President U Thein Sein leaves for Republic of Indonesia to pay State visit, to attend ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—At the invitation of President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by members of Myanmar delegation, left here by special flight of Myanmar Airways International at 8.30 am today to pay a State visit to the Republic of Indonesia and to attend the 18th ASEAN Summit to be held in Jakarta. — MNA

President U Thein Sein being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing on his departure for Indonesia to pay a State visit and to attend 18th ASEAN Summit to be held in Jakarta. — MNA

Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Ministers, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, departmental heads, and officials of the Indonesian Embassy.

President U Thein Sein was accompanied by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers and senior departmental officials. — MNA
**PERSPECTIVES**

* 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*

**Know, go and extinguish fire**

Fire is one of the dangers of natural disasters. Mostly, fire outbreaks happen in hot and dry season. Fire preventive measures are to be taken with a view to minimizing loss of life and property of people. Thus, all the people are to join hands with fire brigades from their residential areas in carrying out fire preventive tasks.

The mission of Fire Brigade is to reduce danger of fire. Members of Fire Brigade are dynamically performing fire preventive measures and putting out of fire with their motto “quickly know, quickly go and quickly put out the fire”.

Prompt action of Fire Brigade members can reduce volume of loss in outbreak of fire. The Fire Brigade must be equipped with enough hi-tech fire engines and combined with collaborative efforts of the people.

All the people from urban and rural areas, factories and workshops and markets are to take fire preventive measures. All buildings and residents are to be installed with adequate fire extinguishers. Moreover, markets are to be facilitated with water tanks with over 10,000 gallons capacity, water pipelines and water taps. In addition, fire fighting groups are to be formed for checking the markets systematically.

Over 50 per cent of outbreaks of fire were caused due to negligence of fire. Although authorities concerned give educative talks and supervise fire preventive measures, most of the people are weak in practising fire prevention.

Not only members of fire brigade but also the people are to dutifully make concerted efforts in taking prevention of fire and putting out the fire. Only when the people strictly follow fire preventive measures in accord with the Fire Services Law, will both urban and rural areas be free from danger of fire.
Suicide car bombing in Iraq kills up to 15, wounds 60

BAGHDAD, 5 May— Up to 15 people were killed and some 60 others wounded in suicide car bomb attack on a group of a police force Thursday morning in Iraq’s central City of Hillah, a local police source said.

“The latest reports said that 15 were killed and 60 wounded by the suicide car bomb attack in the City of Hillah,” the source from Hilla police told Xinhua on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The attack occurred in the centre of Hillah, the capital City of Babylon Province which locates some 90 km south of Baghdad, when the police were on a morning shift, the source said.

Many of the killed and wounded were policemen and several cars and nearby shops were damaged in the blast, he said, adding the police force has cordoned off the area for investigation.

The attack came as the Iraqi security forces increased security alert in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities as they expect deadly attacks to be carried out by al-Qaeda militants in retaliation for the killing of al-Qaeda head Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan. Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the last three years.—Xinhua

People gather at the attack scene where a police car came under fire and burst into flames in the northern Turkish City of Kastamonu, on 4 May, 2011.—Xinhua

Policeman killed in bomb attack in northern Turkey after PM rally

ANKARA, 5 May— A Turkish police officer was killed and another injured on Wednesday by unidentified bomb attack and gun fire in the northern Turkish City of Kastamonu, where Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan had been speaking at an election campaign earlier in the day.

Xinhua

Municipality workers clean up at the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 May, 2011. A car bomb tore through a cafe packed with young men watching a football match on Tuesday, killing and wounding scores of people, police said.  

INTERNET

Four killed, six wounded in Iraq’s violence

BAGHDAD, 5 May— Four people were killed and six others wounded in gunfire and bomb attacks in Baghdad and Iraq’s eastern Province of Diyala on Thursday, police said.

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb went off near a civilian car in al-Nidal Street in Karrada District, killing a civilian and wounding three others, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Early in the morning, gunman in a car opened fire on an Iraqi army checkpoint in Abu Ghrab area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, killing two soldiers, an anonymous local police source told Xinhua.

In a separate incident, a policeman was wounded when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated in Abu Ghrab area, the source said.

