YANGON, 8 May — A ceremony to honour 91 religious title recipient members of the Sangha was held at Maha Pasana Cave, Kaba Aye Hill, this morning.

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San paid homage to the monks — one Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaw, one monk who passed Mula Abhidhamma Kovid examination, one monk who passed Dighabhanaka examination, five monks who passed Dighanikaya Examination, four monks who passed Dighabhanaka Examination, seven monks who passed Daghvanaka Examination, seven monks who passed Vinayadhara Examination, and seven monks who passed Vinayadhara Examination.

Also present were members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Secretary of SSMNC Presiding Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery in Mandalay Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Kumara-bhivamsa, Ovadacariya Sayadaw of Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Examination Board, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws, supervisory Sayadaws, title recipient Sayadaws and members of the Sangha, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj Gen Win Myint, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the Yangon mayor and their wives, deputy ministers, departmental heads, local authorities, staff of Religious Affairs Ministry, member of religious organizations, disciples and guests.

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Extend cultivation of mangrove forests for environmental development

Today, the world is facing global warming and climate change. Drought, heat wave, floods, storm and snow fall cause environmental degradation across the globe. Some tropical storms affected Myanmar in recent years. A large number of lives and property were lost in the storm that hit Ayeyawady Division in the early May 2008. At present, mangrove plantations are being grown systematically along Myanmar coastal regions and the Delta for prevention against danger of storms.

Mangrove forests thrive in the areas between the sea and the coast. Mangrove forests are formed with swampy tidal areas where fresh water and sea water meet and micro-organism flourishes. It is an ideal ecosystem for fish, prawns, crabs, oyster shells, birds, lizards and various species. The Ministry of Forestry is carrying out environmental conservation and protection of mangrove forests that fulfill basic needs of the local people.

Mangrove forests can be seen along Rakhine coastal region, Ayeyawady Delta and Taninthayi coastal region. The mangrove forests block the inflow of seawater into the farmlands and protect against strong winds. In addition, the mangrove plantations help produce fish and prawn so as to contribute to food sufficiency.

Nowadays, the Ministry of Forestry extends cultivation of mangrove forests along the coastal regions of Myanmar including Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Delta to prevent tidal waves and strong winds. The Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association planned to grow about 100 acres of mangrove forest in Pyindaye forest reserve in Pyapon Township of Ayeyawady Division.

All in all, all the local people are to harmoniously participate in the preventive measures against danger of storms, extended cultivation of mangrove forest for environmental conservation, nurturing of mangrove plants and establishment of mangrove ecosystem for thriving of mangrove forests forever.

Culture Ministry holds paper-reading session

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May — A paper-reading session was held at the hall of the Ministry of Culture here this morning with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Historical Commission Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint. It was attended by MHC Vice-Chairman Dr Toe Hla, Secretary U Kyaw Win, members Daw Ohn Kyi, U Kyaw, U Chit San Win and U Kyaw Nyein, scholars, the directors-general of the ministry, rectors, resource persons and guests.

Next, resource persons presented their papers and answered the queries raised by those present.

The session came to an end after the minister gave suggestions on papers.—MNA

Minister inspects railroad construction project, concrete sleeper factory

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May — On his inspection tour of Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo(Kyaydaw)-Nay Pyi Taw railroad construction project, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min on 6 May heard reports on work progress at the briefing hall of Paukkaung Station. The minister looked into construction of earth embankments at the sites near Kyaydaw station and Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Express, and attended to the needs.

After hearing reports on progress of Pyay (Shwedega)-Paukkaung railroad section, the minister inspected progress in construction of Paukkaung Station, earth work and Pyay Technological University Station.

At the briefing hall of concrete sleeper factory at Oakshiptin in Paukkaung Township yesterday, the minister heard reports on progress of construction of factory and called for timely completion of production of sleepers meeting set standard for upgrading of railroad sections.—MNA

2010 President’s Cup Tennis Tournament kicks off

YANGON, 8 May — An opening ceremony of 2010 President’s Cup Tennis Tournament took place at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, this morning. It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee SPED Director-General U Thaung Htaik and MTF President U Aung Maw Thein open MTF President’s Cup Tennis Tournament. MNA
KABUL, 8 May—Afghan civilians travelling south of the capital of Kabul died on Friday when their vehicle hit a large roadside bomb, police said. “When you see the car, it is so badly destroyed,” said Deputy provincial police chief Mohammad Nabi Charki, who is still unclear how many people died in the car travelling in Charkh District of Logar Province. “We found one mobile phone. We are using the phone to call relatives.”

On Thursday, one service member was killed in an militant attack in the south, and another died from a mortar or rocket attack in the east, NATO said in a statement on Friday.

The international alliance did not provide details about the deaths or disclose the nationalities of the troops killed. —Xinhua

Khartoum, 8 May—Two Egyptian peacekeepers of the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) were killed, and three others seriously wounded in the restive western Sudanese region of Darfur on Friday, the UNAMID said in a statement. A military convoy from UNAMID’s Egyptian contingent, with three vehicles and 20 people, was ambushed near Katila village, 85 km south of Edd al Fursan, South Darfur on Friday morning by a group of unidentified armed men who indiscriminately opened fire, without warning, at the peacekeepers, the statement said. It noted that the attackers fled when the convoy returned fire, adding that the attack left two peacekeepers killed in action and three seriously wounded. The injured soldiers were air-lifted to UNAMID’s hospital in Nyala, South Darfur, and were in stable condition, the statement said.

Provincial police chief Mohammad Nabi Charki of Logar Province. “We found how many people died in the ambush on Friday, UNAMID said, describing the attack as a “war crime.” —INTERNET

Johannesburg, 8 May—The Gautrain, Africa’s first high-speed rail line, will launch on 8 June in South Africa three days before the opening match of the 2010 football World Cup, the developers said on Friday.

French construction giant Bouygues said the train’s first segment, linking OR Tambo International Airport and the posh Johannesburg suburb of Sandton, will open in time for the on 11 June kick-off of Africa’s first World Cup.

