Four political objectives
• Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
• National reconsolidation
• 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

Pathein-Thalatkhwa-Mawtinsun Road
It was 14 May 2010 morning while local people were seated inside the pavilion at Mile Post No (12/1) in Seintaung on Pathein-Thalatkhwa-Mawtinsun Road, awaiting the opening of Pathein-Thalatkhwa-Mawtinsun Road. (See Page 8)

The opening of Pathein-Thalatkhwa-Mawtinsun Road in progress.

The 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) granted permission to register as political party

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 May — The Union Election Commission granted permission to the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) with its headquarters at Room No. (301), Building (F) of Pearl Condominium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township of Yangon Division to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 26 May 2010.

The registration number of the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) is (17).

By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

United Democratic Party granted permission to register as political party

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 May — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 54/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:

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Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 54/2010
14th Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
26 May 2010
United Democratic Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the United Democratic Party with its headquarters at Taungpyin Ward in Dabayin Township of Sagaing Division to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 26 May 2010.

The registration number of the United Democratic Party is (16).

By order
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Secretary
Union Election Commission

Shan Nationalities Democratic Party granted permission to register as political party

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 May — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 53/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:

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Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 53/2010
14th Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
26 May 2010
Shan Nationalities Democratic Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party with its headquarters at No. (9), Thitsar Uyin Housing on Thitsar Road in Ward-8 in South Okkalapa Township of Yangon Division to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 26 May 2010.

The registration number of the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party is (15).

By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

The opening of Pathein-Thalatkhwa-Mawtinsun Road in progress.

Byline: Kayan Soe Myint
Photos: Kyaw Moe Lwin (Kayan)
Sign of greater development over border areas

Today, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are harmonious in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, thereby cementing amicable relations and cohesion between one national race and another.

The regions, which once lacked peace and stability stemming from localism, racism and dogmatism, are now enjoying tranquility, peace and progress. Far-flung areas and respective regions are in a position to enjoy peace and regional development at the unprecedented level. The towns in border areas have caught up with cities in terms of development.

Now, the government is building good foundations for improvement of various sectors such as economy, education, health care and social affairs and transport. Simultaneously, it is improving infrastructures to raise the socio-economic status of local people of border areas. From 1989 to date, the government has spent over 314,530 million kyats on the projects for progress of border areas.

Highly-educated youths of new generations are necessary for creating a peaceful, prosperous society. The government has been constructing infrastructural buildings and good atmospheres in the education field. As a result, the youth of the nation including border areas enjoy equal access to education. The number of students in border areas has increased to more than 180,000 thanks to the new educational institutions in those regions.

More than that, border areas have seen 100 new hospitals, 98 health care centres, 91 rural health centres and 200 sub-rural health centres. Local people have gained vast knowledge, resulting from the 112 TV retransmitting stations.

Today, the transport in border areas is getting smooth, and commodity flow, getting swift, and so, that denotes the regions have seen a sign of greater economic growth. Therefore, the entire local people have to work together for durability of the facilities that contribute towards regional peace and stability.

Trainees of Sports Ministry selected

YANGON, 26 May—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Thura U Aye Myint on 23 May addressed the meeting for selecting trainees for Combined Training of Sports and Education and Sports Training.

He later scrutinized and passed the reports on the selection of new trainees for 2010-2011 academic years submitted by coaches.

Secretary of the committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education, U Thaung Htaik made a supplementary report. The minister gave necessary instructions.

Minister Thura U Aye Myint delivers address at meeting for selecting trainees for Combined Training of Sports and Education and Sports Training.—MNA

Director-General inspects school enrollment activities

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Director-General U Aye Lwin of No. 2 Basic Education Department inspected the school enrollment activities at Basic Education schools in PyinOoLwin today.

He called for applying systematic and easy enrolling process and attended to the needs.

Laminated Happy books available

YANGON, 26 May—Happy books made to customer order are now available at the market. Customers can choose five kinds of books categorized into A, B, C, D and E and various designs of laminated happy book cover. Every book has 80 pages in full. Customers can get it at reasonable price. For more information, contact Marketing Manager Daw Khin Zar Maw, No.150/A, Haka road, Industrial Zone-1, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, (Ph: 01-590292 and 590293).—MNA

Photo shows covers of laminated happy books. —MNA

Effective communication through visual implementation

Those who want to create own graphic designs, to work at printing house, photo studio and media house as a graphic designer and to be a web designer, and those with basic computer knowledge may take the course.

The three-month course will start on 6 June. The trainees are to attend it at the weekend. Those who want to take the course may enlist not later than 2 June as number of trainees is limited to 15. Enthusiasts may contact

Gusto Computer Technology Training School at No (26) on 14th Street in Lannmadaw Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-224496 and 09 8628806).—MNA
Taleban raid district in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 May—Taleban militants in efforts to consolidate grip have raided the mountainous Barg-e-Matal District in Afghanistan’s eastern Nuriistan province, Interior Ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

Sporadic firing according to the statement is still continuing.

“The armed rebels carried out a failed attack on Barg-e-Matal District on Tuesday which left seven militants dead,” the statement added.

It also confirmed that one policeman was killed and five others including a police constable and four militants had been injured.

Sporadic firing is going on while police have been trying to repel the attackers.

Conflicts and militancy has been on rise since spring onset. Spring and summer are traditionally known as fighting season in the war-torn Afghanistan.

Brazen Baghdad gold heist ends in 15 dead

BAGHDAD, 26 May—Gunmen wearing Arab headscarves and wielding assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and pistols robbed a gold jewelry market in broad daylight Tuesday, killing 15 people in the most brazen example of Baghdad street crime that has soared as sectarian fighting ebbed.

Authorities blamed al-Qaeda in Iraq, as they often are quick to do after major attacks and as the investigations are just getting under way.

“The fingerprints of al-Qaeda are obvious in today’s heist,” Maj Gen Qassim al-Moussawi, Baghdad’s chief military spokesman said, speaking a couple of hours after the late-morning assault. He said the terror group has been suffering from money shortages and has been planning robberies as a way to fill its coffers.

