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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Publication of periodicals to meet principles of the constitution Literati and literary profession have great love of nation and people

YANGON, 2 May— Now, Myanmar is in the process of transforming herself into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic one in line with the constitution. As part of the process, publication of periodicals is to meet the principles of the constitution, learning lessons from historic events that took place from 1948 to 1962, based on the objective conditions and

observing the media of international community including ASEAN countries, said Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan at the 9th Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Award Ceremony at the Strand Hotel on Seikkantha Street, here, yesterday.

He said literati and literary profession have great love of the nation and the people, so they are urged to work

together in accordance with the constitution regarding the media. Over 4,000 publications of various genres that help serve the interest of the nation and the people and give knowledge come out yearly, with millions of copies.

The government presents 14 national literary awards and first, second and third awards of the 12 Sarpaybeikman literary awards, totaling 50 awards a year.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan makes speech at 9th Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Award Ceremony.

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Sayawun Tin Shwe family is worthy of honour for the ninth consecutive awarding ceremony. All those responsible are to try to keep holding such a ceremony every year. The individuals as well as the government present literary awards such as Sayawun Tin Shwe Awards, Tun Foundation Awards, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Awards and Thuta-sweson Awards.

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Establish export industries

Putting own national interest in the fore, all countries of today are competing with each other for economic superiority. Myanmar has laid all necessary foundations and promulgated laws, rules and procedures for proper evolution of the market economy. Consequently, the country's trade volume has surged nearly 20 times since 1988-1989 in which market economy was introduced.

National economy during the past successive governments excessively rested on rice farming. The government's encouragement and hard work of national entrepreneurs has resulted in annual increase in export of rice, beans and pulses, corn, sesame and rubber along with such new items as gas, garments, marine products and precious stones.

We have to pursue industrial development through agriculture for sustainable economic development of the nation, which calls for establishment of export-oriented system. When ASEAN Free Trade Zone emerges, competition will run higher than ever before in regional countries.

So, we should boost production of goods especially the items of agricultural produce that have gained a foothold in the international market. We have to systematize domestic productivity, standardize qualities of goods and distribute facts about markets and commodity prices and information. Export items must be improved not only in quantity but also in quality. Increased supply of agricultural inputs such as farm subsidies, seeds of crops of high-yield strains and fertilizers is a force behind the boosting of agricultural production.

With practice of the market economy and increased trade volume, the nation is poised to enjoy greater economic development. Therefore, national entrepreneurs and traders are to work in concert to boost export of goods and establish more and more industries that manufacture export items, which are factors of rapid economic growth of the nation.

Myanmar delegation leaves for Vietnam to attend meetings

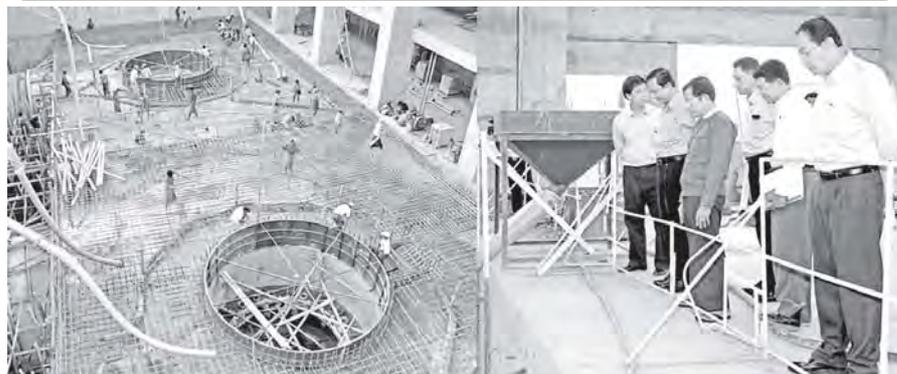
NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun left Nay Pyi Taw by air this morning to attend the 44th annual meeting of the Asia Development Bank, 14th ASEAN + 3 Finance Ministers Meeting and related meetings to be held in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 3 to 6 May.

Delegation members are Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Maung Maung Win, Deputy Director Daw May Malar Maung Gyi and Assistant Director Daw Tin Moe Moe.—MNA

People's Voice

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Kyeeohn-Kyeewa multi-purpose dam project completed by 87 percent



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe inspect Kyeeohn-Kyeewa multi-purpose dam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing called for coordination between respective departments for successful implementation of the dam, systematic maintenance of the dam and welfare of the staff, while visiting Kyeeohn-Kyeewa multi-purpose dam project on 30 April, together with Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min, Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe and Union Deputy Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Myint Zaw.

Kyeeohn-Kyeewa multi-purpose dam,

measuring 3280 feet in length and 164 feet in height, is located on Mone Creek near Wunlo Village, Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, Magway Region. It will generate 74 Megawatt. Water that flows from the dam after generating electricity will be supplied to 96,000 acres of farmland through Maezali diversion weir. Up to date, the project has been completed by 87 percent and would finish this year.

The Union Minister and party inspected the project and construction of spillway.

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Special refresher course No (19) for faculty members opens



NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — The opening of special refresher course No (19) for faculty members took place at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning with an address by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye.

It was also attended by Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay, Yangon Region Minister for Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration U Nyan Tun Oo and officials. 296 trainees from universities and colleges are attending the course.—MNA

Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye delivering address at the opening ceremony of special refresher course No (19) for faculty members.—MNA

Industrialization and environmental conservation at UM FCCI

YANGON, 2 May—As Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry is conducting monthly talks, the talk for May will be held at its office tower on Minye Kyawswar Street here at 2 pm on 7 May.

Director-General U Aye Lwin (Retd) of ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will give talks on his view on industrialization and environmental conservation. Those interested in the subject may attend the talks.—MNA

Blast wounds eight Afghan civilians

KABUL, 2 May— Bomb blast wounded eight Afghan civilians on Sunday, Interior Ministry said in a statement released here.

“It was a bicycle bomb went off in Ghazni City the capital of Ghazni Province at 10:30 am local time, and as a result, eight civilians including a woman were injured,” the statement said.

It is the second violent attack in Afghanistan since Sunday morning.

In the previous incident a suicide bomber detonated an explosive device attached in his body at



An injured woman receives treatment in a hospital in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, on 1 May, 2011.—XINHUA

around 07:30 am local time (0300 GMT) in Ashkin bazaar of Barmal District in Paktika Province leaving three civilians dead and injured 11 others.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops in a statement released to media on Saturday announced to launch spring offensive from 1 May.—Xinhua

Four killed, 11 injured in mosque blast in Charsadda, NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 May— At least four people including three children and one woman were killed and 11 others were injured in a blast that ripped through a mosque Monday afternoon in northwest Pakistan, local television channels reported.

According to local Urdu channel Geo News, the roadside explosion went off near the mosque in the limits of a police station in Charsadda, a city about 40 km northeast of Peshawar. Six to seven policemen were among the injured, some in

critical condition.

Security agencies cordoned off the area and the injured were shifted to the hospital where emergency was imposed. A bomb disposal squad was sent to the site and rescue operations were launched.

The mosque was damaged in the blast. The wall of the nearby police station was also severely damaged. This area had earlier came under attack last month when the

convoy of JUI-F party chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman was targeted.

Security in the area was beefed up earlier in the morning when news about al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden’s death spread out. Local media reports said the al-Qaeda-linked Taleban have vowed more suicide attacks across Pakistan, even against the country’s president Asif Ali Zardari.

MNA/Xinhua

One protestor killed in clashes with police in south Yemen

ADEN, 2 May —At least one anti-government protestor was shot dead on Monday in clashes with police in Yemen’s southern port city of Aden, a local official told Xinhua.

The security forces opened fire at dozens of anti-government protesters who set up cement barricades and blocked the roads in the Khormaksar district, killing one protestor, said the official who asked to remain anonymous.

The security forces tried to reopen the roads by force as the roadblocks badly impacted the local traffic, the official added.

Meanwhile, local residents told Xinhua that armed groups believed to be separatists of the Southern Movement exchanged gunfire with the security forces.—Xinhua

Civilian killed, seven injured in Iraq bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 2 May— A civilian was killed and seven people wounded in separate bomb attacks in Baghdad and Iraq’s eastern Province of Diyala on Sunday, the police said.

In Diyala Province, a sticky bomb attached to the car of Mohammed Sabah, a teacher, detonated in the morning and killed him, when he was driving in the west of the provincial capital City Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala’s operation command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a six-year-old child was wounded when a

roadside bomb detonated in front of his house in the al-Hadid area, some 10 km northwest of Baquba, the source said.

Also in the province, Iraqi security forces conducted search operations across the province during the past 24 hours and arrested seven suspects, including four wanted individuals, the source added.