The segment “will be handed over on 8 June, three weeks ahead of our original schedule,” said Christian Gazaignes, Bouygues’ executive director.

For 100 rands (13 dollars, 10 euros), World Cup visitors will be able to ride the 15 kilometres from the airport to the Sandton hotel district in less than 15 minutes.

Energy competition will not lead to world war

PARIS, 8 May—Just before the 65th anniversary of the Victory Day in Europe, which is celebrated on 8 May, an American energy expert said here resource competition won’t lead to another world war, which belongs to the history, and only proved the vainness of military option.

“I think we’ve passed that,” said the former US ambassador to South Africa, William C. Ramsay, who is now the Energy Programme Director of the French Institute of International Relations.

When commenting on the World War in an interview with Xinhua recently, the once Deputy Executive Director of International Energy Agency, a Paris-based French thinktank, explained the issue from the angle of geopolitics of energy.

“I think the World War II speaks for itself. People understood that just didn’t work,” he said. In his opinion, though the conflict of resources still exists in nowadays world like before, people are more reasonable and there are other solutions to water down anxiety and conflicts. —Xinhua

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Two NATO troops, civilians die in Afghanistan

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BEIJING, 8 May—China’s space authorities added seven new members to its astronaut crew on Friday, with two women included for the first time. As usual, the names of the second batch of astronauts were not disclosed. However, space authorities did reveal in a press release that they are all aged 30 to 35, married and have college diplomas.

The five men are fighter pilots, while the two women fly transport aircraft for the Chinese air force. On average, they have 1,270 hours of flight time each. All of the astronauts are strong physically and psychologically, the release said. “China is expected to test its docking technology in the next few years and the seven new astronauts are selected for these new tasks.” said Chen Shanguang, director of the Astronaut Centre of China.

A woman hangs clothes on a line to dry next to an abandoned plane in a camp for earthquake displaced people in Port-au-Prince, on 7 May, 2010.—INTERNET

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Gothenburg, May — Swedish researchers say those who exercise when young may be rewarded with stronger bones when old.

Researchers at the Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden suggest those in exercise programmes when young build stronger bones and may lower their risk of osteoporosis.

“The bones respond best when you’re young, and if you train and load them with your own bodyweight during these years, it has a stimulating effect on their development,” Martin Nilsson, a doctoral student at the Institute of Medicine, said in a statement.

Nilsson and colleagues examined the bones and exercise habits of about 3,200 men — 2,300 18-year-olds were randomly selected to have heel bone tests. Those who exercised had denser heel bones than those never involved in sports.

Also, tests of the lower leg of about 360 19-year-old men indicated those who had stopped exercising more than 6 years ago still had larger and thicker bones than those who had never done sports.

Finally, tests of bone density throughout the body of 500 randomly selected 75-year-old men indicated higher bone densities in those engaged in competitive sports three or more times a week sometime between the ages of 10-30.

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Alcohol drinking during pregnancy raise risk of acute myeloid leukemia in children

LOS ANGELES, May—Drinking alcohol during pregnancy could lead to acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in children, a new study suggests.

Researchers at the Research Centre for Human Nutrition (RCHN) in France based their findings on analysis of 21 case control studies.

The study was published in the latest issue of Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research. The study results showed that alcohol intake during pregnancy, defined as a response to a yes or no question, was associated with a 56 percent increased risk of AML in children.

The risk of AML was higher in children up to 4 years old at diagnosis, according to the study.

“Despite the current recommendation that pregnant women should not drink alcohol during pregnancy, alcohol consumption during pregnancy is 12 percent in the United States, 30 percent in Sweden, 52 percent in France, 59 percent in Australia and 60 percent in Russia,” said Latino-Martel, research director of the RCHN.

Cuba to present recombinant DNA anti-hemorrhoid drug

HAVANA, May—Cuba will soon launch a new drug against hemorrhoids obtained by DNA techniques, local media reported on Friday.

The recombinated streptokinase suppositories, which are indicated for treating acute hemorrhoid attacks, will be ready for launch after going through clinical tests in several Cuban hospitals.

According to the Cuban press, researchers at the Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotecnology, who developed the drug, have already tested the drug’s efficacy and safety.

New HIV subtype found in Macao

MACAO, May—The Health Bureau of Macao announced on Thursday that it has found a CRF12_BF subtype of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) that is slightly different from the one found in other regions.

The new subtype was detected after the Bureau and the medical experts at the Chinese University of Hong Kong cooperated to carry out molecular and genetic analysis of the HIV virus samples found in Macao between 2006 and 2007.

The Bureau said that unprotected sex was the major way through which the HIV was transmitted in Macao before 2004, but the number of needle-sharing drug abusers contracting HIV increased dramatically in that year, and the virus they contracted was the new HIV subtype.

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Hidden side of star birth revealed

This image is taken looking towards a region of the Galaxy in the Eagle constellation, closer to the Galactic centre than our Sun. Here, we see the outstanding end-products of the stellar assembly line. At the centre and the left of the image, the two massive star-forming regions G29.9 and W43 are clearly visible.—INTERNET

PARIS, 8 May — The first scientific results from ESA’s Herschel infrared space observatory are revealing previously hidden details of star formation. New images show thousands of distant galaxies furiously building stars and beautiful star forming clouds draped across the Milky Way. One picture even catches an ‘impossible’ star in the act of formation.

Presented on 6 May during a scientific symposium held at the European Space Agency (ESA), the results challenge old ideas of star birth, and open new roads for future research. Herschel’s observation of the star-forming cloud RCW 120 has revealed an embryonic star which looks set to turn into one of the biggest and brightest stars in our Galaxy within the next few hundred thousand years. It already contains eight to ten times the mass of the Sun and is still surrounded by an additional 2000 solar masses of gas and dust from which it can feed further.

