Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconciliation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Development of all regions depends on endeavours of local people

Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsoo Tarred Road commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Prime Minister U Thein Sein attended the inauguration of Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsoo Tarred Road built by Public Works at its pandal near Seintaung Junction in Pathein Township at 8.15 am today and unveiled the stone inscriptions.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads, employees of Public Works and private companies that participated in construction of the roads, members of social organizations and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that Ayeyawady Division teeming with rivers and creeks relied on waterway in the past. As river crossing bridges have been built one after another in the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the local people have easy access to other regions through roads. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that better communication and transport facilities play an important role in developing the region. Only when the road transport is better, will economic, social and management of the region improve.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the government constructed roads as networks across the nation, building bridges across rivers and creeks in necessary places.

While the government was upgrading the main roads for development of Ayeyawady Division and trading, the people lost lives and property severely hit by cyclonic storm Nargis (See page 8).
Accelerate national development through advanced technology

Nowadays, science and technology, information and communication technology and industrial technology are developing day by day throughout the world. The improvement of modern technology has an impact on all the sectors including economic, social and development sectors.

Myanmar has to keep sustainable development in all aspects. Emphasis is to be placed on constantly acquiring and applying modern technology across the world.

In building a modern and developed nation, it is necessary to have the power of enhanced national education, the power of science and technology and the power of national wealth. Development of the nation and the people depends on high talent, good morale and perseverance of individual citizens. Thus, the education sector is forging patriotic spirit and enhancing basic strengths.

At present, the government manages to build the educational infrastructures and modern network systems. Equitable opportunities have been created for the youths of urban and rural regions enabling them to pursue education. In building good educational environments, priority is being given to extended construction and upgrading of schools and turning out teachers equipped with modern teaching methods.

Teachers have to constantly improve their teaching skills to become qualified ones. In nurturing the youths, the teachers must seek the best ways and means for all-round improvement of the students talented in their school lessons as well as good in social relations, with high moral standard and outstanding in sports. It is necessary to train the students to have reasoning power and good behavior.

Shaping the future nation based on the education sector is a bounden duty for all. That is why all the teachers with goodwill and perseverance are relentlessly striving for turning out the qualified human resources.

Free potable water supplied

NAV PGTAW, 14 May—In compliance with the directives by the government, local authorities, departments, NGOs and the public are making efforts in collaboration to address the issue of potable water shortage.

Social organizations, well-wishers and town elders have jointly sunk a four-inch diameter tube-well and a two-inch diameter tube-well in Panzin Village, Kyunsu Township, Taninthayi Division. As from 5 May, they have been supplying about 5000 gallons of water free to local people.

In like manner, about 7000 gallons of water are supplied daily to local people with the use of a three-inch diameter tube-well and a two-inch diameter tube-well in Tawauklei Village, and about 2500 gallons of water daily, with the use of two four-inch diameter tube-wells in Yaykan-aw Village.

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US drug war has met none of its goals

According to the United States’ war on drugs has cost $1 trillion and hundreds of thousands of lives, and for what? Drug use is rampant and violence even more brutal and widespread. Even US drug czar Gil Kerlikowske concedes the strategy hasn’t worked. “In the grand scheme, it has not been successful,” Kerlikowske told The Associated Press. “Forty years later, the concern about drugs and drug problems is, if anything, magnified, intensified.” This week President Obama promised to “reduce drug use and the great damage it causes” with a new national policy that he said treats drug use more as a public health issue and focuses on prevention and treatment. Nevertheless, his administration has increased spending on interdiction and law enforcement to record levels both in dollars and in percentage terms; this year, they account for $10 billion of his $15.5 billion drug-control budget.

Iraqi, Iranian border guards exchange fire

BAGHDAD, 14 May—Iraqi and Iranian soldiers traded fire on Thursday on the northern border between the two countries, Iraqi media reported. “The border guards of Iran and Iraq exchanged fire for about half an hour on the Iraqi border at the territory of the Kurdistan autonomous region,” said Ahmed Gharib, head of Iraq’s border guards in the province of Sulaimaniya, according to Iraq’s Alsumaria news agency. The officer said the incident occurred because the Iranian forces took the Iraqi border guards as an Iranian anti-government Kurdish group and started the shooting. An Iraqi officer was captured by the Iranian forces and taken into the Iranian territory, the report said. “Negotiations with the Iranian side are underway and they promised to release the officer on Friday morning,” the chief was quoted as saying. 

Ferry capsize kills 11 in northeastern Bangladesh

DHAKA, 14 May—At least 11 people have died and another six were feared dead after a ferry capsized in Bangladesh’s northeastern Kishoregonj district, some 117 km away of capital Dhaka, police said on Thursday. Fire brigade personnel and locals including fishermen were still searching for missing people after the boat, carrying about 100 people on Daleshwari River, one of the largest rivers in the country, capsized in Kishoregonj’s Bazipur sub-district on Wednesday night. Officer-in-Charge of Bazipur Police Station, Subrata Kumar Saha, told Xinhua over phone. “Rescuers have so far retrieved 11 bodies,” he said and added six people, who remained missing since Wednesday night, are feared dead. No specific reason was given for Wednesday’s accident, though overloading is often blamed. Ferry and boat accidents are common in Bangladesh, which is criss-crossed by about 250 rivers. Ferry is still a key means of transport in the South Asian country.

Venezuelan gas rig sinks, all workers evacuated

CARACAS, 14 May—Venezuela’s Aban Pearl natural gas rig sank in the Caribbean sea in the early hours of Thursday, President Hugo Chavez said in a message on Twitter. All 95 workers on the rig were evacuated safely, the President said.

NATO says two service members killed

KABUL, 14 May—NATO says one service member has been killed in an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan, and that another has died in a roadside bombing attack in the south. 