In Diyala Province, a civilian was killed and another wounded in a roadside bomb explosion at a rural area near the town of Abu Sieda, in northeast of the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala’s operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Separately, a civilian was wounded when gunmen opened fire on his home in eastern the town of al-Maqdadiyah, some 100 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said.

Also in the province, Iraq security forces conducted search operations across the province during the past 24 hours and arrested seven wanted individuals, including five for terrorism charges, the source added.

Xinhua

Russia conducts test flight of Su-35S series fighter

VLADIVOSTOK, 5 May— Major Russian aircraft designer Sukhoi has recently carried out test flights of its first-series-produced Su-35S Flanker-E fighter, state-owned RIA Novosti reported Thursday.

The new multi-role fighter was of the “4++ generation using fifth-generation technology,” the agency said. The aircraft spent 90 min in the air testing propulsion and control systems after it took off from the Komsomolsk-on-Amur airfield in Russia’s Far East.

The Su-35 Flanker-E superiority fighter can reportedly engage several air targets simultaneously using both guided and unguided missiles and weapon systems. The fighter is powered by two 117S engines.

The Su-35 follows the famous Su-27 and features a new navigation and attack system, a missile search and guide radar placed between the engines, more power, and a fuselage-based IR search system for missiles. The aircraft will be transferred to the Russian Defence Ministry after completion of the tests.—Xinhua

Four militants killed in Afghanistan air raids

KANDAHAR, 5 May— Four militants were killed Wednesday night when NATO-led forces conducted an air strike in Kandahar Province, some 450 km south of capital City of Kabul, a statement issued by provincial administration on Thursday said.

"Based on intelligence reports indicating militants’ activities the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) launched an airstrike against militants in Arghestan District late Wednesday night, resulting the death of four armed militants,” the statement said.—Xinhua

An Afghan police man walks past a damaged police vehicle at the scene of a suicide car bomb explosion on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan recently. A suicide car bomber detonated a truck of explosives covered in wood at a government compound in Musayi District, about 40 miles south of the Afghan Capital, according to Dawd Amin, deputy police chief in Kabul. Six members of the Afghan national security forces were injured, he said.  

INTERNET

Helicopter crashes on east coast of S Korea

SEOUL, 5 May — A South Korean helicopter appears to have crashed on the east coast of the country on Thursday, according to local media.

The helicopter, belonging to the Korea Forest Service, crashed at around 11:32 am local time near the Sogeuem River in the country’s northern Province of Gangwon. There were two pilots aboard when the accident took place, Seoul’s Yonhap News Agency quoted local police as saying. Rescue operation is underway as local police dispatched an emergency search team to the scene, reports said.

Family members of Hasan Ali, 28, grieve at his funeral in Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 May, 2011. Ali was killed when a car bomb tore through a cafe packed with young men watching a football match on Tuesday, killing and wounding scores of people, police said.  

INTERNET

Four killed, six wounded in Iraq’s violence
NASA: Blown circuit found in shuttle fuse box

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla, on 29 April, 2011. Friday’s launch attempt was scrubbed due to a faulty power unit heater.—INTERNET

Scientists set to study Pacific rim earthquake risks

WELLINGTON, 5 May—Portable seismographies will be installed at 900 locations in New Zealand’s lower North Island as part of a study to help scientists better understand earthquake hazards in the Pacific Region.

The miniature quake recorders will be buried at regular intervals, some just 100 metres apart, in a 100-km line and scientists will then detonate explosives in deep bore holes to measure the sound waves being reflected back from rock interfaces deep underground.

The 21-day project, scheduled to begin on 2 May, involves scientists from Wellington-based Victoria University, New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS Science), Tokyo University and the University of Southern California.

The study will focus on the boundary between the Pacific and Australian tectonic plates that lie just 20 to 30 km beneath the southern North Island. Professor Tim Stern, from Victoria’s Institute of Geophysics, said the project was one of the largest of its kind to be carried out in New Zealand.

“The seismographies will tell us about the thickness and mechanical state of rock units beneath the seismic line down to depths of 50 kilometres or more,” he said.

