Health Ministry, other ministries and social organizations to work together in fight against tobacco

World No Tobacco Day 2010 observed

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization, World No Tobacco Day 2010 was observed at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this morning with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. In his address, the minister said that, under the leadership of WHO, the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control was adopted unanimously by the 56th World Health Assembly in May 2003. As a signatory to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, the government enacted tobacco control law. The Ministry of Health has taken educative measures against tobacco. He stressed the need for collaborative efforts for combating tobacco and called on the Health Ministry and (See page 8)

A visit to Wundwin

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Neat and tidy tarred roads and traffic island at the town centre. (See page 8)
Always make school and environs neat and tidy

June has come and showers are beginning to fall. Some regions have seen heavy monsoon rain. At the time, the school opening season has come, parents, teachers and students will have to work hard together to spend one academic year.

Now, each and every township is marking school opening day and trying to ensure all school-age children enroll. The Ministry of Education, social organizations and well-wishers are donating money, exercise books and stationery.

From the beginning of academic year, school and environment sanitation tasks need to be carried out in order that students can pursue their education happily and healthily. Constantly-supervised measures are to be taken to have pure water and to make sure food stalls sell hygienic food in school compounds.

Besides, measures are being taken in all seasons to repel mosquitoes. Particularly in the rainy season, we must be aware of infectious diseases caused by mosquitoes and flies. As mosquitoes reproduce more in the wet season, dengue haemorrhagic fever can break out more. Preventive measures such as spraying mosquito repellant, treating curtains with insecticide and killing larvae in and around classrooms are necessary.

Moreover, educative measures need to be taken for students to have access to ‘four cleans’ — hygienic food, pure, clean water, personal hygiene (clean hands) and clean environment (clean toilet).

Measures for the good health of students and cleanliness of classrooms are essential. If school health committees, parents, well-wishers and social organizations are to work together to make classrooms clean and tidy and repel flies and mosquitoes, school and its environments will always be clean and tidy and free from all diseases.

Basic Spoken English Course for Kids concludes

YANGON, 31 May — A ceremony to conclude Summer Basic Spoken English Course (Gratic Education) for Children of Fire Service Department (Head Office) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at the hall of the head office on Okponseik Road in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

Acting Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing of Fire Service Department and wife Daw Aye Aye Htoo spoke on the occasion.

Next, children demonstrated their skills, sang songs and performed activities to mark Fire Service Day. A total of 89 children took the eight-week course.—MNA

Transport Ministry holds work coord meeting

Minister U Thein Swe addresses coordination meeting of the ministry.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Transport was held at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this morning with an address by Minister for Transport U Thein Swe.

Also present were Deputy Minister U Nyan Tun Aung, directors-general, managing directors and officials.

Officials concerned reported to the minister on work progress, and the deputy minister made a supplementary report.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA

Chief Justice meets judges, advocates

Chief Justice U Aung Toe addresses judges and advocates in Mandalay.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Chief Justice U Aung Toe held a meeting with Supreme Court judges of Supreme Court (Mandalay), advocates, and division judges, associate division judges, judges of district and township courts of Mandalay Division and Sagaing Division at Supreme Court (Mandalay) yesterday.

In his speech, the chief justice stressed the importance of winning public trust and reliance. Avoiding partiality and honouring code of conduct were crucial points to make the judicial machinery more effective, he said. Judicial staff are to remain loyal to the State and the courts at all levels. Cases are to be heard in accordance with the law in time, and the orders and processes of courts are to come to the public knowledge, he noted. He pointed out that staff members are to understand and respect the clients and the public.

Indian cultural troupe entertains

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Under the cultural exchange programme between Myanmar and India, Abiogenesis cultural troupe from the north-eastern region of the Republic of India entertained performances at the National Theatre in Mandalay yesterday evening.

Among the audience were the Indian consul-general to Myanmar and officials. After the performances, officials presented a bouquet to the cultural troupe and they had a documentary photo taken. — MNA

Abiogenesis band performing at Mandalay National Theatre.—MNA
NATO general says Afghan progress “slow”

BEIJING, 31 May—The commander of NATO and US forces in Afghanistan has stressed that progress toward real stability in the country will be slow.

He added that the fight will extend long beyond US President Barack Obama’s deadline.

General Stanley McChrystal, Commander US Forces in Afghanistan, said, “It’s a long-term prospect and President Obama reaffirmed in Washington DC, and I was able to sit in that meeting with President Karzai, the strategic partnership and the enduring strategic partnership which is way beyond July 2011. I think that President Obama’s decision to begin reduction of US forces in the summer of 2011 really needs to be put in that context.”

In the latest wave of violence, a supply convoy has been attacked by militants in the southern Province of Ghazni. Witnesses say the attack happened around 8am local time.

The ensuing clashes between Taleban militants and security forces lasted about 45 minutes. The convoy was believed to be carrying supplies for NATO-led troops in neighbouring provinces.—Xinhua

Civilian killed, 15 injured in Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 31 May—A civilian was killed and 15 people were wounded in three bomb attacks in Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

A roadside bomb went off near a spassing police patrol in the al-Ghadeer District in eastern Baghdad, killing a civilian and wounding eight people, including six policemen, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A police vehicle was also damaged by the blast, the source said. In a separate incident, a roadside bomb struck another police patrol in the al-Rabie thorough-fare in Ziyyouna District in eastern Baghdad, wounding three policemen and three civilians, the source added. Another blast took place in Palestine Street in northeastern Baghdad, when a bomb attached to a sport utility vehicle (SUV) parking in front of a restaurant detonated and wounded a passer-by, he said. Waves of violence and sporadic attacks continue in the Iraqi cities more than two months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country. Xinhua

Taleban militants set on fire 6 NATO-bound oil tankers in S Afghanistan

GHAZNI, 31 May—Taleban militants burned six oil tankers in the southern Ghazni Province on Sunday in the latest wave of violent attacks against security forces in Afghanistan, provincial police chief Khyalbaz Shirzai said.

