**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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 accordance 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

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**Plan to launch region-wise national immunization days in 129 townships of nine Regions, States**

**NAY PYI TAW, 4 May**—The leading committee for organizing the region-wise national immunization days (2011) of the extended vaccination project of Health Department under the Ministry of Health held the coordination meeting at the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, in his address, said that according to the statistics of the World Health Organization up to 13 April 2011, a total of 1292 persons suffered from polio in 2010 in the whole world. Up to 3 April, 88 patients from Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan were victims of polio disease.

He continued to say that Myanmar gave polio vaccine to children under one year old at least three times a year.

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**Scientific agricultural method introduced in Thanlyin**

**YANGON, 4 May**—In order to provide local farmers with the knowledge of using scientific agricultural method that can save seed consumption and increase per acre yield, a seed-sowing ceremony was held at the farmland of Farmer U Kyaw Khin in Phayakon village-tract in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, yesterday.

It was attended by Region Minister for Agriculture/Commerce and Labour U Soe Min.—MNA

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**Myanmar Fire Brigade ready to prevent danger of fire**

According to the records, the Fire Brigade was formed in the time of King Bagan in 1044 AD. As the fire brigades had been formed in the successive eras, the Myanmar Fire Brigade was systematically reformed in 1946. Therefore, the 65th birthday of the Fire Brigade will fall on 5 May 2011.

We, the news crew of Myanmar Alin Daily visited Myanmar Fire Brigade recently.

With regard to the motto of the Myanmar Fire Brigade “Quickly know, quickly go and quickly put out the fire”, all the brigade members are actively carrying out their tasks without delay. Telephones and communication devices are being kept open for taking information about breakouts of fire round the clock. All the fire stations are always ready to group fire fighters, to run fire engines, to use fuel and to pump out water. All fire fighters have been trained with the use of modern equipment and technology,” Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department.

We have learnt that fire stations in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay will be installed with GPS and vehicle tracking system for improvement of fire fighting capability.

Nowadays, many countries across the world are facing impacts of climate change. They all are taking awareness of dangers of natural disasters.

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**Meeting of leading committee for organizing the region-wise national immunization days (2011) of the extended vaccination project in progress.**

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**Rescue underway for 13 Mexican miners**

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**Beckham still wants to play at 2012 London Games**
Maintain Inlay Lake and its environments

All the countries throughout the world are facing climate change. Global warming causes deterioration to the environment. All the living things need proper environment.

As deforestation of trees and bamboo groves can change climate, many countries are trying their best for conservation of forests and environment. So also, Myanmar is giving priority to systematic conservation of water, land and forest resources. Due to collaborative efforts, the Ministry of Forestry and relevant ministries have remarkable achievement in establishment of watershed forests and sanctuaries.

Inlay Lake is located on the hilly area of Nyaungshwe Township. The fresh water natural lake is one of the heritages of forefathers. The government is placing emphasis on maintenance of Inlay Lake not to be silted up and its durability which is home to various species of bio-diversities. Therefore, departments and local people are to join hands in maintenance of the lake.

Greening of the environs of Inlay Lake and its watershed areas has started. Departments and organizations are participating in reforestation works in watershed areas. Thus, the local farmers are to carry out mixed cropping between forests and crops, conservation of bank erosion and use of correct cultivation methods.

Especially, it is necessary to conduct training courses on environmental conservation and technology at villages around Inlay Lake in Nyaungshwe Township. Local farmers are to constantly grow crops at the terraces of the hills, reduction of nitrogen in the air, substitute- use of natural pesticides instead of chemical ones and distribution of natural fertilizers.

Accelerating the greening tasks at Inlay Lake and its environs contributes a lot to environmental conservation. Due to favourable weather, local farmers can grow crops and perennial crops to be able to increase their incomes. Use of natural fertilizers and pesticides can help reduce water pollution as well as ensure perpetuity of Inlay Lake.
**Car bomb kills nine, wounds 30 in Baghdad**

**Baghdad, 4 May**—At least nine people were killed and 30 others injured in Iraq when a car bomb exploded Tuesday evening in Baghdad’s southern Doura District, a police source said.

“Our latest report is nine killed and 30 wounded,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Several cars and nearby shops were damaged in the blast, he said, adding that the police has cordoned off the area.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the last three years. The attacks underscore the challenges the Iraqi security forces are facing as they struggle to restore stability and normalcy in Iraqi cities about eight months before the departure of all American forces.—**Xinhua**

**Helicopter crash site located in northeast India**

**Guwahati, 4 May**—Rescue teams have located the wreckage of a helicopter that could be the one that disappeared over the weekend while carrying the chief minister of a northeastern Indian State, a government minister said Wednesday.

Home Minister Paliya Patkai said parts of the helicopter and at least three bodies had been spotted in a mountainous and densely forested area of Arunachal Pradesh State.

“The team has sighted the remains of the aircraft. An army team should be reaching the crash site on foot within a short while,” Chidambaram told reporters in New Delhi.

The single-engine helicopter carrying Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu, two pilots and two other passengers lost radio contact Saturday around 20 minutes after taking off from the Buddhist mountain retreat of Tawang en route to the state capital, Itanagar.

Khandu, 56, is a former army intelligence official elected in 2007 as Arunachal Pradesh’s top official.

About 4,000 Indian police, army, paramilitary and villagers took part in an extensive ground search, with air force helicopters searching the region from the air.—**MNA/Xinhua**

**Two people killed in gunfire, mortar attacks in Baghdad**

**Baghdad, 4 May**—A policeman and a government employee were gunned down by silenced weapons, while two mortar barrages hit military bases in Baghdad on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

Gunmen using silenced pistols shot dead a policeman near his house in al-Qahira district in northern Baghdad, the source said on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, gunmen using weapons fitted with silencers shot dead an employee of the Iraqi Ministry of Transportation and Communications in Baghdad’s northeastern district of al-Shaab, the source said.

The attacks are part of a wave of assassinations by insurgent groups and gangs against Iraqi security members and civilians. The groups’ tactics include suicide bombings, gunfire by silenced weapons and sticky bombs attached to vehicles.

Also in the day, three mortar rounds landed on a joint US and Iraqi army base in Baladayat district in eastern Baghdad, the source said.

Separately, three mortar rounds struck al-Taji military camp, just north of Baghdad, the source added without giving further details about the two mortar attacks.

Violence in the country underscore the challenges that the Iraqi security forces are facing as they struggle to restore stability and normalcy in Iraqi cities about eight months before the departure of all US forces by the end of 2011.—**Xinhua**

**Plane overshoots runway in northeast India**

**Guwahati, 4 May**—A plane with 11 people on board Wednesday overshot the runway at Lengpui Airport in Mizoram, northeast India.

The passengers and two pilots have all been hospitalized but their injuries are not reported to be very serious. The plane, which belonged to a company named Northeast Shuttle Services, has been severely damaged.