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb explosion struck a civilian car in the southern district of Abu Dshier, wounding four people, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.—Xinhua



A resident walks past fuel tankers which were set ablaze in Pindi Gheb, some 122 km (76 miles) east of Pakistani capital Islamabad on 2 May, 2011. Gunmen attacked and set fire to eight trucks transporting supplies to NATO forces in Afghanistan in Pakistan’s eastern Punjab Province.

INTERNET

Osama bin Laden killed in a military operation in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 May— A statement released by the Pakistani foreign office confirmed the death of Osama bin Laden in a military operation conducted by the US forces early Monday morning.

The statement, which was released shortly after a meeting summoned by the Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, said that the Pakistani armed forces were not involved in the operation.

In the wee hours of Monday, the US special forces conducted a search operation in the Sikandarabad area of Abbotabad, a small mountainous town located some 60 kilometres north of

Islamabad.

During the reportedly two-hour-long operation, the US special forces reportedly killed bin Laden together with one of his sons and his three followers.

Six children of bin Laden, his two wives and four close friends were also reportedly arrested in the operation.

One of the four US Cobra helicopters involved in the operation was shot down, killing one pilot.

The body of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden has been buried at sea in accordance with Islamic practice and tradition.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran says Israeli jets preparing to strike

TEHERAN, 2 May— Israeli fighter jets are conducting drills at a military base in Iraq in preparation for a strike on Iran, the Islamic Republic’s Press TV reported.

The report said the Israeli planes participating in the drills include F-15, F-16, F-18 and F-22 fighter jets. It said they have conducted weeklong exercises, flying mainly at night.

Press TV said its report was based on information

received from a source close to Moqtada al-Sadr’s group in Iraq.

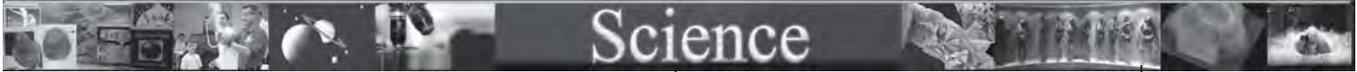
Sadr is considered to be one of the most influential religious political figures in Iraq but holds no official title. He has repeatedly called for the immediate withdrawal of US-led coalition troops and UN forces deployed in Iraq.

The air drills are being conducted in collaboration with the US military, the report said. It said Iraq was not informed of the exercises. The US maintains a number of military bases in Iraq and the government in Baghdad is not involved in any military activities occurring there, the report said.—Internet



Israeli Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu is accompanied by Israeli air force commander Ido Nehoshtan as he sits in the cockpit of F-15 fighter jet, on 11 August, 2009, during a visit to the Htzerim air base in southern Israel.

INTERNET



Science



An Australian Institute Of Marine Science (AIMS) diver inspects large Porites coral on the Great Barrier Reef, in this handout photo released to Reuters on 10 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

Scientists to search Great Barrier Reef for new species

CANBERRA, 2 May—A team comprising Japanese and Australian researchers headed to the Osprey Reef of Queensland of Australia on Sunday to start their trip to scan parts of the Great Barrier Reef with a special deep-sea robot, Australia's media reported on Monday.

According to project leader Dhugal Lindsay, the robotic device, which can dive to 1,000 meters, will record high definition video and data about conditions on the sea floor and everything in between. "This really hasn't been done before," Lindsay told *ABC News*. "We still really don't know what's out there." Dr Lindsay said the scientists are

hoping the video will reveal links between tropical marine life on the Great Barrier Reef and organisms in Antarctic waters.

He added research gathered from this trip would help create a greater understanding of the ocean as a whole.

"Hopefully, we will see Antarctic animals and can discover their ecology and niches and see what happens to them in the tropics," he said.

The expedition is the first time the robot has been used outside of Japanese waters. The research team will return from Osprey Reef to Cairns on 17 May.

Xinhua

Antarctica threatened by invasion of alien species

NEW YORK, 2 May—It's unforgivingly cold and isolated, but stowaways are arriving in Antarctica in a steady stream. Seeds, fungi and insects go where people — in this case researchers and tourists — take them. These arrivals all create the potential for invasive species to establish themselves in the world's most pristine continent and its islands.

"We are still at the stage when Antarctica has fewer than 10 non-native species, none of which have become invasive," said Kevin Hughes, an environmental scientist with the British Antarctic Survey. "Unless we take steps now to minimize the risk of introduction, who knows what will happen."

Invasive species are non-native species that flourish in a new habitat, where they often kick out native organisms and harm human interests by disrupting crops, clogging waterways and causing a myriad of other problems.

Hughes and other researchers have set out to determine just what is being carried unintentionally into some of the international research stations in the Antarctic. In one study, he and others examined more than 11,250 pieces of fresh produce arriving at nine research stations in the Antarctic and the sub-Antarctic islands located farther north in the Southern Ocean to see what came along with it.

The produce, which included everything from apples to pawpaw trees to turnips, was shipped from around the world.

Internet

NASA delays shuttle launch at least until 8 May

CAPE CANAVERAL, 2 May—NASA Sunday delayed the launch of space shuttle *Endeavour* to no earlier than 8 May as work continues to resolve an electronics problem that scuttled Friday's launch attempt, officials said.

NASA tried to launch *Endeavour* Friday on its 25th and final flight to deliver the \$2 billion Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer particle detector to the *International Space Station*.

A problem with a heating system on one of the ship's hydraulic power generators prompted managers to halt the countdown.—*Reuters*



Technology

Apple iMacs refresh expected next week

WASHINGTON, 2 May—Apple is expected to refresh the iMac line next week, adding new Intel processors and Thunderbolt ports, according to AppleInsider.

If the rumors prove accurate, 3 May should be the day the improved iMacs go on sale. The iMac line was last updated nine months ago.

The new iMacs will reportedly introduce new Intel chips based on the Sandy Bridge architecture, as well as swap the miniDisplay port in favor of a high-speed Thunderbolt port.

Other specifications are uncertain at this stage, such as the amount of RAM and storage, or graphic cards.

Probably the most certain addition to the new iMacs are Thunderbolt ports, which were first introduced by Apple on the MacBook Pro line in February.

Although Apple was the first to market with the high-speed data transfer Thunderbolt ports, the technology behind it comes from Intel.

Thunderbolt can achieve transfer speeds of up to 10GB per second.

Electronista speculates that Apple is likely to increase the storage options to 1.5/2 terabytes, and bump up the amount of RAM to 4GB on high-end models.

The video chatting camera on the new iMacs could also get a spec bump in order to enable high-res FaceTime calls (as seen on the new MacBook Pros).

What's unknown at this stage is whether Apple will make any dramatic changes to the display sizes of iMacs, or adopt faster SSD drives, which are still quite pricey.

Internet

Sony PlayStation network users face password change

TOKYO, 2 May—Users of Sony's PlayStation Network will have to change their passwords, the Japanese entertainment and technology giant said on Sunday as it looks to boost security after its system was hacked.

Sony apologised for a security breach that compromised millions of users, and said that while it had no evidence that credit card information was stolen it could not rule it out.

In a statement on Sunday, Sony said that it will soon issue a security software update for PlayStation 3 users.



Users of Sony's PlayStation Network will have to change their passwords, the Japanese entertainment and technology giant said as it looks to boost security after its system was hacked.

INTERNET

"PS3 will have a system software update that will require all PS3 users to change their PlayStation Network and Qriocity account passwords," it said in a statement.

Sony said it "will highly recommend users to review account statements and to monitor credit card purchase history to protect against possible identity theft or other financial loss". Launched in November 2006, the PlayStation Network has 77 million registered accounts worldwide, allowing gamers to compete against each other online and buy games, movies or music via the Internet.

Sony executives on Sunday bowed in apology and said the company would begin restoring its PlayStation Network and Qriocity online services in the next week and improve security measures after the breach.

The PlayStation Network and Qriocity streaming music service were shut down on 20 April after what Sony described as an "external intrusion" and remain offline as the company upgrades security and works with US Federal Bureau of Investigation.—*Internet*

Health



Children cycle past a mother with her child in Shendurjane Village, near the town of Wai in Satara District, about 250 kilometres (155 miles) from Mumbai in January 2011. Maharashtra State is paying newlyweds a so-called "honeymoon" bonus to delay starting a family, with the twin aims of slowing population growth and improving women's health.—INTERNET

Extra sleep in infants seems to signal growth spurts

ATLANTA, 2 May—Increased bursts of sleep in infants are linked with growth spurts, new research indicates.

The new study included 23 parents who kept daily sleep records for their infants (14 girls, nine boys), who were 12 days old at the start of the study. The researchers analyzed the total of 5,798 daily sleep records and also tracked the infants' growth.

The infants had uneven bursts of sleep, with the amount of sleep over a 24-hour period increasing at irregular intervals by an average

of 4.5 hours per day for two days, the study found. In addition, the infants' number of sleep episodes per day also increased in intermittent surges of an average of three extra naps per day for two days.