Study: UVA light doesn’t cause melanoma

HOUSTON, 8 May— A University of Texas study has contradicted previous research by finding early life exposure to ultraviolet-A light does not cause melanoma in a fish model.

Scientists at the university’s MD Anderson Cancer Center said their finding reinforces animal model to indicate a connection between exposure to UVA at a young age and later development of melanoma.

The data doesn’t suggest UVA is harmless, said Professor David Mitchell, the study’s lead author at the cancer centre’s department of carcinogenesis. “UVA is just not as dangerous as we thought because it doesn’t cause melanoma.”

Nuke reactor cores simulated on iPhones

SALT LAKE CITY, 8 May— University of Utah scientists say they’re using an iPhone application they designed to display medical scans to view simulations of nuclear reactor cores.

Researchers at the university’s Scientific Computing and Imaging Institute say the iPhone reactor simulation allows researchers, among other things, to look at existing nuclear power plants and predict their performance under increased power.

Professor Tatjana Jevremovic, director of the Utah Nuclear Engineering Program, said, “With these modern and more detailed simulation tools, we can design new types of nuclear power plants in a faster fashion than 15 or 20 years ago.”

Orion launch abort system passes test

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, 8 May— The US space agency said the first full test of its Pad Abort 1 system was successful Thursday at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. Officials said the launch of the abort system designed for the Orion crew vehicle lifted off at 5 am EDT. The flight lasted about 135 seconds from launch until the crew module touched down at 16 mph.

Science
Employment surges in bright sign for recovery

WASHINGTON, 8 May—Employment grew at the fastest pace in four years in April as businesses ramped up hiring, suggesting the economic recovery was growing less dependent on government support.

Employers added 290,000 jobs last month, the Labour Department said on Friday, far more than analysts had anticipated. In addition, 121,000 more jobs were created in February and March than previously estimated.

Private-sector job growth in April was much stronger than expected, with government hiring for the decennial US census a secondary factor.

Officials have kept the economy on life support with record low interest rates and a $787 billion package of government spending and tax cuts, and the report eased fears the recovery could falter as the support fades.

“This is now a recovery that could survive the withdrawal of the policy support that we have in place. The missing pieces of the jigsaw are there now, labour market conditions are picking up and strengthening,” said Paul Ashworth, senior US economist at Capital Economics in Toronto.

Indonesia’s ceramic manufacturers look to increase exports by 120 mln USD

JAKARTA, 8 May—The Indonesian Various Ceramic Industries Association (ASAKI) aims to increase export of ceramic products to 330 million US dollars by the end of this year, a significant growth from 210 million dollars in 2009, the Jakarta Post quoted an official as saying on Saturday.

“We’re optimistic this year’s export will reach 330 million dollars despite the strengthening of rupiah against US dollar in the first quarter,” the association’s chairman Achmad Widjaja told a press conference on the upcoming 2010 world ceramic tile manufacturer forum on Friday.

According to ASAKI’s latest data, the ceramic industry’s annual production capacity reached an average of between 237 million and 243 million cubic meters for floor tile, 150 million cubic metres for roof tile, 253 million pieces for tableware and 5 million pieces of sanitary supplies.

Achmad believed the industry would grow despite worries over the market being flooded by cheaper imported ceramics, particularly after the implementation of free trade with China and Malaysia.

Domestic sales of ceramic products reached an average of 15 trillion rupiah ($1.62 billion dollars) annually, he said.
No gross violations of loving-kindness (2)

In the early March, U Sein Win and I carried out a feasibility study in Kyaukpyu, Taungup, Thandwe, Kyeyinthisi and Gwa to reclaim virgin lands for more salt farms to help meet the growing demand of crude salt for the industries in the nation. We could find out some 10,000 acres of vacant lands which are not arable lands or mangrove forests. If I turn about some 10,000 acres of fallow lands to salt farm, I will be able to help the nation get a lot of crude salt for industrial development. And that can create many jobs for local people. Thanks to the government’s encouragement, the salt farms in Mon State and Ayeayawaddy Division have become to revive since 2009. The daily wages of workers are not low. So, the daily income of a family of three or four could run into five digits. The amount of money is even more than that of the salt farmer of another country. So, workers in Mon State no longer go to the neighbouring country to work for their earning.

After my return from Rakhine State, I went to Bago salt farm, which was launched this year. I planned to put seawater at the concentration of 25 degree into the salt farms on 14 March and collect salt on 25 March. However, there was a rainstorm with a rainfall of two inches at about 6 pm on 19 March. So, the crude salt was destroyed. Due to the efforts of skilled salt farming workers, I was able to put seawater into the salt farms again on 31 March, and collect crude salt on 10 April. A minister observed my salt farms in Bago and said that the Head of State was pleased with boosting production of sun-baked salt in Bago, and gave guidance on extensive production of salt because that could generate long-term benefits to next generations. The minister stressed the need of esprit de corps in the drive for national development; that esprit de corps was the spirit of making self-sacrifice or loving-kindness; and that without loving-kindness, not only the nation but also the world would meet their end. His words reflected the benevolent attitude the government and Tatmadaw members have to the nation and the people.

I kept staying at Bago salt farm during Thingyan Festival. During that period, salt farmers had no days off. At 6 pm on Thingyan Akyat Day (15 April), salt farmers were collecting crude salt into the warehouse. At that time, I was listening to 6 pm news of Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar Radio and Television to know what the weather would be like. I thought there would be no news special as it was in the period of the Thingyan Festival. I was shocked to the core when I heard the bad news that three bomb blasts occurred at X.O water throwing pandal on Kangsoy Circle Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at about 3 pm. Soon after that, salt farmers and the manager and the clerk came close to me. But, they did not think the news was true, because there could be no such cases on the significant occasion of Thingyan. They felt sad when I said to them that that news was true because it was aired by Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar Radio and Television.