The nine-seater plane Wednesday flew from Imphal to Aizawi, where the pilot overshot the runway but managed to brake before the plane dropped off the runway altogether.

The accident evokes comparisons to the Mangalore clash in May last year, when 158 people on a Boing were killed after the pilot overshot the runway. The runway at the Lengpui Airport is similar—built on top of a hill and is surrounded by mountains. It makes for tricky landings and take-offs because if a pilot lands too far down the runway, a crash is likely.—**MNA/Xinhua**

**Iraqis gather around the scene of a blast at a small eatery on 2 May, in the Sadr City district of Baghdad. Violence in Baghdad and northern Iraq on Tuesday killed 12 people, including nine who died when a car bomb exploded near a popular market, security officials said.—**INTERNET**

**Car bomb kills nine, wounds 30 in Baghdad**

**Baghdad, 4 May**—There have been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 4 May reached 705,700 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 127,188, according to the news on the Internet.

**Casualties of Iraqi people**

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

**KABUL, 4 May**—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

**Casualties of Afghan people**

According to the Internet news, a total of 33,831 Afghan people were killed and 41,283 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 4 May.

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**A woman and her granddaughter watch over a boy who was wounded in a bomb attack, at a hospital in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad on 13 April, 2011.**

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Thursday, 5 May, 2011**
NASA’s Dawn probe closes in on giant asteroid

WASHINGTON, 4 May—The Dawn space probe is closing in on its first target, the massive asteroid Vesta, almost four years after its journey began in September 2007, NASA said Tuesday. —INTERNET

Dawn is on a long-haul mission to unlock the secrets of the solar system by studying the two largest asteroids orbiting the sun, Vesta and Ceres — a trip that will carry it three billion miles by the time it is over. It will be about three more months before the spacecraft gets close enough to begin orbiting the huge proto-planet, but NASA said it is eager to get to work. “We feel a little like Columbus approaching the shores of the New World,” said Christopher Russell, Dawn principal investigator, based at the University of California in Los Angeles.

“The Dawn team can’t wait to start mapping this Terra Incognita.” After orbiting Vesta for about a year, the unmanned Dawn spacecraft will then carry on to Ceres, an even larger asteroid, in 2015, NASA said. The deep-space probe is carrying photographic and science instruments to study the surface of the asteroids and analyze their gravitational pull. Dawn’s mission is to learn about the first moments of the solar system’s creation 4.6 billion years ago by gathering information about Ceres and Vesta, including what kinds of elements form such terrestrial planets, among them Earth, Mars and Mercury.—INTERNET

In this file photo an iceberg is seen off Ammassalik Island in Eastern Greenenland. A new assessment of climate change in the Arctic shows the ice in the region is melting faster than previously thought and sharply raises projections of global sea level rise this century.—INTERNET

Monstrously big ant’ fossil found in Wyoming

WASHINGTON, 4 May—Almost 50 million years ago, ants the size of hummingbirds roamed what is now Wyoming, a new fossil discovery reveals. These giant bugs may have crossed an Arctic land bridge between Europe and North America during a particularly warm period in Earth’s history. At about 2 inches (5 cm) long, the specimen is a “monstrously big ant,” said Bruce Archibald, a paleoentomologist at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia who reported the discovery today (May 3) in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B. Though fossils of large ant wings have been found before in the United States, this is the first known full-body specimen.

The fossil ant is from a well-known fossil site in Wyoming called the Green River Formation, but it had been sitting in a drawer at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Archibald said. When a curator showed him the fossil, Archibald said, he knew he was looking at something exciting. “I immediately recognized it and said, ‘Oh my god, this is a giant ant and it looks like it’s related to giant ants that are known from about this time in Germany.’” One living ant species, Dorylus wilverthi, has queens that reach the size of this ancient ant, though Titanomyrma was big all over while D wilverthi gets its size from an abnormally swollen abdomen, Archibald said.—INTERNET

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Apple upgrades iMacs with quad-core processors

NEW YORK, 4 May—Apple Inc on Tuesday released an upgraded line of iMac desktop computers with faster processors, higher-resolution cameras and a new type of data port, are displayed. —INTERNET

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SAN FRANCISCO, 4 May—Research In Motion will use Microsoft’s Bing services on new BlackBerry smartphones, Microsoft Corp. CEO Steve Ballmer made the announcement Tuesday at RIM’s annual BlackBerry World conference in Orlando. Fla Bing director Matt Dahlin outlined the plans on the Bing Search Blog. Dahlin says BlackBerrys shipped to wireless carriers will use Bing as its default search and map services. Bing will be the BlackBerry browser’s preferred search engine. RIM’s BlackBerry PlayBook tablet already uses Bing for search and maps. According to comScore Inc, Microsoft had about 14 percent of the US search market in March, while Google had about 66 percent.—INTERNET

RIM using Microsoft’s Bing on new BlackBerrys

DOJ probe of AT&T, T-Mobile deal deepens

WASHINGTON, 4 May—The Justice Department has decided to pursue an in-depth investigation of AT&T’s plan to buy of T-Mobile USA, according to a source familiar with the deal. The decision was widely expected as antitrust enforcers typically give close scrutiny to big deals that involve large market shares.

Justice Department spokes-woman Gina Talamona declined to confirm that the antitrust division had deepened its probe. “Our investigation is ongoing,” she added. AT&T’s $39 billion bid to buy Deutsche Telekom AG’s T-Mobile USA would concentrate 80 percent of US wireless contract customers in just two companies: AT&T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless, a joint venture of Verizon Communications and Vodafone Group Plc. AT&T is currently the No 2 US mobile carrier behind Verizon.

In assessing whether mergers are legal, the US Justice Department can take a quick look at a deal and approve it within 30 days, a process called an early termination. Or it can issue a so-called second request, indicating that the antitrust investigation is likely to be prolonged. Because of the size of the AT&T T-Mobile deal, and because the companies are major players, it was always expected that the Justice Department would take months before signing off on the deal or deciding to challenge it.

The Federal Communications Commission must also approve the deal before it can go forward. AT&T Inc rivals like Sprint Nextel Corp — in hopes of derailing the purchase — have asked US regulators to combine a review of AT&T’s proposed purchase of T-Mobile USA with their examination of its plan to buy wireless airwaves from Qualcomm Inc.

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US mothers feed infants variety of herbal products

WASHINGTON, 4 May—New research suggests many US babies are fed herbal supplements or teas.

Food and Drug Administration researchers led the study. It was released Monday in the journal Pediatrics and is billed as the first to examine broad use of such products in American infants.

About 9 percent studied had been fed supplements at least once. The 2005-2007 study oversampled white mothers, so authors say the true national prevalence is likely between 3 percent and 10 percent. About 2,600 mothers were questioned.

Gripe water for colic and chamomile tea were the most common products, but many others were used for reasons including fussiness and digestive problems. Side effects weren’t examined.—Internet

Structured exercise programmes help lower blood sugar, study finds

WASHINGTON, 4 May—A structured exercise programme helped people with type 2 diabetes lower their blood sugar level more effectively than just receiving advice about getting more physical activity, according to a new review of data. After analyzing the results of 47 randomized clinical trials, the researchers also found that exercising for longer periods of time was better at bringing blood sugar levels down than exercising more intensively.