There was a significant association between these increases in sleep and growth spurts in body length, which tended to occur within 48 hours of the sleep bursts. The researchers determined that the likelihood of a growth spurt increased by about 43 percent for each additional sleep episode and by 20 percent for each

extra hour of sleep.

The study is published in the 1 May issue of the journal *Sleep*.

"The results demonstrate empirically that growth spurts not only occur during sleep but are significantly influenced by sleep," lead investigator Dr Michelle Lampl, a professor in the department of anthropology at Emory University in Atlanta, said in a news release from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. "Longer sleep corresponds with greater growth in body length."

Internet

Aspirin's clot-prevention ability blunted by dietary fat

NEW YORK, 2 May—Aspirin's ability to prevent potentially deadly blood clots may be hindered by elevated levels of fatty acids in the bloodstream, a new study suggests.

It's common for doctors to prescribe aspirin as a blood thinner for patients at high risk of a heart attack. Aspirin inhibits the activity of the COX-1 enzyme, which plays a role in blood clot formation.

It's known that free fatty acids — released into the bloodstream during the breakdown of fat cells — also inhibit COX-1 activity. In this study, researchers looked at the effect that two fatty acids — oleic acid and palmitic acid — have on aspirin's effectiveness in preventing clots. Oleic acid is found in various animal and

vegetable fats, and palmitic acid is one of the most common saturated fats found in plants and animals.

The researchers found that both types of fatty acids interfered with aspirin's ability to reduce the risk of clots, according to an *American Heart Association news release*.

The study was to be presented Saturday at the American Heart Association's Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology 2011 Scientific Sessions in Chicago.

Because this study was presented at a medical meeting, the data and conclusions should be viewed as preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.—Internet

Television journalist Ann Curry shares cancer stories of her mother and sister with attendees of Lifetime Television's Breast Cancer Heros Celebration in Los Angeles, California on 29 Sept, 2005.



Business



Two women carry flowers, bought in Poland, across the border bridge to the German City of Frankfurt Oder on 19 April. INTERNET

Germany vows more labour market checks

BERLIN, 2 May—Germany's government sought on Sunday to ease fears of a flood of cheap labour as Europe's biggest economy, with Austria, finally scrapped restrictions on workers from eight EU countries.

"At least 100,000 people from eight Eastern European countries will come here every year," Labour Minister Ursula von der Leyen told the mass circulation newspaper *Bild am Sonntag*.

But she promised a rise in checks on industries such as construction, gastronomy and health care to make sure that workers were being paid the minimum wage, where applicable, and that they were properly registered.

And she stressed that those arriving in Germany would not be a drain on Germany's welfare state.

"The vast majority will be young, educated and mobile workers," she said.

Germany and Austria, plus non-EU Switzerland, on Sunday opened their labour markets to citizens of Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, which all joined the EU in 2004.—Internet

S Korea inflation slows down in April

SEOUL, 2 May—South Korea's inflation grew more slowly than expected in April, official figures showed Monday, as fresh food prices finally stabilized and the rising won held down the cost of imports.

The consumer price index last month rose 4.2 percent from April 2010, Statistics Korea said, slightly slower than the 4.3 percent rise tipped by economists polled by Dow Jones Newswires.

In March it was up 4.7 percent, a 29-month high.

Month-on-month the index was unchanged, compared with a forecast gain of 0.2 percent and a rise of 0.5 the previous month. Core inflation, which excludes energy and food, was 3.2 percent year-on-year compared to 3.3 percent in March, and 0.2 percent month-on-month compared to 0.3 percent.

Hyundai Securities economist Lee Sang-Jae told Dow Jones the government's measures to stem inflation in recent months have been effective and prices of fresh food and oil products would keep falling this month.—Internet



People walk past a food stand at a market in Seoul in January 2011.

INTERNET

Facebook's growth exceeds expectations

PHILADELPHIA, 2 May—Facebook Inc's business is growing faster than forecast several months ago and the firm is on track to top \$2 billion in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization in 2011, according to a report in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Facebook's growth is above the growth expectations that circulated when Goldman Sachs and Digital Sky Technologies invested in the closely held Internet company, the newspaper said in its online edition.

The newspaper did not say by how much Facebook may exceed expectations.

Reuters

Palestinian unity deal is setback for US-led peace effort

WASHINGTON, 2 May—Obama administration moves to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks have hit a new snag with a Palestinian unity deal, as US clout in the Arab world wanes, analysts said.

The deal between the secularist Fatah and radical Hamas factions, due to be signed on Wednesday, has drawn Israeli ire and prompted US lawmakers to warn the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority it risks losing US aid. Israel and the United States both consider Hamas to be a terrorist organization. However, analysts said, rising popular pressure forced US-backed Palestinian Authority president Mahmud Abbas to clinch a deal under which the bitter rivals agreed to form a transitional government ahead of elections within a year.

Miller, now a public policy scholar with the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, said Abbas is not thinking about how his actions play in Israel and the United States.

Internet

A Somali coastguard patrols off the coast of Somalia's breakaway Republic of Somaliland on 30 March, 2011.

Indonesian sailors held hostage by pirates off Somalia have been released and are "safe and well", the ship owner said.—INTERNET



Somali pirates free Indonesian sailors

JAKARTA, 2 May—Indonesian sailors held hostage by pirates off Somalia have been released and are "safe and well", the ship owner said on Sunday.

In a nationally-televised news conference, PT Samudera

Indonesia vice-president David Batubara said the pirates had released the bulk carrier Sinar Kudus and its 20 sailors after a ransom was paid.

"All 20 sailors on Sinar Kudus have been freed by the Somali pirates 46 days after they were taken hostage in the waters around Somalia," he said.

"The ship is leaving Somali waters and all pirates are no longer on the ship," he added.

Batubara told AFP he was unable to disclose the ransom amount as

"that's sensitive information that could affect the safety of crew in other ships still held hostage". "I can only say that the \$4.5 million ransom reported in the media is absolutely untrue," he added.

An unusually large group of 30 to 50 Somali pirates in March seized the Indonesian flagged and owned ship about 320 nautical miles northeast of the Yemeni island of Socotra and used it in a failed bid to hijack a second ship.

Internet

3 bodies found in Mexico mass graves identified

MEXICO CITY, 2 May—Mexican forensic investigators said Sunday they have identified three of the 183 bodies found in mass graves in Tamaulipas and returned their remains to family members. The federal prosecutors office said two men were from the central Mexican State of Tlaxcala and another was from

Guanajuato. Their bodies were among the 120 cadavers transported to Mexico City after mass graves holding 183 bodies were unearthed in San Fernando, Tamaulipas, over the past month.

Forensic investigators have been taking DNA samples from people who believe their missing family members

may be among the dead, part of a federal investigation that began 2 April. It takes three to four weeks to produce results from DNA tests, according to the prosecutors office.

Many victims are believed to have been migrants headed to the United States who fell prey to the Zetas drug gang.

The northeastern state of Tamaulipas borders Texas. In Durango, soldiers on Saturday found nine plastic bags and a bin stuffed with scorched bones.

And at least 11 people were killed in separate incidents over the weekend in the port city of Acapulco, a popular tourist destination that has in recent months been wracked by drug violence.

Internet



This image provided by the US Immigration Customs Enforcement shows an ultra-light aircraft carrying 253 pounds of marijuana that was captured in December, 2008 in the Tucson, Arizona area.—INTERNET

Boxing legend Henry Cooper dies aged 76

LONDON, 2 May—Former British heavyweight champion Sir Henry Cooper, who famously knocked down Muhammad Ali in 1963, before becoming a cult hero for his lionhearted performances in the ring and modesty out of it, died on Sunday aged 76.

He passed away at his son's house at Oxted in Surrey, southern England, just two days short of his 77th birthday.

The London-born Cooper met Ali — then known as Cassius Clay — at Wembley in 1963, with the British fighter famously flooring the great American. Many fans were convinced Cooper had been robbed of victory by some ringside trickery.

Towards the end of the fourth round of that non-title bout, Cooper floored Clay with a trademark left hook known as 'Enry's hammer'.—Internet



Former British and European heavyweight champion Sir Henry Cooper, pictured here in 2008, died on Sunday aged 76, the Press Association reported. INTERNET

Alaska teen rescued, jailed after ice floe voyage

ANCHORAGE, 2 May—A teenager who took a trip down a river on an ice floe said Sunday that he's more bothered by the trip he took to jail afterward.

"It was dumb. I know that. It was pretty stupid. But it was all in fun," Michael Poland said of his quarter-mile voyage through downtown Fairbanks. "Having to spend a night in jail over it was just ridiculous."

The 18-year-old high school student, who said he's never even had a speeding ticket, was jumping on ice

along the Chena River with friends Friday night. A 10-by-15-foot piece broke off, and Poland hopped on. His friends tossed him a milk crate to sit on and the lid of a cooler to paddle.

The river channel was filling with spring melt, but Poland said he was never worried that he was in danger.