Homicide bombers kill 10 at Iraqi Soccer Game

BAGHDAD, 14 May—Three homicide bombers blew themselves up at a sports field in a predominantly Shia town in northern Iraq on Friday, killing at least 10 people and wounding another 120, police and hospital officials said. The attack took place during a soccer game Friday evening in the town of Tal Afar, located between the Syrian border and the volatile city of Mosul. 

In this 16 April, 2009 file photo, a youth watches a crime scene from behind his home’s fence after a man was murdered in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. —INTERNET

Internet

Iraqi People, seen through a shrapnel hole, inspect the site of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 May, 2010. A car bomb ripped through a popular cafe on Wednesday evening, killing nine young people.

Internet
Young male crickets grow larger in the presence of abundant male song

What makes world’s strongest animal — the tiny copepod — so successful?

COPENHAGEN, 14 May—The world’s strongest animal, the copepod, is barely 1 mm long. It is also the world’s fastest animal and the most abundant multicellular animal on the planet. So what is it that makes the copepod so successful? “The copepods’ evolutionary success should be seen in relation to their ability to flee from predators. Their escape jump is hugely powerful and effective,” says Professor Thomas Kiorboe from the National Institute of Aquatic Resources at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU Aqua). Together with researchers from DTU Aqua and DTU Physics and with the aid of high-speed video recordings, Thomas Kiorboe has been able to give a detailed picture of the copepods’ escape jump. The powerful jump has made an incredible impression upon the researchers.

Why is breast milk best? It’s all in the genes

WASHINGTON, 14 May—While premature births have steadily increased over the last thirty years in America, and are on the rise worldwide, a new report released by the CDC provides hope that the tide has turned. With pre-term birthings over 20 percent between 1990 and 2006, the 3 percent decline reported today between 2007 and 2008 is small but significant. It is the second year in a row that there has been a decrease. One in every 12 babies is not carried to term and the earlier they are born, the higher the risk of long-term health issues and death. Premature birth (arriving before 37 weeks’ gestation) is one of the leading causes of newborn deaths and it is a major cause of lifelong illnesses such as hearing loss, cerebral palsy, asthma, blindness, learning disabilities, and other chronic illnesses.

ESA: Europe keeps space station operating

PARIS, 14 May — The European Space Agency says European science and manufacturing is keeping the International Space Station in operation. “Already now, more than a third of the pressurized station elements are built and designed in Europe and European knowhow is keeping station in operation,” Simonetta Di Pippo, the ESA’s director of human spaceflight, said.

Additional spare parts from Europe will be aboard space shuttle Atlantis, scheduled to lift off Friday on its final planned mission to the space station. Included will be spare portions of the European Robotic Arm, scheduled for launch in 2012. The space agency said it will be the second “intelligent” robot arm for the space station. The first, used for ISS assembly for nearly 10 years, is Canadarm-2.

The secret behind the Mediterranean diet: olive oil

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 May — The heart-healthy Mediterranean diet has been getting a whole lot of press lately due to some pretty significant research into its benefits. It has been shown to lower the incidence of asthma and allergies in children, lower the risk of metabolic syndrome, possibly eliminate diabetes medication for Type II diabetics, and may lessen the risk of cancer and depression. Just last month research came out of the Netherlands on the Mediterranean diet and fertility. While the study didn’t actually prove that the diet alone boosts fertility, but found that two common diet patterns emerged: women who adhered to the Mediterranean-style diet had a higher pregnancy rate following in vitro fertilization (IVF) or intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI). In fact, the women who were consistent with the tenets of the diet were 40 percent more likely to get pregnant than those women whose diets were farthest from the Mediterranean Diet.
Coffee, soda not linked to colon cancer

BOSTON, 14 May—Drinking large amounts of coffee or soda is not linked to a greater risk of colon cancer, US researchers said. Study leader Dr Xuehong Zhang of the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston found those drinking large amounts of coffee—more than six 8-ounce cups a day—were no more likely than those drinking less coffee to develop colon cancer.

Similarly, drinking more than 18 oz of soft drinks a day did not increase colon cancer risk. However, the study authors noted, only 2 percent drank this amount daily. “Drinking coffee or sugar-sweetened carbonated soft drinks was not associated with colon cancer risk,” the researchers said in a statement. “However, a modest positive association with higher tea consumption is possible and requires further study.”—Internet

Coffee may help nightshift performance

LONDON, 14 May—British researchers say caffeine can help reduce driving and other errors by night-shift workers.

Cochrane researchers reviewed 13 studies on the impact caffeine—ingested through coffee, pills, energy drinks or caffeinated food—on the performance in workers on night shifts. The review found caffeine appeared to reduce errors during neuropsychological tests aimed at memory, attention, perception and reasoning compared with placebos or naps.

Lead researcher Katharine Ker of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine says none of the studies measured injuries directly, but improved performance on the tests may translate into a reduced number of injuries caused by sleepiness, the researchers said.

Most reported polio in four countries

ATLANTA, 14 May—Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan reported 78 percent of the some 1,600 cases of polio in 2009, US health officials said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, released on Thursday, said 207 or 13 percent of the reported cases were from 15 previously polio-free countries, and 143 or 9 percent of polio cases were reported from four countries—Angola, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan—previously polio-free.

“In response to continued wild poliovirus type 1 and wild poliovirus type 3 transmission in all endemic countries and re-established transmission in some previously polio-free countries, a new global polio eradication initiative strategic plan for 2010–2012 has been developed and is being implemented,” the report said.

“Globally, careful monitoring of indicators during 2010–2012 and implementing corrective actions will be essential for polio eradication efforts to succeed.”—Internet

Hormone therapies linked to metastasis

COLUMBIA, 14 May—US researchers say animal models indicate hormone therapies may increase the chance of breast cancer metastasis.