The data would help build a high resolution three-dimensional image of the rock structures and the tectonic plate boundary in the region.

The project will be one of the biggest temporary deployments of seismic equipment in New Zealand’s history.

It will also be the first time the boundary zone of the two tectonic plates under the region around New Zealand’s Capital, Wellington, has been studied in such detail.

Xinhua

India’s Bharti’s fourth-quarter profit dives 31%

NEW DELHI, 5 May.—India’s top mobile phone firm Bharti Airtel said Thursday its fiscal fourth-quarter net profit tumbled 31 percent from a year earlier, weighed by costs from its new Africa acquisition.

Net profit fell to 14.01 billion rupees ($134.3 million) in the three months to March from 20.44 billion rupees a year earlier, but revenues soared 31 percent as the operator added new customers.

The company paid $10.7 billion last June for the Africa business of Kuwaiti telecom operator Zain, vaulting the group into the ranks of the world’s top five wireless players by subscriber numbers.

But the costs of the acquisition have been mounting for Bharti as it has been investing heavily in the loss-making firm since June and has struggled to integrate it into its business. The performance, which was also hit by costs of buying third-generation mobile (3G) spectrum in India, undershot market expectations that Bharti would post around a 17 billion rupee net profit for the fiscal fourth-quarter.

Intel’s Ivy Bridge chip technology may drive mobile push

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 May—Intel Corp on Wednesday took the wraps off next-generation technology that cramms more transistors onto microchips, betting it will help the chipmaker catch up in the red-hot tablet and smartphone market.

Intel expects to use the new technology to make PC and server chips, code-named Ivy Bridge, by the end of 2011 and will later use it to make improved processors for mobile devices.

The cutting-edge technology — which Intel says breaks new ground by moving away from flat circuitry to a three-dimensional model — may eventually challenge rival ARM Holdings, whose chip technology is favored in devices like Apple’s iPad.

Shares of Intel rose about 2 percent to close at $23.50 while ARM’s shares closed down 7.3 percent at 5.58 pounds in London.

Santa Clara, California-based Intel’s processors are the brains in 80 percent of the world’s personal computers but have failed to find their way into smartphones and tablets, and the world’s biggest chipmaker is racing to catch up.

“This is necessary but not sufficient. There are many other things we need to do,” Intel Executive Vice President Dadi Perlmutter told.

Reuters
**Health**

*Breast shield better for women getting chest CT scan*

**CHICAGO, 5 May—**Breast shields are the best way to protect the breasts of women from radiation exposure while they have a chest CT examination, according to a new study. The researchers compared a breast shield with a new technique called posteriorly centered partial CT, in which the CT scanner turns on and off as it scans the patient.

For each approach, the team at Penn State Hershey Medical Centre measured the radiation dose to the front and back of an object called a breast phantom, which mimics the size of the breast area of a woman. “We found that posteriorly centered partial CT does decrease skin entrance radiation dose to the breast by 16 percent, but increases overall radiation dose to the chest by 8 percent,” lead author Dr Rafal Tuppuni said in an American Roentgen Ray Society news release.

“The bismuth breast shields, on the other hand, reduced skin entrance dose to the breast by 38 percent while they have a chest CT examination, according to a HSW spokesman has said.”

**Internet**

**Business**

*China’s LiuGong to acquire stake in Poland’s HSW*

A bulldozer is used to clear rubble in the south of France. LiuGong, a Chinese manufacturer of heavy machinery is set to acquire a stake in Poland’s HSW Stalowa Wola which specialises in bulldozers, backhoe loaders and pipelayers, a HSW spokesman has said.

“LSW also has a military machinery and equipment production facility, which is not part of the LiuGong transaction. Negotiations between the heads of both groups are complete. We expect the necessary green lights and the end of negotiations with unions on the social aspect,” he added.

**Internet**

*Housing financer Freddie Mac returns to profit*

WASHINGTON, 5 May — The US government-controlled housing financer Freddie Mac reported its first quarterly profit in three and a half years Wednesday, after years of losses on its huge mortgage portfolio.