"My buddies, they have boats at their house. They could have come and got me if I got hung up," he told *The Associated Press*. "And the water isn't that deep.—Internet

Floods, mudslides, lightning kill seven in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 2 May—Sri Lanka's government says floods, mudslides and lightning have killed seven people in the southern part of the country.

The government's Disaster Management Centre says heavy rains triggered floods and mudslides in the low-lying Ratnapura District, killing five people Sunday. It says two other people died after being struck by lightning.

The centre said Monday that floods and mudslides also damaged 294 houses in Ratnapura, which experiences regular flooding.

Heavy flooding in January in several parts of the South Asian island nation killed 43 people and affected more than 1 million others.—Internet



Molten gold is poured to make a 6.5 kg bar of the precious metal. Five people were killed when an illegal gold mine collapsed in central Vietnam after heavy rains, local media reported on Monday.—INTERNET

Five dead in Vietnam mine collapse

HANOI, 2 May—Five people were killed when an illegal gold mine collapsed in central Vietnam after heavy rains, local media reported on Monday.

The authorities have recovered the bodies of the male victims, aged between 15 and 35, following the accident in the province of Nghe An on Sunday, according to news website VNExpress.

Deadly accidents are not uncommon at illegal or private mines in the communist country, where labour and safety regulations are often disregarded.

Last month 18 people were killed in a massive rockslide at a quarry in the same province.

Internet

Publication of periodicals to meet principles...



Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents Award to Maung Swe Thet for his work "From Kaduma to Mawpha".—MNA

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He said that on his visit to Pakokku, he held discussions with some officials in 2010 and made a suggestion to set up a trust fund for awarding on a broader scale. As planned by Pakokku U Ohn Pe, the name was changed from Pakokku U Ohn Pe Awards to Pakokku Awards through talks. Well-wishers contribute donations for the awards.

The minister suggested that Sayawun Tin Shwe Awards should be awarded on a greater scale, setting a trust fund.

Chairman of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) extended greetings and explained Sayawun Tin Shwe's attitude to the literature.

Member of Sayawun Tin Shwe Awards Scrutinization Board U Myint Kywe (Maung Myint Kywe) explained facts about prize-winning works.

The minister presented Award to Maung Swe Thet for his work "From Kaduma to Mawpha".

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe presented award to Nanda Thein Zan for his work "Naung-ta-kin-ya-tho"; Yangon Region Minister for Culture and Religious Affairs Daw San San Nwe, to Professor Dr Myint Maung Maung for his work "A Collection of Articles on Reproduction Health"; and the MWJA Chairman, to Maung Khaing Zaw for his work "Knowledgeable Facts about Myanmar Traditional Culture and Heritage".

Daw Aye Thant, wife of late Sayawun Tin

Shwe, presented gifts to the board, and K 100,000 to the MWJA.

Sayawun Tin Shwe Awards have been awarded since 2001.—MNA

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe presents award to Nanda Thein Zan for his work "Naung-ta-kin-ya-tho".—MNA



Union Health Minister receives foreign guests



NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received WHO Resident Representative Dr H. S. B Tennakoon at 10 am and UNICEF

Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha at 10:30 am, and JICA Resident Representative Hideo Miyamoto at his office here at 11 am today.

At the calls, the guests gave accounts of projects being implemented between WHO, UNICEF and JICA and the Ministry of Health and follow-up programmes. The Union minister called for more assistance for national immunization projects and continuous cooperation in public health care including maternal and child health care.—MNA

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha.

MNA

Development tasks in Chin State picking up momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai formally opened the one-mile tarred road in Kyekha sub-township yesterday and inspected tarred roads in downtown.

The Chief Minister explained the State's policy and follow-up tasks, calling for public participation in regional development tasks in meeting with departmental personnel and townselders at the office of sub-township administrator. Then he oversaw

growing of tea plants at sub-township police station and government treasury.

Next, the Chief Minister visited offices of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Township Development Affairs Committee, Public Works and Immigration Department, and presented cash assistance to patients at sub-township People's Hospital.

MNA

District News in Brief

Two RC bridges put into service

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 2 May— RC type new Nyaunglein Bridge, built by U Maung Nyein-Daw Yin Hla of Parami Industry and Hsu Textile Shop, was commissioned into service in Nyaunglein Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township on 13 April.

Another RC type bridge named Kyeinchaung of similar wellwisher was also inaugurated in Kyeinchaung Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township the same day.

The Myanma Alin

Elephants of MTE given anthrax vaccination

KATHA, 2 May— Officials of Katha East Timber Extraction Region gave 61 elephants anthrax vaccination of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Myitsin Timber Extraction Area of Katha Township on 5 April.

Township IPRD

Necessary equipment for fire extinguishers donated

SHWEGU, 2 May— Shwegu Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi donated three Chang IJU N 120 (12 V) battery and one Hart Point B-50 (5 K) water pump to Head of Township Fire Services Department U Tin Maung on 22 March.

In the morning, the township administrator inspected maintenance of fire engines and necessary equipment for fire extinguishers.

Township IPRD



ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities meets



Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and representatives from ASEAN Secretary-General's Office and ASEAN-member countries pose for documentary photo after the 9th Meeting of AWGESC and 1st Meeting of ASEAN Leading Group.—MNA

YANGON, 2 May — The 9th Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC) and 1st Meeting of ASEAN Leading Group took place in Hotel Yangon here at 9 am today.

Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, representatives from ASEAN Secretary-General's Office and ASEAN-member countries, international scholars and departmental officials attended the meetings.

The mayor highlighted municipality issues including water

pollution, air pollution and garbage system in his discussion. He also underlined the threat of biodiversity extinction in cities in ASEAN regions with dense pollution, industrial boom, climate change.

Chairman of ASEAN Working Group Ms. Liana Bratasida delivered a speech at the meeting.

The mayor and attendees had documentary photos taken.

Environmental issues were discussed at the meeting which will continue 3 May.

The Yangon mayor hosted a dinner to attendees at the hotel this evening.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye urged farmers to form agricultural produce association and to grow cotton and sesame, while making inspection at cultivation of summer paddy with the use of water from No.2 river water pumping project in Ayadaw Township yesterday.

The Chief Minister also inspected cultivation of summer paddy in Wetlet Township and left necessary instruction.

After that, the Chief Minister looked into construction of Ayeawady-River crossing Bridge (Yadanatheingha) in Kyaukmyaung sub-township, Shwebo District.—MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects river water pumping project



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye looks into No.2 River Water Pumping Station in Ayadaw Township.—MNA

MMCWA opened 6 new labor rooms and Yamethin maternal and child health care centre in 2010



Chairperson of MMCWA Daw Ni Lar Thaw gives speech at 21st Annual General Meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — Implementing one of the most important tasks for facilitating development of the nation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association's activities are ensuring mental and physical health of mothers and children, Chairperson of the association Daw Nilar Thaw said at 21st Annual General Meeting of MMCWA held at the association

office (Central) in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District this morning.

She also said the influence of the association has reached rural areas, with 2185 branches and about 13 million members including over 4.6 million life-long members and over 8.3 million ordinary members within 20 years of establishment.

In 2010, MMCWA opened 6 new labor rooms and Yamethin maternal and child health care centre, totaling 131 labor rooms and 11 health care centres.

The chairperson added that the association will cooperate with responsible organizations in respective fields to promote education, health, social, economic and living standards of the people under the guidance of the

government.

MMCWA Secretary Daw Thazin Nwe presented report of 2010; Executive Audit Daw Than Win, report of audit for 2010-2011 fiscal year; and Treasurer Daw Myint Myint, financial statement for 2010-2011 financial year and budget for 2011-2012 financial year. The chairperson approved the reports and statement.

Supervisors of associations of Kachin,

Kayah, Kayin States presented reports.

The afternoon session of the meeting was presided over by Vice-Chairperson Daw Wai Wai Tha. Supervisors of associations of Chin State, Sagaing Region, Taninthayi Region, Bago

Region, Magway Region, Mandalay Region, Rakhine State and Yangon Region submitted reports. Then, the first-day session of the meeting came to an end.

The AGM will continue till 4 May. MNA

Special Appellate Bench hears criminal appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May— The Special Appellate Bench comprising the Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union U Myint

Aung and U Myint Han sitting at court room No.1 of The Supreme Court of the Union heard (6) criminal appeal cases under the Union Judiciary Law at 10:00 am today.—MNA

Rakhine State Chief Minister visits Kalatan Waterway Multi-purpose Transportation Project

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin visited Kalatan Waterway Multi-purpose Transportation

Project yesterday. The Chief Minister called for quality, and timely completion of project works and worksite safety.—MNA

Fertilizer Plants contribute to development of agriculture sector

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — No (4) Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) in Hmawby Township and No (5) Fertilizer Plant (Pathein) Kangyidaunt Township were put into operation recently by Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy which is dealing with production of fertilizer with the aim of fulfilling the requirements of agriculture sector which is crucial for the State.