I lay awake for long in bed that night. How barbarous they are! We even should keep showing loving-kindness to a person that has harmed us and forgive him. I wonder why they committed terrorist acts to kill the people who were enjoying themselves in the Water Festival. But, I was unable to produce any answers to that question. In fact, that question was not a new one for me. I had tried in vain to answer that question for a couple of decades.

Over 20 years ago, insurgents blasted Ye-Mawlamyine Train between Hnt Kayin and Ann stations (then at mile post No 244/2), and the attack was repeated over the succeeding years. Two of the dead were Mon nationals Daw Ngwe and Mi Aye Thein, who were workers at my Plangkee salt farm. Daw Ngwe was a widow and she lived for two little girls. Mi Aye Thein, while she was alive, was taking care of her old parents.

At that time again, I happened to try repeatedly to get the answer to the question “Why they cruelly blasted a passenger train?” I have not been able to produce the answer to the question up to now. So, I asked my father, over 80, who had much more experience than me why they detonated bombs in Thingyan, and blasted a passenger train. He responded, “I have no idea, either. I think the bombers know best why.” Whatever excuses the bombers may give, their excuses will not be acceptable to anyone. So, I hereby make an earnest demand they stop killing innocent people.

I arrived in Ye Township, Mon State, on 21 April. I drove a Sunny pickup on the road from Ye to Asin village. Ye-Asin road is a smooth tarred one. In the past, the journey could be reached only by waterways. But now it can be accessible by car, by motorbike. Ye-Asin road was upgraded with the use of heavy machinery of the military command under the supervision of Mon State Peace and Development Council. With this machinery, Ye-Andin road and Ye-Palangi road were upgraded. Turning right from Ye-Asin road, I reached Ye-Palangi road, which could be reached by train in the past. As no more trains ran, we had to go on foot. Now, I can drive the pickup on Ye-Palangi road at top speed.

Ye Township is a place where Mon nationals live most. All villages from all corners of Ye can be reached by road in all seasons. The people of Ye Township now have got CDMA mobile phones. The township is the southernmost part of Mon State. Yet, per capita income of Ye Township is the highest in Mon State. Ye is one of the fast-developing border townships of Myanmar in the time of State Peace and Development Council.

Now the Union of Myanmar has achieved more national consolidation than ever. There is no racial discrimination and all national people are dealing with each other on equal terms. There is no chauvinism and no racism. A Bamar national treats a Mon national like his own race, and vice versa. It can be seen that a Kayin national treats a Bamar national like his own race, and vice versa.

I drove into Palangi salt farm. I saw the workers earnestly carrying salt. Without taking holiday even in the Thingyan days, they were carrying salt into the shelters. They were looking tired as they had been working for days and months. But they never lost heart. I went up to the workers and gave them some food. When I said that we should have another Myanmar saying besides the saying “Save rainwater while it is raining”, they asked me what it was. That was “Carry salt in the sunshine”, I replied. I explained there would be rainfall very soon. Thirty thousand viss of salt produced by our salt farm was enough for 15,000 people in a year. The salt produced in one season was enough for about 700,000 Myanmar citizens in a year. That was why we needed to work hard on this salt farm.

While in Palangi salt farm, I tuned in to news of foreign broadcasting stations. They aired the issue of the border guard force formation of some national/race armed groups with words of instigation. An armed group representing Ye region was among them. Due to the broadcast, Manager U Thein Aung of Palangi salt farm said he feared the region would become unstable.

Before 1988, there were many national race armed groups in Myanmar. They clashed with each other. The national people who unconditionally received one armed group were brutally killed by another one. A lot of national people died in the clashes between the armed groups. They massacred the national people by accusing them of being the government supporters. Blowing up passenger trains and cars and opening fire with small and heavy weapons caused deaths of lots of national people. The insurgents raided the towns and villages, killing many national people. After 1988, cease fire agreement was reached and those insurgents started making peace with the government. Therefore, it is true that the Union of Myanmar has become peaceful and developed.

Myanmar people wish the national race armed groups to do business in the interest of their own nation and people by unconditionally surrendering their arms, or to carry out philanthropic work, or to form border guard forces in order to defend the State. They want the armed groups never to come to the former status in which they terrorized the national people.

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I strongly request that the insurgents and anti-government groups are not to attack the Myanmar people building the nation with loving-kindness with the economic weapons, bombs, and guns. They are to respond to the loving Myanmar people with loving-kindness.

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Vicittasara of Tipitaka Mahagandawin Nikaya monastery of Yangon Division and Ashin Nadavamsalankara of Shwedagon U Tipitaka Dhammapala monastery of Sagaing Division who passed Dighanikaya Kovida examination. Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye presented titles and certificates to five monks who passed Dighanikaya examination. Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Lt-Gen Ohn Myint, Adjudant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Huay Oo, Minister for Construction and for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Energy U Lan Thi, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Minister for Religious Affairs.

Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered provisions to a Sayadaw at ceremony to honour title recipient monks. —MNA

Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa delivered a sermon. The congregation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San shared the merits gained. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party also offered provisions to the Sayadaws. —MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun offers certificates of Vinayakovida title and Vinayadhara title to two Sayadaws. —MNA

Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Prime Minister U Thein Sein, donates alms to a Sayadaw at ceremony to honour title recipient monks. —MNA

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party receive Five Precepts from the Sayadaw at 62nd ceremony to honour the monks who passed Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida examination.—MNA
Title Recipient
Sayadaws Honoured at a Grand Ceremony

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offers title of Tipitakakorida and certificate to Ashin Abhijatabhivamsa of Mahathubawdayon Monastery of Sagaing (NEWS ON PAGE 1).

Prime Minister U Thein Sein donates provision to a monk ceremony to honour title recipient monks.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye presents title of Dighabhanaka and certificate to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence offers title of Vinayadhara and certificate to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence presents title of Vinayadhara and certificate to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein presents title of Vinayadhara and certificate to a Sayadaw. —MNA
Brazilian President to be awarded by UN for fighting hunger

Brasilia, 8 May—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will next week receive the “Champion in the Battle Against Hunger” award from the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), local press reported on Friday.