Researchers at the University of Missouri in Columbia said metastasis—the spreading of cancer beyond the lymph nodes—was more likely when taking the hormone progestin. Progestin is a hormone used to counteract the potentially negative effects of estrogen therapy.

“In our study, we found that progestins increase the number of blood vessels that are responsible for transporting existing cancer cells,” Salmon Hyder says in a statement. “The more the blood vessels increase, the higher the chance of cancer cell metastasizing.”

Hyder says the negative effect of progestins was worse in the absence of a protein that suppresses tumors called P53.

The researchers tested several different progestins on breast cancer tumors in an animal model. They found all types acted similarly to increase the likelihood of cancer spread.

Hyder’s study has been accepted for publication in Menopause: The Journal of The North American Menopause Society.
China defends Africa investment as SAfrica deal reported

BEIJING, 14 May—A top Chinese commerce official has defended Beijing’s investment policies in Africa as a giant deal was announced on Thursday for a cement plant in South Africa.

“China’s presence in Africa is increasing more and more, and the commerce operating there are diverse, there are some models, and the areas they are in are broad,” Vice Commerce Minister Fu Ziying told the Wall Street Journal.

The volume of crude oil in the well, nicknamed Franco, is being drilled northeast of Franco by Diamond Offshore drill-vessel Ocean Clipper, ANP said. “It seems that this is one of the highest-potential wells ever drilled in the country,” said ANP General Director Haroldo Lima.—Internet

Brazil poised to become major oil producer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 May— Just when you thought Brazil had found about enough crude oil along coming news of another discovery, amid official plans to turn the country into a pre-eminent oil producer and exporter.

The latest oil find was announced not by Petrobras, the government-run hydrocarbons giant, but by the National Petroleum Agency, a federal unit linked to the Ministry of Mines and Energy and responsible for the regulation of the oil sector.

ANP said the discovery it first revealed in April was much larger than previously announced.

The volume of recoverable light oil in the well reaches 4.5 billion barrels, more than double the previously announced volume of 2 million barrels, ANP said.

The 2-ANP-1-RJS well, nicknamed Libra, is being drilled in the hugely oil-rich Santos Basin, off the coast of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil’s southeastern region.

Although drilling for the oil was carried out by Petrobras, the area belongs to the federal government and is yet to undergo any public bidding process. A second well, 2-ANP-2-RJS, nicknamed Libra, is being drilled northeast of Franco by Diamond Offshore drill-vessel Ocean Clipper, ANP said. “It seems that this is one of the highest-potential wells ever drilled in the country,” said ANP General Director Haroldo Lima.—Internet

‘Mahindra to sell first Indian-made vehicle in US’

NEW DELHI, 14 May—Auto maker Mahindra & Mahindra is set to become the first company to sell an Indian-made vehicle in the US market, a report said Friday. Auto maker Mahindra & Mahindra is set to become the first company to sell an Indian-made vehicle in the US market, a report said Friday.—Internet

Mahindra workers assemble a mini-truck at the Mahindra and Mahindra India plant at Chakan, some 100km south-east of Mumbai, in March. Auto maker Mahindra & Mahindra is set to become the first company to sell an Indian-made vehicle in the US market, a report said Friday.—Internet

Malaysia’s Petronas to develop integrated oil project in Venezuela

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 May—Malaysia’s state-run oil company Petronas has signed a joint venture agreement with Venezuela to develop integrated oil projects in the country. The joint venture agreement would enable Petronas to develop and produce hydrocarbons from the Canaima Project in the Orinoco Region of Venezuela, Petronas said in a statement here on Thursday. Petronas, together with its partners including Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Oil India Limited, signed the deal in Caracas on Wednesday, the company said. Under the agreement, the joint venture company will build heavy-oil production facilities and upgrading facilities and associated infrastructure.

According to the statement, the company has a license term of 25 years with the potential for a further 15-year extension to produce 400,000 barrels per day of extra-heavy oil, of which about 200,000 barrels per day will be upgraded into light crude oil.—Xinhua

Toyota to halt output at one of its Thai plants

TOYOTA, 14 May—Toyota said on Friday it will halt production at one of its four auto plants in Thailand and transfer the workers to the other factories.

Toyota Motor Corp. spokesman Takanori Yokoi said decision to stop production at a Toyota factory on the outskirts of the Thai capital Bangkok was made in November last year. It was part of Toyota’s restructuring efforts to boost efficiency and profitability. Vehicle production will stop by the end of May. The Bangkok plant produces Fortuner sport utility vehicles and Hilux Vigo pickup trucks. Toyota will decide what to do with the plant after it ceases production, he said. Kyodo News agency said the Bangkok plant has annual production capacity of 50,000 vehicles, which Yokoi could not confirm.

Toyota said about 960 workers at the factory will be transferred to the company’s three other plants in Thailand.—Internet
River water pumping stations for high yield of summer paddy and crops in NyaungU District

During a recent visit to the integrated farm of Thagaungti Village in NyaungU Township, I have learned that five river water pumping projects benefit lush and green paddy plantations of the region.

At the invitation of Assistant Director U Maung Maung Lwin of Water Resources Utilization Department, I made a trip to Letpanchepaw river water pumping project on 20 April to write a byline. The project is located at a site which is over 15 miles from NyaungU. The Staff Officer of NyaungU District Information and Public Relations Department told me that Thagaungti river water pumping project is eight miles from NyaungU. I did not see the project site from the motor road, but witnessed the flow of water along feeder canals.

On arrival at the project, Assistant Director U Maung Maung Lwin explained, “Letpanchepaw river water pumping project is one of the five facilities in NyaungU District. It irrigates 1500 acres of paddy, cotton and edible oil crops. The project supplies adequate river water to the farmlands.”

The river water pumping projects are great beneficiaries in the summer. Success of the crops relies on dams and river water pumping projects. At present, there are five river water pumping projects in the district. Based on proper conditions for supply of river water, more projects will be implemented there.