“People with type 2 diabetes should engage in regular exercise training, preferably supervised exercise training,” said the study’s senior author, Dr Beatriz Schaan, a medical school professor at the Hospital de Clinicas de Porto Alegre in Brazil. “If these patients can perform training for more than 150 minutes per week, this would be more beneficial for controlling their blood sugar levels than exercising five times a week for 30 minutes.”

The clinical trials included in the current analysis included more than 8,500 participants. The studies used a measure known as hemoglobin A1C (HbA1C) to assess a particular treatment’s effectiveness. HbA1C, sometimes just called A1C, is a measure of long-term blood sugar control. It provides an average of blood sugar levels over a two- to three-month time period. The results of this test are expressed in terms of a percentage. Generally, less than 6 percent is considered normal. People with diabetes usually have levels higher than this. The American Diabetes Association recommends that people with diabetes strive to lower their HbA1C levels to less than 7 percent.

The Long-awaited Glencore IPO

LONDON, 4 May—Commodities trading house Glencore has priced its long-awaited public offering at between $40 and $50 per share, valuing the company at approximately $10 billion at the mid-point of the price range.

Glencore said it would issue 600 million new shares priced at $40 a share. It will raise gross proceeds of approximately $24 billion.

Glencore, which owns the world’s largest diversified commodities trader, is expected to release its prospectus later on Wednesday. That will provide sought-after details including the cornerstone investors and the size of top management’s stakes. The long-awaited listing, which could be London’s largest to date, will push Glencore into the public eye after 37 years, and will turn publicity-shy executives including chief executive Ivan Glasenberg, a former coal trader, into paper billionaires.—Reuters

Wall Street Journal circulation tops 2.11 million

WASHINGTON, 4 May—The Wall Street Journal is the top daily newspaper in the United States with an average print and digital circulation of 2.11 million, according to figures released on Tuesday.

The New York Times takes the Sunday honors with total average circulation of 1.33 million.

The Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) released total average circulation figures for the six-month period ending on 31 March but said that because of changes in its reporting methods they could not be compared to previous years.

The next largest US newspaper in average circulation terms after The Wall Street Journal was USA Today, with 1.82 million, followed by The New York Times with 916,911 and The Los Angeles Times with 605,234, the ABC said.

The San Jose Mercury News was next with total average circulation of 577,665 followed by The Washington Post with 550,821, the New York Daily News with 530,924, the New York Post with 522,874 and the Chicago Tribune with 437,205.

On Sundays, the Los Angeles Times trailed The New York Times with average circulation of 948,889, followed by The Washington Post with 852,861, the Chicago Tribune with 780,601 and the San Jose Mercury News with 636,999.

The News Corp.-owned Wall Street Journal also came out on top when the last figures were released in October with daily circulation of 2,06 million.

US newspapers have been grappling with a steep drop in print advertising revenue, steadily declining circulation and the migration of readers to online news sources.

The New York Times, in a bid to boost online revenue, recently began charging readers for full access to the newspaper’s website.

The Wall Street Journal already charges for online access to WSJ.com.—Internet

Glencore IPO price range values company at $60 billion

The company’s logo is seen in front of the headquarters of Swiss commodities trader Glencore in Baar near Zurich on 13 April, 2011.—INTERNET

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Chile sets up new commission to develop energy sector

SANTIAGO, 4 May—Chile’s Energy and Mining Minister Laurence Golborne on Tuesday announced the creation of a presidential commission to analyze and establish the basis of a long term energy policy for the country.

“President Sebastian Pinera has requested us to form a work commission with a transversal and representative character, formed by experts in the fields of energy, the environment and regulatory issues,” Golborne said. “The main mission will be to start the debate about the national electricity system.”

Golborne said the commission will discuss the accessibility, distribution, transmission and competitiveness of the electricity system as well as concessions and service of transmission systems and competition in the field.

The commission will be set up by a number of former ministers, experts, businessmen and intellectuals and the focus will be on topics such as the environmental sustainability, the security of the technologies used in the electricity system and the electricity operations in other countries.

Chile has in recent years started to diversify its energy sources as the South American country is facing a growing energy shortage.

In February, the government issued an electricity rationing decree that reduced by 10 percent the voltage of the power operation, a campaign aimed at teaching people how they can save on the electricity use as well as for the official and public use in the centralized administration of hydro-power dams.

Australia expects to have first delivery of commercial geothermal power in 2012

CANBERRA, 4 May—Australia can expect its first delivery of commercial geothermal power by the end of 2012 from Petratherm’s Paralana project in northern South Australia, local media reported on Wednesday. In January, Petratherm successfully completed an initial test at its Paralana-2 well, where an injection of a small volume of water detected micro-seismic event as far as 300 metres out from the well hole.

A more major test is now scheduled for June, using higher volumes of water at higher pressure.

The test will be critical, and by achieving it will help determine the company’s ability to get a commercial flow rate going between the injector and the eventual Paralana-3 production well.

According to the company’s managing director Terry Kallis, the June test was achievable provided it continued to meet its targets.

“This is not a race and the sector has had its detractors but we are now within a very real and measurable 18-month horizon of achieving maiden production,” Kallis told Australia Associated Press during the the South Australian Resources and Energy Investment Conference in Adelaide.

Petratherm plans to drill the deep Paralana-3 production well in the second half of 2011 and complete the final tests during the first half of 2012. It said this would allow the commercial commissioning of the power plant by the end of 2012. If so, the company will commission a 3.75 megawatt power plant.

Slovakia puts off new Jaslovské nuclear unit till 2025

BRATISLAVA, 4 May—Slovakia’s nuclear watchdog said Tuesday a new reactor unit at one of the country’s nuclear power plants won’t come online before 2025 after construction was put off by five years or more.

“The new power source will be online in 2025 at the earliest,” Marta Ziaikova, head of the Nuclear Regulatory Authority in Slovakia, told journalists at the Jaslovské Bohunice nuclear power plant in western Slovakia.

Slovakia’s previous government expected Czech energy giant CEZ to start building the new unit in 2014, but increased emphasis on nuclear security in the EU and longer feasibility and environmental studies will slow the project.

Slovakia, where nuclear energy covers 55 percent of demand for power, closed two out of four Soviet-type nuclear units at Jaslovské Bohunice under commitments to Brussels which paved the way for its EU entry in 2004.

The dominant Slovak power producer Slovenske Elektrarne (SE), controlled by Italian power giant Enel, expects to launch two new units at the country’s other nuclear power plant in Mochovec, western Slovakia, in 2012 and 2013.—Internet

WFP to provide rice to displaced families in S Philippines

COTABATO CITY, 4 May—The UN World Food Programme (WFP) is launching Wednesday a food assistance project for families displaced by conflict between government security forces and Muslim separatist rebels in southern Philippines.

