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Health Minister visits University of Medicine (Mandalay), MGH

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint on 21 May met students at University of Medicine (Mandalay) after holding discussions with officials on academic matters. He also met rectors, medical superintendents and faculty members at the lecture hall. Officials reported on requirements of medical universities and duties assigned to specialists at the teaching hospitals. On 22 May, the minister met the medical superintendent, rectors, faculty members and health personnel and gave necessary instructions at Mandalay General Hospital. The medical superintendent submitted reports on medical treatments for the patients, availability of medical assistance, transfer of patients, contribution of social organizations and cash donations of wellwishers. After fulfilling the requirements, the minister gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Taaung (Palaung) National Party granted permission to register as political party

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The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 50/2010
12th Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
24 May 2010
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The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Taaung (Palaung) National Party with its headquarters at No. (Ka/110) on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Namhsan, Shan State (North), to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 24 May 2010. The registration number of the Taaung (Palaung) National Party is (12).

By order
Sd/Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

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24 May 2010
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Tuesday, 25 May, 2010

Nurture the youth

Intellectuals and intelligentsia are at the heart of the drive to guide the nation to urbanization and modernization.

Today, due to the rapid advancement in the science and technology, new things man needs to learn in the education sector are emerging continuously, and that makes changes in the educational vision as time passes by.

Now, the government is in systematic pursuit of the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, the 24 Special Regions Development Project, and the Five Rural Development Project for boosting national economy, and development of human resources.

In a bid to build a developed nation, natural resources and human resources are to be employed in combination. In this regard, Union Spirit is nationalistic spirit of great might, with which the entire national people have to equip themselves.

Teachers are, indeed, the nation’s human resources as well as those mainly responsible for promotion of the morale, self-discipline, and education of younger generations. So, teachers have to inculcate the students with correct concept and conviction of the nobility of national duties, apart from teaching them subjects of advanced technologies.

The government has improved to a certain degree the economic, education, health and social infrastructures, and there has been a significant development in the sectors concerned. It is, therefore, obligatory for teachers to nurture new generations into intellectuals and intelligentsia in order to maintain the development momentum in various sectors.

Garmin GPSs available worldwide

YANGON, 24 May — Concordia Int’l Co Ltd will distribute Garmin brand land-use, Water-use and Air-use GPSs as well as techniques.

Garmin land-use GPS is very useful due to facilities of Myanmar language, use of directly UTM map, and Oregon 550 GPS that can show certain measurement with the use of Barometric Altimeter has colour screen with touch system and installation system to Micro SD Card.

Water-use GPS with Myanmar language facility has water map Chart, global map and Radar system and powerful Sonar. Air-use GPS is also installed with powerful channel receiver.

The company gives many services such as dissemination techniques on GPS, installation of water-use GPS in Yangon area and map with 25 towns of Myanmar.

For more information, contact 3rd & 5th Floor of Shwegan Plaza, Bahan Township here (Ph: 01-544824, 549444, 01-73009223, 09-5005912), No 5, ground floor of SY Building, 30th Street, between 77th and 78th Street, Chanayetarzan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 02-36478, 69303, 09-5061712) and No 144, Thiri Myint Plaza, 30th Street, between 77th and 78th Street, Chanayetarzan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 09-5061712) and No 144, Thiri Myint Plaza, 30th Street, between 77th and 78th Street, Chanayetarzan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 09-5061712).—MNA

Environmental Conservation Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May — Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung delivers an address at the opening of 11th meeting of ECC at the Ministry of Forestry here this morning.

The deputy ministers who are leaders of the special work groups and representatives reported on their respective sectors in the four-monthly period.

Next, the documentary TV programme was presented to those present. Leaders of the special work groups Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint and Director-General U Sann Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department discussed the functions of environmental affairs.

Secretary of the committee Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department reported on future tasks.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

Import of airplanes, parts under prescribed rules

Minister for Transport U Thein Swe speaking at coordination meeting on import of airplanes and parts.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May — A coordination meeting on import of airplanes and spare parts in line with prescribed rules was held at the Ministry of Transport here this morning.

Minister for Transport U Thein Swe and Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun delivered addresses.

Departmental heads and officials of domestic and international airlines reported on imports of airplanes and spare parts, travelling of passengers and levying tax for imported airplane parts.

Minister U Thein Swe gave concluding remarks at the end of meeting.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads of Department of Civil Aviation and Myanma Airways, officials of Customs Department, Internal Revenue Department and domestic and international airlines.

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* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy
**Concerns arise about South African hospitals during World Cup period**

**Johannesburg, 24 May**—As the 11 June kick off for the FIFA World Cup in South Africa draws near, South African media are voicing concerns both about the readiness of South African hospitals and about the effect of FIFA’s demands on South African patients.

South Africans with chronic medical conditions and those needing specialist care could lose out as South African health authorities scramble to meet FIFA’s medical requirements, according to the Sunday Times newspaper in Johannesburg. The newspaper said on Sunday that FIFA’s guidelines for designated hospitals around South will result in long-term patients removed from their beds and shifted to facilities elsewhere.

**FIFA’s guidelines include keeping hospital wards half empty to allow for World Cup events.** The newspaper said routine referrals to major specialist hospitals have already been curtailed, if not stopped, until after the World Cup.

This has reportedly left hundreds of South African patients without care for the next two months.—Xinhua

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**Malaysia Airlines awarded world’s best economy class**

**Kuala Lumpur, 24 May**—Malaysia Airlines (MAS) has won World’s Best Economy Class and Staff Service Excellence at the 2010 World Airline Awards in Germany, MAS said on Sunday.

The awards, which were unveiled last Thursday, were based on a 10-month survey starting from July 2009 to some 18 million air travellers from 100 countries, MAS said in a statement here on Sunday, adding that more than 40 airlines worldwide were involved in the competition.

Edward Plaisted, chairman of the survey runner Skytrax, was quoted by the statement as saying that known as “The Passenger’s Choice”, the awards to MAS reflected the satisfying quality of product and service delivered to its customers.

MAS Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Azmil Zahruddin said he was glad of the recognition by customers and MAS would continue its hard work in improving services and undertaking its “guest first” culture. —MNA/Xinhua

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**Dutch to hold first European Somali pirate trial**

**Joaoanesburg, 24 May**—The first European trial of Somali pirates is set to open on Tuesday in the Netherlands where five men risk up to 12 years in jail for allegedly seeking to hijack a cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden.