Bailed out at huge cost to the government during the housing crisis of the past three years, Freddie Mac reported $676 million in net income for the period to 31 March, compared to a loss of $6.7 billion a year earlier, and a shortfall of $113 million in the quarter to 31 December.

“It was the first net gain in 14 quarters for the company, 80 percent owned by the government, after it and its larger sister, Fannie Mac, were rescued to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars at the height of the crisis.

“Our support of the US housing market remained steadfast during this critical period, funding one out of every four home loans originated and helping more than 62,000 struggling borrowers avoid foreclosures,” said chief executive Charles Haldeman in a statement. But he warned the US housing sector was not clearly recovering. “Continued improvements on the employment front and in early-stage delinquencies were positive signs during the quarter,” he said”.

**Internet**

*SUPERDRUG\(\text{TM}\) could fight both HIV and Malaria*

WASHINGTON, 5 May—HIV, the pandemic virus that causes AIDS, kills 2 million people each year worldwide.

Malaria, a pervasive parasite spread by mosquitoes, infects 225 million people and kills 781,000 annually. The former disease has ravaged our species since spreading to us from monkeys a mere 40 years ago, the latter has been our enemy for so long, our bodies have evolved ways to fight it. The two killers, new and old, actually have a few molecular similarities. Because of this and some brand-new research a single “superdrug” could soon fight both.

That drug is HIV protease inhibitor, a medicine that scientists designed specifically to treat HIV by preventing the deadly virus from constructing its proteins correctly. “HIV protease inhibitors are in clinical use now and are a leading HIV drug,” said Photini Simms, head of the Medical Parasitology Laboratory at the NYU Langone Medical Centre. “They have completely changed the face of HIV treatment in recent years. People who take these drugs don’t die of AIDS anymore.”

Proteases are enzymes that cut proteins into their correct shapes, allowing them to become active. HIV protease inhibitors stop the HIV virus in its tracks by preventing one of its protease enzymes from doing that job. Without the work of the protease, HIV proteins remain uncut and inactive, and so the HIV units, called virions, cannot assemble them to make new virions. The body has natural mechanisms for killing HIV virions, but it can only kill so many at a time; preventing the virus from replicating keeps the HIV cell population to a level that the body can handle.

**Internet**

*A buldog is used to clear rubble in the south of France.*

**Health Tip: Use a lawn mower safely**

Proper care, maintenance and use of your lawn mower can help reduce your risk of injury.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons offers these suggestions:

- Maintain your lawn mower and keep its blades sharp.
- Service your mower before the first use each season.
- Always turn off the motor when you inspect or repair your mower.
- To remove debris from beneath the mower, use the handle of a broom or a stick. Never do this while the mower is running.
- Keep all safety devices or shields on the mower.
- Always turn off the mower before you walk away from it.
- To prevent the possibility of burning your skin, never touch the engine cowling, which can become very hot.—

**Internet**

**Swiss Re ploughs to loss on exceptional disaster claims**

ZURICH, 5 May—Global reinsurance giant Swiss Re reported a first quarter loss on Thursday as its results were hit by exceptionally high claims for natural disaster damage including the giant earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The world’s biggest reinsurer posted a net loss of $665 million (euros) compared to a profit of $158 million a year earlier.

“In the first quarter of 2011, we experienced exceptionally high losses from natural catastrophes,” chief executive Stefan Lippe said in a statement. Swiss Re highlighted the events in Japan in March, floods in Australia and the earthquake in New Zealand. Pre-tax losses due to natural disasters reached $2.3 billion during the first three months of the year.
Australian police charge four in record seizure of methamphetamine valued at $54 million

Australian police said Thursday they had arrested four people and seized 239 kilogrammes (527 pounds) of methamphetamine, or ice, in the country's biggest bust of its kind.

INTERNET

CASA BERNA, 5 May— Australian police seized a record 527 pounds (239 kilogrammes) of the illicit drug methamphetamine smuggled from Europe and have charged four suspects, officials said Thursday.

The four men — two Australians, a Belgian and a Dutchman — face a maximum penalty of life in prison over the drug haul, which police value at 50 million Australian dollars ($54 million). The suspects were arrested in Sydney and the western coastal city of Perth in operations starting in late March. They have been charged with trafficking commercial quantities of a controlled drug, also known as ice, and possession of the drug. Australian Federal Police said in a statement.