The remaining four projects are Lawkananda, Kyaukku, Thagaungti and Ngathayauk river water pumping projects in the district. Lawkananda water pumping project is irrigating 11,000 acres of paddy and edible oil crops around the region. It has one main pumping station and six relay pumping stations. The main canal is 30,500 feet long and the tributary canals, 157,000 feet long.

Kyaukku water pumping project is supplying river water to 2500 acres of cotton and edible oil crops. It is set up with one main pumping station and six relay stations. The main pumping station and 17 relay stations. The project has 564,800 feet long main canal and 103,500 feet long tributary canals.

Thagaungti and Letpanchepaw villages are located by NyaungU-Myingyan Road. Thanks to river water pumping projects, the local farmers can grow summer and monsoon paddy and other seasonal crops the whole year. The income earned through the agriculture tasks uplifts socio-economic status of the local people.

In an interview, farmer U Mya Han of Thagaungti Village said, “The river water pumping projects benefit cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy and cold season crops in the region. The summer paddy yields over 75 baskets of paddy per acre.” At present, the farmers from NyaungU District have increased income through extended cultivation of crops all the year round. Their paddy plantations are lush and green under the sun shine. Indeed, dams and river water pumping projects are a drive for uplifting the living standard of the farmers in NyaungU District.

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Ngathayauk river water pumping station in NyaungU District.

Canal of Ngathayauk water pumping station supplying water to farmlands.

Letpanchepaw water pumping station.

Canal of Ngathayauk water pumping station supplying water to farmlands.
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on 2 and 3 May 2008. The Head of State gave guidance on plans for rehabilitation and development of Ayeyawady Division. Therefore, the 10 roads of Ayeyawady Division Delta Region Road Network Development Project are under construction.

The 96 miles long Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsoon Road was inaugurated as No. 9 Road today. Altogether 15 private companies started construction tasks of the road on 1 December 2009 and completed it on 14 May 2010. Thanks to construction of the road, the people from Pathein, Ngapudaw, Ngwehsaung, Nga-yokkaung and Hainggyikyun townships have easy access to other regions all the year round and the road will serve as a hillock. At present, Myat Mawtin, southwestern of Ayeyawady Division, is accessible to Shwedagon Pagoda of Yangon by car within seven hours. Likewise, the local people can enjoy fruits of economic development by growing rubber, physic nut, cashew, tea, ironwood and hardwood plants along both sides of the road and sending fishery products to the market.

Moreover, the road will contribute to implementation of the cement plant near Ngayokkaung. He quoted the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, saying that development of the region. The government created sound foundations and necessary assistance for the respective regions. Only if efforts are made for boosting production with the use of natural resources, will Ayeyawady Division develop all the more, he said.

In 2009-2010, the division put 5 million acres — 3.7 million under monsoon paddy and 1.3 million acres under summer paddy and exceeded production of 6.7 million baskets of paddy more than the previous year. Moreover, the plans have been set to export quality paddy, meat, fish and prawn. In addition, the division produced 300,000 tons of salt meeting the target this year. In 2009-2010, Ayeyawady Division reached 100.4 per cent GDP by exceeding 6.4 per cent than the previous year. Arrangements have been made to meet the target in 2010-2011. In conclusion, the commander urged the local people to harmoniously maintain the newly-opened road for its durability.

Minister U Khin Maung Myint explained that the State Peace and Development Council is striving for emergence of a new modern and developed nation implementing 12 political, economic and social objectives with might and main and upholding “Our Three Main National Causes”. Smooth transportation is a basic need for development of a nation. It can contribute toward improvement in living standard and knowledge of national people. So the government has built roads, railroads and bridges across the nation.

Thanks to relentless efforts of the government on development of economic, education, health and social sectors, the country enjoys fruitful results of peace and stability, he added.

The government also creates sound conditions for improvement in per capita income and welfare of the entire people while fulfilling the requirements in education and health as well as socio-economic sector for ensuring harmonious development in all regions.

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(from page 8) In its bid to improve in transport sector, road networks emerged and over 7000 miles of motorway have been constructed. Compared with other states and divisions, Ayeyawady Division possesses bridges the most as it has large quantities of rivers and creeks. In road construction, 1570 miles and one furlong of road have been built in the division. Now, local people are able to travel from the east bank to the west bank of Ayeyawady River easily. It is known to all that arrangements are being made to establish the division as a Myanmar's biggest economic zone. It can be witnessed that most of townships in the division enjoy development momentum within the short period of time thanks to infrastructural development in the time of the State Peace and Development Council.

For road network development in Ayeyawady delta region, new 10 roads are under construction including the newly-opened 96-mile Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsoo road. The total length of new 10 roads will be 499 miles and seven furlongs. Besides, 502 small and large bridges will be built on 10 new roads. Works are underway to complete construction of new roads.

In accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State, the Ministry of Construction has built 7726 miles and two furlongs of road and 39 180-foot and above long bridges and 312 under-180-foot long bridges. Construction of Yazudaing No (1) and Ayeyawady River Crossing Nyaungdon Bridge is underway. A total of 20 cyclone shelters were built and eight are under construction. Thanks to emergence of new roads and bridges on east and west banks of Ayeyawady River, the division sees swift flow of commodities.

Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (BDS 23/2010) concludes

YANGON, 14 May—The Graduation Ceremony of the Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (BDS 23/2010) was held in Winzin Minyarzar Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yangon at 15:00 pm on 14 May 2010. Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win addressed the Ceremony and awarded the Certificates to the trainees. Altogether (204) trainees including those interested in international affairs, entrepreneurs dealing with foreign firms, company officials and service personnel attended the 12-week course.

Also present on the occasion were Directors-General and officials of the departments under the Ministry, retired Ambassadors, senior diplomats, professors and retired professors of the Universities, instructors as well as trainees.