The suspects, aged 25 to 45, were arrested on January last year after their high-speed boat with firearms was intercepted by a Danish frigate as they were allegedly preparing to board the Dutch Antilles-registered cargo vessel “was registered in the Dutch West Indies,” Haroon Raza told AFP.

The Netherlands issued European arrest warrants for the five three weeks later, and they were flown on a military plane from the Gulf state of Bahrain the following month to the Netherlands, where they have been in custody since.

A defence lawyer has said the five men would challenge the jurisdiction of Dutch courts to try the case. The cargo vessel “was registered in the Dutch Antilles,” Haroon Raza told AFP.

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**Two Iraqis killed in bomb attacks in Baghdad**

**Baghdad, 24 May**—Two people were killed in two magnetic bombs attached to their cars in the Iraqi capital on Sunday and late Saturday, an Interior Ministry source said.

A bomb attached to the car of an employee of a private bank detonated in the morning while he was driving in Baghdad’s western District of Mansour, killing him and destroying his car, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Another bomb attached to the car of a government-backed Awakening Council group fighter detonated late on Saturday in the Sunni neighbourhood of Adhamiyah in northern Baghdad, killing him and causing damages to several nearby cars, the source said.

The Awakening Council group consists of armed groups, including some powerful anti-US Sunni militant groups who turned their rifles against the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shia and Sunni Muslim communities. Iraqi cities are witnessing sporadic massive attacks and assassinations by magnetic bombs and weapons equipped with silenced, raising fears that increasing acrimonious political split could bring the country back to the brink of civil war similar to the situation in 2005 and 2006.

The stalemate of Iraq's political process continues in the country despite more than two months of Iraq’s landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.

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**UN study backs economic changes to save natural world**

**London, 24 May**—A key UN report on biodiversity will recommend massive economic changes like company fines to help save species and protect the natural world, The Guardian reported here on Saturday.

The study, which is due for publication in the summer, will argue that global action on the topic is more powerful than the argument for tackling climate change, according to the newspaper.

The report, entitled “The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity” (TEEB), was launched by Brussels in 2007 with the support of the UN Environment Programme, after G8 and major emerging economies called for a global study.

If nature is not factored into the global economic system then the environment will become more fragile and exposed to external shocks, placing human lives and the world economy in jeopardy, it will argue.

The TEEB report will also recommend that companies are fined and taxed for over-exploitation of the natural world, with strict limits imposed on what they can take from the environment, according to the paper.—Internet

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**607 evacuated as German ‘Love Boat’ catches fire**

**Oslo, 24 May**—A cruise ship made famous by a German “Love Boat” TV show caught fire on Sunday, forcing 607 people aboard to evacuate in a western Norwegian port, rescue officials said.

The fire started in the machine room but was quickly contained and put out by firefighters, rescue services spokesman Per Fjeld said.

The MS Deutschland’s 364 passengers were evacuated safely to a nearby hotel along with most of the more than 240 crew members, though a few stayed onboard to help the firefighters, Fjeld said.

The ship will stay overnight in hotels in Eidfjorden port before being flown Monday to Hamburg, where the cruise originated, said spokesman Hans-Ulrich Kossel of Peter Deilmann Cruises, which operates the Deutschland.

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A coral reef in the Red Sea. A key UN report on biodiversity will recommend massive economic changes like company fines to help save species and protect the natural world, The Guardian reported here on Saturday. —Internet

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China to set up independent satellite navigation system

BEIJING, 24 May—China is developing an independent satellite navigation system called Beidou. It’s the third country after the US and Russia to have such a system developed on its own. At the first China Satellite Navigation Annual Academic Conference in Beijing, the chief designer says the system will cover the whole world by 2020 and he hopes Beidou will become the most competitive navigation system on earth. According to Sun Jiadong, the system is being completed in 3 stages. The first stage consisted of 3 satellites. It’s been offering navigation services, mainly for customers in China, since 2000. The project is now in its second stage, which is to build 35 satellites to cover China and the entire Asia-Pacific region by 2012. The last stage is to offer services to customers worldwide. The system provides communication services as well as navigation. The special feature has been used during rescue operations following the Wenchuan and Yushu earthquakes. — Internet

Edible powder to contain oil spill

BEIJING, 24 May—Now that thick amounts of oil have washed up in areas surrounding the Gulf of Mexico, hundreds of researchers, scientists and entrepreneurs are pitching their ideas for cleaning up the massive spill. Bob Ozer, a Turkish born, German educated engineer, claims to have a solution to the oil spill problem. Ozer’s product is a food additive—by-product that is non-hazardous, non-flammable and edible. He maintains that when his product is added to the oil-tainted water, it encapsulates the oil which can later be separated from the additive and can then be recycled. Bob Ozer, said, “When you sprinkle that impregnated stuff that has been encapsulated and it absorbs all the hydrocarbons in a small compound and it is released back into the water.” Then after you take this you can recycle it take it back to the refinery recycle them and everything. The substance here this is nothing changed in the molecular structure or anything to the oil.” After the additive is placed in the water, it must then be scooped up. This additional step could hamper a large scale oil clean-up operation the size and scope of the spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Since the spill occurred in late April, Ozer says he has devoted more than 15 thousand dollars and countless hours trying to market the benefits of his compound to BP and government officials. He also claims his product has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. — Internet

US shuttle Atlantis undocks from space station

WASHINGTON, 24 May—After over one week together in orbit, US space shuttle Atlantis undocked from the International Space Station on Sunday morning. According to NASA TV, Atlantis left the station at 11:22 am EDT (1522 GMT) when the spacecraft were 220 miles above the Indian Ocean, southwest of Australia. “We’re taking care,” the International Space Station’s skipper, Oleg Kotov, told his shuttle visitors before undocking. “We’ll see you all on the surface of planet Earth again soon,” said shuttle commander Kenneth Ham. Atlantis lifted off on 14 May from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. It delivered the Russian-built Mini Research Module-1 that will provide additional storage space and a new docking port for Russian Soyuz and Progress spacecraft. Astronauts conducted three spacewalks to install six new batteries for the station. This is the scheduled final voyage for Atlantis, which has flown 31 missions since it was put into service in 1985. It will have one final assignment: remain on standby in case the last shuttle crew needs a rescue. Only two shuttle flights remain after Atlantis’ flight. Discovery is targeted for launch in September with spare parts and equipment. Endeavour is due to launch in November carrying a 2-billion-dollar, multi-national particle detector known as the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer. — Xinhua