Security officials attribute at least part of the past year’s crime wave to terror groups looking for new ways to finance their operations, and insurgents adept at launching attacks against military targets now using their skills to make money instead.

Jewelry stores, currency exchanges, and banks are frequently targeted, though insurgents looking for quick cash have also been known to attack oil pipelines to siphon off oil for resale. Aside from known militants, criminal gangs have been blamed for a number of robberies in the capital.

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 26 May—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 26 May reached 701595 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1268253, according to the news on the Internet.

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Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 26 May—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

According to the Internet news, a total of 2654 Afghan people were killed and 39348 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 26 May.

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Explosion shocks Kandahar in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 26 May—A powerful explosion rocked Kandahar in south Afghanistan on Wednesday morning, casualties feared, police said.
Extinct giant shark nursery discovered in Panama

Most of the giant shark teeth found in Panama’s Gatun Formation were from neonates or juveniles, leading researchers to propose that this was a nursery site.—INTERNET

TALLAHASSEE, 26 May— The six-foot-long babies of the world’s biggest shark species, *Carcharocles megalodon*, frolicked in the warm shallow waters of an ancient shark nursery in what is now Panama, report paleontologists working at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and the University of Florida. Adult giant sharks, at 60-70 feet in length, faced few predators, but young sharks faced predation from larger sharks, “said Catalina Pimiento, visiting scientist at STRI and graduate student at the University of Florida. “As in several modern shark species, juvenile giant sharks probably spent this vulnerable stage of their lives in shallow water where food was plentiful and large predators had difficulty maneuvering.”

Paleontologists from the Smithsonian and the University of Florida collected more than 400 fossil shark teeth from Panama’s 10-million-year-old Gatun Formation as part of ongoing work to reveal the origins of this narrow land-bridge that rose to connect North and South America about 3 million years ago. “The 28 teeth that we identified as *C. megalodon* were mostly from neonates and juveniles,” said Pimiento. Researchers used reference collections at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History and the Florida Museum of Natural History to characterize the teeth.—INTERNET

Physicists develop a quantum interface between light and atoms

MAINZ, 26 May—Physicists at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz have developed a quantum interface which connects light particles and atoms. The interface is based on an ultra-thin glass fiber and is suitable for the transmission of quantum information. This is an essential prerequisite for quantum communication which shall be used for secure data transmission via quantum cryptography.

“Our quantum interface might also prove useful for the realization of a quantum computer,” adds Professor Dr Arno Rauschenbeutel from the Institute of Physics at Mainz University.

Today, telephone and internet primarily rely on the optical transmission of data using glassfiber cables. In that sense, glass fiber networks can be considered as the backbone of the modern communication society. The light that travels through them is not a continuous flow of energy. It rather consists, as was discovered by Albert Einstein, of indivisible energy quanta, or photons. Each photon can then transmit one bit of information, corresponding to a zero or one. In addition to being very efficient, this also opens the route towards entirely new ways of communication because, being quantum objects, photons can exist simultaneously in both states, zero and one.

First realistic simulation of DNA unfolding

BARCELONA, 26 May—The separation of the two DNA strands occurs in millions of a second. Consequently, it is extremely difficult to study this phenomenon experimentally and researchers must rely on computational simulations. After four years of fine-tuning an effective physical model and massive use of the supercomputer Mare Nostrum, researchers at IRB Barcelona and the Barcelona Supercomputing Centre (BSC) have managed to produce the first realistic simulation of DNA opening at high resolution. Scientists Modesto Orozco, group leader of the Molecular Modelling and Bioinf.

Chott El Jerid, Tunisia: closest thing to Mars on Earth?

WASHINGTON, 26 May—From 24 to 31 May, a team of scientists will be analysing one of the most Mars-like places on Earth—Chott el Jerid in South West Tunisia—in preparation for future missions to the Red Planet.

The field campaign has been organized by the Europlanet Research Infrastructure (RI).

Chott el Jerid is a seasonal lake that is completely dry for most of the year. Its sun-baked surface, composed of a hard crust of sodium chloride, conceals sources of underground water and the area has a vivid red colour due to the high iron content. This environment appears to resemble closely layered deposits of chloride salts discovered at Martian high latitudes by recent missions, such as Mars Odyssey, using data from Thermal Emission Imaging System (THEMIS), Mars Global Surveyor and Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter.

The large image here shows an optical view, of the Digitized Sky Survey, of the Andromeda Galaxy, otherwise known as M31. The inset shows Chandra images of a small region in the centre of Andromeda.

**Barcelona Supercomputing Centre (BSC)** and **SuperComputer Mare Nostrum**, leading European computer centers and **Europlanet Research Infrastructure (RI)**, which connects 30 European and extra-European institutions in preparation for future missions to the Red Planet, have managed to produce the first realistic simulation of DNA opening at high resolution. Scientists Modesto Orozco, group leader of the Molecular Modelling and Bioinformatics Group at IRB Barcelona, Full Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Barcelona and director of the Life Sciences Dept. at the BSC, and Alberto Pérez, “Juan de la Cierva” researcher at BSC, currently at the University of California, San Francisco, (US) publish their findings in a leading international chemistry journal, Angewandte Chemie.

Nearby black hole is feeble and unpredictable

MIAMI, 26 May—For over 10 years, NASA’s Chandra X-ray Observatory has repeatedly observed the Andromeda Galaxy for a combined total of nearly one million seconds. This unique data set has given astronomers an unprecedented view of the nearest supermassive black hole outside our own Galaxy.