Zoharaya Taha, regional social welfare director, said as part of ongoing efforts to address the early recovery needs of internally displaced people, her agency is committing to provide WFP with some 18,800 tonnes of iron-fortified rice.

The programme will benefit at least 106,000 families in the Provinces of Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, and Sultan Kudarat.

WFP in the Philippines has been using food assistance and hot meals to boost school enrolment and attendance especially in Mindanao.

WFP’s Food for Education programme in the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao and adjacent areas uses food support as an incentive to promote school attendance and reduce dropouts in conflict-affected areas.

Citizens view gold bricks in a shopping mall in Shenyang, capital of northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 2 May, 2011. Some 148 gold bricks with total weight of 1,850 kilograms are exhibited here.

Photo taken on 2 May, 2011 shows the Aizhai suspension bridge under construction in western Hunan Province, central China. The steel truss girder structure has the country’s longest suspension bridge main span of 1,176 meters.

Photo taken on 30 April, 2011 shows beautiful ice floating on Sayram Lake in Bortala Mongol Autonomous Prefecture, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.
Yangon, 4 May—The Media Corner Supervisory Committee of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association (MWJA) inaugurated the Media Corner at the facility in front of the City Hall in Kyauktada Township, here, on 2 May.

Yangon Region Minister for Culture and Religious Affairs Daw San San Nwe, Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Religious Affairs Daw Minister for Culture and May.

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Moreover, the fire brigade has ambulances for saving lives in time. With regard to extended works of fire brigade members, the director-general said, “Call us on telephone if it is necessary to send patients from anywhere. We will come to you for providing assistance.”

Fire brigade members trained as a first-aid attendants will take care of patients on ambulance on the way to hospital. Next, we met Director U Kyaw Thura of FSD. He explained, “FSD (Head Office in Yangon) is extend one section named Research and Development Section with the aim of studying international fire fighting technology and building the fire brigade to meet interna-

tional standard.”

Deputy Director U Thin Tun Oo said that an educative tele-play on fire fighting has been created by director Maung Myo Min (Yinlimwiphyet) and it will soon be screened through MRTV, Myawady and MRTV-4.

All the people can enjoy the tele-play that will depict loyalty of Myanmar Fire Brigade to the people with loving-kindness in commemoration of the 65th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day.

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Fire brigade members participate in a fire-drill as they use ordinary fire extinguishers to put out a hot fire.
Plan to launch region-wise national immunization...

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As a result, Myanmar was free from polio from 2000 to early 2006. However, polio virus was found in PyinOoLwin Township in May 2006, Kayan, Hpa-an and Pyu Townships in May 2007 and Chaungzon Township in December 2007. In addition, wild virus of polio was found in Maungtaw Township due to weak coverage of polio vaccination. Therefore, polio vaccination resumed in 180 related townships, he said.

After polio free period from December 2007 to November 2010, polio virus was found by Pyasi rural health centre in Yamethin District on 6 December 2010. Immediately, over 10,000 children from Pyasi village and its surrounding villages were fed polio vaccine.

Therefore, a plan was adopted to hold region-wise national immunization days in May and June 2011 for giving polio vaccine to 2.9 million children under five from 126 townships of nine Regions and States sharing border with Mandalay Region.

Region-wise national immunization days (2011) will be launched through two steps. The first step will be held from 14 to 16 May 2011 and the second step from 11 to 13 June 2011.—MNA

JICA joins Forestry to conserve mangrove forests, dry zone

Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun receives Resident Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Mr. Hideo MIYAMOTO.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun received Mr. Hideo MIYAMOTO, Resident Representative of Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at the ministry here this morning.

They held discussion on JICA’s cooperation in conservation of mangrove forests and dry zone conservation and present and future tasks.—MNA

Union EP-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

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Both sides discussed matters related to construction of Power Grids and sub power stations, in cooperation technology. MNA

All economic forces to harmoniously realize market economic system

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint meets staff at meeting hall of the ministry.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—The Ministry of Cooperatives is to render assistance for improvement of socio-economic life of peasants and workers, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint said in the meeting with staff at the ministry, here, this morning.

He stressed the need for all economic forces namely State, the regional organizations, cooperatives and private entrepreneurs to harmoniously make collabora
tive efforts for gaining achievements in the market economic system.

The minister called on all the staff of the ministry to actively participate in their respective sectors.

MNA

Third-day session of MMCWA’s 21st AGM concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Third-day session of 21st annual general meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association continued at MMCWA building in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District this morning, chaired by Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha.

After the suggestion and submission were discussed, the session passed four resolutions and 17 future tasks.

The session successfully concluded with remarks by vice-president.

MNA

No polythene bags and ropes in Yangon municipal area

YANGON, 4 May—Yangon City Development Committee has informed polythene bag and rope manufacturers that the committee does not allow the manufactures producing, storing and selling the polythene bags and ropes in the municipal area of Yangon Region any longer, and those who turn a blind eye to the instruction will be punished with existing rules and regulations.

Township administrators concerned are now placing their eyes on the manufacturers in respective townships whether they follow the instructions.

Nevertheless, the committee does allow manufacturing recyclable plastic bags that can easily decay.—MNA

True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.
A&I Union Minister receives foreign guests

**Nay Pyi Taw, 4 May** — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Chairman Mr GD Shah and party of India-based Nipha Export (P) Ltd at the ministry yesterday morning. They discussed matters related to improvement project for edible oil crops. **MNA**

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Universities under Science & Tech Ministry to chase sustainable research development

**Nay Pyi Taw** — Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint meets faculty members of universities in Yangon Region under the ministry. **MNA**

Log trucks not to be overloaded to avoid road damages stressed

**Nay Pyi Taw, 4 May** — A work coordination meeting for meeting targets of timber production in Magway Region for 2011-12 fiscal year was held at Government Office of Magway Region yesterday, with an address by Region Chief Minister U Phone Lwin. He also inspected lecturer rooms, practical lab, libraries and workshop at the university. The minister visited training being conducted jointly with India and Japan at Yangon Technological University and Information and Communication Technology Training Centre (Hlne). The Union Minister inspected Technological University (Hmawby), Yangon University of Computer Studies and Technological University (Thanlyin) on 2 May. **MNA**

Dekkinathiri Tsp gears up for achieving targeted rice acres

**Nay Pyi Taw, 4 May** — Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Aung assisted farmers in Dekkinathiri Township in making efforts for achieving the targeted acres of rice on irrigated field on 28 April. At the meeting with the farmers in Ywama Village-tract in the township, U Than Aung discussed with them planting of rice on irrigated fields in summer, land preparation, irrigation, planting quality paddy strains and applying right cultivation method. After the meeting, he visited Kyarku dam which is under construction by the Irrigation Department and the DY-2 canal of Ngaleik Dam irrigating rice field in Ywama Village-tract and Gyang Village-tract in Dekkinathiri Township. During the visit, he called for the maintenance of the canal and effective use of irrigation water from the canal. He also visited the rice field in Gyaing Village-tract. Dekkinathiri Township sets its target of 905 acres of rice in summer, and so far, 644 acres of irrigated field have been put under rice. Efforts are being made to meet the target of the township. **MNA**