US antitrust agency OKs Google bid for AdMob

BEIJING, 24 May—US antitrust regulators gave Google a green light to buy mobile advertising network AdMob, according to media reports Monday. The US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Friday closed the investigation of Google’s proposed 750-million-US-dollar purchase of AdMob, drawing the conclusion that the deal was unlikely to harm competition services. The commission said in a statement: “Although the combination of the two leading mobile advertising networks raised serious antitrust issues, the agency’s concerns ultimately were overshadowed by recent developments in the market, most notably a move by Apple Computer Inc — the maker of the iPhone — to launch its own, competing mobile ad network.” “As a result of Apple’s entry, AdMob’s success to date on the iPhone platform is unlikely to be an accurate predictor of AdMob’s competitive significance going forward,” the commission added. Google announced the deal last November, hoping that AdMob will help it more effectively extend its lucrative Internet advertising into the world of mobile devices.—Xinhua

Science

Small chemical ornaments (cones) slow the release of anti-cancer antibodies (blue) from this functionalized mesoporous silica (orange). Artist’s rendering; not to scale. — Internet

A model presents a creation from ‘Frans Baviera’, while holding an Apple iPad at the Barcelona Bridal Week fashion show, on 21 May, 2010. — Internet

Indian firefighters carry a child, reportedly a survivor, out of the debris of an Air India plane that crashed in Mangalore, in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, on 22 May, 2010. The plane arriving from Dubai crashed Saturday morning after it overshot a runway while trying to land in southern India, and officials feared as many as 160 people on board were killed. — Internet

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The logo of social networking website ‘Facebook’ is displayed on a computer screen. The founder of the website, Mark Zuckerberg, has said the service has made declarations that it hopes to fix with coming changes to its privacy controls. — Internet

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**Gene therapy might treat ‘Bubble Boy’ disease**

**Los Angeles, 24 May**—Scientists report that they’ve successfully used gene therapy to treat a small number of patients with the condition known as “bubble boy” disease, which robs children of the ability to fight off germs.

The research is preliminary, and another phase of testing is needed before the therapy can get federal approval. Also, the treatment only appears to work in patients with a particular strain of the disease.

Even so, the findings highlight the fact that the disease is becoming easier to treat and the prognosis is improving for these children, said lead investigator Dr Donald B Kohn.

“We’re talking about 70 to 90 percent surviving and doing well, and we’re hoping to get that even higher as gene therapy gets more effective,” said Kohn, a pediatric bone-marrow transplant doctor at the University of California at Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine. When they’re born, babies have natural resistance to disease, thanks to immunity that they inherit from their mothers. Over time, if they develop immune systems of their own. But in some cases the immune systems don’t develop properly and the children become especially vulnerable to disease.

**Lifestyle affects survival in non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma**

**Phoenix, 24 May**—Among patients with non-Hodgkin’s lymph-oma, those who smoked, drank alcohol or were obese before receiving their diagnosis are more likely to die of the disease than others, researchers say.

For example, patients who smoked for at least 20 years are 76 percent more likely to die than those who never smoked. And obese patients — those who are a step beyond overweight — are 32 percent more likely to die than those of normal weight, according to the new study, led by Dr James Cerhan, a cancer epidemiologist with the Mayo Clinic.

Alcohol use also boosts the risk of death, although drinking seems to actually lower the risk that people will develop non-Hodgkin’s lymph-oma in the first place, the study authors noted.

“This now raises the hypothesis that changing these behaviors after diagnosis might improve survival, but this needs to be tested in a clinical study,” Cerhan said in a news release. “In the meantime, patients in active therapy should discuss any lifestyle changes with their health-care provider.”

**Female-to-Male HIV transmission risk doubles during pregnancy**

**Pittsburgh, 24 May**—Men in a relationship with an HIV-positive woman face double the risk of becoming infected themselves when their partner is pregnant, new research reveals.

The finding is slated for presentation on Sunday at the International Micro-bicides Conference in Pittsburgh.

The two-year study — launched in Botswana, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia — focused on more than 3,300 couples in which one of the partners was HIV-positive.

Dr Nelly Mugo, from the University of Nairobi and Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi, and colleagues teamed with investigators from the University of Washington in Seattle to track 1,085 couples in which the man was HIV-positive, and 2,236 couples in which the woman was infected.

During the duration of the study, 823 pregnancies occurred. The study authors found that pregnancy increased HIV transmission in both directions: male-to-female and female-to-male.

**Yoga’s benefits outweigh risks for pregnant women**

**Washington, 24 May**—Yoga is safe for pregnant women, as long as they approach the activity with reasonable caution and moderation, experts say.

“Women who are expecting can benefit greatly from exercise, especially yoga — they just need to be aware of their limitations,” orthopaedic surgeon and mom-to-be Dr Rachel Rohde said in a news release issued by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).

“A pregnant woman’s body goes through a lot of changes that will alter the way she practices yoga, whether she is a veteran or a beginner,” Rohde added.

As a fitness alternative, yoga allows pregnant women to maintain an exercise program without harming their baby or their heart, according to the AAOS and, overall, the benefits of such a low-impact regimen outweigh the risks.

However, maintaining correct yoga positioning is critical to ensuring general safety and avoiding muscle or joint injury, the organization pointed out.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission noted that more than 5,500 Americans were treated for yoga-related injuries in 2008.

“Nevertheless, the AAOS says that if performed properly, yoga affords expectant mothers a good opportunity to build strength and flexibility, while achieving a measure of relaxation and breath control.”

**Parents want electronic access to their children’s docs**

**Michigan, 24 May**—Half of all American parents polled say they would like to be able to communicate with their child’s physician via the Internet, a new survey reveals.

Yet fewer than 15 percent of those said they are currently able to do so to make appointments for vaccinations or lab record retrievals, to complete screenings, forms, to fill prescriptions or to get health advice.

“The findings were gleaned from the national CS Mott Children’s Hospital National Poll on Children’s Health, which was conducted in January of this year. More than 1,600 parents of children up to the age of 17 participated in the as-yet-unpublished survey.

“Electronic communication between parents and their children’s health care providers offers a lot of potential benefits,” Dr. Matthew Davis, poll director and an associate professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases at the University of Michigan (UM) Medical School, said in a new release.