It was also learnt that the Simulation of Formal Banquet was held at the Park Royal Hotel on 12 May, 2010 at 6:30 pm as part of the curriculum of the Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (BDS 23/2010) conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. U Paw Lwin Sein, Director-General of the Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department attended the said occasion.—MNA

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win presents certificate to a trainee at the conclusion of Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (BDS 23/2010).—MNA

Thailand hands over trafficked people to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Thai officials handed over 34 trafficked Myanmar nationals: 10 men and 24 women, who were kept in relief camps in Thailand, to Myanmar at Thaungyin Hall in Myawady at 10 am on 11 May. The victims were then transported by car to Mawlamyine. Now, they are being looked after at Mawlamyine Vocational Education School. They will be handed over to their parents and guardians soon. Human traffickers deceive young men and women and children, offering a variety of incentives and sell them to neighbouring countries. As part of the fight against trafficking in persons, anti-human trafficking squads, social organizations and responsible persons are giving talks across the nation. Authorities concerned have reminded that guardians should disseminate knowledge of trafficking in persons and take lessons from similar events in order that their children will not fall in the snares set by human traffickers.—MNA

Officials supply drinking water to rural people in NyaungU Township. (News on page 16)—DAD

Officials manage supply of drinking water to local people in Mawlamyine Township. (News on page 16)—DAD

Drinking water being supplied to local people in Yamethin Township by water tanker. (News on page 16)—DAD
Ford CEO says 2010 will be “solidly” profitable

WILMINGTON, 14 May—Ford CEO Alan Mulally said on Thursday that the automaker should be “solidly” profitable in 2010 as it recovers from a sharp downturn in the auto industry. Speaking to shareholders at the company’s annual meeting in Delaware, Mulally said that Ford should also see “continuing improvement” into 2011.

His predictions follow four consecutive profitable quarters for Ford Motor Co, which has rebounded better than most rivals from a historic plunge in auto sales during the recession. Ford posted staggering losses in 2008 and early 2009.

“Ford has the right plan to lead us through the near-term economic and operating pressures, and continue to deliver profitable growth,” Mulally said. Mulally, 64, has led Ford since 2006, seeing it through the industry’s downturn and the current recovery in auto sales.

Chairman Bill Ford said the automaker would like Mulally to stay “as long as he wants” in response to a shareholder question about whether the CEO will retire.—Internet

China Mobile expresses interest in iPad

BEIJING, 14 May—China Mobile, the world’s biggest cell phone operator, said on Thursday it was interested in selling the iPad, and that talks with Apple over the sale of iPhones were still ongoing.

“China Mobile has been in constant talks with Apple over cooperation issues,” Rainie Lei, a Hong Kong-based company spokeswoman, told AFP by telephone.

“China Mobile has expressed an interest in iPad.”

China Mobile is developing an electronic book business and company chairman Wang Jianzhou said on Wednesday that the operator was interested in providing e-text to Chinese users via the iPad.

Apple has not yet officially launched the iPad in Asia, but a “gray market” trade in the touchscreen portable tablet computer has boomed in stores from Singapore to Seoul to Beijing.

The California-based firm launched the much-anticipated gadget on the US domestic market last month and has announced it will be offered for the first time outside the United States on 28 May in nine countries including Japan.

China’s grey market in Apple products developed to satisfy demand for the iPhone, which was only officially introduced in the country in October by China Mobile’s rival China Unicom — more than two years after its US launch.—Internet

Bank probes expanding with new investigation

NEW YORK, 14 May—US authorities are expanding their probes of past mortgage securities deals, with New York’s attorney general opening an investigation into whether eight banks misled rating agencies, a source familiar with the matter said.

New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo’s office on Wednesday served subpoenas on four US banks and four European lenders, the source said.

Cuomo is targeting Citigroup, Credit Agricole, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs Group Inc, Morgan Stanley, UBS and Merrill Lynch, now owned by Bank of America, the source said.

The investigation comes as Wall Street and major banks around the world are attracting scrutiny from regulators stemming from transactions that occurred in the run-up to the subprime mortgage meltdown and financial crisis.

Internet

New US jobless claims fall fourth week in row

WASHINGTON, 14 May—New claims for US unemployment benefits fell for the fourth time in a row last week, the longest stretch since the economy entered recession in 2007, official data showed on Thursday.

The Labour Department said initial jobless claims totaled 444,000 in the week ending on 8 May, down 4,000 from the prior week’s revised figure of 448,000.

The figure was higher than the average analyst forecast of 440,000.

But the four-week falling streak was the longest since the world’s largest economy slid into recession in December 2007.—Internet

BP says oil leak costs rise to $450mln

LONDON, 14 May—BP said on Thursday that the huge Gulf of Mexico oil spill had so far cost the embattled British energy group 450 million dollars. —Internet

An oil slick on the outside edge of the protective barrier formed by the Chandelier Islands, as cleanup operations continue for the BP Deepwater Horizon platform disaster off Louisiana. BP’s settlement and federal costs, the company said in a statement.

Three weeks into the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster, BP engineers readied a new “top hat” containment dome on Thursday to cap the ruptured well that has spewed a sea of crude toward the US coast.

Top oil executives faced growing congressional criticism over safety flaws on the Deepwater Horizon rig that exploded on 20 April, claiming the lives of 11 workers and unleashing environmental mess spilling an estimated 215,000 gallons of crude each day.