Chin State Chief Minister inspects regional development undertakings

**Nay Pyi Taw, 4 May** — Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai inspected cultivation of summer paddy in Kaikan Village, Tiddim Township and land to be reclaimed in Shahtawzan Village, Tunzan Township on 2 May. In meeting with community elders, villagers at the village Post Primary School, the chief minister explained guidance of the President and future tasks and called for concerted efforts in undertaking regional development tasks. **MNA**

Art Sky Star for art lovers

**Yangon, 4 May** — Seven artists will show off 125 masterpieces depicting Myanmar scenic beauties at the Art Sky Star through oil colour, water colour and acrylic methods. The gallery will be kept open at the fine arts hall of the Ministry of Culture at No. 8 on Komin Kochin Road in Bahan Township from 9 am to 5 pm daily. The show will last from 10 to 15 May. **MNA**
To my dismay, recently, BBC which manufactures varieties of fabrications that Myanmar people are embarrassed to hear, aired distorted news about the Tatmadaw.

For an ordinary public member, once he listens to what BBC airs, he understands that there is no grain of truth in the broadcasts. As usual, the radio station is making up stories, claiming BC numbers of army officers as though they got the news from reliable sources. I have to mention it with all seriousness lest the people will be misled into believing what it is saying.

Everyone who has learnt knows well that the news stories from BBC correspondent U Than from Sangkhla Buri have no ground. So many times, BBC has entertained the news stories U Than sends to it, without inquiring whether the stories he sends are true or not. The stories BBC airs flagrantly are such big jokes that what news listeners get are nothing more than upset feelings.

Again in the run-up to the Myanmar New Year, BBC airs several news stories both on radio and online repeatedly. The news so-called army officers sent to BBC was baseless and so was that by BBC correspondent U Than. The news stories are designed to sow hatred among Tatmadaw members and to deceive the people. They are also intended to spark panic through rumours.

On 14 April evening, BBC said both on radio and online that according to a sergeant from LIR (709), at about 8 pm on Tuesday, Yangon Region special squads raided a combined force of troops from LIR (709) and LIR (710) in Taikkyi under the command of No (4) Operations Control Headquarters in Hmawby, Yangon Region, leaving 3 seriously injured.

The news was totally groundless. Indeed, LIR (709) and LIR (710) are in serial order, but are based in different regions: LIR (709) in Hlegu Township and LIR (710) in Taikkyi. Families of the soldiers of both regiments enjoyed themselves celebrating the Water Festival with charity and peace of the nation and perpetuation of Tatmadaw members upholding Our Three Main Duties. Due to its internal unity, the Tatmadaw maintains its consolidated unity among its members under the leadership of new generation leaders. Tatmadaw members uphold Our Three Main National Causes, risking life and limb for stability and peace of the nation and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Moreover, the Tatmadaw is the driving force behind the building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in collaboration to strengthen the Tatmadaw and ward-off attempts to break up the Tatmadaw. Nevertheless, anti-government elements who hate to see that are using the media as a tool. The people are capable enough of distinguishing between good and bad. Tatmadaw members have taken an oath to sacrifice their lives for the country and the people, and are well-trained in code of conduct and self-discipline. So, they cannot be deceived by such news stories.

Certain foreign radio stations repeatedly air anti-government news stories without inquiring whether they are from reliable sources. In particular, they organize those who have deserted the Tatmadaw for various reasons as informers and air baseless stories to paralyze the Tatmadaw.

An article by Myo Chit Maung featured in the 2010 December 6 issues of daily newspapers disclosed the acts of the National Endowment for Democracy that provides dollars for anti-government groups. Many media centres issue such news stories again and again to the liking of dollar providers.

Deserters in foreign countries formed Patriotic War Veterans of Burma (PWVB), dealing with NED. Traitor deserters are active in sowing discords among Tatmadaw members to destroy internal unity of the Tatmadaw. In addition, they issue hypothetical news stories on air and online.

The majority of the PWVB members have to stay hiding as refugees or dissidents in the countries where they are. Dancing to the tunes of their masters, the members commit acts to collect local news from online and persuade Tatmadaw members to defect from the Tatmadaw. Furthermore, at the border of the other country they are organizing deserters who left the Tatmadaw because of their weakness in observing discipline and in conviction and ordering them to commit terrorist acts including bomb blasts.

In fact, most of the PWVB members are deserters who left Myanmar Tatmadaw out of misbehaviours following their punishments and stay abroad. They have to make a mountain out of a molehill and distort what they have experienced in the hope of getting dollars if they present any forms of anti-government news stories. They even exploit one another for dollars, selling news about fellow members to the authorities concerned.

The reason why they make up news stories is to lead an easy life and stay as political refugees in the foreign countries they are staying. Yet, dollar-earning BBC staff members are entertaining the distorted news though they know the provided news stories are fake ones.

Therefore, I would say that Tatmadaw members do not place any trust in such news stories, and for the people there is no point getting into a panic due to BBC’s news.

Translation: MS
Rescue underway for 13 Mexican miners

Beijing, 4 May—Mexico’s President Felipe Calderón has announced the federal and state governments are doing “everything possible” to rescue 13 miners. The miners were trapped in a coal mine in the northern state of Coahuila. Calderón says his government is working closely with state authorities in Coahuila. The accident took place in Coahuila’s Sabinas municipality, after an explosion in the coal mine operated by the Spanish company BIMSA. The cause of the explosion remains unclear. The exact number of miners hurt by the explosion is also unknown.—Xinhua

Autistic children have bigger brains

Beijing, 4 May—Children with autism have slightly bigger brains than children without the condition, a study suggests. The research published in May issue of Archives of General Psychiatry noted the difference in the brain size appears related to increased rates of brain growth before age 2.

The researchers from the University of North Carolina also pointed out that though the enlargement continues, the increased growth does not.

In 2005, the researchers studied a group of 2-year-old children, and found out the ones with autism had brains that were 5% to 10% larger than children without it. Now the researchers assessed the same group of children at age 5, the psychiatrists re-scanned the brains of 38 children with autism and 21 without the condition. The autistic children still had slightly larger brains, but they had grown at the same rate as the comparison group.

This finding could lead to a better understanding of the genes that drive autism, which, in turn, could lead to earlier identification and treatment of the disorder, said study researcher Joseph Piven, MD, according to media report.