Assistant Commissioner Kevin Zuccato alleged the 41-year-old Belgian and the 43-year-old Dutchman — whose names have not been released — ran the operation from Sydney's upscale eastern beachside suburbs on behalf of a global syndicate.

“We have dealt this syndicate a significant blow and one that they will certainly feel both here and overseas,” Zuccato told reporters.

Teens plead guilty to bullying girl who killed herself

NORTHAMPTON, 5 May— Two teens in a group charged with bullying a newcomer to their school who committed suicide last year, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to lesser charges in a deal expected to erase more serious allegations.

The deal was expected for all five Massachusetts teens criminally charged with bullying Phoebe Prince with insults, physical threats and aggressive use of Facebook and texting.

Months after Prince's death, Massachusetts in 2010 outlawed bullying in school and online, and mandated school-developed bullying prevention and intervention plans. In separate court appearances in Hampshire Superior Court, Sean Mulveyhill and Kayla Narey, now both 18, each admitted to a misdemeanor charge of criminal harassment. Each was sentenced to one year probation and 100 hours of community service. In exchange, remaining charges including felony civil rights violations resulting in bodily harm were expected to be dropped. The plea deal was approved by the Prince family, and in court Prince's mother, Anne O'Brien, spoke before Judge Jeffrey Kinder handed down the sentences. —Reuters

A traffic police officer rides guard outside the venue of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit at Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta, capital Indonesia on 4 May, 2011. The 18th ASEAN Summit will be held in Indonesian capital city of Jakarta from on 7 to 8 May. —Xinhua

German Deutsche Bank sued in LA

Los Angeles, 5 May— A lawsuit has been filed against German Deutsche Bank at a Los Angeles court for acts that allegedly harms the local economy, according to court papers made public Wednesday.

The lawsuit calls for the bank to reimburse the city for the costs of repair, abatement, and inspection of the properties.

“Instead of aiding in the economic recovery, Deutsche Bank’s policies have actually hurt the most economically vulnerable in the city of Los Angeles,” Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich said.

He said the negligence violates a handful of local, state and federal laws, including the Los Angeles Vacant Building Ordinance and the California Unfair Competition Law. Trutanich said he also wants the bank to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in restitution for current and former tenants for rents they paid in excess of the actual market value.

The city has issued numerous citations and orders to comply, but the bank has failed to make any changes, Trutanich said.

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Tokyo, 5 May— Japan’s nuclear safety agency says workers have entered the reactor building of Unit 1 at the damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant for the first time since right after the 11 March earthquake.

The plant’s operator Tokyo Electric Power Co said workers were installing six ventilation machines Thursday in an attempt to absorb radiation from the air inside the building. The work is expected to take about four or five days.

The utility must lower radiation levels inside the reactor before it can proceed with installing cooling systems, which were knocked out by the quake and tsunami that followed. Workers have not gone inside the reactor building since it was damaged by a hydrogen explosion on 12 March.—Internet

Workers enter Japan nuclear reactor building

A radio-controlled PackBot robot advances inside the reactor building of Unit 1 at the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant in Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan in this April 17, 2011. Internet

One killed as leftist rebels attack soldiers in SPhilippines

DAVAO CITY, 5 May— Leftist rebels on Wednesday ambushed soldiers providing security to the search and retrieval operation of victims in last month’s landslide in southern Philippines, killing one government trooper, a military official said on Thursday.

An hour-long clash ensued following the attack by New People's Army guerrillas on government troops in Tabilog Village, Pantukan Town, in Mindanao's Compostela Valley Province past 11:00 am local time in which two other soldiers were wounded, said Lieutenant Colonel Lyndon Paniza, spokesperson of the army's 10th Infantry Division.

Paniza said in a statement soldiers from the army's 71st Infantry Battalion were providing security for rescue workers digging for bodies in nearby Pangangan when civilians alerted them about the presence of armed men in the area.

Xinhua
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District News in Brief

Ngathayauk equipped with rural bridge

NYAUNGU, 5 April—Shweyin Bridge on Ngathayauk-Seiktein Road was commissioned into service in Ngathayauk of NyaungU Township on 27 April.