“For administrative tasks that almost all parents need to complete, electronic communication can reduce wasted time and minimize frustration for both parents and office staff,” he noted. For clinical services, parents often have questions about whether minor injuries or illnesses require an office visit; electronic communication provides a way to obtain advice without waiting on hold for long periods of time.”
Indonesia to go ahead with free trade deal with India

JAKARTA, 24 May—Indonesian government will go ahead with the implementation of another free trade agreement with India despite strong opposition from local industries, the Jakarta Post quoted a minister as saying on Monday.

Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu told The Jakarta Post that together with other ASEAN countries, Indonesia would implement the free trade agreement with India to take advantage of the South Asian country’s massive local market.

Mari said that Indonesia would fully implement the ASEAN-India FTA (AIFTA) on 1 June and was also scheduled to implement similar trade deals with South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

“We should take up the opportunities to benefit from the implementation of the agreements,” the trade minister.

She said the free trade agreement with India would benefit Indonesia’s CPO producers.

“India is now imposing import tariffs of up to 80 percent on Indonesian CPO products,” Xinhua.

Dubai, UAE to enact urgent financial reforms

DUBAI, 24 May—Dubai and the United Arab Emirates are to implement urgent reforms to address weaknesses in their financial systems, the head of Dubai’s Supreme Fiscal Com-mittee said on Sunday.

The “committee... is establishing a comp-rehensive programme to address vulnerabilities in our financial system,” said Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed al-Maktoum, who also heads Emirates Group.” At a federal level, urgent steps are being taken to address the gaps in the UAE’s legal and regulatory in-frastucture,” he said at the opening in Dubai of the two-day MENASA economic form.

Japan retail investor sentiment plunges on Greece crisis

TOKYO, 24 May—Japanese retail investor sentiment toward domestic stocks deteriorated sharply in May, falling from its best level in nearly three years due to deepening worries about the euro zone’s debt crisis.

Debt woes in Greece and other European countries that have led to a stronger yen against the euro caused Japanese investors to rapidly turn pessimistic despite an upturn in many corporate earnings in Japan.

The Reuters retail investors poll also showed that nearly 30 percent of respondents favoured Brazil as the best place to invest their money among emerging markets.

Facebook investor DST eying more digital stakes

LONDON, 24 May—Russian Internet investment group Digital Sky Technologies, which bought a $300 million stake in Facebook last year, is preparing to buy stakes in dozens of well-known Internet companies, its chief executive said.

Yuri Milner told the Sunday Telegraph that DST had built up a war chest of more than $1 billion to fund the next stage of its investment strategy and said it was actively looking at companies in Asia, Australia and Britain.

The newspaper said Milner declined to name any of the investment targets but refused to rule out buying a stake in Twitter, the highly popular microblogging site.

“There are a few dozen companies globally that we are following,” he was quoted as saying. “When you do late-stage investment focused on the Internet your universe shrinks dramatically.”—Internet

Oil near $71 as stocks bolster confidence

SINGAPORE, 24 May—Oil prices rose to near $71 a barrel Monday in Asia as recovering stock markets bolstered the confidence of crude traders. Benchmark crude for July delivery was up 69 cents to $70.73 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 76 cents to settle at $70.04 on Friday. Higher stock prices in most Asian markets Monday helped buoy oil since traders look to equities as a barometer of global investor confidence. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 1.3 percent Friday. Crude has fallen about 20 percent this month as investor concern about Europe’s debt crisis hammered global stocks and the euro. Oil is up from as low as $64.24 a barrel last week as the euro steadied.

In other Nymex trading in June contracts, heating oil rose 1.04 cent to $1.907 a gallon, and gasoline gained 1.39 cent to $1.975 a gallon. Natural gas slid 3.5 cents to $4 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, the Brent crude July contact was up 31 cents to $71.99 on the ICE futures exchange.

File photo shows workers harvesting strawberries in a field, in Ventura, Calif. California’s strawberry fields have become the latest battleground in an ongoing series of skirmishes over pesticide use. Growers say they need state regulators to approve the use of the fumigant methyl iodide as a replacement for methyl bromide, which is being phased out to meet federal environmental guidelines.

Smoke and ash bellow from Eyjafjallajökull volcano as it is seen from Hella, Iceland, in April 2010. Iceland’s Eyjafjallajokull volcano is no longer in activity, a geophysicist said on Sunday, raising hopes the eruption which has heavily disrupted European flights for more than a month could be over.

INTERNET

Participants of the 36th Vogalonga competes in Gran Canal on 23 May, 2010 in Venice, Italy. Vogalonga is the most important historical rowing boats regatta and attracts hundreds of participants come from all around the world.
School textbooks to be distributed in time

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan speaking at Coordination Meeting 1/2010 of Committee for Printing and Distributing School Textbooks.—MNA

MCDC supplies water to Pyigyidagun and Chanmyathazi Tsps

Executive Officer U Myint Swe of Chanmyathazi Township Development Affairs Committee supervises supply of drinking water to local people.—MNA

Pre-school season programme at City Mart Supermarket

UEC member meets members of District Election Subcommissions in Bago Division (West)

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—Member of Union Election Commission Dr Daw Myint Kyi, accompanied by the chairman and the secretary of Bago Division Election Subcommission, held meetings with members of Thayawady District and Township Election Subcommissions at the office of Thayawady District ES and Pyay District Election Subcommission at the office of Pyay District ES on 18 May morning.

Member of UEC Dr Daw Myint Kyi discussed election laws, rules and procedures issued by UEC of the Union of Myanmar.

The secretary and members of Bago Division Election Subcommission reported on arrangements for conducting the electoral work course and preparations for the election. Those present took part in the discussions, UEC member Dr Daw Myint Kyi replied to the queries.

The electoral work course for members of Thayawady and Pyay District Election Subcommissions of Bago Division (West) was opened on 19 and 20 May.

After giving an address, Dr Daw Myint Kyi supervised the giving of lectures.

The training course was attended by 120 trainees from 14 townships of Thayawady District.

On 18 May evening, the UEC member, together with the chairman and members of Bago Division Election Subcommission, District and Township Election Sub-commissions and trainees, viewed the sample polling booth and demonstration on casting at Basic Education High School No. 1 in Pyay.

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NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—The conclusion of Batch No (9) of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Mandalay) took place at the college this morning.

On behalf of Secretary of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt delivered a speech, saying that in carrying out tasks for progress of border areas in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, opportunities to pursue education were generated for the youth of border areas who lost such opportunities in successive periods. Border areas have seen 28 training centres for progress of the youth of national races and 34 vocation education schools for women.