Rescue workers prepare to enter a coal mine in the town of San Juan de las Sabinas, Coahuila, northwest Mexico, on 3 May, 2011. At least 13 Mexican miners were trapped on Tuesday after an explosion in the coal mine caused partial collapse of the structure. —Xinhua

A truck drives through floodwaters in an area intentionally flooded by the US Army Corp of Engineers in Charleston, Missouri, on 3 May, 2011. —Xinhua

Grape tomatoes recalled in US over salmonella scare

Los Angeles, 4 May—A US food company announced on Tuesday that it is voluntarily recalling grape tomatoes after a sample tested positive for salmonella. The recalled tomatoes were traced to a farm in Estero, Florida, the company said in a statement.

The US Department of Agriculture alerted the company after an inspector found the contamination at a New York distributor, according to the statement.

The recalled product was packed on 11 April under the Cherry Berry lot code DW-H in clam shells or 20-pound cardboard containers, said the statement.

Xinhua

Fewer American families own TV set

Los Angeles, 4 May—Fewer American households own a television set in 2010, representing the first reduction in 20 years, Nielsen Co said on Tuesday.

The overall estimates of American homes which own a TV set totaled 114.7 million, down from 115.9 million from previous year, or a decline to 96.7 percent from 98.9 percent. Nielsen said, basing its estimates on the 2010 US Census.

This is the first time since 1992 when a decline was first registered, which has since been followed by a significant growth, the company said.

Driving the downward trend are several potential factors, the global marketing and advertising research company said. These include a shift from analog to digital broadcasting in 2009, a dismal economy which has seen consumers, especially those with lower incomes or living in rural areas, to give up their television-watching habits.

Watching television on a computer or tablet device is getting more popular, the company said.

In addition, more and more people, with urban consumers in particular, have access to video content across a variety of platforms including mobile devices and online, and many chose to stop subscribing to paid TV programmes, according to Nielsen.

Xinhua

An advertising van is on fire in Tsim Sha Tsui of Hong Kong, south China, on 2 May, 2011. The fire was put out by fire fighters. No causality was reported.—Xinhua

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Mexico City struggles to combat environmental problems

Mexico City, 4 May—Government efforts over the past 20 years have improved air quality in this Mexican Capital but much remains to be done, local environment chief Martha Delgado said on Tuesday.

In an interview with Xinhua, Delgado said in mid-1980s, air quality in rapidly growing Mexico City was so poor that it was almost impossible to spot the mountain peaks surrounding the metropolitan area.

During the days between 1986 and 1991, dark shades stained the skies all year-round, but with accelerated government efforts, much has been changed since then, she said. The national capital has not registered even a single day with extremely bad air quality these days, she added.

“The environment is under other pressures such as urban expansion, illegal logging and improper disposal of construction waste,” she said.

To cope with the problems, Mexico City has formulated a “Green Plan,” which involves efforts from at least 20 departments of the federal and capital governments.—Xinhua
Before anti-osteoporosis drug, change diet

Urbana, 4 May — Before a doctor prescribes bone-building medication as a result of a bone density scan, US researchers suggest diet changes and supplements. Karen Chapman-Novakofski, a professor of nutrition at University of Illinois, says prescription bone-building medications are expensive and many have side effects, including an increase in hip fractures and jaw necrosis, and should be used as last resort.

The review, published in the journal Nutrients, reported adults who increase their intake of calcium and vitamin D usually increase bone mineral density and reduce the risk for hip fracture significantly — often via supplements, eating foods rich in calcium is also a good source of these nutrients. "I suspect that many doctors reach for their prescription pads because they believe it's unlikely that people will change their diets," Chapman-Novakofski says in a statement.

Lead author Karen Plawecki, director of the University of Illinois dietetics programme, says menopausal women should consume 1,200 milligrams of calcium a day. "Three glasses of 1 percent skim milk will get you up to 900 milligrams," Plawecki says. "The rest can easily be obtained through calcium-rich and calcium-fortified foods." Examples of foods fortified with calcium and vitamin D are soy milk, orange juice, yogurt, crackers, cereal, bread, breakfast bars and even pancakes, Plawecki suggests.

SWISS climber sets new Eiger speed record

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Dr Eberhart Zrenner, director and chairman of the Institute for Ophthalmic Research at the Center for Ophthalmology of the University of Tuebingen, Germany, is one of six Retina Implant-related presenters at the Association of Research in Vision and Ophthalmology annual meeting convening in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Officials at Retina Implant AG, a developer of sub-retinal implants, says preliminary results of the company’s second clinical trial involved seven patients who received a permanent sub-retinal implant in one eye with the power supply implanted beneath the skin. The participating patients achieved statistically significant or highly significant vision performance when identifying geometrical shapes and common table placement items. The benefit of permanent implantation enables them to move more freely when participating in activities of daily living outside a laboratory in real-life settings, the researchers say.

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Bristol, 4 May — Studying for tests at the last minute in a stressed-out state might be the best way to learn it helps the brain form stronger memories, British researchers say. Scientists at the University of Bristol say hormones produced during periods of stress cause changes in brain cells that increase the efficiency with which memories are stored, The Daily Telegraph reported on Sunday.

Stress hormones such as cortisol and adrenaline amplify a mechanism that "reprograms" DNA in the brain, triggering changes in the way the genes inside neurons function and so enhance their learning, Bristol neuroscientist Hans Reul said. The change in the brain in response to stress may cause nerve cells to grow larger and develop larger communication networks, he said — Internet.

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Dallas, 4 May — Doctors should not prescribe combinations of antidepressant medications for patients with major depressive disorder, US researchers say. Principal investigator Dr Madhukar H Trivedi, professor of psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, says researchers at 15 sites nationwide studied 665 patients ages 18-75 with major depressive disorder. Three treatment groups were formed and prescribed antidepressant medications already approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

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Walking on water: A man walks on water with a plastic ball on the surface of the lake in front of the Schwarzer Palace in the eastern German city of Schwetin.— Internet.

College teacher, family killed in home

Northampton, 4 May — Investigators believe a couple and their two daughters found stabbed to death in their home were targeted by their killers, British police said on Monday. The bodies were discovered in the house in Wootton outside Northampton at about 6 pm Sunday, The Independent reported. Neighbors became worried about the family and called police. Police had not released the names of the victims late Monday. Neighbors identified them as Jileng "Jeff" Ding, 46, Helen Chiu, 47, Xing, who was usually known as Nancy, 18, and Alice, 11. Ding was a lecturer in the department of chemistry and environmental science at Manchester Metropolitan University.— Internet.

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Rosie Huntington-Whiteley named Maxim’s 2011 hottest woman in world

Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, CinemaCon Female Star of Tomorrow, poses during CinemaCon, the official convention of the National Association of Theatre Owners, in Las Vegas, Nevada on 31 March, 2011.—Xinhua

Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, American model and actress was named the 2011 hottest woman in the world, according to People.com.

Famous male magazine “Maxim” just released its annual Hot 100 list Tuesday, and Huntington-Whiteley was named as the hottest female celebrity in 2011.

Huntington-Whiteley co-stars with Shia LaBeouf in this summer’s blockbuster “Transformers: Dark of the Moon.” Her predecessor Megan Fox came in at the 17th place on the list.