The reinforced concrete facility is 20 feet long and 13 feet wide.—District IPRD

Rabies vaccine given in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 5 May—In commemoration of the World Veterinary Day which falls on 30 April 2011, the veterinarians gave talks on prevention against rabies at the office of Mandalay Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department on 28 April.

In the morning, the veterinarians vaccinated about 100 dogs for prevention against rabies in Mandalay City municipal area.

Myanma Alin

Free eye care provided to patients

MANAUNG, 5 May—An eye specialist team comprising seven eye specialists, 15 nurses and responsible persons of Manaung Township Association (Yangon) led by eye specialist Dr U Aye Tun provided eye surgical services to 1584 patients, gave optical glasses to 866 persons, major eye surgical services to 271 patients, minor surgical services to six patients and presented eyeballs to five patients in Manaung from 17 to 21 April.

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A&I Ministry, JICA to boost technological cooperation

Union A&I Minister
U Myint Hlaing receives JICA Resident Representative Mr. Hideo Miyamoto.

Myanmar Engineering Society (Nay Pyi Taw) formed

MWAF holds Annual General Meeting

RUMFCCI delegation leaves for Jakarta

9th International Research Paper-reading Session commences
65th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day...

Medal for their brilliant performances in the fire that took place in Mingalar Market in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, on 24 May 2010.

The minister delivered a speech on the occasion.

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association celebrates 21st anniversary

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held the 21st anniversary meeting dinner and awarding ceremony at its office in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, yesterday evening.

Myanmar to cooperate in science and technology with Israel

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint received Deputy Director-General Mrs. Ruth Kahanoff of Asia-Pacific Region of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and party at his office here this morning.

The meeting focused on cooperation in science and technological sector. — MNA

Sagaying Region Chief Minister assists in machinery production, agricultural sector

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—Chief Minister of Sagaying Region U Tha Aye visited the foundry of Thiha Tun Co Ltd in Monywa yesterday and inspected producing paddy husk-fire generator, machinery parts and 30 HP diesel engines. During his inspection tour, the chief minister called for boosting production of machinery meeting the set standard.

The chief minister also visited Inn-taw River Water Pumping Station in Budalin Township and called on local farmers for growing crops meeting the targeted acres and for effective use of irrigation water from the pumping station. He viewed paddy field. The chief minister also inspected the construction of the one-storey school building in Kungyan Village in Budalin Township.—MNA

Cash donated for quake victims of Tahlay

YANGON, 5 May—As humanitarian aid for quake victims of Tahlay in Tachilek District, the Republic of Korea donated cash to Myanmar Red Cross Society at Yangon Office of MRCS on Strand Road, here, this afternoon.

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong explained the purpose of the donation and presented US$ 200,000 to President of MRCS Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe who gave a certificate of honour.—MNA

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Mr Kim Hae-yong presents US$ 200,000 to President of MRCS Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe.—MNA
Honda adds 833,000 vehicles to airbag recall

Detroit, 5 May—Honda Motor Co. Ltd expanded an earlier recall of Honda and Acura vehicles over airbags that could deploy with too much pressure, causing injuries or fatalities, the company said.

The expanded recall adds more than 833,000 vehicles for the model years 2001 through 2003.

Some of these vehicles contain replacement airbags that could contain the defect. Honda is looking for 2,430 vehicles for the model years 2001 and 2003 3.2 CL vehicles.

These additional vehicles were not included in earlier safety recalls because the original airbag modules on the driver’s side were not affected by the issue. But replacement airbags could contain the defect, Honda said.

Honda told safety regulators that just 0.29 percent of the affected vehicles are likely to contain the defect.

In certain vehicles, excess pressure could cause the airbag inflator to rupture. Metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material causing injury or even a fatality. A “small number” of injuries and two fatalities are linked to the airbag recalls, Honda spokeswoman Christina Ra said. These were not recent and did not kick off this recall, Ra said. The recall includes some 2001 and 2002 Accord and Civic sedans, 2002 Odyssey minivans and 2002 and 2003 CR-V crossover vehicles. It also includes 2002 and 2003 Acura 5.2 TL and 2003 3.2 CL vehicles.