Astronomers think that most galaxies — including the Milky Way — contain giant black holes at their cores that are millions of times more massive than the Sun. At a distance of just under 3 million light years from Earth, Andromeda (also known as M31) is relatively close and provides an opportunity to study its black hole in great detail.
‘Button’ batteries killing, disabling children

WASHINGTON, 26 May — The accidental swallowing of coin-sized lithium “button batteries” found in many common household products is a rapidly mounting threat to children, new research indicates. In fact, a pair of new studies reveals that between 1985 and 2009 the risk that American children will experience a serious health complication after ingesting a button battery has gone up nearly seven-fold. “We’re talking about a really profoundly devastating injury, and sometimes fatalities,” said lead author for both studies Dr Toby Litovitz, director of the National Capital Poison Center in Washington D.C. “But I think people are not aware of the problem, which is very, very much worse than swallowing a coin. And of course it’s hard for parents to protect their kids when they don’t realize that something is a problem.” “It’s also clearly a worsening situation,” she added. “From the late 1970’s until now there have been 14 fatalities in the US that we’re aware of, and of those 10 were just in the last six years. So that should send a signal of warning. “Button batteries are found in remote controls, singing greeting cards, thermometers, DVD players and many other products to which children have ready access.” Litovitz explained that standard 20 millimetre lithium button batteries are nearly seven-fold. “People also don’t realize that something is a problem.”

Global death rate for children lower than thought

WASHINGTON, 26 May — The global death rate for children under the age of 5 appears to be significantly lower by as much as 800,000 fewer deaths — than the latest mortality estimates released by UNICEF in 2008. The fresh numbers gleaned from number-crunching conducted by researchers at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington in Seattle also indicate that many poorer nations are demonstrating faster progress at stemming the tide of under-5 deaths.

The current figures raise some hope for achieving the objectives established by the “Millennium Development Goal 4 (MDG 4),” which is aiming for a two-thirds drop in deaths among children under 5 from 1990 to 2015.

Prior statistical analyses suggested that fewer than a quarter of the world’s nations were on track to meet this target. Yet despite some encouraging signs, the current review doesn’t paint a much better picture overall, revealing that only 31 developing nations and a total of 54 countries out of 187 worldwide appear to be heading towards the MDG 4 finish line. That observation comes from the IHME team’s look at levels and trends for child deaths in 187 countries for the period 1970 through 2010.

Like humans, chimpanzees ape their betters

SCOTLAND, 26 May — Just as humans tend to model their behaviour after that of famous and admired individuals, chimpanzees also appear to copy the example of their older, higher-status cohorts, new research reveals.

The finding that chimpanzees share the human inclination to adopt new behaviours and problem-solve based on the influence of what anthropologists call “prestige” is new, and is the result of a collaborative investigation conducted by researchers at Emory University in Atlanta, the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and Beloit College, Wisc.

The authors published their findings in the 20 May issue of PLOS One. Celebrities, politicians and community leaders are the figures of emulation for people. Previously, the practice of mimicking behaviour in this way was thought to be uniquely human.

But working with chimpanzees as they learned to solve a specific foraging task, the research team found that when given a choice the primates preferred to copy the foraging techniques that were demonstrated by older, higher-status chimps with a successful history of task-solving, rather than that of less well- regarded chimps.

Communication programme didn’t improve autism symptoms

MANCHESTER, 26 May — A programme to help autistic children communicate more effectively helps parents and kids understand each other, but doesn’t improve symptoms, a new study finds.

The programme was designed to try to help autistic children develop better communication and social skills by teaching parents how to communicate with them with an eye toward their impairments.

Jonathan Green, of the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom, and colleagues recruited families of 152 children — aged between 2 to nearly 5 — to take part in the study. Seventy-five of the children and their families took part in the programme, attending several meetings over a year. The others received ordinary treatment.

The researchers found that while the programme didn’t reduce autism symptoms, it did help improve interaction between parents and their children.

Moderate drinking may protect brain from Alzheimer’s

MADRID, 26 May — Moderate drinking may help protect against the onset of Alzheimer’s disease among otherwise healthy people, a new Spanish study suggests. Women who don’t smoke appear to gain the most benefit from alcohol consumption, according to the research team, from the University of Valencia, the Valencia government and the Municipal Institute of Medical Investigation in Barcelona. “Our results suggest a protective effect of alcohol consumption, mostly in non-smokers, and the need to consider interactions between tobacco and alcohol consumption, as well as interactions with gender, when assessing the effects of smoking and/or drinking on the risk of Alzheimer’s disease,” the study’s lead author, Ana M. Garcia, from the University of Valencia’s department of preventive medicine and public health, said in a news release.

Visitors view some snack food materials during the 2010 China Beijing International Snack Food Exhibition held in Beijing, on 25 May, 2010. A total of 381 enterprises from 14 countries and regions took part in the exhibition that opened on Tuesday. — INTERNET

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ASEAN human resources conference held in Vietnam

HANOI, 26 May—The second human resources conference of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was held here on Tuesday to discuss human resources issues for economic recovery and development.

The meeting gathered labour and human resources ministers from ASEAN member countries, senior policymakers, representatives of employer and worker organizations, human resources practitioners and development partners. At the meeting, participants discussed human resource management for economic recovery and development, the development of a harmonized ASEAN competency-based skills standards and future skills strategies for a more inclusive and competitive region and effective human resource practices.

In his opening speech, Vietnamese Standing Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Sinh Hung said investment for human resource development is one of the important issues listed in the blueprint for the building of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

The aim of an ASEAN human resource development strategy is to improve and enhance the capacity of ASEAN human resources through each member country’s programme as well as the plan of the whole bloc, he said.

Sinopec to bump up refining capacity 50%

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“We have 13,000 orders in the US and 6,000 orders in Japan,” Ghosn said at a news conference in Detroit, the US auto industry capital.

Ghosn said that all of the US orders had come from individuals and not from government entities, whereas some orders in Japan were for municipal fleets.

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Brazil’s current account deficit soars in 1st 4 months of 2010

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 May—Brazil registered a current account deficit of nearly 17 billion US dollars in the first four months of 2010, a surge from the 4.8 billion dollars recorded a year earlier, the country’s Central Bank said on Tuesday. The latest deficit represents 2.68 percent of Brazil’s gross domestic product. In the first four months of 2009, the current account deficit amounted to 1.26 percent of the country’s GDP. The current account figures are formed by the trade balance results, the services and income account, and the unilateral transfers from abroad. In the first four months of this year, Brazil accumulated a trade surplus of 2.2 billion dollars, down from the 6.7 billion dollars a year ago.