On his arrival at No (4) Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) on 30 April, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay stressed the need to put more efforts in production process in order to meet set standards of production capacity, to achieve an equilibrium in raw materials and manufactured goods for cost-effectiveness, to carry out systematic sewerage disposal system in order

not to harm environment and to place emphasis on environmental conservation, and inspected the plant.

Accompanied by Yangon Region Minister for Electric Power, Energy, Industry and Construction U Kyaw Soe, the Union Minister visited Nyaungdon Oil Field where he oversaw natural gas pipeline along the motorway yesterday. — MNA



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay at No (4) Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) in Hmawby Township.—MNA

Remarkable progress in maternal and child health care

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — In reviewing the period of 20 years ago, there has been significant progress in maternal and child health care, service which is the basis of the millennium development goals 4 and 5. Moreover, reproductive health care services have yielded fruitful results thanks to the cooperative efforts of the members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association from various regions, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the opening of the 21st Annual



General Meeting of MMCWA held at the meeting hall of the association here this morning.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Myat

Myat Ohn Khin, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Paing Soe, UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha, MMCWA President Daw Nilar Thaw, Vice-president Dr Daw Wai

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addresses opening ceremony of 21st Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association.—MNA



Accounts offices to find out public grievances, malpractice



Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung meets with auditors-general and directors of Regions and States.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — Accounts offices are under a duty to find out public grievances and malpractice and enforce laws, rules, procedures and directives against governing bodies, said Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung, meeting with auditors-general and

directors of Regions and States at his office here this morning.

If so, the governing bodies will spend budgets as expeditiously as possible, he added, calling on Region and State auditors-general to protect public interests in line with the law, keep off

corruption and honour the ethic.

Region/State auditors-general reported on ongoing tasks, and Deputy Auditor-General U Myo Myint gave instructions.

The Union Auditor-General gave concluding remarks. — MNA

Wai Tha and CEC members, patrons, president and secretaries of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, representatives of social organizations and others.

The Union minister went on to say that more than 11 million members of MCWAs across the

nation are taking part in the effort for turning out human resources. Next, he called on the members to learn technologies and developments in the education, health, economic, social and international relations fields that are the major tasks of the association and to strive

for all-round development of the life of the urban and rural people.

After the ceremony, the Union minister and party viewed documentary photos on the activities of MMCWA (Central) and Region and State MCW Supervisory Committees. — MNA

Firemen carry out sanitation, donate blood to mark Fire Services Day



Firemen donate blood hailing 65th Anniversary Fire Services Day. — MNA

YANGON, 2 May — Hailing the 65th Anniversary Fire Services Day which falls on 5 May 2011, staff and trainees of Fire Services Department

under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and firemen and members of auxiliary fire brigades of fire stations in townships of Yangon Region

carried out sanitation works at North Okkalapa Teaching Hospital and 500-bed Military Hospital No (2) this morning and donated blood. — MNA



Japan's domestic sales of new cars, trucks and buses dived 51 percent from a year earlier in April, an industry group said Monday as the March quake and tsunami hit production and supplies to dealers.

INTERNET

Japan new vehicle sales fall by record 51% in April

TOKYO, 2 May—Japan's domestic sales of new cars, trucks and buses logged their biggest-ever drop in April, an industry group said Monday as the March quake and tsunami hit production and supplies to dealers.

The sales came to 108,824 units in April, down 51 percent from a year earlier, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association said.

The drop, far steeper than a 37 percent fall in March, was the biggest ever since the data began being recorded in 1968.

Internet

Six workers killed after school building collapses in N China

HOHHOT, 2 May—Six workers were killed and five more were injured when a school hall under construction collapsed Sunday morning in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

Six workers died after being buried in the accident that occurred at 11:50 am Sunday in Wushen Banner (county) of Erdos City, said a government staff member of the Wushen banner. Rescue work started right after the collapse and the bodies of the six dead were all recovered as of 9:05 pm Sunday.

Three workers suffered bone fractures and another two sustained minor injuries in the accident. They are being treated in the Wushen Banner People's Hospital. The head of the construction contractor, project supervisor and construction technicians have all been controlled by local authorities, according to the government staff.

An investigation team comprising staff from local government agencies, experts and engineering professionals were formed to probe into the cause of the collapse. Meanwhile, local authorities have started to handle the aftermath of the accident and ordered safety inspections in all construction sites in the banner.

MNA/Xinhua

Arson suspected in China hotel fire that killed 10

BEIJING, 2 May—Chinese police say they suspect arson was the cause of a fire at a northeastern hotel that killed 10 people.

Investigators quoted by the official *Xinhua News Agency* say the early-Sunday blaze at a hotel in the city of Tonghua started in a ground floor stairwell and sent noxious smoke pouring onto the upper floors.

A karaoke bar and a restaurant operate on the first and second floors of the seven story building, with the hotel occupying the upper floors.

Xinhua's Monday report gave no further details and police and government officials reached by phone said they had no further information.

The hotel is owned by the Nasdaq-listed Chinese budget hotel chain Home Inns & Hotels Management Inc, the largest eco-nomy hotel operator in the country.—Internet



In this photo distributed by China's Xinhua news agency, a firefighter walks in front of a hotel after fire in Tonghua, northeast China's Jilin Province, on 1 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Indonesia urged to improve educational system

JAKARTA, 2 May—Indonesia needs to improve educational system to increase quality of students in facing a more globalized world, a top official said here on Monday.

Irman Gusman, speaker of the Regional Representative Council or Senate, told reporters that the country has uneven educational quality between regions. "We see that our educational quality is not same between regions. The farer locations from the capital city of Jakarta, the less is the quality, especially in border areas," said Gusman.

He said that the government should improve curriculum and educational system. "It's not only about thinking skills that we have to improve, but we have to strengthen the nation character building. From the early ages, students must be provided with a good spiritual education so that they are not easily provoked," said Gusman.—MNA/Xinhua

Over 70 villagers hospitalized for suspected food poisoning in south China

NANNING, 2 May— More than 70 villagers in Baise, a city in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, were hospitalized under suspicions of food poisoning, local government authorities said Monday.

Those affected had attended a private banquet in the village on Thursday afternoon and later experienced symptoms including fever, headache, diarrhea or vomiting on Sunday, the Baise municipal government said in a statement.

Everyone who had attended the banquet was sent to local hospitals and 72 people were suspected of suffering food poisoning, according to the statement.

The youngest person to be sickened was a 6-month-old baby, the statement said. All the patients are in stable condition and the sickness is not life-threatening. An investigation into the cause is underway.

Xinhua



The skyline of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon at night. An 81-year-old man in the territory single-handedly fought off a gang of teenage muggers, police said Monday, with eight youths arrested and some requiring hospital treatment.

INTERNET

Japan police end nuclear art stunt

TOKYO, 2 May—An anonymous painter in Japan at the weekend added an image of the stricken Fukushima atomic plant to a public mural about the horrors of a nuclear explosion by the late abstract master Taro Okamoto.

The clandestine add-on image — painted in a style mimicking that of Okamoto's "Myth of Tomorrow" on display at a busy Tokyo train station — created a stir on Twitter before police took it down Sunday evening.

The small wooden panel — which shows black smoke billowing from reactor buildings resembling those at Fukushima — was attached to the wall without causing damage to the original 30-metre (100-foot) long wall painting.

Okamoto, who was born 100 years ago and



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died in 1996, is one of Japan's best-known modern artists. Strongly influenced by Pablo Picasso, he is known for his abstract paintings and sculptures, including his "Tower of the Sun" erected for the Osaka Expo in 1970. "Myth of Tomorrow", created in Mexico in 1968-69, went missing for years but was rediscovered in

2003, returned to Japan and finally installed at a pedestrian overpass at the capital's busy Shibuya railway station in 2008.

The non-profit organisation that is the guardian of the painting was quoted as saying by local media: "It is an outrageous prank and we are troubled."

Internet



Mail carrier Kenjiro Ishimori rides a motorcycle after delivering mails at an area devastated by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, northeastern Japan, on 30 April, 2011.—INTERNET

Japan's parliament passes tsunami recovery budget

TOKYO, 2 May—Japan's parliament passed a 4 trillion yen (\$48 billion) tsunami recovery budget Monday, but it will cover only a fraction of the cost of what was the most expensive disaster ever.

Mounting frustrations over the government's response and a still unfolding nuclear crisis, meanwhile, are threatening to topple the country's increasingly unpopular prime minister as more budgetary battles lie ahead.

The supplementary budget bill for the fiscal 2011 year that started in April was unanimously approved by parliament's upper house budget committee Monday morning and was made into law at the chamber's plenary session later in the day. The more powerful lower house had approved the plan Saturday.