The United Nations says Lula was chosen because he prioritized the fight against hunger in his two terms of presidency.

The award will be handed to Lula by WFP Executive Director Josette Sheeran, who will visit projects run by the Brazilian government’s “Fome Zero” (Zero Hunger) programme in Brasilia and other Brazilian cities.

Sheeran praised the “active role” played by Lula’s government in anti-hunger efforts in Brazil and other countries.

He made special mention of an interesting Brazilian project which provides school children with quality meals, attracting them to attend school.

In late April, Lula was elected by the US weekly magazine Time as one of the most influential names in the world.

In 2009, he was chosen by the French newspaper Le Monde and the Spanish El Pais as Person of the Year for his role of leadership in Latin America.—Xinhua

Shell declares force majeure due to Nigeria fire

LAGOS, 8 May—Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell said on Friday it had deferred crude shipments from its Bonny Light terminal in the Niger Delta for two months due to a fire that has hampered production.

Shell “declared force majeure on Bonny Light lifting for May and June 2010, effective ... May 7,” company spokesman Tony Okonedo said in a statement.

“This is as a result of production deferment from the leaks and fire incidents which occurred on the Trans Niger Pipeline (TNP) on 5 May,” he said, adding that repairs were underway to resume production as soon as possible.—INTERNET

Rodents pose new health threat in Zimbabwe’s towns

HARARE, 8 May—A stray cat paws through a heap of refuse between blocks of flats in Harare’s upmarket Avenues area, sending rats scurrying and scurrying for cover among the rubbish.

Across the road, cars take turns to skirt a swelling mound of garbage nearly blocking one of the two lanes.

Informal dumpsites have become a familiar sight in sections of Harare where residents are resorting to emptying bins in open spaces as the municipal authorities fail to collect refuse, causing residents to fear disease outbreaks.

The ubiquitous heaps are breeding grounds for rats and mice, posing a health threat as the rodents sometimes find their way into homes.—INTERNET

Brazil reports 50 deaths of A/H1N1 flu in first quarter

BRASILIA, 8 May—A total of 50 Brazilians have died and 361 others have been hospitalized due to the A/H1N1 flu in the country since on 3 April, Brazilian Health Minister Jose Gomes Temporao said Friday.

Among the deaths, 76 percent were women, 32 percent of whom were pregnant, Temporao said.

In the campaign against the deadly A/H1N1 virus, 47.5 million people have been vaccinated so far, about 81 percent of the government’s target.

The next stage of the campaign is aiming at the people aged between 30 and 39, with estimated 30 million people to be vaccinated. Up to on 21 May, all people aged over 60 are recommended to be immunized.

The A/H1N1 flu started spreading in Brazil in May last year and caused 2,051 deaths in 2009.

Xinhua

A picture received in 2004 from the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People, shows the aftermath of an oil pipeline leak and subsequent fire in the southern Nigerian village of Goi, in the Niger Delta region.—INTERNET

Two soldiers, 5 PKK militants killed in conflicts in SE Turkey

ANKARA, 8 May—Two soldiers and five militants of the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) were killed in conflicts erupted in southeast Turkey on Friday, local media reported.

Another soldier was wounded during the fight, which occurred in the Doglica region of the Yuksekova town of Hakkari province, said the semi-official Anatolia news agency.

The army had sent air support and reinforcements to the area, it said.

The clash came after a PKK raid on a military outpost in the eastern Tunceli province on 30 April, which killed four soldiers and injured seven others, the most deadly attack against government troops over the past several months.

Xinhua
Brazil launches first oil tanker

PORTO DE SUAPE, 8 May—Brazil on Friday launched the first of 10 domestically built oil tankers it will use to boost its trade in “black gold,” and give new life to its shipbuilding industry.

The 274-meter (899-foot) long vessel, named the “Joao Candido” after a famous black Brazilian sailor, cost 120 million dollars and can transport a million barrels of crude — around half the daily output of Brazilian state oil company Petrobras.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva led the launching ceremony, telling the 3,700 shipyard workers here that the tanker symbolized “a people’s high affirmation.”

Brazil is sitting on 14 billion barrels of proven reserves of crude oil, and expects to more than triple that with recent offshore finds, propelling it into the ranks of major oil exporters.— Internet

Finland’s largest biomass power plant operational

HELSSINKI, 8 May—Finland’s largest wood-burning biomass power plant has been formally brought into production as the official inauguration was held in Lappeenranta in southern Finland, reported Finnish media Friday.

The biomass plant, which is located at Kaukas’ mill complex of UPM Kymmene, cost 240 million euros to build. The plant’s thermal power is 385 MW and its electricity generation capacity is 125 MW. Biomass accounts for around 80 percent of the plant’s fuel supply, about half of which is bark from the sawmill, pulp mill and paper mill of the Kaukas mill complex of Finnish forest industry giant UPM Kymmene, with the rest consists of branches, stumps, small wood and peat.

Finnish Minister of Environment Paula Lehtomaki said in the inauguration on Friday that the plant was a step forward in the use of renewable energy sources and emissions-free energy production.

Toronto barbecue chef makes 267-kg burger to break Guinness world record

Ted Reader, a 46-year-old chef in Toronto, hopes 267 kilograms of beef, bun and condiments he made on Thursday will help him become the Guinness world Recordkeeper of the world’s largest burger.

“All I want today is to build the world’s biggest burger and so we try rally to break the record,” Reader told Xinhua, adding that he became interested in cooking when he only had 16 years old.

On the difference with a normal everyday burger, Reader said: “The size is more than 300 times the burger we eat every day.”

He and a 10-member crew started the preparation at 4 am Thursday on the Toronto Dundas square, and the whole process was more than eight hours.

The one-metre-in-diameter burger was fully baked at 1:30 pm, and was auctioned at the price at 7,500 Canadian dollars (about 750 US dollars). Reader said that he made a test burger earlier this week at his home, and it was successful.