“A convoy of oil tankers supplying fuel to NATO-led troops in Zabul province came under Taleban attack in Aspandi area 6 km south of the provincial capital Ghazni city at 08:00 am local time, burning six oil tankers,” Shirzai told Xinhua.

He also admitted that a civilian and one of the Afghan soldiers escorting the convoy sustained injuries in the incident.

Meantime, a Taleban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack in talks with media via telephone from an undisclosed location, adding five foreign soldiers were killed in the attack. —Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills 6 police in northern Afghan province

FAIZABAD, 31 May—A roadside bomb struck a police van in the peaceful Badakhshan Province in northeast Afghanistan on Sunday, killing six policemen, deputy to provincial governor Shamsul Rahman Shams said.

“A roadside bomb detonated by remote control targeted a police vehicle in Daraim District at noon time, killing six policemen including a senior officer Amanullah Khan,” Shams told Xinhua.

Two more police constables sustained injuries in the blast, he said, adding the police were attacked when they were going to destroy a poppy field.

Badakhshan has been regarded as the most peaceful province in Afghanistan.

This is the first time that such attack has taken place in Badakhshan Province and claimed the lives of six police in a single day.—Xinhua

Car bombing rocks E Afghanistan, injuring 8 police

KHOST, 31 May—A car bombing rattled eastern Afghanistan’s Khost Province late on Sunday, injuring eight police personnel, said a local hospital.

Amir Bashah, director of the provincial hospital, told Xinhua that the bombing happened close to a NATO compound outside Khost city.

Zabihullah Mujahed, spokesman for the Taleban, told media through telephone from an unidentified location that the insurgent group claimed responsibility for the bombing, noting that the target was a local police station and 19 policemen were killed.

The Taleban often exaggerate the results of the attacks and no official could be reached for comment at the moment.

Local media earlier reported that it was a suicide attack.—Xinhua

A man inspects the bombing scene in the former al-Qaeda stronghold town of Khalis 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Baghdad, recently. —INTERNET

A police vehicle was burned after being hit by an Improvised Explosive Device in Afghanistan. A NATO soldier was killed in a Taleban-style bomb attack in Afghanistan’s volatile south, where the militancy is concentrated, the military alliance said on Monday. —INTERNET

A passenger liner sails on the upper reaches of the dam of the Three Gorges Water Conservancy Project, as the water level lowerding vestige clearly in vision, in Zigui County, central China’s Hubei Province, on 30 May, 2010. The Three Gorges Reservoir had lowered its water level to 150.40 metres by 8:00 am Sunday from the climax of 171.43 metres during last year’s probationary water storage. The water level is to be further lowered to 145 metres by 10 June in a preemptive measure for flood prevention.—XINHUA

A mother with her children participates in the annual “Bike the Drive” event in Chicago, the United States, on 30 May, 2010. Some 24,000 bike riders took part in the event on the 17-mile-long road around the lake. —XINHUA

A US Army vehicle burns after being hit by an Improvised Explosive Device in Afghanistan. A NATO soldier was killed in a Taleban-style bomb attack in Afghanistan’s volatile south, where the militancy is concentrated, the military alliance said on Monday. —INTERNET
**Science**

**NASA’s airborne infrared observatory sees ‘first light’**

This composite infrared image of Jupiter was made by Cornell University’s FORCAST camera during the SOFIA observatory’s “first light” flight. A recent visual-wavelength picture of approximately the same side of Jupiter is shown for comparison.

Science

**How whales have changed over 35 million years**

**Humpback Whale.**

WASHINGTON, 31 May — Whales are remarkably diverse, with 84 living species of dramatically different sizes and more than 400 other species that have gone extinct, including some that lived partly on land. Why are there so many whale species, with so much diversity in body size?

To answer that, UCLA evolutionary biologists and a colleague used molecular and computational techniques to look back 35 million years, when the ancestor of all living whales appeared, to analyze the evolutionary tempo of modern whale species and probe how fast whales changed their shape and body size.

They have the first test of an old idea about why whales show such rich diversity. “Whales represent the most spectacularly successful invasion of oceans by a mammalian lineage,” said Michael Alfaro, UCLA assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, and senior author of the new study, which was published this month in the early online edition of *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* and will appear at a later date in the journal’s print edition.

“They are often at the top of the food chain and are major players in whatever ecosystem they are in. They are the biggest animals that have ever lived. Cetaceans (which include whales, as well as dolphins and porpoises) are the mammals that can go to the deepest depths in the oceans.”

**Secrets of butterfly wings revealed**

LONDons, 31 May—British scientists have found a way to mimic the vivid iridescent colours of tropical butterflies, created by light bouncing off microscopic wing structures.

One application of the research could be the creation of hard-to-forge and visually striking bank notes and credit cards. “These artificial structures could be used to encrypt information in optical signatures on bank notes or other valuable items to protect them against forgery,” said Cambridge University PhD student Mathias Kolle. “We still need to refine our system, but in future we could see structures based on butterflies’ wings shining from a £10 note or even our passports.”

The Cambridge team studied the Indonesian peacock, or swallowtail, *Papilio blumei* — whose eye-catching green and blue wings generate intense colours.

The insect’s wing scales produce an intricate surface pattern resembling the inside of an egg carton. Mr Kolle and two professors from the university’s Cavendish Laboratory made identical copies of the structures using advanced nanotechnology.

**Deepwater mystery: Oil loose in the Gulf**

NEW ORLEANS, 31 May—Streaming video of oil pouring from the seafloor and images of dead, crude-soaked birds serve as visual bookends to the natural calamity unfolding in the Gulf of Mexico.

But independent scientists and government officials say another disaster is playing out in slow motion — and out of public view — in the mysterious depths between the gusher and the coast, a world inhabited by sperm whales, gigantic jellyfish and diminutive plankton.