The services and income account accumulated a deficit of 20 billion dollars, up from 12.7 billion dollars in the same period last year. The unilateral transfers from abroad totalled 1.12 billion dollars, down from 1.145 billion dollars in the same period last year.

People take a rest in the old town of the coastal city of Mombasa in Kenya, on 20 May, 2010. Kenya Tourism Association recently said the body will spend 2 billion shillings (about 26 million US dollars) within the year to promote the country’s tourism globally.—— Xinhua

Nissan’s new Leaf sells out in US, Japan

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Forestry Minister meets Thai guests

Mr. Suppamas Prachakvej from Thailand at the ministry here this afternoon. The meeting focused on investment in the forestry sector. — MNA

We are not too late...

It was during the days of my childhood. When I saw the adults smoke cheroots, I developed a craving for smoking. Their style of smoking attracted me to try cheroots. Before long, I used to smoke on the sly. I was about ten years old then.

As we were brought up in the rural area and far from health education, we had no knowledge on the danger of smoking. In the surrounding of the undeveloped rural life in those days, it was not a strange thing to see a teenager smoking a cheroot. However, when Mother or Father caught me smoking on the sly, I was beaten black and blue. Although my parents admonished me, I was unwilling to give up smoking.

Although we cannot definitely say when the smoking habit started to flourish, the bad habit has been deeply rooted in our human society since years ago.

The way tobacco is used has changed over the years. Chewing tobacco, cheroots, pipes, cigars, cigarettes and snuff have been in fashion at different times in history. Chewing tobacco is made of poor-quality leaves mixed with honey or molasses. It is chewed, and then the leaves and juices are spat out. The leaves of the tobacco plant are dried and crumbled. The crumbled tobacco is used in cheroots, pipes and cigars which are smoked.

Health experts have estimated that passive smoking has affected millions of people around the globe today. Passive smoking, meaning involuntary inhalation of smoke from tobacco products, can increase the incidence of cardiovascular and respiratory disease and even lead to lung cancer.

UEC member meets Mawlamyine district/township subcommissions

A work coordination meeting between Member of Union Election Commission Mr. Suppamas Prachakvej and party from Thailand.— MNA

Forestry Minister U Thein Aung meets Mawlamyine district/township subcommissions

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the UEC member. — MNA

The meeting was held at Shwe Myinhll in Mawlamyine Township yesterday.

The meeting focused on investment in the forestry sector. — MNA

We should have stopped smoking since two decades ago. However, now is the best to quit smoking. We are not too late to do so.
Minister U Khin Maung Myint delivers address in meeting with staff from 33 construction companies. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint met officials from 33 companies working under B.O.T system at the Ministry here yesterday.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and U Myint Thein, departmental heads, superintendent engineers from states and divisions, owners and officials from 33 companies. Ministry of Construction has built 21,361 miles and two furlongs of road across the country. Of them, a total of 79 roads—4767 miles and six furlongs of road—are being built by 33 companies under B.O.T system.

Deputy Minister U Tint Swe explained collaborative efforts for better transport between the Ministry and companies. Deputy Minister U Myint Thein reported on guarantee, registration, making contracts in line with set rules and regulations and presenting to MIC and TC. Acting Managing Director U Kyaw Lin and officials from B.O.T companies presented their respective works. — MNA

Pathein-Thalatkhwa-Mawtinsun Road...

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In response to my question, Ko Saw Nyi Maung from Maungon Village said that he was a native of the region, and he had never seen such a fine road before in his region; and that he was pleased that local people would be able to make a pilgrimage to Mawtinsun, as well as to Pathein thanks to Pathein Bridge.

Ma Yin Lay from Kyettuyway Village—

A road section of Pathein-Thalatkhwa-Mawtinsun Road, which was commissioned on 14 May.

Ministry of Construction has constructed new roads, stretching as long as 7726 miles and two furlongs; that Ayeawady dwellers will soon be able to choose one of the network roads in the division to reach the regions they want to travel to; that from 1988 to date, the ministry has constructed 39 over-180-foot-long bridges and 312 under-180-foot-long bridges; that as a result of the new roads and bridges, trade activities, local goods can be transported easily to any other region throughout the nation; that with trade activities, local people will be able to enjoy better socio-economic life; and that he urged all to do their bit in maintaining the facilities for their durability.

Kayin national Ko Saw Nyi Maung has a lot to tell about benefits of the road.

Now, Public Works under the Ministry of Construction is building four rail-cum-road bridges and one road bridge on the Ayeyawady River. It is heartening to learn that so far, Public Works has constructed over 300 over-180-foot-long bridges across the nation. So, I can help praising Myanmar engineers for their brilliant performance.

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Three to face action in Mingala Market fire

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 May—A fire broke out on the fourth floor of Mingala Market in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, at about 8.30 am on 24 May and was put out at about 5.05 am yesterday.

The investigation made by a team led by Director U Aung Kyaw Myint of the Fire Services Department revealed that the market committee cut off electric power supply when the market hours were over at 5 pm on 23 May; that at that time owners of shop No. Sa (80/81) were boiling water with the use of an electric pot; that they forgot to pull off the plug as well as to switch off; that the electric power supply resumed at the market hours at 7.30 am the following day, and the electric pot set fire to nearby cosmetics at about 8.30 am after all the water was dried up and the electric pot got excessively hot.

Then, the whole floor caught fire, burning down 399 cosmetics shops, 398 pharmaceuticals shops on the fourth floor and 48 food stalls on the top floor. The total loss of goods is estimated at about 20,926.3 million kyats, and the loss caused by to the damage to the building is under estimation.

Due to the efforts of firefighters and officials, 849 shops on the ground floor and 2373 shops on the first, second and third floors did not catch fire.

The disaster injured a public member and three firefighters, and there were no deaths.

Mingala Taungnyunt Township Police Station has filed a lawsuit against owners of Shop Sa (80/81): U Tin Aung, Ma Thida Shwe (a) Ma Thida, and Ma Khin Mar Aye for their negligence.