Barbecue chef Ted Reader (R) holds a bottle of champagne to celebrate the finish of a giant hamburger in Toronto, on 7 May, 2010.

Workers dig pool in wrong yard

An Australian homeowner said workmen mistakenly began digging a swimming pool in his garden and fled once they discovered the $17,700 mistake.

Peter Collard of Brisbane, who is trying to sell the house, said he received a call from his real estate agent saying he should rush home because two men were digging in his yard, The Daily Telegraph reported.

“The first I heard of it was when my agent rang me and said: ‘There’s someone digging your yard up. You’d better rush home,’” Collard said. “I rushed home to find this huge mess and about $20,000 (US $17,700) worth of damage.”

“These guys obviously knew there was something up and took off,” he said.

Susan Grantham of Queensland state police said the men loaded their backhoe onto a dump truck and left the scene without explanation.

In this April 30, 2010 photo, Koda, a 900 pound Polar Bear swims above visitors to the Water’s Edge exhibit at the Pittsburgh Zoo.

100-year-old woman being evicted by niece

A 100-year-old Illinois woman whose bank agreed to halt foreclosure proceedings said she is now facing eviction at the hands of her niece.

Agnes Albinger, received a notice of eviction this week from her niece, Bridget Grzudis, 47, giving her until on 16 May to vacate the Monee farm she has occupied since 1949, the Chicago Tribune reported.

10.5-magnitude earthquake hits Central Indonesia

JAKARTA, 8 May—A 10.5-magnitude earthquake hit Central Indonesia’s West Nusa Tenggara province on Saturday, but there was no immediate report of casualties or material damage.

According to the website of Indonesian Meteorology, Climatology and Physical Geography Agency (BMG), the quake struck at 11:22 am local time (0322 GMT), with the epicenter at 8.09 degrees southern latitude and 118.27 degrees eastern longitude, 68 km in the northwest of Raba regency of West Nusa Tenggara province, at a depth of 10 km below sea bed.

Barbaric President Luiz Inacio da Silva (L) attends the launching of the oil tanker “Joao Candido” at Suape Harbour in Recife, in the northeastern Brazilian state of Pernambuco.

Spain’s GNP shows weak growth in first quarter

MADRID, 8 May—Spain’s Gross National Product increased 0.1 percent during the first quarter, bringing an end to economic contraction in six consecutive quarters, the central bank said.

“In the first months of 2010 the gradual recovery of the Spanish economy took place in surroundings characterized by the progressive recovery of the world economy, as well as the effect of government measures to support demand and the confidence of those parties involved,” the bank said.

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A volunteer stands beside a giant spoon and coin replicas surrounded by yellow coin banks for poor children around the world during a charity event by World Vision in central Seoul.
New hope for HIV vaccine efforts

WASHINGTON, 8 May — US researchers say they are a step closer to understanding why some people have natural protection against HIV.

They believe rare individuals who progress very slowly to AIDS when infected make white blood cells that are better at fighting the virus. The findings, published in Nature, may help international efforts to design an effective AIDS vaccine.

But the research team at MIT and Harvard says any such vaccine is at least a decade away. The findings relate to so-called “elite controllers” — a small number of people who, when exposed to HIV, progress very slowly to AIDS or never develop it at all.

In the late 1990s it was discovered that these individuals - about one in 200 of those infected with HIV—AIDS carry a specific gene, known as HLA B57.

The research team, led by MIT Professor Arup Chakraborty and Harvard Professor Bruce Walker, found this gene causes the body to make more potent killer T cells — a type of white blood cell that fights infections.

This helps them to keep the HIV virus at bay, but also makes them more susceptible to autoimmune diseases, where the body’s immune system turns on itself.

The work is based on computer modelling of how immune cells develop in a specialized organ of the immune system known as the thymus.

The researchers say the study has implications for designing an effective vaccine.

Study suggests X-ray guided steroid injections effectively treat hamstring tendinitis

HOUSTON, 8 May — Fluorescopic X-ray guided steroid injections offer a safe and effective alternative to the conventional treatment of hamstring tendinitis, according to a study to be presented at the ARRS 2010 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Conventional treatment includes rest, anti-inflammatory drugs, and physical therapy.

Hamstring tendinitis refers to inflammation (pain, swelling, warmth, redness, and dysfunction) in one or more of the hamstring tendons. It is relatively common in a multitude of track and field athletes and dancers.

The study, performed at the University of Texas Health Science Centre in Houston, TX, included 16 patients with hamstring tendinitis who were treated using X-ray guided cortisone injections. “Post treatment, 11/16 patients showed a major improvement,” said Manickam Kumaravel, MD, lead author of the study. The remaining five patients showed a minimal to moderate improvement,” said Kumaravel.

No immediate or long-term complications were found in any of the patients or injection sites. Our study suggests that X-ray guided steroid injections are safe and beneficial for the treatment of hamstring tendinitis in athletes,” he said.

GPS fails trusting tourists

BRISBANE, 8 May — A tip for tourists: if your GPS system leads you into a forest, forces you to unlock gates and move rocks blocking the road, chances are something is amiss. South Korean tourists travelling from Brisbane to Rockhampton had to be rescued from a remote track in a forestry reserve in southeast Queensland after they tried to follow the directions given by their car’s GPS system.

The three followed gravel roads, then dirt roads, then went through a couple of gates, and ended up bogged in a gully in Cordalba State Forest, near Childers. The men, who did not speak English, ignored danger signs and moved rocks blocking a road, to get to an isolated point that was practically inaccessible. The Bundaberg NewsMail reports. When their Ford Falcon became bogged the men tried to walk out, further endangering themselves.

Bundaberg Police received a call about 1am on Wednesday. A council worker found the tourists’ vehicle six hours later. The forest has form, Childers Police Sergeant Geoff Foy told the paper. A month ago backpackers also got lost there after following their GPS too faithfully. He said travellers should learn how to use their GPS, and turn back if something looks wrong or signs don’t match.