More than a month after the BP PLC spill began, the disaster’s dimensions have come into sharper focus with government estimates that more than 18 million gallons of oil — and possibly 39 million gallons — has already poured from the leaking well, eclipsing the 11 million gallons released during the Exxon Valdez spill.

**“Quit Facebook Day” hatches out amid privacy concerns**

BEIJING, 31 May — Worried about leaking privacy, some Facebook users have created a “Quit Facebook Day” on the Internet.

The social networking website has been accused of failing to protect users’ privacy over the past few weeks. This concern has prompted many users to quit using the website.

A group of Facebook members are urging others to cancel their profiles on the website, Australia’s ABC website reported.

The company has responded to the recent criticism by changing privacy controls and tools, but it has failed to allay fears that users’ data might be commercially exploited.

Approximately 25,000 users have already joined the group “Committed Facebook Quitters”.

Stephanie Endicott and Marcus Smullegan, first-year students at George Washington University, display a photograph of themselves on their Facebook website, in Washington on 25 November, 2007. — Internet

### Study finds iPads cost most in Europe and UK, cheapest in US

A customer holds the new iPad tablet computer at its UK launch at an Apple store in central London on 28 May, 2010.

**CANBERRA, 31 May—** Britain and Europe are the world’s costliest places to buy Apple Inc’s new iPad computer, with prices around a quarter higher than in the United States, a new study has found. While the much-hyped tablet should trade at broadly the same price globally if exchange rates were properly adjusted, Australia’s CommSec iPad Index found big savings for Europeans traveling to Asia, the United States or even Down Under. In the UK and Germany, France and Italy an iPad costs 20-25 per cent more than in the US,” said Craig James, chief economist at the CommSec share trading division’s Australia’s Comm- onwealth Bank.
Radiation for prostate cancer may boost fracture risk

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 May—A new study suggests that prostate cancer patients who undergo three-dimensional external-beam radiation therapy may be at increased risk of breaking their hips, but they can take action to strengthen their bones after treatment.

Doctors already know that treatment with androgen-suppression therapy can weaken bones in men. And three-dimensional radiation for prostate cancer doesn’t help.

To understand the risk in men, researchers analyzed the medical records of more than 166,000 prostate cancer patients aged 66 and older and compared the risk of hip fracture (which takes place in the area hit by radiation) to wrist fracture (an area of the body that isn’t affected by the radiation).—Internet

Acupuncture may trigger natural painkiller

Acupuncture eases pain in the limbs because it releases a natural molecule called adenosine, neuroscientists in the United States reported on Sunday.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 31 May—The needlepricks involved in acupuncture may help relieve pain by triggering a natural painkilling chemical called adenosine, a new study has found.

The researchers also believe they can enhance acupuncture’s effectiveness by coupling the process with a well-known cancer drug — deoxycoformycin — that maintains adenosine levels longer than usual.

Vitamins fail to protect men against bladder cancer

WASHINGTON, 31 May—New research suggests that vitamins may do nothing to protect men against bladder cancer and might even raise the risk of another type of cancer. In one study examining vitamin use, researchers analyzed more than 10,000 questionnaires that men filled out as they took part in prostate screenings.

More than 60 percent of the men said they took supplements, with 48 percent taking three or more. Multivitamins, fish oil, and vitamin C were the most common supplements that the men used. “The high prevalence of supplement use reported in this study is of potential concern,” the study authors wrote. “Previous studies suggest an association between multivitamin use and increased risk of advanced prostate cancer,” which the earlier research had linked to men who used multivitamins seven or more times a week.

Researchers also studied 77,719 residents of Washington state, aged 50-76, who filled out surveys in 2000-2002. Of those, 330 developed bladder cancer over the next five years. Researchers found that vitamin use didn’t lower the odds of bladder cancer.—Internet

Health

An Egyptian girl carries a pot of clean water on her head that she filled from a water cistern at al-Rahawe village, some 40 kilometers northeast Cairo. Thousands of Egyptians living just a stone’s throw from the Nile suffer supply and sanitation problems as their government becomes increasingly entangled in a war over water with up-river nations. INTERNET

Breast cancer vaccine possible in humans

BEIJING, 31 May—Possibility of breast cancer vaccine in humans is high as shown by a study conducted on mice by Cleveland Clinic, US researchers, according to media reports Monday.

The researchers said a single vaccination with the antigen alpha-lactalbumin on mice showed “overwhelmingly favourable results”.

It prevented cancers from forming and also stopping existing tumours from growing, they said. “If it works in humans the way it works in mice, this will be monumental,” said lead researcher, immunologist Vincent Tuohy on Sunday.

Human tests of the vaccine could begin as early as next year.

A young diabetic patient is showered with gifts by staff at Beijing Ruijing Diabetes Hospital during a party to celebrate her birthday. INTERNET

HK researchers discover new drug to treat flu

HONG KONG, 31 May—The University of Hong Kong Monday announced that their researchers have found that an important viral structural protein, influenza nucleoprotein, can be used as a target to kill influenza virus, including H1N1, H3N2 and H5N1.

According to the university, influenza nucleoprotein is an important influenza virus protein that has many important functions, from leading the viral genome into the cell nucleus, assisting viral transcription and genome replication, to facilitating viral genome assembly. Using forward chemical genetics, the university’s research team has identified and validated influenza A nucleoprotein as a new druggable target and found a small chemical compound, nuclein, which can aggregate the nucleoprotein and stop its transport into the nucleus. This nullifies the functions of nucleoprotein and makes nuclein highly potent in cell culture and also in mice infected with the highly pathogenic influenza virus H5N1. Therefore, nuclein can be further developed into drugs to treat influenza.—Xinhua
Europe debt crisis shows world troubles ‘far from over’

DOHA, 31 May—The sovereign debt crisis in Europe shows that the world’s economic woes are “far from over” and highlights the need for reforms, the vice chairman of the World Economic Forum said on Sunday.