The budget will cover the building of new houses for the more than 100,000 people who remain without proper shelter, the massive undertaking of clearing debris and rubble, reconstruction of fishing grounds, and support for disaster-hit businesses and their employers.—INTERNET



Actors perform traditional dancing of Kadazan-Dusun Ethnic group to promote local tourism in Kota Kinabalu of Sabah, Malaysia, on 1 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Indian manufacturing activity accelerates

NEW DELHI, 2 May—India's manufacturing activity grew at the fastest pace for five months in April, a key index showed Monday, raising chances of another hike in interest rates to tame inflation.

The HSBC Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), based on a survey of 500 companies, climbed to 58 in April from 57.9 the previous month, data showed. A reading over 50 points to expansion.

The PMI index is keenly watched

as a signal of industrial growth.

"The strong manufacturing PMI numbers are testament to the resilience of growth" in Asia's third-largest economy, said HSBC chief India economist Leif Eskesen.

India's economy is forecast to grow nine percent this fiscal year and the central bank has warned of capacity constraints that are fuelling inflation as factories work at full tilt and supply struggles to keep up with demand.—INTERNET

Credit card use highlights fragile recovery in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, 2 May—New Zealand's small business owners are increasingly using personal credit cards to finance their companies, indicating the fragile state of the country's economic recovery, new research showed.

The finding came from a survey of 1,808 small and medium-sized companies as part of a study into how they were coping with the recession.

Seventy-eight percent of the respondents said they were using credit cards to fund their business operations, up from 67 percent the

previous year, the survey conducted by Massey University's Centre for Small and Medium Enterprise Research found.

The Centre's Director David Deakins said personal credit cards were now the most widely used form of business finance alongside trade credits.

"These findings reflect the fragile nature of the recovery as the recession continues with businesses not wanting or not able to access a bank loan," he said.

"For a business owner this is a relatively flexible way to finance

cash flow and meet working capital requirements," he said. "There is a risk they may get bad debt - particularly in times of recession - but if it helps cash flow over a temporary period it could be a good solution."

Xinhua



Troops of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Macao Garrison present battle skills during an open day at a PLA barrack in Macao, south China, on 1 May, 2011. The PLA Macao Garrison opened its barracks on the Taipa Island to the public on 1 May, the International Labour Day, attracting about 2,600 Macao residents.—XINHUA

Japan, S Korean markets rise, dollar gains

TOKYO, 2 May—Markets in Japan and South Korea rose Monday amid holiday-thinned trading in Asia after US stocks gained on positive earnings to round out their best month since the end of last year.

Japan's Nikkei 225 gained 1.5 percent to 9,997.91. Asia's largest market will be closed Tuesday through Thursday amid Japan's annual Golden Week holiday. South Korea's benchmark Kospi index, meanwhile, advanced 1.5 percent to 2,224.36.

In currencies, the dollar got a boost after news of bin Laden's death. The dollar rose to 81.53 yen from 81.10 yen. The euro, meanwhile, was



A trader walks past a television screen, displaying Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke talking at a news conference, at the New York Stock Exchange on 27 April, 2011.—INTERNET

marginally weaker at \$1.4784 from \$1.4839 late Friday in New York.

The greenback was bought on the belief that "terror risk will get smaller" for the United States after bin Laden's death, said Yuji Kamooka, chief currency strategist at Daiwa Secu-

rities Capital Markets in Tokyo.

He said that yen weakness and a decline in the price of crude oil were boosting Japanese stock prices. Oil prices eased off 2 1/2-year highs to below \$113 a barrel Monday after Obama announced bin Laden's death.—INTERNET

Teen joblessness may hit record in summer 2011

CHICAGO, 2 May—A record-low one in four US teenagers will land a summer job in the coming months as a result of a still-poor job market and lost federal funding, according to a report issued on Monday.

"Both national and local leadership continue to ignore the plight of youth who are most at risk for potential violence as a result of being left on the streets in the summer months when crime is at its most explosive," Chicago Urban League President Andrea Zopp said in a statement.

The summer employment rate among US teenagers this year was projected at between 25 percent and 27 percent, based on an analysis of four decades of employment trends by Andrew Sum of the Centre for Labour Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston. That would be a post-World War Two low, while as recently as 2006 the teen summer employment rate was 37 percent.—Reuters



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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Air France flight data recorder recovered

PARIS, 2 May—One of two flight recorders from an Air France plane that crashed in 2009 off the coast of Brazil has been recovered, officials say. France's Bureau of Inves-

tigation said in a statement that the device was "in good physical condition". French search teams last week found the outer casing of the so-called black box recorder, but not its memory. The Air France Airbus plane went down in the Atlantic on 1 June 2009, killing all 228 people on board. The wreckage was discovered last month after a long search of 10,000 sq km (3,860 sq miles) of sea floor.

The remains of the plane were found only on a fourth attempt, using robots capable of operating 4,000m (13,120ft) below the ocean's surface. The Paris-bound Air France jet

went down after running into an intense high-altitude thunderstorm, four hours following take-off from Rio de Janeiro. Those on board came from more than 30 countries, though most were French, Brazilian or German.

Experts say the data in the flight recorders — which records cockpit conversations — is the only hope of finding out why the plane crashed into the sea. But one expert told the *Associated Press* that the data recorder's information may yet prove unusable, as it was subjected to underwater pressure for nearly two years.

Internet



The recorder was found partially embedded in sand on the sea bed.—INTERNET



Emergency crews at the scene of the accident.

INTERNET

Children 'playing' in car that crushed mother

MELBOURNE, 2 May—A mother was killed on Saturday after a car carrying her three children crushed her in their family driveway. Her husband tried desperately to save her but she died at their home in Melbourne's north. Police said it was the 37-year-old woman's birthday and the family had just returned from an outing to celebrate.

The woman was unloading items from her Ford Territory car when it began rolling slowly down the driveway — with the three children still playing inside — pinning her un-

derneath it. She was dragged 20 metres before the car came to a stop over a gutter. The woman's husband - who had just got out of the car - rushed back outside to find his wife trapped. He and a neighbour used two car jacks to free the woman but their attempts to save her were in vain. Police will check whether the handbrake was disengaged or if the gear lever had been moved from the "park" position before it started rolling. Sergeant Rod McKenzie said the children inside the vehicle were aged 2, 4, and 6.—*Internet*

Qantas high flyers fed from the freezer

SYDNEY, 2 May—Qantas is misleading flyers by serving frozen food instead of the "fresh" produce it promotes. Only salads are now freshly prepared by Q-Catering for business-class passengers, with the rest of the meals including toast, scrambled eggs and steak sandwiches, brought in frozen from Qantas-owned Snapfresh and kept in storage for months. Q-Catering staff have blown the whistle on the practice, providing photographs of the pre-packaged meals.

One employee said Q-Catering used to have to meet high standards of preparation and presentation but now "lumps of frozen food were simply dumped in china bowls and covered".—*Internet*



Inflight meal on Qantas.—INTERNET

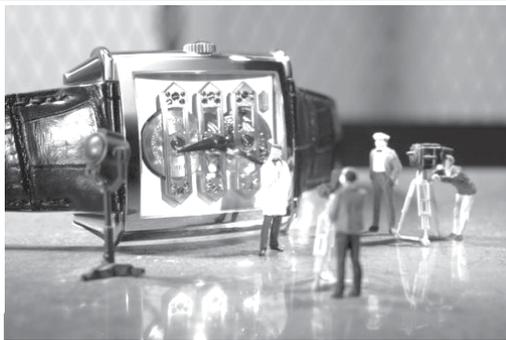
1-year-old signs soccer 'contract'

A 1-year-old Dutch toddler has been signed to a 10-year "professional" contract by a soccer team after a YouTube video showed him scoring "goals."

The VVV Venlo soccer club signed the boy, Baerke van der Mey, to a symbolic contract after a YouTube video posted by the father of the toddler shooting three balls into a toy box got more than 900,000 hits, Radio Netherlands reported.

Taking advantage of the publicity, VVV invited the toddler to join players during a practice session at De Koel Stadium in the southern Dutch town of Venlo.

The team was happy to offer the toddler the token contract as his grandfather had once played for VVV Venlo, Radio Netherlands said.



Photographer Vincent Bousserez has artfully created an entire world of miniature plastic people that live hyperkinetic lives working and playing hard.

Apple-eating elk turns up pregnant

An elk that made headlines in Sweden when she started eating apples in people's back yards is in the news again because she is pregnant.

Fabiola, the elk called Fabbe when she showed up in 2009 and 2010 in Blekinge in southern Sweden, is now pregnant, *The Local* reported.

Karl-Goran Eriksson, who works at Rantemala Gard, a moose park in Blekinge, said Fabiola would probably give birth at the end of May.

Fabiola started showing up in back yards in November 2009, and she quickly became a sensation.

She returned a year later, and there were talks of either putting her down or relocating her for public safety.

Officials ultimately decided to relocate the elk after her plight became known on a Facebook page.