New blood fat heart disease link

LONDON, 8 May — A type of blood fat different from cholesterol may play a key role in heart disease, a study suggests. Cambridge University researchers looked at the role of triglycerides, which is produced in the liver and derived from foods such as meat and dairy products.

The analysis of 350,000 people from 101 previous studies found those with higher levels of the blood fat were more likely to have heart disease. The analysis centred on a specific gene which is known to influence the levels of triglycerides, the Lancet medical journal reported.

Previous research has looked into the issue, but has been inconclusive. But the latest study found those with the variation in the gene which boosted triglyceride levels had an 18% greater risk of heart disease than those that did not.

For Sale

UNHCR Drifter boat

Size: 6m x 3m x 1.5m

Engines: Twin 20 Horse Power

Location: Samee Jetty

Contact: U Aung Zeya

Ph: 098613718

A woman is seen reading a webpage written in Chinese, in Beijing. Internet addresses written in Arabic are making history as the first online domains in non-Latin characters, with Chinese and Thai expected to follow close behind.

The Google Nexus One smartphone. Google on Thursday released free software that lets smartphones based on its Android operating system be used as language translation tools.

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NYC mayor unveils $63 billion budget, 11,000 job cuts

NEW YORK, 8 May—New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Thursday unveiled his revised $63 billion budget plan for fiscal 2011, which includes shedding 11,000 public employees through layoffs and attrition.

The mayor, an independent, repeatedly blamed the city’s problems on the state, saying Governor David Paterson’s $135 billion budget plan could take $13 billion from the city — though the state gets half of its money from the city.

“It’s clear we cannot continue to do everything we have been doing with the size of the workforce we have — we just don’t have the revenue, and we’re not going to get the help from Albany,” the mayor said in a televised news conference.

The mayor said the state has worsened the city’s financial stress by missing budget deadlines on 1 April, creating uncertainty. Unless the state restores funding, the teachers will bear the brunt of the job cuts, with 6,414 positions lost, partly through attrition.

Apple iPad to hit global market on 28 May

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 May—Apple Inc on Friday announced that its iPad tablet computer will go on sale in nine countries outside the United States on 28 May.

The nine countries include Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland and Britain.

Customers can pre-order all iPad models from Apple’s online store in these countries beginning on 10 May, the company said in a statement.

Apple also announced that it plans to release iPad in Austria, Belgium, China’s Hong Kong, Ireland, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand and Singapore in July.

The iPad debuted in the US on 3 April with Wi-Fi only models, followed by 3G versions hitting US stores on 30 April.

Colon cancer not associated with coffee, sodas

LOS ANGELES, 8 May—Drinking coffee and sodas might not boost the risk of colon cancer, a new study suggests.

Researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health drew the conclusion after analyzing 13 studies which involved more than 730,000 people, of whom more than 5,600 developed colon cancer.

The new research findings, published online on 7 May in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, showed that drinking more than six-eight ounce cups of coffee or eight-ounce cups of sugar soft drinks a day did not boost the risk of colon cancer.

Kids will get veggies, if hungry

UNIVERSITY PARK, 8 May—Many parents say their children won’t eat vegetables, but US researchers found children eat more vegetables if served as the first course.

Barbara J Rolls of Pennsylvania State University and colleagues served lunch to 51 children at a daycare centre on four occasions and measured the amount of vegetables eaten. Children were provided with no carrots, about 1 ounce of carrots, about 2 ounces of carrots or about 3 ounces of carrots as the first course of their lunch.

The children had 10 minutes to eat the carrots.

Then they were served a lunch of pasta, broccoli, unsweetened applesauce and low-fat milk. The study, published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, found the preschool children, who received no carrots, consumed nearly 1 ounce of broccoli from the main course.

However, the children who received 1 ounce of carrots before lunch ate 50 percent more broccoli than those who had no carrots and the children, who are ate 2 ounces of carrots, increased broccoli consumption to more than 2 ounces of broccoli.

Less than 6 hours of sleep can kill you

WARWICK, 8 May—People who sleep for less than 6 hours each night have an increased risk of dying prematurely.

British and Italian researchers said.

Researchers at the University of Warwick and the Federico II University Medical School in Naples, Italy, found that those who slept for less than 6 hours a night were 12 percent more likely to die prematurely than those who slept the recommended 6-8 hours a night.

The study, published in the journal Sleep, also said sleeping more than 9 hours a night is not linked to premature death, but can indicate a serious or potentially fatal illness.

Mexican marines stand guard next to five arrested crew members and part of confiscated cocaine at a naval base in Salina Cruz in Mexico’s state of Oaxaca recently.

Mexico intercepted a ship in international water in the Pacific Ocean carrying 2,400 kg of cocaine. The message reads, “Confiscated drug from vessel “Charamusca”.


A man looks at a painting of Jamaican musician Bob Marley on a street wall in Port au Prince, on Friday, 7 May, 2010.—INTERNET

An oil rig stands near the village of Cojimar on the outskirts of Havana on 7 May, 2010. Spanish oil giant Repsol YPF has contracted with a unit of Italian oil company Eni SpA for a drilling rig that some sources said was bound for operation in Cuba’s still untapped offshore fields. Cuba estimates it has 20 billion barrels of oil in its part of the Gulf of Mexico, which abuts the oil-rich US and Mexican zones of the gulf, and Havana views its possible production as a godsend.