What we...see as we gather in the growing storm of a European sovereign debt crisis is that the (global) crisis is far from over, that it is in many ways rekindled a dangerous new contagion,” Mark Malloch-Brown said. “The need to get the right international financial reforms in place remains as pressing as ever,” Malloch-Brown said at the opening session of a two-day World Economic Forum Global Redesign Summit in Doha. But, “this is not about any kind of single global fix,” he told AFP on the sidelines of the summit. “It’s finding smart ideas which work for particular issues.”

The European crisis has stemmed from Greece’s heavily indebted economy and from turmoil in the Spanish banking sector, and has raised fears that some eurozone economies will no longer be in a position to repay debts. World stocks and the euro, which dropped to a four-year low against the dollar last week, have been under severe pressure due to concerns over the debt crisis.

Africa-France summit gives business a top billing

NICE, 31 May—Piracy, terrorism and climate change get prime billing but business is in the limelight at a summit between France and African leaders that begins on Monday. Not on the agenda but a clear subtext is President Nicolas Sarkozy’s desire to assure broader influence and greater economic weight for France in Africa — seen as a new frontier for profit-making a half-century after France lost 14 African colonies to independence. Many of those countries are now looking to China for trade and investment.

The dictatorships, conflicts, corruption and poverty that have plagued African nations for decades and define their image in the West are reduced to sideline events at the two-day summit, which includes the heads of state or government from 38 countries in Africa. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner hosted African counterparts for a pre-summit meeting Sunday in the Riviera city of Nice under heavy security. Helicopters patrolled the venue while police blocked off streets and hotels where the leaders are staying.

Japan factory output up 1.3 percent in April

TOKYO, 31 May—Japan’s industrial output rose 1.3 percent in April from the previous month, official data showed Monday, as strong demand from China and emerging Asian nations continue to help buoy the economy.

However, the reading, which was the second consecutive month of growth after rising a revised 1.2 percent in March, missed average market expectations for an increase of 2.5 percent.

Shipments gained 1.6 percent from March, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry said, as inventory stockpiles rose 0.3 percent.

The April figure showed an increase of 25.9 percent from the previous year, the ministry said. Saddled with a stagnant jobs market, weak domestic demand and persistent deflation, Japan is reliant on external trade to boost its economy.

Booming exports helped gross domestic product grow by an annualised 4.9 percent in the January-March period. But figures last week showed unemployment crept higher and household spending drifted lower as core consumer prices continued to fall, illustrating that the manufacturing upswing has yet to filter into the broader economy.

Soaring welfare costs for a greying population and falling prices continue to burden Japan, with consumers deferring purchases in the hope of further price falls.

Oil rises above $74 as US jobs report awaited

SINGAPORE, 31 May—Oil prices rose above $74 a barrel Monday in Asia as traders look to a US jobs report this week for clues about the strength of the global economic recovery.

Benchmark crude for July delivery was up 26 cents at $74.23 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 88 cents to settle at $73.97 on Friday.

Oil prices have swung this month between $87 a barrel and $64 as fears that a debt crisis in Europe could
Probe says no technical fault in Libya plane crash

Rescue workers examine the debris of Afriqiyah airline flight U7711 at Tripoli Airport on 12 May, 2010. All but one of the 104 passengers and crew of the Libyan Airbus A330-200 plane crash on Wednesday were killed, a Libyan security source at Tripoli airport told Reuters. Internet

FRANKFURT, 31 May—A commission investigating a plane crash earlier this month in the Libyan capital that killed 103 people have found no evidence of terrorism or mechanical failure, the state news agency said on Sunday. The Afriqiyah Airways Airbus A330-200 jetliner plunged into the desert less than a mile (a kilometre) from the runway in Tripoli on 12 May after taking off from Johannesburg. A nine-year-old Dutch boy was the sole survivor.

The commission has determined that the navigational aids at Tripoli’s airport were functioning normally and that the plane did not run out of fuel, the JANA news agency reported. It also said the commission has established that there was no explosion or fire on the aircraft.

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Tripoli, 31 May—EasyJet (EZJ.L) plans a class action lawsuit to win compensation for flight ban imposed by Europe’s air safety authorities following a volcanic eruption in Europe’s airspace was closed for nearly a week of Europe’s airspace was closed for nearly a week. Most details. EasyJet declined declining to give further all airlines,” he said, of publication on Monday. “It will be a suit from easyJet between 50 million), said Harrison, of that size was unnecessary,” he said.

“We are already working on it with a group of other companies, including those outside the low-cost sector,” Andrew Harrison told Wirtschaftswoche in an interview released ahead of publication on Monday. “It will be a suit from all airlines,” he said, declining to give further details. EasyJet declined to comment further. Most of Europe’s airspace was closed for nearly a week from April 15 after a huge ash cloud from an Icelandic volcano stranded millions of business passengers and holidaymakers and paralyzed freight and businesses.

The flight ban cost EasyJet between 50 million and 75 million euros ($61 million and $92 million), said Harrison, who is due to step down as chief executive by the end of June to take the helm at British hotel operator Whitbread (WTB.L). “That was a natural catastrophe and there is no reason why the consequences must be borne by the airlines alone, pari-carily when it became apparent afterwards that a closure of that size was unnecessary,” he said.—Internet

Hitachi outlines big spending on key businesses

Tokyo, 31 May—Hitachi Ltd (6501.T), Japan’s largest electronics maker, plans to focus spending on infrastructure-related businesses such as power plants as it seeks to more than double its profit over the next three years. Hitachi, a sprawling conglomerate of 900 group firms, has been trying to narrow its focus to give it a better chance of competing globally with more profitable rivals such as Germany’s Siemens (SIEGn.DE) and General Electric Co (GE.N). Over the next three years Hitachi will allocate about 70 percent of its 1.4 trillion yen ($15.4 billion) budget for capital spending and strategic investments to its “social innovation” segment, it said.