There was heavy loss in the fires of markets across the nation such as Mandalay Yadanabon Market, Mawlamyine Market, and Yangon Thingangyun Market. Not only the nation but also private shop owners suffer heavy loss due to such fires. Authorities concerned today urged the people to use electric power with care, and warned that punitive punishment will be given to negligent electric power users next times.—MNA

Explosives found under rails

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 May—Explosives were found under rails between Myitkyina and Nan Kway stations this morning.

The security personnel discovered four packages of explosives — two packages placed under each joint of rails as they were informed by a service personnel of the Myanma Railways that he found a suspicious-looking package under the rail between Mile Post No 719/19 and 20 between Myitkyina Station and Nankway Station on Mandalay-Myitkyina Rail Road about 10.35 am today.

In the packages, they found 30 blocks of TNT weighing 400 g, 20 blocks weighing 200 g, six detonation fuses, three circuits and 12 1.5-volt batteries.

The rainwater had deactivated the explosives attached to circuits and batteries which were seemed to be set last night. The authorities are investigating the case.

The authorities have alerted the people to inform them of any suspicious-looking person or thing as insurgents have been committing sabotages to destroy rail lines, trains and to kill passengers and to cause panic among the people.

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Kindah dam: the booster for....

(From page 16)

We left Kume for Kindah Dam in the south of Kume by car.

We saw summer paddy, summer sesame, Ngwechi-6 cotton plantations along the road. After leaving Kume, we had to cross a concrete bridge built by spanning left canal of Kindah Dam. Before long, we got to Kindah diversion dam.

The diversion dam was built by spilling water of Kindah dam from which electricity is generated. Although it is a diversion dam, it can store much water like a dam. The dam had been renovating starting from King Anawrahta, and was rebuilt in 1986. “Thanks to the dam, I can now grow paddy in farmlands and Ngwechi 6 cotton and summer sesame in croplands,” said farmer U Tha Yin of Langwa village in Myittha Township.

Thanks to the dam, farmers from Myittha, Kyaukse, TadaU and Wundwin townships can successfully grow monsoon paddy and summer paddy plus other crops. It contributes much towards promoting socio-economic status of local people.

Translation: MT

Myanma Alin
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Supply of water to farmlands through left canal of Kindah Dam.

Thriving summer paddy in Myittha Township.

Thriving Ngwechi-6 cotton plantation.
Oil rises to near $70 on stocks, US gasoline drop

The price for one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline appears on the sign in front of the Speedway gas station in Aurora, Ohio on Tuesday, 25 May, 2010. The drop in crude prices continues to work its way into retail gasoline prices. Pump prices fell 1.3 cents overnight to a national average of $2.78 per gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service—Internet

Unleaded

SINGAPORE, 26 May—Oil prices rose to near $70 a barrel Wednesday in Asia as a drop in U.S. gasoline supplies and rebounding Asian stock markets bolstered confidence that demand for fuel is rising.

Benchmark crude for July delivery was up $1.13 to $69.88 a barrel at late afternoon Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract dropped $1.46 to settle at $68.75 on Tuesday.

Gasoline supplies unexpectedly fell last week, dropping by 3.2 million barrels, the American Petroleum Institute said late Tuesday. Analysts had expected an increase of 150,000 barrels, according to a survey by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos.

Crude supplies at the key Cushing, Oklahoma storage terminal fell 772,000 barrels while overall inventories of crude and distillates rose, the API said. “A draw in stocks at the Cushing, OK hub is potentially a bullish signal for crude oil,” energy consultant The Schork Group said in a report.

Indonesia’s coal production expected to reach 320 million tons in 2010

JAKARTA, 26 May—Indonesian coal miners were expected to increase production as much as 320 million tons of coal this year, an increase of nearly 7 percent from the 300 million tons produced last year, the Jakarta Post quoted an official as saying on Tuesday.

A one euro coin displayed in front of a one US dollar note. A string of European governments drew up battle plans to attack budget deficits, with Britain, France, Italy and Denmark turning on public spending and pay, the pension age and taxes.—INTERNET

Finance Minister says Greek crisis not to affect Indonesia

JAKARTA, 26 May—Newly appointed Finance Minister Agus Martowardojo has said that the Greek debt crisis which has caused share prices worldwide to fall would not affect the Indonesian economy, the Jakarta Post reported on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday after attending the plenary session of the House of Representatives, the finance minister said that the Indonesian economy remained fundamentally strong despite the significant fall in share prices and the decline in the rupiah against the US dollar in the recent days. “I’m optimistic. Indonesia can face the financial storm safely thanks to a healthy state budget and the country’s strong cash flow,” he said.

Given these encouraging economic factors, he said that the people need not fear any possible negative impact of the Greek crisis on the Indonesian economy.
Cuba, Montenegro sign cooperation deal

HAVANA, 26 May—Cuba and Montenegro signed a cooperation agreement on Tuesday on economy, politics, health, culture, tourism and the environment, local media reported.

It was signed by Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez and his Montenegrin counterpart Milan Rocen.

Rocen told reporters after signing the document that the friendship between the two nations is older than the birth of Montenegro as an independent state, adding people in his country, old and young alike, are familiar with many facets of Cuban society.

He stressed that Havana was among the first to recognize the independence of Montenegro.

Meanwhile, Rodriguez described the bilateral relations as “excellent,” saying that there is great cooperation potential between the two sides in trade, tourism, investment, culture, sports and medicine.

Montenegro and Cuba are two small countries facing many common challenges and sharing similar objectives in the international arena, Rodriguez said.

Montenegro, the smallest of the former Yugoslav republics, declared independence four years ago.

Venezuela seizes 1.8 tons of marijuana

CARACAS, 26 May—Agents of the Venezuelan National Guard seized 1.8 tons of marijuana in Merida state early Tuesday morning, 420 kilometers southwest of Caracas, Venezuela’s capital.

Director of the National Anti-Drug Office Nestor Reverol told the state-run Bolivarian News Agency that the illegal load was hidden in a cooling vehicle with a fish load.

The Venezuelan authorities have seized this year more than 26 tons of different kinds of drugs.