In the basic education, the number of students in border areas has surged from only 1000 to over 180,000 this academic year. Besides, local people of border areas have easy access to better health care. The 112 TV retransmitting stations in border areas help local people realize community peace and stability and policies of the State, and enhance amicable relations between national races.

He said that today, the entire people have preserved a fine tradition of working in harmony for development, stability and peace of the State. As a result, the whole nation including border areas has seen tranquility, economic growth and social development year by year. Therefore, the people are in a position to lead a peaceful life.

He pointed out that the trainees have to be strongly imbued with Union Spirit. They will assume charge of their duties with a strong sense of Union Spirit in their home regions in border areas. They are responsible for seeing to the lofty objectives of the college, and fulfilling the hopes of the State.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding students.

ISO QMS 9000 internal auditing skill training course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May — ISO QMS 9000 internal auditing skill training course, conducted by MAT Professional Training & Services and Guardian Independent Certification Ltd (UK), was concluded at MAT training school on Theinbyu Road, No.355, on 20 May.

ISO QMS, HACCP, ISO 22000, marketing, auditing, LCCI, ACCA, CAT and ABE courses are available at MAT Professional Training & Services. For detailed information, dial 246618, 73002958, 242431.—MNA
A&I Minister receives ROK Ambassador

**NAV PSI TAW, 24 May—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Htay Oo received Ambassador of Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Cho Byungjae at his office this afternoon.**

They held discussions on cooperation in agriculture sector between the two countries and boosting agricultural production. **—MNA**

**Myanmar Aerospace and...**

The Myanmar Aerospace and Engineering University was established to contribute to the development of the country through aerospace engineering; to produce highly-qualified aerospace engineers and skilful technicians in the country; to plan and strive for the continuous development of the knowledge of aerospace engineering in the country; to understand the rules and regulation of international Civil aviation Organization for aerospace engineers; and to do research for the development of aerospace technology.

I witnessed the students wearing university uniforms at the lecture and Department of Space Elements.

The list of supporting departments includes Department of Myanmar, Department of Engineering Mathematics, Department of Engineering Chemistry, Department of Engineering Physics, and Department of Computer Science.

The plans are under way to open more departments namely Department of Aerospace Technology, Department of Airport Management and Department of Airport Engineering.

I proceeded to the workshop of the university to observe the practical training course for the students. It is a large and spacious workshop. I thought that there was enough space for an airplane to be kept at the efficiency of the students.

The university conducts five kinds of courses each lasting five years. After passing the examinations, the university confers BE (Aerospace) degree on the graduates. So far, the university has produced 141 graduates from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009 academic years. In the 2009-2010 academic year, altogether 431 students are attending respective courses at the university.

Science and technology are developing across the world in leaps and bounds day by day. To enable the nation to keep abreast of the international community, Myanmar youths have to study modern and latest technology of aerospace engineering practically and theoretically. The Myanmar Aerospace and Engineering University is a centre for turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia who can serve the interest of the nation.

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**ROK Ambassador calls on Industry-2 Minister**

**NAV PSI TAW, 24 May—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr Cho Byungjae at the ministry here at 3 pm today.**

During the meeting they discussed matters related to industrial development and Technical School (Thagara) established with the assistance of the Korean government and Technical School (Magway) which is under construction. **—MNA**

**WHO recognizes Myanmar as reduction of mother and infant tetanus**

**NAV PSI TAW, 24 May—The Ministry of Health is implementing the plan on control of mother and infant tetanus disease.**

An international expert team of the World Health Organization and the UNICEF made field trips to some townships from 5 to 16 May.

The team surveyed infant mortality rate due to tetanus from April 2009 to April 2010. On 18 May, the WHO informed the Ministry of Health about its acknowledgement of Myanmar as a country witnessing reduction in mother and infant tetanus cases. **—MNA**

**Students of Myanmar Aerospace and Engineering University studying engineering course.**

**Main building of Myanmar Aerospace and Engineering University in modern design in Meiktila.**
1. The Peace and Diversity Party, headquartered at No. 22/232 on Mahawgani Road in Haukkyant Extended Ward of Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division, on 24-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

*Flag of the Peace and Diversity Party*

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1. The Rakhine Nationalities Development Party, headquartered at LaMa/414 on Khaunglaungkyaung Road in Lanmadaw (South) Ward, Sittway Township, Rakhine State on 24-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

*Flag of the Rakhine Nationalities Development Party*

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1. The Chin Progressive Party, headquartered at Room 22 of Building 2 at Pyi Yeik Mon Housing Estate on Namattaw Road in Ward 8 of Kamayut Township, Yangon Division, on 24-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

*Flag of the Chin Progressive Party*

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1. The Inn National Development Party, headquartered at No. 2, Lanmadaw Road in Mingala Ward of Nyaynshwe Township, Shan State on 24-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

*Flag of the Inn National Development Party*

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It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

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The local authorities, fire brigade members and members of social organizations controlled the blaze not to spread other floors and environs, and the flame died down at 2 pm. The top floor of the market was formed with 797 shops. The authorities are investigating the outbreak of fire and the amount of loss and damage, it was learnt.—MNA

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YANGON, 24 May—A fire broke out at Cosmetics Products Shop on the top floor of Mingala Market in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at about 8.30 am today. Members of Township Fire Brigades of Yangon Division are trying to put out the fire with the use of 63 fire engines, 10 administrative vehicles, seven supporting vehicles and 20 water tankers. The fire was finally extinguished at 2 pm.

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YANGON, 24 May—The Training Institute of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will conduct General Course on Intellectual Property DL-101, WIPO, Worldwide Academy (Batch-9), Computerized Accounting MYOB Basic Course (Equivalent with LCCI Level 2) Batch-1 Session A and B courses on 12 June. Application forms may be submitted at the institute till 11 June. Dial 214344 and 217480 for more details.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

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UMFCCI courses on 12 June
Gumbo, oyster delicacies could be next victims of oil slick

**NEW ORLEANS, 24 May**—As a deadly sludge seeps across Louisiana’s wetlands and famed oyster beds, seafood restaurants are grimly watching the looming tragedy wondering how badly their businesses will be hit.