The page had more than 4,000 followers and an agreement was reached in early 2011 to relocate her to Rantemala Gard.

She was captured and transferred to her new home in February.

Eriksson said she quickly readjusted to her new living conditions with 11 other elk that live on the farm.



People have their meals in a restaurant with the theme of toilet in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 27 April, 2011.

Man drives under semi, casually drives off

A driver says he witnessed a man drive his Mazda MX-5 sports car beneath an 18-wheel tractor-trailer while traveling about 40 mph on a busy road in Florida.

Ben Ellis told Britain's *The Sun* newspaper the man then calmly pulled back out into traffic, his arm resting on the door, and drove away.

"I couldn't believe it," Ellis said of the incident. "He risked the lives of everyone on the road. Stupidity knows no bounds."

News Album

Warner Music \$3 billion buyout could be done this week

NEW YORK, 2 May—Final buyout bids for Warner Music Group are due on Monday and the company could be sold by the end of the week in a deal valued at over \$3 billion, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The third round of bids is led by two competing financial groups Len Blavatnik's Access Industry and a joint bid by Tom and Alec Gores' Platinum



The headquarters of Warner Music Group is pictured in Burbank.—INTERNET

Equity and Gores Group, according to two people. The Warner Music sale process is taking place against a backdrop of ongoing declines in music sales as executives struggle to figure out new business models to guarantee the future of the industry. While Warner Music continues to generate reasonable levels of cash on its balance sheet — a key metric for investors — it will still be seen as a risky investment in a very tough market.

Two weeks ago the second-round bids came in around \$3 billion according to three people who asked not to be named as the process is confidential. Ron Burkle's Yucaipa Co, dropped out of the bidding late last week, the first person said.

Reuters

Mick Jagger subject of photo exhibition

LONDON, 2 May—Mick Jagger, a founding member of British rockers the Rolling Stones, is the subject of a 12-picture display in the National Portrait Gallery in London.

The *Daily Telegraph* said the photographs were taken in the 1960s, and feature a young Jagger staring into the camera as the rest of the Stones stand behind him.

The display is titled "Mick Jagger: Young in the 60s," and features photographs by Gered Mankowitz, the band's first official photographer.

It also includes pictures by photographers Cecil Beaton, Colin Jones and Philip Townsend, whose pictures were credited with providing a glimpse into the culture of the "swinging '60s."

Internet

'Fast Five' takes checkered flag at box office

LOS ANGELES, 2 May—The first big budget film of the summer season, "Fast Five," broke new records as it scored \$83.6 million in its first weekend in theaters, industry estimates showed Sunday.

Ticket sales for the fifth volume in the high-speed car chase series marked the biggest premiere for any film so far this year, largely outpacing other new films this week.



Mick Jagger arrives for the premiere of "Boardwalk Empire" at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York on 15 Sept, 2010.—INTERNET

Coming-of-age flick "Prom" only got \$5 million for its cast of young and largely unknown actors, while moviegoers were similarly unimpressed by "Hood-winked Too! Hood vs. Evil," a 3-D cartoon which opened with \$4.1 million, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Movie ticket sales have been soft this year, reflecting the impact of a deep recession, the worst in the United States since the 1930s. Paul Walker and Vin Diesel were among "Fast" veterans who reunited for the fifth edition in the series, with Rio de Janeiro as a setting this time.

The "Hoodwinked" sequel's poor showing may owe to the continued popularity of two other 3-D animated family films: tropical bird comedy



A poster of the film "Fast And Furious 5". INTERNET

"Rio," in second place with \$14.4 million, and 9th place finisher "Hop," an Easter romp that scored \$2.6 million in its fifth week on the big screen. "Rio" previously roosted atop the box office for two consecutive weeks.

The cartoon about pet macaw Blu voiced by "Social Network" star Jesse Eisenberg bolts from chilly climes to Brazil's beaches.

Internet

Mancini says City worthy of Champions League

MANCHESTER, 2 May — Roberto Mancini believes his Manchester City side are on course to meet their targets for the season after closing in on Champions League qualification with a 2-1 win over West Ham. Mancini has faced questions about his future throughout the campaign after seeing his team slip out of contention for the



Roberto Mancini

Premier League title and get knocked out of the Europa League quarter-finals by Dynamo Kiev.

But with the chance to end City's 35-year trophy drought in the FA Cup final against Stoke on 14 May, his team are also now seven points clear of Liverpool and Tottenham in the league. With four games left, six points will definitely secure a place in Europe's top competition for the first time. Mancini believes his team have proved they are worthy of Champions League football by spending the last seven months in the top four. — *Internet*

Milan on brink of Italian league title after Bologna victory

ROME, 2 May — AC Milan need only one more point to secure an 18th league title after a 1-0 victory over Bologna on Sunday put them on the brink of the scudetto crown. If either Milan avoid defeat away to Roma next week or Inter Milan fail to beat Fiorentina, then the rossoneri will be Serie A champions.

AC Milan's French midfielder Mathieu Flamini waves to the crowd after their Serie A match AC Milan against FC Bologna at the San Siro stadium in Milan. — INTERNET

French midfielder Mathieu Flamini scored the only goal of the game early in the first period. Milan would already be champions but for Giampaolo Pazzini's two injury time goals on Saturday gave Inter a 2-1 win at Cesena. Coach Massimiliano Allegri was happy to admit that the title race is now over.

— *Internet*



Rogge hails IOC's environmental credentials

DOHA, 2 May — IOC President Jacques Rogge says environmental sustainability remains a key part of the Olympic movement and will continue to be through the 2012 and 2016 games. Rogge told the World Conference of Sports and Environment on Sunday that the IOC's "commitment to the environment is more than just a matter of self-interest. It is a matter of values."

He said efforts to make

the Olympics more sustainable started with the 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer and have continued through the 2010 games in Vancouver that "set a new standard for environmental sustainability in construction practices, energy conservation and legacy planning."

The three-day meeting in Doha aims to find ways sporting events can reduce their environmental impact. — *Internet*

Dalglish salutes Suarez in Liverpool resurgence

LIVERPOOL, 2 May — Kenny Dalglish saluted Luis Suarez after the Uruguayan forward helped Liverpool stroll to a 3-0 win over Newcastle in the Anfield sunshine.



Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish watches during his squad's English Premier League clash with Newcastle United on 1 May. — INTERNET

The build up to Sunday's game was all about Reds striker Andy Carroll and whether he would start against his old club but that issue was overshadowed by a brilliant Liverpool performance.

The win moves Liverpool above Tottenham into fifth place and leaves them in the qualifying spot for the Europa League.

Liverpool's current form has seen them take 30 points from a possible 42 and interim boss Dalglish is odds-on to be confirmed as permanent manager by the end of the season. — *Internet*

Totti overtakes Baggio goal tally

ROME, 2 May — Roma captain Francesco Totti moved up to fifth on the all-time Serie A scoring chart with two goals in Sunday's dramatic 3-2 win at Bari. His 205th and 206th strikes took him past Italy legend Roberto Baggio in the scoring list and Totti has no intention of stopping now. "The King of Rome is not dead and he will never die," he told *Sky Sport*. "I know what I can give. I'm happy that I've set another record and taken another scalp, a great player like Baggio. I hope to keep going at this level."



Roma captain Francesco Totti

Totti smashed home a free-kick past a poorly positioned wall on the half hour mark and then slotted home a penalty on 57 minutes, equalising on both occasions. And it could have been even better for the 34-year-old who missed out on a hat-trick when he crashed a 79th minute penalty against a post.

— *Internet*

Watson edges Simpson to win Zurich Classic

AVONDALE, 2 May — Bubba Watson has been working on becoming a better man. He figures he's probably a better player because of it. Earlier in his career, a double bo-



Bubba Watson, right, hugs his mother Molly after beating Webb Simpson in a sudden death playoff on the 18th green during the final round of the Zurich Classic golf tournament in Avondale, La, on Sunday. — INTERNET

guy in the middle of a hotly contested final round might have knocked the combustible Watson off his game. Not anymore.

Watson overcame a three-stroke deficit over the final eight holes of regulation and beat Webb Simpson in a playoff Sunday in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans for his second PGA Tour victory of the year and third of his career. "My wife, my caddy and my trainer would say my attitude's in the right spot," Watson said. "This week, I won (by) not getting down on bad shots, just staying focused on what I'm supposed to be doing." He also had a little luck. — *Internet*

Fergie fears split-second decisions in title race



Manchester United's Scottish manager Sir Alex Ferguson

LONDON, 2 May — Sir Alex Ferguson insists Manchester United paid the price for a refereeing error in the 1-0 defeat at Arsenal as the Premier League title race was blown wide open. Ferguson believes referee Chris Foy got it wrong when he failed to award an 88th minute penalty following

Gael Clichy's clumsy challenge on Michael Owen.