Huntington-Whiteley told Maxim, “It’s a great title to have for a year, and you can have some fun with it, I think.”

New British princess Kate Middleton occupied the 20th place, while Harry Potter star Emma Watson ranked 69th, teen queen Miley Cyrus in slot 64, Glee stars Naya Rivera and Lea Michele at 43rd and 28th.

Other named stars included trouble-prone Lindsay Lohan (No 38), Scarlett Johansson (14th), January Jones (12th) and Cameron Diaz (No 43).—Xinhua

Greek comic hero Vengos dies at 84

ATHENS, 4 May—Greece’s leaders are paying tribute to Thanassis Vengos, a popular comic actor who died at age 84 following a series of strokes.

Officials at a state hospital in Athens say Vengos died early Tuesday.

President Karolos Papoulias described him as “a wonderful, charismatic person with a rare sense of kindness.”

Vengos, once imprisoned for his left-wing sympathies, made his name in slapstick comedies in the 1960s but also earned respect from his peers while working under the country’s leading directors. In 1995, he starred in Theo Angelopoulos’ “Ulysses Gaze” along with US actor Harvey Keitel.—Internet

Jiang Wen meets De Niro in New York

BEIJING, 4 May—Director Jiang Wen’s blockbuster “Let the Bullets Fly” was screened for the last time at the Tribeca Film Festival on 29 April. With a capacity crowd, the film succeeded in its first overseas screening.

Actor and director Robert De Niro, president of the film festival, invited Jiang to his home after the screening.

The two filmmaking heavyweights had a friendly chat during the event and discussed their future work schedules.

De Niro congratulated Jiang and said, “The Tribeca Film Festival makes artistic quality its selection criteria. I appreciate the wisdom and humor in the movie rather than the box office success.”

Jiang also received a positive response from “The Godfather” superstar when he asked him to join his new film project.

Ma Ke, the producer of “Let the Bullets Fly,” told the media that Jiang would meet several of his friends in the United States, including Martin Scorsese, because he was seeking an opportunity to work directly with Hollywood during his trip.

10-foot gator chomps on Fla deputy’s cruiser

A 10-foot-long alligator has taken a bite out of a Florida deputy sheriff’s cruiser.

Authorities say Alachua County Deputy Victor Borrego spotted the gator Saturday evening near the Gainesville Golf and Country Club. It attacked the patrol car while the deputy was waiting for an alligator trapper to show up.

Sheriff’s spokesman Todd Kelly says the car’s front bumper was heavily damaged.

A Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokeswoman said the alligator was put down under the state’s nuisance gator policy.

Under that policy, the trapper is allowed to keep meat and hide from the gator.

Cleveland thieves return stolen Superman sign

Thieves have returned a historical marker that stood near the Cleveland house where two high school classmates created the Superman character in 1933.

The executive director of the Glenville neighbourhood’s development corporation, Tracey Kirksey, tells The Plain Dealer newspaper the undamaged marker was left outside a fire station and found by police Monday morning.

The marker honors Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. A saw was used to remove the aluminum plaque from atop a pole last month.

Kirksey suspects thieves thought the marker was bronze and planned to sell it as scrap metal. She says it’ll be stored until it can be remounted.

The city installed the plaque eight years ago, on the 65th anniversary of the 1938 release of “Action Comics” No 1, in which Superman made his debut.

The world’s longest cigar that stretched 268 feet 4 inches (81.8 metres), or most of the length of a football field, is seen in Havana on 3 May, 2011.

A Cuban cigar roller broke his own record on Tuesday by rolling the world’s longest cigar, a monster smoke that stretched 268 feet 4 inches (81.8 metres), or most of the length of a football field Resting on tables, it sprawled through El Morro, an old Spanish fort overlooking Havana Bay, where Cuba is holding its annual International Tourism Fair.

The cigar, once it is officially accepted by Guinness World Records in London, will eclipse the previous record cigar of 148 feet 9 inches (45.38 metres), both rolled by Jose Castellar Cairo, better known as “Cueto. Cueto, 67, has set the record four previous times and feels it is a matter of national pride for Cuba, producer of the world’s finest cigars, to keep it. “It has to be in Cuba always because Cuba is where the best tobacco in the world is,” he said.

Cueto, who learned cigar rolling when he was 5 years old, started work on the current cigar on 25 April and had help from several assistants.

The length of the cigar was verified by Rhys Patrick of the British embassy in Havana, who said the information would be sent in a letter to Guinness requesting confirmation of the record.

Visitors walk in the Long Ting scenic area in Kaifeng, central China’s Henan Province, on 1 May, 2011. According to report of Henan Tourism Bureau Holiday Office, the province accepted a total of 17.749 million visitors during May Day holidays.

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FIFA to test goal line tech by July 2012

ZURICH, 4 May—Football's lawmakers will re-evaluate controversial goal line technology in July 2012 after a fresh battery of tests on equipment, FIFA said on Tuesday.

World football's governing body invited equipment makers to take part in a two-stage technical testing process between September 2011 and March 2012, which will be verified by an independent technical institute.

"The final results of this evaluation will be presented to the International Football Association Board (IFAB) at a special meeting in July 2012," FIFA said in a statement.

Football's lawmakers will re-evaluate controversial goal line technology in July 2012 after a fresh battery of tests on equipment, FIFA said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

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**SPORTS**

**Ronaldo vents fury at Barcelona favouritism**

BARCELONA, 4 May—Real Madrid's Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo repeated his claims Tuesday that Barcelona were favoured by referees at the start of the Champions League semi-final second leg match which saw Barca progress into the semi-finals. Barcelona were also incensed by the two legs' decision of Belgian referee Frank De Bleeckere to rule out a goal by Ronaldo.

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**Celtic look to seize back title lead from Rangers**

GLASGOW, 4 May—Celtic have the chance to take the initiative in the title race if they can claim a win away to Inverness Caledonian Thistle on Wednesday. Victory would take Celtic back to the top of the Scottish Premier League and two points clear of bitter rivals and defending champions Rangers.

Celtic know their destiny is in their own hands with four wins in four games last season and a victory the only fitting end to their three-year rebuild.

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**Time is right for Van der Sar retirement**

MANCHESTER, 4 May—Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson backed Edwin van der Sar’s decision to retire here Tuesday, saying the Dutch veteran had picked the perfect time to hang up his goalkeeping gloves.

Van der Sar will quit football at the end of the current campaign, bringing the curtain down on a glittering career at club and international level.

The 40-year-old has enjoyed a superb swansong season with Manchester United, prompting calls from several team-mates for him to rethink his decision.

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**Bobcats F Cunningham faces drug-possession charge**

RADNOR, 4 May—Police say Charlotte Bobcats forward Dante Cunningham faces a drug-possession charge after police found a small amount of marijuana in his pickup during a traffic stop in suburban Philadelphia. Radnor Township Police Superintendent William Colarulo says officers responding to a reckless driving complaint on Friday stopped the former Villanova star. Colarulo says officers smelled marijuana and recovered a suspicious substance after Cunningham consented to a search. That search also turned up a pellet gun in violation of a local ordinance.

