jingming who edits Top Novel magazine is in 58th spot, while writer, blogger and racecar driver Han Han is 74th.

According to Forbes Chinese edition, the two standards for ranking celebrities are personal income and media exposure rate which is judged from 28 popular newspapers, 18 nationwide TV programs and cover stories in 29 magazines.—Xinhua

“Nightmare on Elm Street” leads NA box office with scary scenes, big turnouts

LOS ANGELES, 3 May—Warner Bros.’ remake of a 1984 horror flick “Nightmare on Elm Street” debuted this weekend with a phenomenal 32.2 million US dollars in ticket receipts and dethroned last weekend’s No. 1 “How to Train Your Dragon,” the North America box office authority said on Sunday, citing projected statistics over the weekend.

A week before the summer movie season officially begins, the updated version was helped by a big marketing campaign and a perfect release timing as well as the audience’s lingering love for the horror films. It garnered more than the original version’s domestic gross of 25.5 million US dollars, the North America box office authority said.

The movie features the horror icon Freddy Krueger, a serial-killer who wields a glove with four blades embedded in the fingers and kills people in their dreams, resulting in their real death in reality. The remarkable performance sets it apart from the near competitor by a big margin.

Halle Berry splits with partner

BEIJING, 3 May—Oscar-winner Halle Berry and her partner Gabriel Aubrey have broken up after four years together, according to media reports on Sunday.

In an exclusive statement issued to Access Hollywood from Aubrey’s agency, the Canadian model confirmed the end of their relationship and said they “will continue to have only love and respect for one another.”

While I will not comment on all of the wild inaccuracies being speculated about in the media, I am sad to say that Halle and I have decided together to separate at this time,” Aubrey wrote.

“Shes is, and will forever be one of the most special and beautiful people that I have ever known, and I am certain that we will continue to have only love and respect for one another. We have been blessed with the most amazing daughter in the world, and her happiness and well-being are the most important thing for both of us. Please respect our privacy during this very difficult time.”

The “James Bond” actress, 43, and Aubrey, 34, met at a Versace store and dethroned last weekend’s No. 1 “Nightmare on Elm Street” with scary scenes, big turnouts

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**Bordeaux, Lyon back on winning trail**

PARIS, 3 May—Having seen their chances of retaining the French league title implode owing to a recent poor run of form Bordeaux belatedly returned to winning ways on Sunday with a 1-0 win over Toulouse.

Lyon, defeated by their midweek Champions League exit to Bayern Munich, also found their form with a win by the same score at previously high-riding Montpellier. Both sides will now hope to ensure they can pick off a lucrative Champions League berth for next season.

One point in five games had seen Laurent Blanc’s side slide out of contention as Marseille set the pace to open up a five-point lead after their goalless draw with second-placed Auxerre. After the weekend action, Lille still have the third spot which would bring about a Champions League qualifying slot with 64 points to 72 for Marseille and Auxerre.

But Lyon are now only two points behind Lille and they have a game in hand after Michel Bastosdove home the only goal of the game with 18 minutes left at Montpellier to leave the hosts without a win in five weeks. —Internet

**Euro finalists Fulham defeat Hammers**

LONDON, 3 May—Fulham maintained the feelgood factor from their fairytale run to the Europa League final by beating West Ham 3-2 at Craven Cottage on Sunday.

Roy Hodgson’s side booked a place in their first European final, against Atlético Madrid on 12 May, by beating Hamburgh on Thursday and the champions corks had barely stopped popping by the time they returned to action three days later. There was no European hangover though as Clint Dempsey put the hosts ahead before Carlton Cole’s own goal doubled their lead.

**Bayern’s Rummenigge to appeal to UEFA for Ribery**

MUNICH, 3 May—Bayern Munich chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said on Sunday he will appeal to UEFA in person to try to overturn the ban which threatens to keep Franck Ribery out of the Champions League final.

Bayern is set to miss the final against Inter Milan on 22 May unless Bayern can persuade UEFA’s disciplinary committee to overturn the three-match Frenchman was handed after being sent off in the semi-final. Bayern chairman Rummenigge has said he will travel to UEFA’s headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland, to speak at Wednesday’s appeal hearing. —Internet

**Late-show Ronaldo keeps Real in Spanish league title hunt**

MADRID, 3 May— Cristiano Ronaldo scored two goals, including a late headed winner, as Real Madrid twice came from behind to beat Osasuna 3-2 on Sunday and cut the gap on La Liga leaders Barcelona to just one point.

Real got off to the worst possible start as a poor back pass by Raul Albiol allowed in Carlos Aranda to give Osasuna the lead. Real looked to battle back with Kaka heading straight at keeper Ricardo Lopez while Osasuna remained a danger on the counter-attack.

Ronaldo brought Real level with a strike from the edge of the area but as Real continued to press Krizstian Vadocz smashed in Osasuna’s second. In a breathtaking conclusion to the first half, Marcoello scored a rare header to equalise to Real again.
Egypt police kill two African migrants near Israel border

RAFAH, 3 May—Egyptian police shot dead two African migrants on Sunday in separate incidents near the border with Israel, a security official said. Police killed an Eritrean migrant who tried to enter Israel illegally, and in another incident along the border.

Another 12 migrants were also arrested in the two incidents.—Internet

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Remain vigilant against fire

The Myanmar Fire Brigade established on 5 May 1946 has 64 years experiences. During the period of 64 years, the Myanmar Fire Brigade took measures to protect lives and property of the people residing in the nation against danger of fire and natural disasters as much as possible.

To present fire preventive measures and rescue works being taken by MFB, I had interviews with officials of Fire Services Department (Head Office) located on Okponseik Road in Mayangon Township.

Acting Director-General Ye Bala Ko Ko Hlaing of FSD said, “The Myanmar Fire Brigade, the always-ready reserve force of the State, is taking charge of its duties under the leadership of the State and close supervision of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement with the aims of protecting lives and property of the national people and the private-owned and State-owned interests against the dangers of fire and natural disasters.

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Apple says it has sold one million of its freshly launched iPad tablet computers in just 28 days, half the time it took for the company to sell the same number of iPhones.

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