This includes a group of businesses such as power plants, smart grids, cloud computing, batteries and railway systems. Hitachi will look to mergers and acquisitions to bolster these operations, President Hiroaki Nakanishi said, in a sign the company is becoming more aggressive toward expansion after years of cost-cutting.—Internet

Man arrested on warrant after flight diverted

WASHINGTON, 31 May—An Aeromexico flight from Paris to Mexico City was diverted to Montreal on Sunday when the US denied the flight access to its airspace after a man named in an outstanding warrant was reported aboard, an official said. The man, whose name officials did not release, was removed from the plane at Montreal International Airport and arrested, said Lauren Gaches, spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration.

Other passengers on Aeromexico Flight 006 from Charles De Gaulle Airport to Mexico City International Airport were re-screened and allowed to re-board the flight, Gaches said.—Internet

British national killed in Lahore attacks

ISLAMABAD, 31 May—A British man was killed among over 90 others in the attacks on two worship places of a minority sect in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore during Friday prayers, local newspapers reported on Monday. The reports, citing sources from the Foreign Office, said that a British national has been confirmed dead in the attacks on Friday, without giving further details. The victim was Pakistani-British Muhammad Bilal, a 58-year-old married father of three children, from Southfields in southwest London, according to the Dawn newspaper.—Xinhua
Labour Minister arrives back from Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi arrived back from Vietnam on 25 May after attending 21st ASEAN Labour Ministers’ Meeting held at Melia Hotel in Hanoi on 24 and 25 May.

The minister called on the Vietnamese Prime Minister together with the other labour ministers from ASEAN member countries on the first day of the meeting.

He also attended the opening ceremony of the meeting and posed for documentary photo together with the Vietnamese Prime Minister and his ASEAN counterparts.

At the meeting, the minister underscored the importance of recruiting more human resources and developing their skills for economic recovery of ASEAN.

He also attended ASEAN+3 labour ministers’ meeting and dinner. The minister received Thai Labour Minister at the hotel on 24 May morning and discussed matters for forging bilateral cooperation in labour affairs.

On 25 May, the minister addressed the opening ceremony of Second ASEAN Human Resource Conference, saying the training and certificates programmes can boost the capability of labour creating a more competitive atmosphere in ASEAN countries.

Health Ministry and other ministries...

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint visits World No Tobacco Day commemorative booth.—MNA

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It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general and deputy directors-general of the ministry, WHO Acting Resident Representative Dr. Leonard Ortega, officials of UN agencies and social organizations and guests.

WHO Acting Resident Representative Dr. Leonard Ortega read out the message sent by the WHO Regional Director (Southeast Asia).

After the ceremony, the minister and party viewed booths on display at the hall.

Next, Seminar on Tobacco Smoking and Cessation and Associate Professor Dr Nay Soe Maung of University of Public Health (Yangon) on Battle Between Tobacco Industries and Anti-Tobacco Activities, and officials also answered the queries raised by those present.

Labour Minister U Aung Kyi shakes hand with Vietnamese Prime Minister.—MNA

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Wundwin has two markets—Wundwin Market and Thedaw Market which open daily. The town has also five-day markets. On market days, markets are usually bustling with sellers and shoppers.

U Myo Min Soe, Deputy Director Wundwin Township Development Affairs Committee.

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Wundwin has two markets—Wundwin Market and Thedaw Market which open daily. The town has also five-day markets. On market days, markets are usually bustling with sellers and shoppers.

The signboard at the entrance to Wundwin is symbolized by city wall, the trademark of Manda- lay Division. Around the signboard were colourful flowers in blossom. The tube-well near extended industry ward will provide water to some of the wards of the town in near future. The township DAC is also trying to ensure water sufficiency of the whole township.

So, I would like to say Wundwin now has infrastructure to enjoy rapid growth and note the effort of the township DAC to build up a fine town.

Translation: TKK

Myanma Alin
31-5-2010

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint visits World No Tobacco Day commemorative booth.—MNA
NAY PYI TAW—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan met officials of Myanma Radio and Television, Sub-printing House of News and Periodicals Enterprise and Upper Myanmar Office (Mandalay) of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise at the meeting hall of Subprinting House (Mandalay) of News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information in Pale Ngweyaung Ward in Aungmye Thazan Township in Mandalay yesterday.

The minister called for better quality of dailies, regular distribution of dailies to surrounding towns in time, coordination with other subprinting houses in delivering dailies to remote towns, maintenance of machines, fire preventive measures, staff welfare, constant supervision on upgrading of quality of projection system of cinemas, fire prevention and security measures, systematic scrutinizing of video industry and effective measures on curbing pirate videotapes, maintenance of towers of retransmission stations, installation of lightning conductor and arrangement necessary for interrupted broad-casting.

Next, the minister met officials of division/district/township Information and Public Relations Departments and Printing and Publishing Enterprise at Upper Myanmar Government Press (Mandalay) of PPE under the Ministry of Information in Aungpinle Ward in Chanmya Thazi Township.

After hearing reports on work progress presented by officials, the minister called for timely completion of publishing of school textbooks meeting standard quality, maintenance of machines, fire preventive measures, greater efforts on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks, establishment of self-reliant libraries meeting five standards and success of self-reliant library foundation in cooperation with the people and then inspected the presses.

NEW YANGON—Technician members of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association this morning left here for China by air to visit Computex 2010 Expo to be held in Taipei from 1 to 5 June.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by the chairman and the vice chairman of MCEA.

IT industrialists from 130 countries will observe latest modernized equipments and techniques to be displayed at Computex 2010 Expo, the greatest technological Expo in Asia.

YANGON—Myanmar Post and Telecommunications of Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will issue a 100-kyat stamp to mark the 60th anniversary of founding of diplomatic relations between China and Myanmar.

The stamp will be available at post offices in states, divisions, districts and townships as of 8 June. As a special programme, a special mark will be stamped on the stamps sold out on that day at the Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office, Yangon Post Office and Mandalay Post Office.
Grammy Award-winning band rocks Beijing gig

BEIJING, 31 May— Grammy Award-winning American band Ozomatli was in Beijing Saturday night rocking the audience at an open-air gig at the amphitheater in Chaoyang Park.