In the Big Easy’s lively French Quarter, diners can still feasting on plump oysters, juicy shrimp and pink crabmeat already served up with a healthy dose of Cajun hospitality at a reasonable price. But as strains of jazz lightened the mood the question on everyone’s lips is “how much longer” as the huge oil spill continues to spew almost unchecked from a crippled rig off the Louisiana coast for more than a month now. “They wouldn’t be serving it if it wasn’t safe,” said Eric Bateman, 28, a San Francisco native sharing a plate of delicious charbroiled oysters with his wife at the Acme Oyster House. “I’m really glad we came here before it affected everything,” Nicky Bateman told AFP as they happily chowed down, saying she was sure the prices will soon start soaring.

**Two wounded in clashes in south Yemen, bomb maker arrested**

**SANAA, 24 May**— At least one policeman and a southern activist were wounded on Sunday in clashes between security forces and pro-secession activists in southern Yemen, a day after the country marked the 20th anniversary day of unity. A security official of the Interior Ministry said one security soldier and an anti-unity southern activist were injured when the ministry’s forces changed fire with “wanted elements in Jaar city in the southern province of Abyan”.

“Gunshots erupted when the security forces attempted to break into a house of a wanted man identified as Alkhathir Samnah,” said the official. The official, who requested anonymity told Xinhua “Sannah is a leader of anti-national unity group Southern Movement and he is wanted for criminal plots against the country’s stability.”—Xinhua

**57 ancient tombs with mummies unearthed in Egypt**

Archeologists have unearthed 57 ancient Egyptian tombs, most of which hold an ornately painted wooden sarcophagus with a mummy inside. Egypt’s Supreme Council of Antiquities announced Sunday that the oldest tombs date back to around 2750 BC during the period of Egypt’s first and second dynasties, the council said in a statement. Twelve of the tombs belong the 18th dynasty which ruled Egypt during the second millennium BC. The discovery throws new light on Egypt’s ancient religions, the council said. Egypt’s archaeological chief, Zahi Hawass, said the mummies dating to the 18th dynasty are covered in linen decorated with religious texts from the Book of the Dead and scenes featuring ancient Egyptian deities.

**Key to child’s success: Books in the home**

A US sociologist says books in the home are key to a child’s success — whether in China or the United States.

Martha Evans of the University of Nevada in Reno says books in the parents' home were more important than the country of residence or parental economic status in determining a child’s educational level.

“The results of this study indicate that getting some books into their homes is an inexpensive way that we can help these children succeed,” Evans says in a statement.

Evans and colleagues conducted a 20-year study of more than 70,000 cases in 27 countries. The study, published in Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, found being raised in a home with a 500-book library had as great an effect on the level of education attained by a child as having a parent with a university education.

Both the home library and a parent’s education propelled a child on average 3.2 years further in education versus a child in a home without books or with parents who have less than three years of higher education.

Evans suggested having as few as 20 books in the home has a significant impact on propelling a child to a higher level of education, but the more books added, the greater the benefit.

“You get a lot of ‘bang for your book,’” she said.
Cables theft delays Eurostar trains

Eurostar trains slowed to a crawl due to a signal problem after thieves stole copper cables.—INTERNET

PARIS, 24 May—Eurostar trains between Paris and London slowed to a crawl due to a signal problem after thieves stole copper cables. The SNCF company that runs the high-speed lines says delays of up to two hours have been reduced to some 40 minutes on northern lines but that trains, including the normally speedy Eurostar, were still forced to crawl over some 5.6 miles of tracks without functioning signals. SNCF spokesman Francois Regniault said that there were plans to lay new tracks.

"It is nearly as old as the original, and its provenance is almost unrivalled. It is not the same copy, because there are differences in the way the oil was used," he said. The impostor, they now say, has been using infrared cameras to peer underneath the paint. "The restoration work has been carried out on the back of the painting when it was turned over." The painting, which was expected to fetch $2.5 million, was due to go on auction in Amsterdam.

Thieves break into the homes of two Chicago police officers and steal a gun, police badge, uniform and other police equipment.

The Chicago Tribune reported police were investigating the burglaries that occurred in a southwest Chicago neighborhood. The first burglary targeted the home of a female officer and the intruders stole her 9mm handgun, ammunition, gun belt, police star, and the officer's bullet-proof vest, a police source said. The burglars did not enter the officer's home in the second burglary but stole a Chicago Police Department uniform shirt with a name plate as well as a pair of handcuffs from a vehicle parked in the home's garage. Chicago Police did not comment on the robberies.

The black hole at the bottom of the Gulf

LONDON, 24 May—Some 33 days, nearly a billion dollars of expenditure, and uncounted official statements after the Deepwater Horizon oil rig blew up in the Gulf of Mexico – and the world is still none the wiser about how many millions of gallons of oil are leaking into the ocean every day, how much has already been discharged into the sea, and – more to the point – how this, the world's worst oil disaster, can be stopped.

As scientists revise upward their guesstimates of the daily spill of crude into the sea (with some putting it as high as three million gallons a day), and BP halving its assessment of how much of the leak it is capturing, the attempts to deal with the disaster are, despite America's best efforts alongside one of the world's premier corporations, proving unequal to the task.

Workers clear oil and debris that is coming ashore on the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico.—INTERNET

Weight ‘key’ in kidney transplant success

PARIS, 24 May—Matching up the weight of donors and recipients boosts success in kidney transplants, suggests French research. A study of over 1,000 transplant patients found those receiving a small kidney in proportion to their weight were more at risk of complications. In the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, the researchers said the finding would give surgeons a new chance to improve long-term survival.

But a UK expert warned a donor shortage would limit weight-based matches. The team followed the transplant patients for an average of six years after their operation. Using a calculation based on the weight of the donor kidney, and the weight of the person having the transplant, they found that those receiving a small kidney for their size had more complications.—INTERNET

Surviving five babies of sextuplets ‘doing well’

OXFORD, 24 May—The surviving five babies of sextuplets born last week are in a stable condition and “doing well”, a spokesman for the family said. Vicky Lamb, 31, of Oxford, who underwent fertility treatment, gave birth to six babies 14 weeks early. One boy, thought to be the smallest baby, died on Friday. Mrs Lamb and her husband, Andy, 31, were maintaining a vigil for their four surviving five babies of sextuplets born last week are in intensive care in the hospital.—INTERNET

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Matador escapes death by skin of his teeth

MADRID, 24 May—A matador cheated death by skilfully evading the matador’s own weapon. It only took a split second for Julio Aparicio to become the world’s best matador. Aparicio stumbled and the angry bull charged at him, prompting the crowd at the Las Ventas bullring to gasp in horror—expecting the bull to rip off the fighter’s jaw or even his head.—INTERNET

Thieves clear oil and debris that is coming ashore on the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico.—INTERNET

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Egypt, Lebanese leaders discuss regional peace process

CAIRO, 24 May—Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri exchanged views on the Middle East peace process here on Saturday as one leg of his foreign tour. He will also travel to Syria, Jordan, Turkey and the United States, the report said.