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Indian FM to visit Iran
NEW DELHI, 14 May— Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna will go to Iran Saturday on a three-day visit to attend the Group of 15 meeting, reported the Indo-Asian News Service on Thursday. Krishna will also hold bilateral talks with his Iranian counterpart Manouschehr Mottaki on bilateral, regional and global issues Sunday before participating in G-15 summit of developing countries in the Iranian capital on Monday, said the report—Xinhua

Vehicle scare in New York ends; no bomb found
NEW YORK, 14 May—New York City police cleared several blocks near downtown Union Square late Thursday and early Friday to investigate a suspicious vehicle but reopened streets a few hours later, saying the car had posed no danger. Local news reports said what appeared to be two gasoline canisters were spotted in the back seat of a car on Irving Place, spurring a call to the city bomb squad to investigate. But police gave the “all clear” signal early on Friday after locating the owner of the car, identified as a 1991 Oldsmobile Cutlass, and determining there was no danger. Internet

Turkish airline flight returns due to engine failure
ISTANBUL, 14 May—The Turkish national carrier Turkish Airlines said here Thursday that it cancelled one Jeddah-Istanbul flight due to engine failure. It said that its Airbus 321 passenger plane returned to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, with all its 157 passengers a short while after taking off from Jeddah Airport due to engine failure. The passengers will fly to Istanbul with another plane, according to the semi-official Anatolia news agency—Xinhua

Second rare fish species found off Sweden
A 7 1/2-foot deal fish, the first confirmed in Swedish waters in 41 years, was pulled in by a fisherman aboard a trawler this week, a marine expert says. The Local reported Thursday the rare big fish was caught off Bohuslän on Sweden’s western coast. Martin Larsvik at the Sven Loven Centre for Marine Sciences described the species to the local newspaper Bohusläningen as having a flat body with a silver sheen, a powerful red dorsal fin along its entire length and a fan-like tail fin that is also red and “peculiar.” “Like many deep sea fish, it has large eyes,” he said. “It swims with wriggling movements at depths of 200 to 900 metres (220-985 yards).” It was the second unusual fish found in the same Swedish waters this week. The Local said Kurt Ove Eriksson came across a dead 11 1/2-foot giant oarfish near shore. The fish, a herring species related to the deal fish, was last seen in Swedish waters 131 years ago.

Low bridge removes bus roof
A British bus driver whose vehicle lost its roof while going under a low bridge said he forgot he was driving a double-decker.
Witnesses said the 49-year-old driver, who wasn’t named, stopped the bus after driving about 100 yards past the bridge Wednesday in Langley, England, and told onlookers he had forgotten he wasn’t driving his usual single-deck bus, the Daily Mail reported Thursday. The driver was the only person in the bus when he drove under the bridge at about 4:25 pm, minutes after dropping off a group of schoolchildren, police said. The roof of the vehicle was sheared off.

Six killed in plane crash in Brazil
RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 May—Six people died on Thursday afternoon in the crash of a small plane in Manaus, Brazil’s northern Amazonas state, local authorities said. According to the authorities, the crash occurred some 15 minutes after the takeoff. The plane crashed into an area that belongs to a seminary and blew up. No one on the ground was injured in the accident. The authorities said that the plane, reportedly a Seneca, belonged to local air charter company CTA Cleiton Taxi Aereo. It was headed to the small town of Maues, some 356 kilometres from Manaus, carrying five staffers from Amazonas state’s Education Secretariat. The crash killed all on board, including the pilot.

Gulf hotel installs gold-dispensing machine
It’s the ultimate hole-in-the-wall—a money machine that dispenses pure gold.
But installed beneath the gold-coated ceilings of Abu Dhabi’s Emirates Palace hotel, where royalty and billionaires come for cappuccinos topped with gold flakes, the machine almost seems part of the furniture. “The reason we chose Emirates Palace is because it really fits with the surroundings here,” said German entrepreneur Thomas Geissler, creator of the “Gold to Go” brand and chief executive of Ex Oriente Lux.

The exterior of the machine is coated with a thin layer of gold and offers customers 320 items to choose from, ranging from gold bars that can weigh up to 10 grams, to customized gold coins. “All the gold is imported from Germany, and soon we will have a customized gold bar with a print of the Emirates Palace logo, which will be a nice souvenir for guests to take home,” said Geissler.

Photo taken on 13 May, 2010 shows a gold-plated ATM machine at Emirates Palace hotel in Abu Dhabi, capital of United Arab Emirates.

File photo shows construction workers put the final touches on the multi billion dollar Moses Mabhida 2010 FIFA football stadium in Durban, 2009.

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Emirates Palace hotel installs gold-dispensing machine

News Album
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AGENT FOR: EMCO SHIPPING TRDG, IND LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

Andy Warhol self-portrait sells for $36.33 million at auction

NEW YORK, 14 May—A late self-portrait by “pope of pop” Andy Warhol has sold for a record $US32.5 million ($36.33 million) at Sotheby’s in New York, underlining the return of big spenders to the international art market. The stark, 1986 image of Warhol’s famous face and unkempt hair was estimated to sell at between $US10 million—$US15 million ($11.18 million—$16.77 million) at the contemporary art auction overnight.

The huge increase over that estimate was in line with the strong demand for Warhols shown on Tuesday at the Spring contemporary art auction at rival Christie’s in Manhattan. It was the highest price paid for a self-portrait by the iconoclastic artist, who died the year after the work was executed.—Internet

Man on trial for branding own children

SEATTLE, 14 May—A Washington man is on trial for assault for allegedly branding his children like ranch cattle and permanently scarring them, authorities said. Mark Seamusds is accused of branding his three children, an 18-year-old daughter and sons ages 15 and 13, with the mark “SK” for “Seamus’ Kids,” KIRO-TV, Seattle, reported on Wednesday.

He faces two assault charges for branding his sons. No charge was filed in the branding of the daughter because she was old enough to give consent, KIRO said. Seamusds’ ex-wife testified she was horrified when she saw the brands on her children. “My youngest boy, it’s on his chest. My middle boy, it’s on his arm, and my daughter — it’s on the back of her leg,” Alison Davis said.