The band, serving as the cultural ambassador for the United States, has played several gigs around China, including at the Shanghai World Expo.

Ozomatli delighted the huge crowd with their energetic medley of salsa, funk, rock, rap and hip-hop. The instruments they played, ranged from saxophone to trumpet and guitars, and are as diverse as the band members themselves.

At least 500 hospitalized in Nigeria after gas emission

LAGOS, 31 May— At least 500 persons were hospitalized in northern Nigeria’s Kaduna State on Saturday following an emission of poisonous gas, local media reported on Sunday.

The incident occurred when a welder attempted to cut open a big gas cylinder, the Sunday Punch quoted a local resident as saying.

At about 3:00 pm local time on Saturday several people in the area had suddenly fallen and remained unconscious, while several others started gasping for breath after inhaling the gas, Ahmed Musa told reporters.

Cambodia coastal development strategy moves ahead

PHNOM PENH, 31 May—Cambodia has begun implementing its master strategy for attracting development in the country’s four coastal provinces over the next 20 years, local media reported on Monday, citing officials at the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction.

“ This is a good plan and a way to develop Cambodia into the future,” the Phnom Penh Post quoted Land Management Minister Im Chhun Lim as saying at a conference detailing the plan on Thursday.

Calling Sihanoukville the “dragon’s head”, Im Chhun Lim said that the plan priorities improving development in Sihanoukville, Kampot, Kep and Koh Kong Provinces in order to increase economic activity and provide jobs. “ We’re insuring a balance between protecting the environment in coastal areas with attracting both local and foreign investors,” he said at the conference.

UNDP to support Syria in achieving sustainable development

DAMASCUS, 31 May— The United Nation Developmental Program (UNDP) will provide Syria with help and expertise required to achieve development in local administration, environment and labor and social affairs, the official XANA news agency reported.

Poverty reduction, environment, and disaster reduction constitute the essential bases of cooperation between Syria and the Program, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Zena Ali-Ahmad said Sunday.

She indicated that the UNDP is no longer a donor, but a partner to help carry out Syria’s national priorities according to its needs and five-year plans, the report said.

The UNDP supports Syria’s efforts to achieve sustainable human and social development and reduce poverty in cooperation with Syrian State Planning Commission and the ministries concerned, she said.

The Programme has a comprehensive work plan for projects under implementation and the UNDP seeks to obtain a budget from World Wildlife Fund to finance environmental projects in Syria, according to the report.

US TV producer faces murder charge in Mexico

LOS ANGELES, 31 May— The Mexican authoties are expected to charge former “Survivor” producer Bruce-Beresford Redman with murder of his wife last month on Monday, local television channel KTLA 5 reported on its website.

Francisco Alor, attorney general for Quintana Roo state, said his office has filed a petition for Beresford-Redman to return to Cancun so he can answer more questions about his wife’s murder. He also said it will be up to a judge to review the evidence and issue a warrant for Beresford-Redman’s arrest.

The state attorney general’s office will turn that evidence over to a judge Monday, and a court record will be entered for the crime of homicide, KTLA 5 reported quoting remarks by Alor.

The award-winning reality producer has returned to Los Angeles, despite being ordered to stay in Mexico until his wife’s murder investigation is complete. He was nominated for three Emmys and other awards.

A truck drive past children returning home from the bush with loads of firewoods in northern Nigeria Buruku district of Kaduna State in 2006.

INTERNET

File photo of a guard walking through forest in the Lefini natural reserve, 140 kms north of Brazzaville. Several delegates pointed out that Africa’s 200 million hectares of forest in the Congo region meant it was one of the “lungs” of the planet.

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Denied college because of age — she’s 13

Parents of a home-schooled 13-year-old Florida girl say they are filing a complaint because she’s being denied entry to college because of her age.

The retired engineer parents of Anastasia “Annie” Megan say they have gone as far as discrimination complaint with the US Department of Education’s Office against the college.

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2-year-old boy smokes 40 cigarettes a day

Taking a deep drag on his cigarette while resting on the steering wheel of his truck, he looks like a parody of a middle-aged lorry driver.

But the image covers up a much more disturbing truth: At just the tender age of two, Ardi Rizal’s health condition is set to rapidly deteriorate.
Fish oil helps schoolchildren to concentrate

NEW YORK, 31 May — Children can learn better at school by taking omega-3 fish oil supplements which boost their concentration, scientists say.

Boys aged eight to 11 who were given doses once or twice a day of docosahexaenoic acid, an essential fatty acid known as DHA, showed big improvements in their performance during tasks involving attention.

Dr Robert McNamara, of the University of Cincinnati, who led the team of American researchers, said their findings could help pupils to study more effectively and potentially help to determine if the Concorde can be flown again, the BBC reported. "It is too early to speculate on who the remains belonged to." — Internet

Concorde may be revived as vintage plane

PARIS, 31 May — In little more than a generation the French Concorde, the first supersonic passenger jet, has gone from the next big thing to a vintage aircraft, advocates say. Two groups of Concorde buffs are working at Le Bourget Air and Space Museum to determine if the Concorde can be flown again, the BBC reported. Save the Concorde from Britain and Olympus 593 from France hope an airborne Concorde will be part of the show at the opening of the 2012 Olympic Games in London, the report said.

The Concorde, a joint French-British project, began flying commercially in 1976. In 2000, an Air France Concorde crashed shortly after takeoff from Paris, killing all 109 people on the plane and four on the ground. — Internet

Nursing home residents ‘living in hell’

SYDNEY, 31 May — Elderly patients in nursing homes are being fed cold and inedible food, left sitting in urine and faeces and subjected to cruel and at times inhumane treatment from overworked and underresourced carers.

The Sunday Telegraph worked undercover inside two metropolitan nursing homes for three weeks and found that some of Sydney’s most vulnerable citizens are being mistreated and left to die inside sterile, cold and lonely aged-care facilities.