A man looks at a painting of Jamaican musician Bob Marley on a street wall in Port au Prince, on Friday, 7 May, 2010.—INTERNET
Evans targets first cycling tour win in Italy

AMSTERDAM, 8 May — (AP) — Chris Evans usually starts off the Netherlands on Saturday with a host of big names in with a chance of winning the 2010 Tour of Italy starting with Cadel Evans, Carlos Sastre and Ivan Basso. The 197-strong peloton will open with a 8.4-kilometres individual time-trial in the streets of Amsterdam before contesting two other Dutch stages to Utrecht and Middelburg.— Internet

Chelsea boss says we can’t let title slip away now

CORBETT, 8 May — Carlo Ancelotti has warned his Chelsea players against the complacency that could allow the Premier League title to slip from their grasp. Ancelotti’s side go into their final game of the season against Wigan at Stamford Bridge on Sunday one point ahead of second placed Manchester United who host Stoke. With home advantage and faced by opponents who have nothing to lose, Ancelotti will have his side prepared to deal with the pressure. — Internet

Nerves jangling as Barca and Real use for the title

MUNICH, 8 May — Tomas Berdych lost his ATP title here on Friday as the Czech Republic star ranked 16th in the world slipped to a 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 defeat to Germany’s Philipp Petzschner in the quarter-finals. Petzschner, ranked 45 in the world, will play experienced Russian second seed and two-time champion here Mikhail Youzhny, who eased past Berdych’s compatriot Jan Hajek 6-1, 6-3. Saturday’s other semi-final will see Cyprus’ former Australian Open finalist Marcos Baghdatis play top seed Marin Cilic of Croatia after the duo saw off Germany’s Philipp Kohlschreiber and Spain’s Nicolas Almagro respectively.— Internet

Westwood takes lead at Sawgrass

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 8 May — Lee Westwood doesn’t rate The Players Championship as the fifth major. He’s playing like it is. The 37-year-old Englishman has been on the cusp of breaking through with his first major over the two years — he was one putt away from playoffs in the US Open at Torrey Pines and the British Open at Turbury. He was a distant shot of the clubhouse during the first round of The Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass newcomer Heath Slocum, Ryuji Imada and TPC Sawgrass newcomer Francesco Molinari of Italy. “As you get older, it gets harder to keep all the time when you want to,” Westwood said. “You have to pick and choose your ones, and you want to play well in the biggest tournaments. And this is one of the biggest tournaments.” There’s a chance it might finally start playing like one. Westwood was at 12-under 132, the lowest score to lead after 36 holes at The Players Championship since 1994, when Greg Norman was at 14 under on his way to setting the 72-hole record.— Internet

St. John’s Sheriff’s Deputies cuff and pick up Travis Parmelee, of Jacksonville who was tased by the deputies after repeated requests for him to calm down during the Players Championship golf tournament at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. on 7 May, 2010.— Internet

Golf fan Tasered, arrested at Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 8 May — A 36-year-old man attending the second round of The Players Championship was subdued by a Taser on Friday by Travis Parmelee, of Jacksonville, was charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest without violence, said St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office Captain Dave Messenger. Messenger said course marshals notified officers that Parmelee was yelling at players and being belligerent near the 11th hole. Officers responded and attempted to calm Parmelee down, but they said he became more combative. They tried to take Parmelee into custody, but he resisted and was Tased once. “He was at the point where it was time for law enforcement to step in,” Messenger said. “Our goal is to escort people off the property, but it was clear he wasn’t going to go with us.” Parmelee pulled away as officers tried to put him into a golf cart, Messenger said, prompting one to touch him with a stun gun. Messenger said it was clear Parmelee had been drinking.— Internet

Liverpool won’t sell stars despite debts

LIVERPOOL, 8 May — Liverpool chairman Martin Broughton insists key players Fernando Torres and Steven Gerrard will not be sold to help solve the club’s financial problems. Accounts released on Friday show the club made an operating loss before tax of 16 million pounds ($23 million dollars) in the year ending on 31 July, 2009. That plunged Liverpool’s finances further into the red with the debt rising from 299.8 million pounds (443 million dollars) to 351.4 million pounds ($520 million dollars), while interest payments on loans increased by 3.6 million pounds (5.3 million dollars) to 40.1 million pounds (59.3 million dollars). It is a worrying state of affairs for Liverpool fans but Broughton, appointed to find a buyer to replace current co-owners Tom Hicks and George Gillett, is adamant that Gerrard and Torres will not be sold to raise funds.— Internet

Hamlin edges teammate Busch

DARLINGTON, 8 May — Denny Hamlin doesn’t care which Kyle Busch he beat at Darlington Raceway on Friday night. Hamlin pulled away from Busch over the final five laps on Friday night to take the Royal Purple 200, his third straight Nationwide series victory at the track. Earlier, Hamlin playfully shot down Busch’s contention from last week that he was the “new and improved Kyle Busch” who persevered to win at Richmond. Busch almost did it again this time, sliding to about a half-car length ahead of Hamlin on the final restart before falling back in line behind his friend. — Internet
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WEATHER

Saturday, 8th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, scattered upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather have been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) below May average temperatures in Kachin State, (6°C) to (8°C) above May average temperatures in Shan and Kayin States and Ayeyawady Division, (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Thayawady (42.8°C), Nay Pyi Taw (41°C), Ngapali, Ngwe Saung (40.2°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Katha (1.26) inches, Machanbu (0.63) inch and Bhamo (0.27) inch. Maximum temperature on 7-5-2010 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 8-5-2010 was 83°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 8-5-2010 was 51%. Total sun shine hours on 7-5-2010 was (8.0) hours.

Rainfall on 8-5-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximumwind/spatial Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (Synf) from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 7-5-2010.

Bay Influence: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 9th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, Magway and Bago Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-5-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-5-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-5-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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Rainfall on 8-5-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximumwind/spatial Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (Synf) from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 7-5-2010.

Bay Influence: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 9th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, Magway and Bago Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-5-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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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

People’s Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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Sayadaws including the title recipient Sayadaws were ushered into the Cave in accord with the tradition by staff of the ministry.
The congregation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Agга Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Aggavamsabhivamsa.
Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Siddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Kumarambhivamsa delivered an Ovada.
Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated religious matters.
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented the titles and certificates to Ashin Abhijatabhivamsa of Mahathubodayon monastery of Sagaing who passed Tipitaka-dhara Tipitakakovida examination.
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