The two sons, reportedly proud of their brands, are expected to testify for their father and say he did nothing wrong, KIRO reported. Prosecutors and their mother reject that idea. “I think it’s child abuse in every way shape and form,” Alison Davis said. “I don’t know if you have seen an animal being branded, but I have,” Davis said. “They squeal, they yell, they scream. It’s nothing pretty.”—Internet

Russel Crowe and Cate Blanchett pose for the photos during the opening ceremony of the 63rd Cannes Film Festival on 12 May, in Cannes. Cannes kicked off its annual frenzy of star-studded premieres, parties and provocative arthouse films with a gala screening of the Hollywood blockbuster “Robin Hood,” starring Crowe and Blanchett.—Internet

Scott's Robin Hood opens glamorous Cannes

CANNES, 14 May—Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett sashayed up the red carpet in belle as a dress on Wednesday in Cannes kicked off a 12-day frenzy of star-studded premieres, parties and provocative arthouse films from across the globe. The Mediterranean sun beamed down as celebrities marched into the festival palace for a gala screening of Ridley Scott’s “Robin Hood,” featuring Crowe as the legendary English outlaw and Blanchett as love interest Lady Marian. Sean Penn, Mick Jagger, Naomi Watts, Woody Allen and Jean-Luc Godard are among the A-list celebrities expected to testify for their father and say he did nothing wrong, KIRO reported. Prosecutors and their mother reject that idea. “I think it’s child abuse in every way shape and form,” Alison Davis said. “I don’t know if you have seen an animal being branded, but I have,” Davis said. “They squeal, they yell, they scream. It’s nothing pretty.”—Internet
World War II-era mine causes big blast in Brazil

SÃO PAULO, 14 May—Workers repairing the streets of Brazilian coastal town came across an old sea mine with more punch than anyone expected. A bulldozer driver carted away the big round mine that is believed to date from World War II. It was then taken to a beach that seemed to be a safe distance from the town of Maragogi and officials blew it up.

Mountain climber to mark 1st ascent of Dhaulagiri in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 14 May—“When we were atop, we were thinking that we would not be able to reach on the top if six other expeditions would not have failed,” Kurt Diemberger, the first climber to ascent Mount Dhaulagiri (8,167 metres) told Xinhua in capital Kathmandu recently. Diemberger is participating in the programmes of Dhaulagiri Golden Jubilee Celebration on Thursday in Pokhara city, some 170 km west of capital Kathmandu.

Diemberger, 78 years old, is the only person alive to make first ascents on two 8,000 metres peaks. On 9 June, 1957, Diemberger made the first ascent of Broad Peak and on 13 May, 1960, another first ascent of Dhaulagiri in Nepal.

Before Dhaulagiri Expedition’s success, six other expeditions including Austrian and French team failed to conquer the mountain. “We learned from those failed expeditions and succeeded ours,” Diemberger added.

Unemployment rate surges in Australian state

SYDNEY, 14 May—The unemployment rate in New South Wales (NSW) has surged to the highest level in four months after the state shed 10,000 jobs, data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed on Thursday. The jobless rate rose to 5.8 percent in April from 5.5 percent in March. It was the worst result since December when the rate was also 5.8 percent.

Some 10,300 jobs were lost in the state, and the majority were amongst women.

NSW opposition treasury spokesman Mike Baird said the outcome for April reflected the state government’s failed economic policies.

“There is no doubt NSW is continuing to go backwards under the Keneally Labour government,” he said in a statement. The NSW result was the second highest among the states and territories, trailing only Tasmania on 5.9 percent.

Nationally, the jobless rate was unchanged at 5.4 percent in April. —Xinhua

Man holds baby during car crash

BEIJING, 14 May — An Australian father held on to his baby and shielded him from the full impact when they were hit by an out-of-control car. The man’s leg was broken, but luckily, his baby boy was unharmed.

Andrew Leitch was out for a walk with his parents and his baby boy in the Sydney suburb of Penrith, when he was hit by an out-of-control car.

The car was driven by an eighty-two year-old woman who is believed to have suffered a heart attack at the wheel.

Andrew Leitch, Baby’s Father, said, “That day is just so easy to remember. After pulling myself out and the little blockie out of the window, looking around at mum and dad, I thought the worst.”

Leitch managed to angle his body in the split second of the accident to shield the baby from the full impact of the crash, but he took the full force of the hit, and broke his leg.

Andrew Leitch, Baby’s Father, said, “I can take the hit. That was more or less what I was thinking. You know I can repair, there’s no way he is gonna repair. I thought if they hit the back of me, you know, I’ve got at least a chance of you know, I might break a leg or whatever, that’s fixable but, they hit me son he’s not fixable.”

Lucy, three million years old, on display at Expo

BEIJING, 14 May — Lucy, a 3-million-year-old human skeleton fossil, will be on display for the remainder of Expo 2010 Shanghai.

The skeleton is a replica and its display was opened to the public on Thursday in the Ethiopia section of the Joint Africa Pavilion.

The exhibit, created 30 years ago, contains the only replica of the skeleton in the world. It was preserved in the Ethiopian National Museum in Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia. The original skeleton is at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in the United States for scientific and educational purposes.

“It is equally as important as the original version, because it gives visitors at least a picture of what Lucy looks like,” said Sisay Getachew Azage, commissioner general of the Ethiopia section. “It is a chance for the Chinese to know more about the origin of humans.”

Donald Johanson and Tom Gray discovered Lucy in November 1974, making her the earliest known hominin, dating back 3.2 million years.

Internet

A contestant performs during the 7th “Chinese Bridge” Chinese language competition in Riga, capital of Latvia, on 11 May, 2010. —INTERNET

The living room of a historic mansion at the harbour in Cohasset, Mass., is seen on 11 May, 2010. —INTERNET

World Expo’s Joint Africa Pavilion.