Reverol added that the load was coming from La Fria town in Tachira state, some 100 km northeast of the place where it was seized. During the operation one Colombian citizen was detained.—Xinhua

Fire in Chinese market in Bucharest, no casualties reported

BUCHAREST, 26 May—A fire broke out in a Chinese market in the northeastern outskirts of Romanian capital Bucharest early on Wednesday morning, but so far there has been no report of casualties.

The fire covered an area of over 1,000 square meters in the Red Dragon Chinese market, the largest of its kind in central and southeastern Europe, a Xinhua correspondent at the scene reported.

The fire has not yet been put out, he said. Xinhua

78th conference of International Commission of Large Dams opens

HANOI, 26 May—The 78th annual conference of International Commission of Large Dams opened here on Tuesday with the participation of about 600 delegates from 90 countries and regions.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the conference, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Hoang Trung Hai said that the event is of great significance and serves as a forum for international experts to share experience in safe developments of dams and water sources security.

“The Vietnamese government pays due attention to sustainable development and exploitation of water sources, and welcomes international cooperation in technology transfer, investment and human resource training,” Hai said.

An international seminar themed “Dams and Sustainable Water Resource Development” will be held during the conference. About 180 scientific reports on 17 topics have been submitted to the seminar. Xinhua

New handfish species walk on by

Handfishes have hand-like fins, and they tend to “walk” rather than swim. Fifty million years ago, the small, colourful, and sedentary fish species “walked” the world’s oceans, but now they exist only off eastern and southern Australia.

Nine new species of handfish have been described by CSIRO in research that highlights an urgent need to better understand and protect the diversity of life in Australia’s oceans.

Only four specimens of Pink Handfish are known and was last recorded off the Tasman Peninsula in 1999. The Pink Handfish will feature in a photographic exhibition of Australia’s marine biodiversity that opens today (21 May) at Questacon in Canberra.

A recently excavated statue of a boy Pharaoh dating from the 4th or 5th century BC is held onboard the Princess Duda research boat, anchored in the harbour of Alexandria, Egypt, on 25 May, 2010.

News Album

The chocolate beans mosaic of Mona Lisa is seen at the Sweets & Snacks Expo 2010 in Chicago, the United States, on 25 May, 2010. The three-day expo kicked off here on Tuesday with the participation of some 450 companies from 69 countries and regions and over 14,000 attendees.
**Woman ends up in coma after overdosing on bok choy**

New York, 26 May—A 88-year-old Chinese woman, who was eating large amounts of bok choy in hopes of controlling her diabetes, ended up in a coma after ‘overdosing’ on the vegetable, according to a report in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The woman, who was not identified in the report, was brought by her family to an emergency room at a hospital in New York City last summer. She was unable to swallow or walk for three days.

When doctors examined her, they discovered she had a severe case of hypothyroidism, which left her in a thyroid-induced coma. A breathing tube was inserted and she was taken to the intensive care unit where she eventually recovered.

Because the woman was eating so much bok choy—between 2 to 3 pounds on a daily basis—doctors believe an enzyme in the vegetable hindered the thyroid’s ability to function properly. This case demonstrates the potential for nutritional factors to have a profound effect on health,” it was stated in the report. —Internet

**UK’s child mortality rate falls behind other countries**

LONDON, 26 May — The UK is lagging behind other high income countries on cutting child mortality, international figures show. Along with the USA, New Zealand and South Korea, child deaths in the UK have not fallen as quickly as expected.

The vast majority of child deaths occur in developing countries. —Internet

The research confirms the UK has the highest child mortality rate — 5.3 per 1,000 live births — in Western Europe. But new global estimates published by *The Lancet* challenge these figures, with over one in six (15%) believing Cromwell was English, more than a fifth (22%) did not know that Nelson led the British to victory at Trafalgar, while more than a fifth (22%) did not know Darwin was English, one in 10 (11%) saying he was Scottish and a similar proportion (9%) giving his nationality as Canadian. The survey questioned 200 18 to 24-year olds as part of a wider survey of more than 1,700 adults.

**Woman falls off cliff while mowing lawn**

FIFE, 26 May — A 66-year-old woman was in a stable condition after falling 25m from her cliff-top garden while trying to mow the lawn. British pensioner Kate Nicholl was rescued after two teenagers discovered her lying on rocks on the shore of the River Tay in Fife, eastern Scotland, the *Telegraph* newspaper reports.

“We were just walking on the beach to pass the time on a hot summer’s evening, when we just came across her,” one of the teens, Ian Anderson, said.

MSNZ reported the 17-year-old as saying: “She was waving her arms and shouting for help. We went over to where she was, and it was obvious she was badly injured. There was blood all over her head and down her shirt.” Mrs Nicholl was airlifted to hospital. —Internet

**Man sets new mower speed record**

LONDON, 26 May — A British lawn mower has broken into the record books by cutting through the world land speed record. The unique jet-red lawn mower hit 86.069 mph on Saturday, adding almost fahrenheit to a previous top speed set in America four years before. But then on Sunday night, rider Don Wales topped the new record time set himself just 24 hours earlier with an impressive speed of 87.833mph.

Don Wales breaks the world land speed record for a lawn mower on Pendine Sands. —Internet

It meant the historic Pendine Sands venue, in south Wales, witnessed two world records on consecutive days over the weekend — although hopes of speeding through the 100mph barrier across a mile-long section of beach remains elusive. Clare Hansley-Boyd, a spokeswoman for the Project Runningblade team, said: “We are very excited and very pleased to have broken our own record. We have finished the weekend-world record holders and have improved on Saturday’s speed so we are happy with that.”

**Canadian boy comes to US for life-changing surgery**

NEW YORK, 26 May — Two-year-old Maddox Flynn is a precocious toddler who loves to laugh, run around and play hockey – he is Canadian after all. But, a severe facial deformity has led this little Edmonton native and his father to leave their home country and come to the United States for a life-changing surgery.