The only solution to the Middle East problems today is to activate the peace process seriously, said Hariri, adding that efforts are underway. Hariri urged the international community, particularly the United States, to exercise pressure on Israel to reach a just solution that guarantees the establishment of a Palestinian state, the report added. Indirect talks between Israel and Palestine have recently started. US peace mediator, George Mitchell, Wednesday met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah as he started shuffling between the West Bank and Jerusalem in renewed negotiations.

Kazakhstan to build contingency bases in Caspian Sea to prevent oil spill

ALMATY, 24 May—Kazakh Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection Mazhit Turma-gambetov has said his country will build contingency bases in its Caspian Sea region to prevent oil spill incidents.

One to three of such contingency bases will be established in Kazakhstan’s sovereign Caspian Sea region to cope with oil spills up to Grade Three, local media on Saturday quoted Turmagambetov as saying on Friday in the Kazakh capital of Astana. He said that at present relevant contingency institutions in the Caspian Sea region can only deal with Grade Two oil spill incidents.

An explosion on Saturday at a propane filling station and facility producing acetylene gas resulted in the death of one worker and two others injured in Bijeljina, a town located in north-east Bosnia and Herzegovina, reported the Bosnian Serb news agency Srna.

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Bolivian President expects cooperation with Finland on clean technology

HELSINKI, 24 May—Visiting Bolivian President Evo Morales said in Helsinki, Finland on Saturday that he expected Bolivia and Finland could strengthen cooperation on clean technology.

President Tarja Halonen and Bolivian President Evo Morales held talks in Finnish Presidential Palace on Saturday, mainly discussing climate issues and the bilateral transfer of clean technology. At the Press conference after the official meeting, President Morales said that Finland has much advanced know-how in energy and environment area, in which he hoped that the two countries could make further cooperation. He pointed out that Bolivia and Finland could promote bilateral trade on the base of environmental protection and sustainable development, which both countries were interested in.

Cholera outbreak kills six in eastern Uganda

MBALE, 24 May—An outbreak of cholera following frequent floods in eastern Uganda has left six people dead and dozens more admitted in hospital; local authorities said here on Saturday.

“Since the outbreak of the deadly disease early this week, cholera has now killed six people in two sub- counties of Mulanda and Kirewa,” Emmanuel Osuna, the district local council chairman told Xinhua on the phone. The outbreak in Tororo District, eastern Uganda, was a result of recent flash floods that ravaged parts of the mountainous area following torrential rains, local officials said.

“We have so far received about fifty cases in the main hospital. It has forced the district authorities to set up reception centres that will handle emergencies as the medics struggle to treat them amidst scarcity of the drugs in the hospital,” said Osuna.

The floods destroyed the latrine facilities, contaminating drinking water and posing a grave health threat to the local communities.—Xinhua

People take part in the biyearly Zinneke Parade, which is under the theme of “At the table” this year, in central Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 22 May, 2010.—Xinhua

People visit the 2010 World Expo in rain in Shanghai, east China, on 22 May, 2010. Some 356,500 people visited the World Expo on Saturday despite the drizzle, setting a new record of the daily number of visitors since the Expo opened on 1 May, according to official statistics.—Xinhua

The Discoverer Enterprise drill ship uses a flare to burn natural gas and oil from an insertion pipe connected to the broken oil well under the surface at the BP oil spill site, approximately 42 miles (67.6 kms) off the coast of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico on 22 May, 2010.—Xinhua

9 die, 300 others suffer from diarrhea in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 24 May—At least nine Cambodians have died and about 300 others have been medically treated and hospitalized by diarrhea in Cambodia’s northeast province of Kratie, a provincial official said Sunday.

Chheang Vutha, chief of Kratie provincial health department, told Xinhua by telephone from the province that at least nine people have died and about 300 others have been medically treated and hospitalized by diarrhea since March this year.

One killed, two injured during gas explosion in Bosnia

BELGRADE, 24 May—An explosion on Saturday at a propane filling station and facility producing acetylene gas resulted in the death of one worker and two others injured in Bijeljina, a town located in north-east Bosnia and Herzegovina, reported the Bosnian Serb news agency Srna.

The incident reportedly occurred during the routine maintenance of the acetylene gas production line. The impact of the explosion shattered the windows in the “Miljevic-Gilje gas” facility. Details of how the 60-year-old worker died were not revealed, however, one of the injured workers was treated for burns on both arms, while the other sustained damage to his hearing.—Xinhua

Andretti Autosport driver Danica Patrick reacts to her qualifying time for the Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis on 22 May, 2010. The Indianapolis 500 is scheduled on 30 May.—INTERNET
Ribery to stay at Bayern until 2015

BERLIN, 24 May — Bayern Munich playmaker Franck Ribery has extended his contract with the German champions until 2015, the club announced Sunday. The signing took place in Madrid after the Champions League final Ba-yern lost 2-0 to Inter Milan on Saturday. “We are very happy to have reached agreement on a contract extension with one of the world’s best players,” said Bayern president Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Brooms on Deck: Celtics rout Magic; open 3-0 lead

BOSTON, 24 May — There were still 20 seconds left in the game when Paul Pierce decided he didn’t need to see any more and headed to the locker room.

In the hallway, he repeated aloud: “One more. One more.”

Pierce helped the Celtics open a 16-point, first-quarter lead, then watched as Rajon Rondo, Glen “Big Baby” Davis helped Boston maintain its first-quarter lead, then watched as Boston was fouled into the fourth inning during a baseball game.

Mourinho to sign for Real Madrid

MADRID, 24 May — Jose Mourinho, fresh from guiding Inter Milan to Champions League glory, will sign a four-year deal with Real Madrid worth 10 million euros a year, Spanish newspapers reported Sunday.

AS claimed the Portuguese coach had come to an agreement with Real president Florentino Perez.

Stairs, Richard lead San Diego past Seattle 2-1

SEATTLE, 24 May — Matt Stairs cracked a long solo homer off the facade of the second deck, San Diego starter Clayton Richard wiggled free from the few jams he faced, and the Padres held on for a 2-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Saturday night.