INTERNET
**Terry back in training after injury scare**

Chelsea's English footballer John Terry speaks to journalists in Cobham, southern England, after returning to training following an injury scare that briefly threatened his participation in the FA Cup Final against Portsmouth on Saturday.

INTERNET

**Mexico beats Angola 1-0 in Houston**

Houston, 14 May — Andres Guardado scored in the 53rd minute in Mexico’s 1-0 exhibition victory over Angola on Thursday night in front of 70,099 fans at Reliant Stadium. Mexico, set to open World Cup play 11 on June against host South Africa, finished its first half of an international friendly soccer match, on 13 May, 2010 in Houston.

**Cacau’s double eases Germany’s woes up front**

Cacau celebrates after scoring his second goal against Malta during their friendly football match in Aachen, Germany.—INTERNET

**Man Utd’s Berbatov retires from international game**

Manchester United’s Bulgarian striker Dimitar Berbatov announced his retirement from international football on Thursday, but insisted he remained committed to his club amid rumours of a move. “I have decided to step down from the national team, starting today,” the 29-year-old told a press conference in Sofia. He said he wanted “to give younger players the opportunity to step out from my shadow”.

Berbatov, who has captained the national team for the past three years and is their record goalscorer with 48 goals, said he was “discouraged” after Bulgaria failed to qualify for the upcoming World Cup in South Africa. “At times I feel tired, even exhausted by the national team,” Berbatov told journalists, adding that he had suffered from recent injuries.

**I want to be the boss, says Rooney**

I was nine years old and football has been a massive part of my life. “When you do stop playing, I want to be involved in football. I started doing my coaching badges this year, and probably did not do as many classes as I would have liked. Hopefully I can continue them next year. I love football and enjoy football - I can’t see myself running a restaurant, I want to be in football. But now I am only 24.” —Internet
Up to 800 workers in American Samoa’s only remaining tuna cannyery, Star-Kist Co., will lose their jobs in the next six months, company officials said nothing that 40 to 45 percent of the workforce will be cut due the inability of the cannyery to compete with low-cost Asian rivals.

INTERNET

Cuba to host int’l poetry festival

HAVANA, 13 May — Around 160 poets from over 40 countries and regions will attend the upcoming 15th International Poetry Festival in Havana, organizers said here on Thursday.

The week-long event, starting on 24 May, is dedicated to the centennial of the births of Cuban writer Jose Lezama Lima and Spanish poet Miguel Hernandez and also to the bicentennial of Latin America’s first struggle for independence, according to Cuban poet Alex Pausides, coordinator of the event.

Xinhua

WEATHER

Friday, 14th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Kayah and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperautres were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States upper Sagain and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) to (7°C) above May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa (45.8°C), Myitkyina (45.5°C), Chank (44.8°C), Magway and Nyaung U, (44.7°C) each, Minbu (44.3°C), Mandalay (44.2°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.59) inch, Machantaw and Kyeikame (0.32) inch each. Maximum temperature on 13-5-2010 was 105°F. Minimum temperature on 14-5-2010 was 83°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 14-5-2010 was 64%. Total sun shine hours on 13-5-2010 was (10.7) hours.

Rainfall on 13-5-2010 was (Nil) at Mongaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mongaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 13-5-2010.

Bay Influence: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 15th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Chin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagain and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas.

Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thunderstorms in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-5-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of May 2010: During the coming weekend, rain (or) thundershowers are likely to be isolated in afternoon or evening in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon Division.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
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

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

Applications for registration as political parties submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May — Groups that have been allowed to form political parties are submitting their applications for registration to the Union Election Commission. The Taaung (Palaung) National Party and All Mon Region Democracy Party submitted their applications today.

Up to date, there were 37 parties that submitted applications for formation and continued existence as political parties. Five of 16 which have submitted applications for registration as political party were permitted to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny. — MNA

The significant day temperatures (14-5-2010)

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Local authorities, departments, wellwishers join hands in supplying adequate drinking water to residents of Mandalay, Sagaing and Taninthayi Divs, Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May — Under the arrangements of the government, the local authorities, departments, non-governmental organizations and people are making concerted efforts for supply of adequate drinking water to the people of the regions facing shortage of water.

Executive Officer U Thein Naing and party of Yamethin Township Development Affairs Committee supervised supply of water with the use of water tankers of the committee and wellwishers to East Watoe, Aungmingala, Shwegu and Lethsekan wards and Kadin and Nanlon villages of Yamethin Township.

Township DAC Executive Officer U Myo Aung and staff also supplied 1,200 gallons of drinking water to residents of Chaungwa Village of NyaungU Township yesterday.

With the use of 800-gallon-capacity water bowser, local authorities and local people provided drinking water to the people of Mohnaungkhin and Nnamyint (Nwabyin) villages of Taungtha Township.

Director U Myo Naing Aung of Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee and officials daily supplied 2000 gallons of drinking water to Neikbanwa and its surrounding villages of Monywa Township yesterday.

Taninthayi Division DAC supplied supply of water with the use of water tankers from Township DACs, fire engines and private water bowser to Wards 1 and 2 of Palaw Township, Ward 1 of Kyunsu Township, Wedi Village of Launglon Township, Kyaukdaunt Village of Yebyu Township and Nyaungbin Village of Thayetchaung Township daily.

The Director of Mon State DAC and party inspected supply of 10,000 gallons of drinking water to the local people in Hline and Thayaaye extended wards in Mawlamyine daily.

Mawlamyine Township DAC is functioning supplying of 3.6 million gallons of drinking water from Shwenattaung Dam, Kinmonchon Dam, Attaran river water pumping station No. 1 and No. 2 for public consumption.

As some regions of the nation are facing shortage of water due to hot weather in the late summer, the local authorities, DACs, departments, social organizations and wellwishers are joining hands in supplying water to the water shortage regions under the arrangements of the State. — MNA