Maddox suffers from what is known as a lymphatic malformation, which has completely engulfed the left side of his face. Doctors in Canada were unable to perform the surgery to remove the growth due to the complexity of the procedure, so Maddox and his family looked for help elsewhere, and that’s when they met Dr. Milton Waner, the director of the Vascular Birthmark Institute of New York.

“I found out about Dr. Waner from a good friend who found him on the computer,” Maddox’s dad, Mike Flynn, told FoxNews.com just minutes before his son was scheduled to go into surgery at Beth Israel Medical Centre in Manhattan. “And once I saw him, I knew right away that this was the man who was going to help Maddox.”

**China makes breakthrough in transgenic sheep research**

URUMQI, 26 May — Chinese scientists announced here Tuesday that they have successfully developed a technique which could lead to the breeding of transgenic sheep in large numbers.

Dr. Liu Mingjun, director of the Xinjiang Academy of Zootechnical Science said that the technique called “lentivirus” was more efficient and predictable than traditional methods, and could give China the edge for breeding genetically altered sheep and establishing a new transgenic sheep species.—Xinhua

**Young English ‘don’t know history’**

LONDON, 26 May — Many of England’s young people have gaps in their history knowledge, unable to tell the difference between Admiral Nelson and Oliver Cromwell, or the nationality of Charles Darwin, according to a poll. Nearly half of 18-24-year-olds (45%) do not know that Nelson led the British to victory at the Battle of Trafalgar, with more than one in six (15%) believing Cromwell was responsible, according to a survey commissioned by the national schools singing programme Sing Up. More than one in four (18 to 24-year-olds questioned (28%) thought the Battle of Trafalgar was part of the English Civil War.

Over a third (34%) did not know that Darwin was English, with one in seven (14%) believing he was American, one in 10 (11%) saying he was Scottish and a similar proportion (9%) giving his nationality as Canadian. The survey questioned 200 18 to 24-year olds as part of a wider survey of more than 1,700 adults.

Many more than three in 10 (32%) of all adults questioned did not know Darwin was English, while more than a fifth (22%) did not know that Nelson led the British to victory at Trafalgar.—Internet

**Many English youngsters don’t know their history, according to a poll.**

**Base jumper killed in Queensland**

INGHAM, 26 May — A base jumper has died in an accident across the Tasman. Australian police said a 49-year-old man died after his parachute failed to open when he jumped off the top of North Queensland’s Wallaman Falls, west of Ingham, just before 9am on Sunday. The man was one of four base jumpers at the site, police said.

Base jumping is significantly more dangerous than skydiving from aircraft, and is currently regarded as an “extreme” sport. “BASE” is an acronym that stands for the four categories of fixed objects from which participants jump: buildings, antennas, spans (bridge), and earth (cliff).
Singapore continues to clean up oil spill from ships collision

SINGAPORE, 26 May—Singapore continued on Wednesday the efforts to contain and clean up the oil slick following the collision between a tanker and bulk carrier.

A Malaysian-registered tanker, MT Bunga Kelana 3 and the St. Vincent's and The Grenadines-registered bulk carrier, MV Waiyi collided at about 06:03 am local time on Tuesday, with some 2,500 tons of crude oil spilled into the sea. No injuries were reported.

A helicopter rece by the Republic of Singapore Air Force found an oil slick measuring 4 km by one km located about 6 km south of Changi East on Tuesday afternoon.

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said that non-toxic and biodegradable oil spill dispersants were used to break up the oil slick into smaller globules and containment booms were used to contain and prevent the oil slick from hitting the coastlines.

At around 02:00 am local time on Wednesday, small patches of oil and sheen were sighted at Changi Naval Base. Six response craft equipped with dispersants were on site to manage the oil and sheen.

Explosion hits bank in Argentina, no casualties

BUENOS AIRES, 26 May—A home-made explosive device exploded in front of a bank in Buenos Aires on Tuesday, damaging windows and an ATM of the bank but causing no casualties.

Police said in a statement that the explosion occurred at 1:48 am local time (0448 GMT) in a building in front of the Justice Palace and some 300 meters away from the Colon Theater.

Police said the damage was “severe” and the explosion “completely destroyed the windows at the entrance of the bank and the ATM.”

There were no victims, but police said the explosion occurred in the streets that have been under absolute control since Friday because of Independence Day celebrations.

The Chilean anarchist movement “Revolutionary Cells Mauricio Morales Brigade” claimed responsibility for the attack, saying they did it to oppose the celebrations.

Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner on Tuesday inaugurated the closing ceremony of the celebrations of Independence Bicentenary, which began last Friday in Buenos Aires.

More than 1 million people participated in the celebrations.
Irish edge Paraguay in World Cup warm-up

DUBLIN, 26 May—The Republic of Ireland beat World Cup finals qualifier Paraguay 2-1 here on Tuesday in a match where the South Americans dominated possession but lacked a cutting edge in front of goal.

The Irish - who failed to make the finals in South Africa losing controversially in a two-legged play-off against France - scored both their goals in the first-half through Kevin Doyle and Liam Lawrence while there was a goal on his debut for Paraguay’s Argentinian-born Lucas Barrios.

Paraguay coach Gerardo Martino admitted that were his side to make similar errors against world champions Italy in their group match at the finals they would pay dearly.—Internet

Barry’s World Cup fate still not decided after scans

LONDON, 26 May—England midfielder Gareth Barry is still not sure if he will be fit in time for the World Cup after scans on his injured ankle.

Barry saw a specialist on Tuesday to determine his progress in recovering from the ligament injury he suffered playing for Manchester City against Tottenham at the start of May.

When City announced Barry was likely to be sidelined for four weeks with the injury, England coach Fabio Capello said he would decide if Barry would remain in his World Cup plans following the scans.

But there was no news from the Football Association about the 29-year-old’s fitness on Tuesday.

WC-bound US fall 4-2 to Czech Republic

EAST HARTFORD, 26 May—The United States fell 4-2 to Czech Republic on Tuesday in their last friendly football match before coach Bob Bradley names the 23-man squad for the World Cup finals.