Champions, qualifications and relegations in European Leagues

YANGON, 24 May — The following football clubs are prescribed as champions, qualifications and relegations in European Leagues.

English Premier League

Chelsea—EPL champion, FA Cup champion

Manchester United—Curling Cup champion

Chelsae, Manchester United, Arsenal and Spurs—qualification for 2010-2011 Champions League

Manchester City, Villa and Liverpool—qualification for 2010-2011 Europa League

Burnley, Hull City and Portsmouth—relegation to 2010-2011 Premier League

Spanish La Liga

Barcelona—La Liga champion

Sevilla’s King’s Cup champion


Mallorca, Geteove and Villarreal—qualification for 2010-2011 Europa League

Real Valladolid, Tenerife and Xerez—relegation to 2010-2011 Spanish La Liga

Italian Serie A

Internazionale (Inter Milan)—Coppa Italian Cup, Champions League Cup and Italian Serie-A champions

Internazionale (Inter Milan), Roma, AC Milan, Sampdoria—qualification for 2010-2011 Champions League

Palamo, Napoli and Juventus—qualification for 2010-2011 Europa League

Italanta, Siena and Livorno—relegation to 2010-2011 Italian Serie-A

German Bundesliga

Bayern Munich—Bundesliga champion

Bayern Munich, Schalke, Werder Bremen and Bayer Leverkusen—qualification for 2010-2011 Champions League

Dortmund and Stuttgart—qualification for 2010-2011 Europa League

Nurnberg, Bochum and Hertha Berlin—relegation to 2010-2011 German Bundesliga.

Manchester United Boss Sir Alex Ferguson doubts England can win World Cup

LONDON, 24 May—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has written off England’s chances of winning the World Cup this summer.

Indeed the 68-year-old believes that the Three Lions lack the winning edge to lift the World Cup for the first time since 1966. The Scot is quoted by the News of the World as saying: “England, with Fabio Capello, will be thereabouts. But, from there to winning the World Cup, I don’t think we can.”

However, the Scotsman has tipped Serbia to

French international and Bayern Munich playmaker Franck Ribery.

INTERNET

Stairs watches the path of his home run against the Seattle Mariners in the fourth inning during a baseball game.

INTERNET

San Diego Padres' Matt Stairs watches the path of his home run against the Seattle Mariners in the fourth inning during a baseball game.

INTERNET

French tennis Champion Kuznetsova eases through

PARIS, 24 May—Defending champion Svetlana Kuznetsova reeled off 11 of the last 12 games to move into the French Open second round with a 6-3, 6-1 win against Romania’s Sorana Cirstea on Sunday.

The 24-year-old Kuznetsova arrived in Paris having won just one claycourt match this season and was in trouble early on against her 20-year-old opponent, who made the quarter-finals last year.

Kuznetsova was 1-3 down as Cirstea, the world number 34 and who just missed out on a seed, quickly settled into her rhythm on a swirling spring day in the French capital.

INTERNET

Wayne Rooney’s ankle still a major worry for England coach Fabio Capello

LONDON, 24 May—The England striker isn’t a doubt for the World Cup but has been undergoing ‘reinforcement’ work to his damaged ligaments according to the News of the World.

While the majority of the squad took part in training on Friday, Rooney was allowed to rest alongside FA Cup finalists David James, John Terry, Frank Lampard and Ashley Cole who arrived late to the training camp in Austria.

The whole focus in the build-up to the World Cup so far has been whether Rooney will be fit, and Capello has conceded that it is difficult telling the Manchester United striker to rest.

Capello is quoted in the News of the World as saying: “Can leave some players out, but Rooney always wants to play. The England striker isn’t a doubt for the World Cup but has been undergoing ‘reinforcement’ work to his damaged ligaments according to the News of the World.
Ohio man robs own bank

CINCINNATI, 24 May — Sharonville, Ohio, police say they have obtained a warrant for the arrest of a man who was a regular customer of the bank he robbed. Police allege Andrew Taylor, 42, came into his regular branch of PNC Bank at 12073 Lebanon Road just after 6:30 pm Friday undisguised, carrying a purple coffee mug and asking to speak to a bank employee, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported on Saturday.

Taylor allegedly told the employee he needed $5,000, claiming his mug held an explosive device and the detonator was in his pocket, court documents say. —Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar

WEATHER

Monday, 24 May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rains or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Magway Division, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls. In Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Chin and Mon States and Yangon Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) below May average temperatures in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (6°C) below May average temperatures in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions (4°C) above May average temperatures in Ayeyawady Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw Airport (1.41) inches, Kyauktaw (8.58) inches, Maungdaw (5.39) inches, Paletha (4.88) inches, Khayan (3.31) inches, and Kyekyekame (2.83) inches. Hmaubw (2.76) inches and Thandwe (2.30) inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-5-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 24-5-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. was about 80%. Total sun hours on 23-5-2010 was 26.6 hours.

Rainfall on 24-5-2010 was (1.07) inches, at Mingaladon, (1.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.15) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was 48.57 inches at Mingaladon, (5.67) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours M.S.T on 23-5-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hours M.S.T. today, the low pressure area over Southern Orissa Coast (India) still persists. The system is under close watch for moving to the North Bay and regenerating. Weather is cloudy over the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 25th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan and Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced Delta, off and along Rakhin Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Rakhine and neighbouring area for 25-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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.

Democracy and Peace Party granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 52/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 52/2010
12th Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
24 May 2010
Democracy and Peace Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Democracy and Peace Party with its headquarters at No. 647 on Merchant Street in Ward 3 of Pabedan Township, Yangon Division, to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 24 May 2010.

The registration number of the Democracy and Peace Party is (14).

By order
Sd/Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Low pressure under close watch

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the observations at 17.30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over South Orissa Coast of India has moved to North Bay and adjoining Central Bay still persist.

The system is under close watch for regeneration to intensity.

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.

Myanmar Aerospace and Engineering University turning out aerospace engineers

Myanmar Aerospace and Engineering University can be seen in distance. The buildings and designs of the university are grand.

On arrival at the entrance to three-storey main building, I saw neat and tidy rooms, systematic set-up of office and practical rooms.

Myanmar Aerospace and Engineering University is a single and significant facility in the nation.

Although I missed the chance to see the rector who had been on a trip on duty, officials of the university provided necessary assistance for my visit. I have learnt that the university was opened on 1 August 2002. It was located on an area of 112.5 acres near Zaungchangon Village on Yangon-Mandalay Road in Meiktila.

(See page 9)