Cunningham was arraigned and released on bail. Messages left with the team were not immediately returned Tuesday.—INTERNET

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**Djokovic rolls to 28th straight win**

Novak Djokovic—Madrid, 4 May—Novak Djokovic extended his winning streak to 28 consecutive matches at the Madrid Masters on Wednesday, putting the Serb within striking distance of the record for the all-time best start in tennis.

The second seed now has a chance to draw level with Ivan Lendl, who went 29 matches without defeat at the start of the 1986 season, but Djokovic says he is only interested in replacing Rafael Nadal atop the ATP ranking.

"It's a great honour and flattering to be part of the elite, but it's not my priority," said Djokovic, a 6-3, 6-4 winner against South Africa's Kevin Anderson.

Djokovic worked for one hour and 40 minutes for his victory over Anderson, winner of his home title at Johannesburg in February and a clay-quarterfinalist last week in Estoril.—INTERNET

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**World Cup final ref Webb gets United-Chelsea clash**

LONDON, 4 May—World Cup final referee Howard Webb will in charge for the potentially championship-deciding clash between Manchester United and Chelsea at Old Trafford this weekend, it was announced on Tuesday.

Victory for Chelsea on Sunday would see them go ahead of United on goal difference with just two games of the season left.

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has restored to a familiar tactic recently in complaining about the number of decisions that have gone against his side.

He was given a five-game touchline ban after criticising referee Martin Atkinson for his performance during the first league meeting this season between the two sides at Stamford Bridge in March.—INTERNET

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**Beckham still wants to play at 2012 London Games**

LONDON, 4 May—David Beckham still wants a place on Britain’s Olympic soccer team at next year’s London Games. Even though he played the last of his 115 internationals for England in October 2009 and missed last year’s World Cup because of injury, the former England captain believes he will be fit enough to play on Britain’s first Olympic soccer team since 1960. But the midfielder will be 37 when the soccer tournament starts on July 25, 2012, and said Wednesday that his best chance to make the Olympics is to play on Britain’s first Olympic soccer team since 1960.

"So far I’ve heard that I’m going to be managing, but I instead accompanied his teammates to South Africa to be part of it in some way and playing coaching, playing,” Beckham said.

He instead accompanied his teammates to South Africa as a liaison between coach Fabio Capello and the players. “For a soccer team to go into the Olympics in England, it’s a huge thing,” Beckham said. “So yes, I would like to be part of it in some way and playing would be a bonus.” Beckham appeared regularly with the London bidding team that secured the right to host the Olympics and was born in east London, where the games will be held.—INTERNET

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**Mcllroy moving on from Masters disappointment**

CHARLOTTE, 4 May—The first time Rory McIlroy recalls watching the Masters on TV was in 1996. And like any other 6-year-old already smitten with the game, he no doubt dreamed of being on that stage himself one day.

Sure enough, he was. Only he didn’t play the role of his golfing idol, Nick Faldo, who rallied from a six-shot deficit with a 67 to win a third green jacket.

He was more like Greg Norman. So perhaps it was only fitting that Norman, whose 78 in the final round of 1996 gets more attention than the two majors he won, was among the first to call the 21-year-old from Northern Ireland.—INTERNET
UCI takes legal action against cyclist Landis

GENEVA, 4 May – World cycling chief Pat McQuaid has taken legal action against disgraced former Tour de France winner Floyd Landis for libel, the governing body said on Wednesday. McQuaid, the president of the International Cycling Union (UCI), and former president Hein Verbruggen, “have lodged a case in the Swiss courts against Mr Floyd Landis and other UCI officials have protected some riders, and not others, who, by breaching the Anti-doping Rules, caused serious harm,” the UCI said in a statement.

“The UCI is seeking to defend the integrity of the cycling movement as a whole against the accusations of a rider who, by breaching the Anti-doping Rules, caused cycling serious harm,” the UCI said in a statement.

Landis announced his retirement from cycling in January, having been unable to find a team since being stripped of the 2006 Tour de France crown after a positive test for testosterone.

“Landis vehemently denied doping for four years until he confessed in 2010, alleging that former team-mate Lance Armstrong was involved in systematic doping during his spectacular Tour de France career. He also claimed that cycling chiefs “protected” some riders. “In the peloton, everyone knows that Pat McQuaid, Hein Verbruggen and other UCI officials have protected some riders, and not others, for the past 20 years,” Landis has said. “It was manipulation, and their way of creating stars.” — Internet

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway and Ayeyarwady Regions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States, scattered in Yangon Region, Shan, Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Regions. Day temperatures were (7°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Yangon Regin and Rakhine State, (5°C) to (6°C) below May average temperatures in Sagaing Region Shan and Kayah States, (7°C) below May average temperatures in Magway and Bago Regions, Kachin State and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Chank (39°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Takaung (3.35) inches, Pyhuu (1.81) inches, Moekok (1.77) inches, Pinlaung (1.69) inches, Thabeikkyin (1.56) inches and Kanbalu (1.02) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 3-5-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 4-5-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-5-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 4-5-2011 was Nil.

Nay Pyi Taw(Airport)

Maximum temperature on 3-5-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 4-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-5-2011 was (77%). Rainfall on 4-5-2011 was Nil. Rainfall on 4-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw. Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (8.82) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (8.50) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (4.26) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (6) mph from South-East at (06:30) hours MST on 4-5-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is cloudy in the Southwest and East Coastal Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 5th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Magway, Bago and Ayeyarwady Regions, Shan and Rakhine States, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Regions, Kachin and Chin States and isolated 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 Deluic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5th May: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5th May: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5th May: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful
Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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

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

Talk on rabies held in Magway

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — Honouring World Veterinary Day, Educative talk on combating rabies was held at meeting hall of Magway Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Office on 28 April.
Magway District Administrator U Min Aye Lwin made an opening speech and Head of Magway Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr. Maung Hlaing gave talks on combating rabies.
Attendees then viewed the rabies vaccination.

IRRIGATION FACILITY IN MAGWAY REGION: Aingma Diversion Weir was built on Mann Creek near Aingma Village of Minbu Township, Minbu District, Magway Region in 1891. The 580 feet long and 10 feet high concrete facility is supplying water to annual and perennial crops on irrigated areas.

New school building handed over in Hinthada

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— A ceremony to open new building of No. 9 Basic Education Primary School was held at the school in Pabedan Ward of Hinthada Township on 30 April.
Hinthada Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Oo unveiled the plaque of the building. Responsible persons of Ayeya Hintha Co handed over documents related to the new building to Ayeyawady Region Education Officer U Khun Kyaw Myint.
U Htay Oo presented school uniforms to teachers and set up trust funds for 20 BEPSs of Hinthada District.

Deputy head of Bhamo Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Hsan Oo and head of Township Information and Public Relations Department and officials opened library in Naunglike village, Bhamo Township on 8 April.—District IPRD