The high-care homes — run by Bupa Care Services and Domain Principal Group and overseen by the federal Government — advertise superior aged-care offering personal support and respect for the elderly. However, many miserable, despondent and desperately lonely residents, who pay 85 per cent of their $671.90 fortnightly pension, live in often despicable conditions and are treated with disrespect. — Internet

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Dan Miller, left, takes a punch from Michael Bisping during their UFC middleweight mixed martial art match on 29 May, 2010 at The MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Bisping won by unanimous decision. — Internet

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**Prudence now the watchword as UN climate talks resume**

A scientist stands in front of a globe during the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in 2009. UN climate talks resume in Bonn on Monday with negotiators braced by caution after the near-fiasco of the Copenhagen summit six months ago.—INTERNET

PARIS, 31 May—UN climate talks resume in Bonn on Monday with negotiators branded by caution after the near-fiasco of the Copenhagen summit six months ago. Excess ambition is being blamed for the failure of Copenhagen, where world leaders were to have blessed a post-2012 pact to tame global warming.

Instead, the big show became a stage for finger-pointing and last-night wrangling as the planet’s major carbon polluters grappled over a document to save face.

Negotiations get back in gear on Monday for the 12-day mid-year meeting under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

But political impetus seems to have drained away and the atmosphere is chastened.

“The mood is one of realism and accepting incremental changes rather than one ‘Big Bang’ agreement, which was what was attempted in Copenhagen and just fell flat,” said Saleemul Huq, senior researcher at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) in London.—INTERNET

**Locals overtake foreigners as buyers of pricey homes in Singapore**

SINGAPORE, 31 May—Singaporeans buying pricey homes have shot up 12.8 percentage points to reach 42.3 percent for homes sold in the first four months ended April 30, compared to figures released in the fourth quarter last year, local media reported on Monday.

Locals have easily overtaken the 39.7 percent combined figure for permanent residents and foreigners buying high end property for units costing above 5 million Singapore dollars (3.57 million US dollars), local daily The Straits Times reported.

The foreigners’ share is 21.4 percentage points lower compared to that in the three months ended last December. —Xinhua

**Australia unveils new global tourism campaign**

SYDNEY, 31 May—Tourism Australia launched a new global tourism campaign on Monday — “There’s Nothing Like Australia” — featuring the personal holiday experience of the Australian people. Around 2,000 international and local tourism industry delegates attended the launch at the Australian Tourism Exchange trade show in Adelaide.

The new campaign uses digital, print and broadcast media to show what is unique and iconic about Australia and why others should visit. Tourism Australia Managing Director Andrew McEvoy, said at the heart of the campaign was a new online interactive map of Australia, featuring almost 30,000 images and stories submitted by the Australian people.

“Our research found that 80 percent of Australians wanted to promote their country as a travel destination so we invited them to share their pictures and stories at the campaign website,” McEvoy said.—Xinhua

**China to reduce cultural trade deficit, boost artistic exports**

BEIJING, 31 May—With the price of artistic performances staged by foreign troups in China about ten times that of Chinese performances staged overseas, the nation is endeavoring to reduce the cultural trade deficit by boosting the competitiveness of its artistic exports.

According to a 2008 United Nations report, China exported the largest number of cultural productions as early as 2005, making up about one fifth of the global market.

But data shows revenue from Chinese commercial performances staged overseas is less than 100 million US dollars a year, which is less than the annual revenue of one well-known foreign circus. Although the number of exported Chinese cultural products increases year on year, the trade deficit in the sector persists.

Wu Huanting, a long-time observer of China’s cultural industry, said the deficit has long existed and can be traced back to the beginning of the reform and opening-up.

“For historical reasons, China didn’t attach much importance to — or even ignored — trade in cultural products. From ordinary people to government officials, cultural products were regarded as something ideological and non-tradable - not products that could make up an industry,” he said.

““When one culture is relatively weak, stronger ones will invade it and bring about a cultural trade deficit. In history, many western countries also suffered such ‘cultural aggression’”, he said.

Wu said export channels for Chinese cultural products are limited, and the prices received are far lower than what imported foreign cultural products - films, books and stage performances - sell for in China.—Xinhua

**Coast Guard rescues 2 from sinking boat in PR**

SAN JUAN, 31 May—The US Coast Guard has rescued two people found floating in a life raft after their sailboat sank off Puerto Rico.

A Coast Guard spokesman says the two people were sailing the 48-foot (14-meter) “Victoria” from St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands to Panama when the vessel struck a submerged object and began taking on water.

The sinking happened Saturday about 100 miles (160 kilometers) southwest of Puerto Rico.

Spokesman Ricardo Castrodad says the Coast Guard received a distress signal and began searching for the couple, an Austrian man and woman from Mexico. A helicopter crew spotted them and airlifted them to safety in Puerto Rico.—Xinhua

**Six Turkish soldiers killed, 7 wounded in terror attacks**

ANKARA, 31 May—Mehmet Celaleddin Lekesiz, governor of Hatay Province in southern Turkey, said Monday that six soldiers were killed and seven others were wounded after the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party militants launched a rocket attack on a military vehicle near a naval base in the town of Hatay.

“The semi-official Anatolia news agency quoted Lekesiz as saying that “members of the separatist terrorist organization attacked on a military vehicle carrying troops to their sentry posts in the naval logistics base with RPG-7 rocket launchers and long-range weapons at around 11:58 pm local time on Sunday.” —Xinhua
France fail to fire, draw with Tunisia in World Cup warm-up

Rades, 31 May—France’s preparations for the World Cup suffered a reality check here on Sunday when the 2006 finalists had to come from behind to snatch a 1-1 draw against non-South Africa-bound Tunisia.

France turned up in Rades on the back of Wednesday’s confidence-boosting 2-1 win over Costa Rica in Lens. As at Lens France’s top scorer Thierry Henry found himself on the bench with manager Raymond Domenech preferring to start Chelsea striker Nicolas Anelka.