Czech Republic took full advantage of defensive lapses by the Americans, who will host Turkey in a friendly on Saturday before the squad departs for South Africa.

Barry is believed to have returned to City for further treatment, rather than flying to Austria to link up with England at their training camp, suggests the former Aston Villa star could be struggling to fit for the World Cup.—Internet

Henin, Nadal cruise, Safina crashes at French Open tennis

PARIS, 26 May—Justine Henin and Rafael Nadal each kept on course for their first French Open titles on Tuesday, but twice-beaten finalist Dinara Safina crashed out to a player who’ll be 40 in September.

Henin was appearing at her first Roland Garros since 2007 following her spell in retirement and beat Bulgaria’s Tsvetana Pironkova 6-4, 6-3, while Nadal eased past French teenager Gianni Mina 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

But Russian ninth seed Safina had a day to forget, as the former world number one fell 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 to Japanese veteran Kimiko Date Krumm — the event’s oldest female match-winner since Virginia Wade in 1985.

Men’s sixth seed Andy Roddick came through a five-setter to beat Finland’s Jarkko Nieminen 6-2, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6(7/4), 6-3 and there were also wins for Lleyton Hewitt and Spanish seeds David Ferrer and Juan Carlos Ferrero.—Internet

North Korea hold Greece in warm-up match

VIENNA, 26 May—Former European champions Greece were held to a goalless World Cup qualifiers North Korea 2-2 on Tuesday in a pre-World Cup friendly.

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Mickelson could end Woods’ reign at No. 1

JACKSONVILLE, 26 May—It has been 12 years since the creation of the Mark H McCormack Award, given to the player who has been ranked No. 1 in the world for the most weeks during a calendar year.

Tiger Woods is still the only name engraved on the trophy.

Along with his 14 majors, 82 official victories and more than $100 million in earnings worldwide, Woods’ dominance of his generation is reflected in the world ranking. Dating to the 1998 US Open at Olympic Club, he has been at the top 93 percent of the time.

Woods doesn’t stay there forever. He just doesn’t vacate the spot for very long.—Internet

Nigeria fails to impress in pre-World Cup freindly

VIENNA, 26 May—World Cup finals qualifier Nigeria gave a lacklustre performance on Tuesday as it drew 0-0 against Saudi Arabia, which failed to even qualify for the tournament in South Africa next month.

In front of a crowd of 1,000 in the small local stadium of Wattens, in Tyrol province, the “Super Eagles” failed to impress in their debut under their new coach, Sweede Lars Lagerback.

Led by veteran skipper Nwanko Kanu, the Nigerians hardly ever seemed to pose a threat to their adversaries.

The West African players only flew into Austria for one warm-up game and were due to return on Wednesday to London, where they have been training ahead of the World Cup.—Internet

International friendly 2010 results and 28 fixtures reported

YANGON, 26 May—The results of international friendly 2010 played on 25 and 26 May and fixtures for 28 May were reported to the following.

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Bangladesh to send 50,000 women workers abroad in next fiscal year

DHAKA, 26 May — The Bangladesh government expects to receive demand orders for sending 55,000 women workers abroad in the next 2010-11 fiscal year (July 2010 to June 2011), mainly for housekeeping services, according to local media on Wednesday. The parliamentary standing committee on Labour and Employment Ministry Tuesday disclosed the details on the prospect of migrant labour, leading English news paper The Daily Star reported.

After completing a 21-day training course, a woman can go abroad and engage in the service at a cost of 30,000 taka (429 US dollars) —Xinhua

Citizens perform Tai Ji in Wuhu County, east China’s Anhui Province, on 26 May, 2010. May was fixed as the World Tai Ji Month. —Xinhua

Weather

Wednesday, 26th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.ST. During the past 24 hours, nine or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Chin State and Lower Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, Upper Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Thandhatyi Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperature in Ayeyawady Division, (3°C) to (5°C) below May average temperature in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Kyayah States, Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (6°C) to (8°C) below May average temperatures in Kachin State, Lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions, about may average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (10.00) inches, Thandwe (7.92) inches, Homalin (5.24) inches, Myeik (5.04) inches, Hinthada (4.72) inches, Launglon (4.61) inches, Pyapon (4.57) inches, Thayawady (4.40) inches and Kyakhtin (4.06) inches. Maximum temperature on 25-5-2010 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 26-5-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-5-2010 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 25-5-2010 was (0.0) hours. Rainfall on 26-5-2010 was (1.61) inches, at Mingaladon, (1.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.64) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (7.12) inches. Average rainfall is (6°C) to (8°C) below May average temperature in Kachin, Chin, Shan State, Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Thandhatyi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-5-2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine, Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Thandhatyi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-5-2010: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas
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

The Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics granted permission to register as political party
Nay Pyi Taw, 26 May — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 56/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:
The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 56/2010
14th Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
26 May 2010
The Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics is granted permission to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 26 May 2010.
The registration number of the political party is (18).
By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Earthquake report
Nay Pyi Taw, 26 May — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that a strong earthquake of magnitude (6.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Southeast of the Ryukyu Islands, Japan) about (2300) miles northeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (15) hrs (34) min (08) sec MST today.

Kindah dam: the booster for socio-economic status of local people
The Government has been building dams across the nation. It contributes much not only to improving socio-economic life of rural people but also to greening of the regions. In the time of current government, many dams were built in arid zones—Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions. In the first week of May, We, Myanma Alin daily news crew, make a trip to Kyaikse District in order to write bylines about regional development. As southwest monsoon did not enter Myanmar, there was no rain till mid-May. We were amazed to see summer paddy, Nwechi-6 long staple cotton and chilly plantations starting from border of Wundwin Township. Just as we entered into Myittha Township, blooming sesame plantations and summer paddy were seen. On arrival at Kume, we saw a signboard that reads 21 miles to Kindah Dam. Development of Kume relies on agricultural produces of the regions. Kume sits on Yangon-Mandalay Highway and is situated in Myittha Township.

Byline: Myint Maung Soe;
Photos: Aung Than
(Mingala Taungnyunt)

Photo shows Kindah dam in Myittha Township, Mandalay Division.