The United manager acknowledged Arsenal themselves had a good claim for a spot-kick turned down when Nemanja Vidic handled Theo Walcott's cross in the first half. But having seen Chelsea close the gap at the top to three points 24 hours earlier after benefiting from two dubious decisions in the 2-1 victory over Tottenham, Ferguson attempted to set the agenda ahead of the Blues' decisive trip to Old Trafford on 8 May.

— *Internet*

Del Potro wins Estoril tennis crown

ESTORIL, 2 May — Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro won his first claycourt tournament in 22 months with a 6-2, 6-2 defeat of Fernando Verdasco at the Estoril Open on Sunday.

The victory was the second of the season for the 2009 US Open champion, who missed 10 months of 2010 as he recovered from surgery on his right wrist. Del Potro last played on clay at the 2009 French Open but he showed that he had lost none of his touch on the surface.

He claimed his ninth title, from 12 final appearances, to improve his win-

loss record for the season to 25-6 and become the first Argentine to win the Estoril title since David Nalbandian in 2006.

"This is a great victory, it's unbelievable to win on clay. It's something I never expected so soon," said the champion.

The big Argentine said that while his wrist is not yet at 100 percent, it is not a bother to him on court.

— *Internet*



Juan Del Potro of Argentina

Australian Evans wins Tour de Romandie

GENEVA, 2 May — Australia's Cadel Evans won the Tour de Romandie here on Sunday after the fifth and final stage was claimed by Team Sky's British rider Ben Swift. It was a second overall victory for the Australian BMC team rider after his previous success in 2006, and he admitted to feeling comfortable on Swiss soil.



BMC's team rider Cadel Evans of Australia

"It's a race I like, I'm always happy to win here," said Evans. "It's important for us to make a good impression on home ground but also in terms of looking towards the Tour de France and other races of the year."

"Now I keep working towards the Dauphine but really my first objective is the Tour de France." Evans finished 18sec ahead of German HTC-Columbia rider Tony Martin, with Kazakh Alexandr Vinokourov of the Astana team in third.

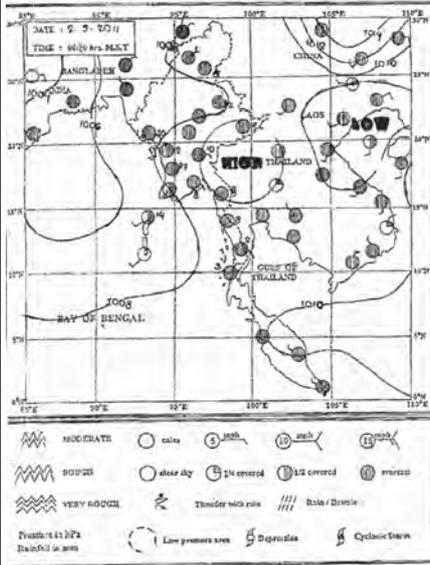
The final stage was won by Swift in a sprint finish. — *Internet*



WEATHER

Tuesday, 3rd May, 2011

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Lower Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan and Mon States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy fall in Kachin State. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin State, (5°C) to (6°C) below May average temperatures in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, (7°C) to (8°C) below May average temperatures in Bago Region, Shan and Kayah States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Thabyegon) and Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana)(0.87) inch each, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.79) inch, Bhamo (3.78) inches and Katha (2.36) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 1-5-2011 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 2-5-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-5-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 2-5-2011 was (0.79)inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

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(84%). Rainfall on 2-5-2011 was (0.59) inch. Rainfall on 1-5-2011 was (0.79) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.32) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Tr) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (9.61) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (8.82) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (4.26) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (6) mph from Northeast at (21:30) hours MST on 1-5-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and East Central Bay and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd May, 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and scattered in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Coastal Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-5-2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-5-2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-5-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Round 1 to Wade and the Heat, 99-90 over Celtics

MIAMI, 2 May—Dwyane Wade knew his regular-season numbers against Boston were lacking.

He also knew that wouldn't matter in the playoffs. And Game 1 — which seemed more like Round 1 — of what's already an emotionally charged series went to Wade and the Miami Heat.

Wade scored 38 points on 14 of 21 shooting, James Jones set a Miami postseason record with 25 points off the bench, and the Heat beat the Celtics 99-90 on Sunday to open their Eastern Conference semifinal series. "We're going to have to fight for every inch,

every game we get," Wade said. "Right now, we won Game 1. We're supposed to. We'll go back and focus on winning Game 2. We're at home, we have home-court advantage. They're just trying to come in and steal one like they've done in the past. So it's our job to come out with the same mentality in the next one."

Game 2 is Tuesday in Miami.

Given how Boston ousted Miami last season, and ended James' playoff runs with Cleveland in 2008 and 2010, these teams have history — and more than a bit of dislike, and that was apparent.—Internet



Miami Heat's James Jones runs up the court after scoring a 3-pointer against the Boston Celtics during the first half of Game 1 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball series, Sunday, 1 May, 2011, in Miami.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (3-5-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(3-5-11 09:30 am - 4-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Wonderful Resort in Myanmar
- * Lucky Draw Winners & Taw Win Centre
- * News
- * Yangon International Products Showcase 2011
- * Prawn Breeding Industry
- * News
- * Stream of Songs
- * News
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- * Youth & Future
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "The Alchemist is Dancing"
- * News
- * Superior Diploma in Abhidhamma
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * A Day in Bagan
- * Myanmar Movies "The Spouse And The Lover"



Tuesday, 3 May

View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
7. Songs of Yester Years
- 8:10 am
8. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 8:20 am
9. Song Of National Races
- 8:30 am
10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:40 am
11. International News
- 8:45 am

12. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:30 pm
4. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies
- 4:40 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) First Year (English)
- 5:00 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National

- Spirit
- 5:10 pm
7. Music Serie
- 5:35 pm
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:45 pm
9. Sweet Melody
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:30 pm
13. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. National News
17. Weather Report
18. Just for Laughs
19. TV Drama Series

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- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

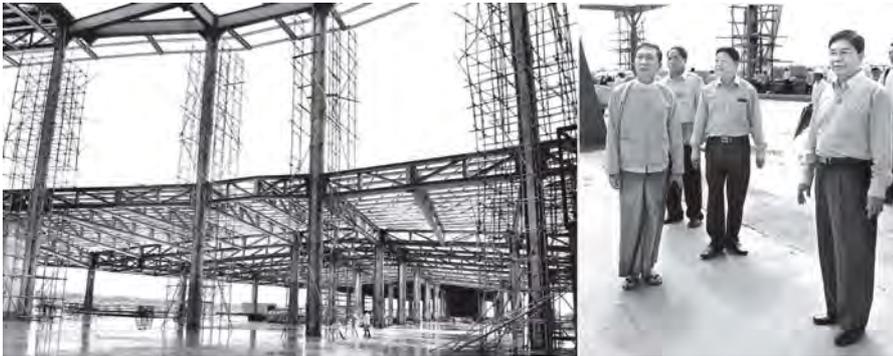
- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

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

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Myanmar to see third Int'l Airport in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung views construction site of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Two of the 33 airports in Myanmar: Yangon Airport and Mandalay Airport meet international standard. Tourist arrivals at Yangon International Airport in 2010 totaled over 1.2 million, an increase by 27 per cent if compared with that in previous year.

Construction of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport Project started in April 2009 to ensure a sharp increase in tourist arrivals due to ASEAN and other international conferences and SEA Games and ASEAN Summit to be held soon.

During the term of 30 months, there will emerge an airport with an area of 5569 acres, about 10 miles south of Nay Pyi Taw, with 12,000 feet long and 200 feet wide runway. Upon completion, it will be able to cope with 10 aeroplanes

simultaneously, handling 9000 passengers a day or 3.5 million a year. The project is estimated to cost some 370 million US dollars. The project will be semi-finished by early 2012.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung inspected the project this morning. The managing director of Pioneer Aerodrome Services reported on work progress, and Director-General of the Civil Aviation Department U Tin Naing Tun, on the project and development in civil aviation.

In his speech, the minister said that the airport will polish the image of the nation as it will cope with aircraft from international airlines and called for meeting ICAO standard and completion of the project on schedule.

MNA

Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary award presentation on 16 May

YANGON, 2 May—Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary award presentation ceremony will be held at Pyithaya Hall in Pakokku on 16 May in conjunction with prize presentation to students who won Pakokku U Ohn Pe outstanding award.

Winners of Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary awards founded by Pakokku U Ohn Pe are to urgently contact the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutiny Committee at No. 529-531 on Merchant Street here. The contact phone numbers are the secretary: 376569, the joint-secretary: 249230, the office: 381449.

Winners of Pakokku U Ohn Pe outstanding student award are to contact Director U Myo Thant of Education Planning and Training Department, Ph: 067-407272, Deputy Director-General (Professional) U Tun Hla, Ph: 01-548540.

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