Hugo Lloris was back in goal after having ceded his place to Steve Mandanda who failed to advertise his claims against Costa Rica.

The rest of the side was the same as Domenech stuck with his new 4-3-3 formation.—INTERNET

England football squad hopefuls wait for Capello

Graz, 31 May—Joe Cole may well have done enough to earn himself a “probables” to travel to South Africa. Cole, after a season dogged by injury, has now catapulted him to the ranks of squad hopefuls waiting to be at the World Cup opener for England.

But the midfielder is still on tenterhooks, along with so many of his teammates, as manager Fabio Capello maintains radio silence on his final selection.

It is fair to say Chelsea midfielder Cole, after a season dogged by injury, was a candidate on the list of players who could be left behind when Capello reduces his squad from 30 to 23 on Tuesday. However his display “in the hole” behind Wayne Rooney in the second half against Japan, in which he helped England come from 1-0 down to win 2-1, has now catapulted him to the ranks of “probables” to travel to South Africa.—INTERNET

International friendly 2010 results and 2 June fixtures reported

Yangon, 31 May—The results of international friendly 2010 played on 30 May and fixtures for 2 June were reported to the following.

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US forward Clint Dempsey chases ball during an international friendly World Cup warmup match against Turkey in Philadelphia.

INTERNET

Washington, 31 May—Leaving a hot and humid American training camp for cool temperatures and high altitudes, the US team depart for World Cup as England loom.

United States team departed Sunday for South Africa and a much-anticipated World Cup opener with England. A day after defeating Turkey 2-1 in their send-off match, the youngest American World Cup squad since 1994 with an average age just under 27 flew out from the US capital, 15 players bound for their inaugural World Cup.

“We’re young, we’re energetic, we’re excited and we’re going to surprise people in the World Cup,” veteran US midfielder DaMarcus Beasley said.—INTERNET

Success before sexiness, says pin-up Kirlenko

Paris, 31 May—World number two Venus Williams has garnered plenty of attention for her outfits at the French Open, but rival Maria Kirlenko says success on the court must come first. Kirlenko, 23, is one of the glamour girls of the women’s tour and appeared in the 2009 edition of American magazine Sports Illustrated’s swimsuit edition alongside fellow players Daniela Hantuchova and Tatiana Golovin.

But despite her head-turning looks, the Russian insists she wouldn’t get any attention if she didn’t perform on the court.

“First of all, you have to be a (good) player, and then you can think about nice stuff, what you’re wearing,” she said after losing in the fourth round to Italy’s Francesca Schiavone at Roland Garros on Sunday.—INTERNET

Lippi puts forward case for Marchisio

Rome, 31 May—Italian coach Marcello Lippi dropped a clear hint as to who he will be banking on in South Africa as he praised the qualities of Juventus midfielder Claudio Marchisio.

And, speaking from the world champions’ altitude training base in Sestriere on Sunday, he also suggested what his preferred formation is likely to be at the World Cup.

“Everyone plays with one true lone striker and nine

Germany’s Loew admits facing ‘brutal’ decision

Budapest, 31 May—Germany coach Joachim Loew admits he faces some ‘brutal’ decisions in the next few days as he looks to cut a player for his World Cup squad in the wake of his side’s 3-0 friendly win over Hungary.

Germany warmed up for South Africa with a convincing win over the hosts at the Ferenc Puskas Stadium on Saturday with a Lukas Podolski penalty and second-half goals by substitutes Mario Gomez and Brazilian-born Cacau.

But the bad news came on Sunday when it was revealed defender Heiko Westermann has been ruled out of the tournament after breaking his foot late in the game and Loew is now down to 24 fit players from the original 27 selected.—INTERNET

German defender Heiko Westermann reacts during a missed opportunity vs Hungary during the Hungary vs Germany friendly football match.—INTERNET

Italian coach Claudio Marchisio (outfield) teammates to run around and defend, no matter how many forwards are on the pitch,” he said before suggesting he might play 24-year-old Marchisio behind his frontman.—INTERNET

Flawless Franchitti gets a break to win Indy

Indianapolis, 31 May—One lap to go, running on empty and someone bearing down on his tail.

After having the dominant car and the perfect game plan, Dario Franchitti still needed more Sunday — one break to win his second Indianapolis 500.

He got it in the form of a spectacular, airborne crash that brought out a yellow flag and allowed him to cross the line with a scant 1.6 gallons of fuel left.

That 1.6 gallons left him holding a quart of milk, a winner at the Brickyard for the second time in four years.—INTERNET

Danica Patrick makes a pit stop during the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, on 30 May, 2010.—INTERNET

S P O R T S
Six die, Seven ill after mistakenly eating poisonous plants in Xinjiang

Urumqi, 31 May — Six people have died and seven others are seriously ill in hospital after they mistakenly ate poisonous plants on Sunday in north-west China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, the local government said on Monday.

The victims were all workers at an iron mine in Toli County, Tacheng Prefecture, a county government spokesman said. He said the workers fell ill after they ate pothoors they had mistaken for celery. Four of the victims died on the way to hospital. Two others failed to respond to emergency treatment and died on Sunday night.— Xinhua
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop.
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful.

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

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Energy Minister visits Ywama gas control and distribution station

Minister for Energy U Lun Thi views natural gas control and distribution station (Ywama) of 24-inch offshore natural gas pipeline installation project of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi visited natural gas control and distribution station (Ywama) of 24-inch offshore natural gas pipeline project of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise in Insein Township, Yangon Division, yesterday. Managing Director and officials of the enterprise reported to the minister on progress of the tasks.

The minister gave detailed guideline on systematic distribution of natural gas from the 24-inch pipeline.

The minister and officials looked round the control and distribution facilities of the station. He also inspected natural gas control and distribution station (Ahlon) of the enterprise.

The 24-inch offshore gas pipeline project being implemented with the purpose of distributing more amount of natural gas is nearing completion. Upon the completion of the project, the Ahlon station will be able to distribute more amount of offshore natural gas.

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