Accused Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk arrives at a courtroom in Munich for the start of the closing argument of his defence on 3 May, 2011. Demjanjuk, an 90-year-old former US auto worker, is on trial in Germany facing charges he helped force 27,900 Jews into gas chambers in Sobibor extermination camp in 1943. —Xinhua

Russia successfully launches military communication satellite

Moscow, 5 May—The Russian Space Forces on Wednesday successfully launched a military communication satellite, according to local media.

Citing Lt Col Alexei Zolotukhin, spokesman for the Forces, Itar-Tass news agency said a Meridian satellite, the 4th in the series, atop a Soyuz-2.1a rocket blasted off from the Plesetsk launching site in northern Russia at 21:41 Moscow time (1741 GMT).

The Meridian is due to be detached from the rocket at 23:59 Moscow time (1959 GMT) on Wednesday, Zolotukhin was quoted by Interfax as saying.—Xinhua

Russia fires up world’s largest coal-based olefin plant

Yinchuan, 5 May—Shenhuang Group, a subsidiary of China’s biggest coal producer Shenhua Group, said Thursday that the world’s largest coal-based olefin plant in northwest China had started operating.

The plant, which it controls, is designed to churn out 500,000 tonnes of polypropylene and 240,000 tonnes of other by-products, including 41,200 tonnes of liquefied fuel, per year, it said in a statement.

The facility in a chemical production base in Yinchuan, capital of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, involves a total investment of 17.8 billion yuan (2.74 billion US dollars). It is the country’s first major facility to use coal rather than oil to produce polypropylene.

China overtook the United States to become the world’s largest polypropylene market in 2003. Last year, it consumed 10 million tonnes of olefin, including 3 million tonnes from imports. It is hoped China will build similar facilities in the near future as the country is rich in coal but poor in oil.

“By having similar plants near coal bases, we can use coal more cleanly and efficiently,” said Chen Zhiqing, a Shenhuang Group executive in charge of the petrochemical subsidiary. “This is also a strategic alternative to tackle the energy crisis,” Chen said.—Xinhua

Soccer computer games ‘make players more aggressive than violent ones’

LONDON, 5 May—A recent study has found that people who play soccer computer games are more aggressive than those playing other violent games like war games. It explained that while participants remain ‘numb’ when they see someone being ‘killed’ on screen, apparently harmless games that mirror real life can have a far greater effect. Psychologists Simon Goodson and Sarah Pearson from the University of Huddersfield have found stronger physical and emotional reactions among volunteers playing football games than violent games. They conducted the study on 40 male and female participants who were asked to play either a violent video game or a football game.

They measured the heart rate, respiration and brain activity of the participants before and during the game. The results showed that ‘killing’ someone in a game caused little brain activity, but conceding a goal or a foul, caused high levels of activity.

“There is much concern over the effects of violent video games and how these contribute to general aggression. However, this research indicates that ‘killing’ someone is not as ‘real’ as playing a sport, and that the brain recognises this and doesn’t react in the same way,” the Daily Mail quoted Goodson, as saying.—Internet
Deaths toll in Japan’s restaurant chain food poisoning reaches 4

Tokyo, 5 May—The death toll in a string of food poisoning cases at a Japanese barbecue restaurant chain has risen to four after a woman died Thursday, local media reported.

The woman, 70, was hospitalized for food poisoning and fell into a serious condition after eating a raw meat dish at an outlet of the Yakinku-izakaya Ebisu chain in Toyama, Toyama Prefecture, on 23 April, according to Kyodo News.

She was a family member of another woman in her 40s who died with her and died Wednesday. In addition to the two women, two boys in Toyama and Fukui prefectures also died in April in the food poisoning cases involving the restaurant chain operator, Foods Foru Co, based in Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture.

The restaurant chain has admitted that it had failed for the last two years to conduct hygiene inspections of raw meat supplied for the dish by a Tokyo-based wholesaler.

Around 30 people have been hospitalized in the food poisoning outbreak, with about 20 in a serious condition. Enterohemorrhagic E coli bacteria including the O-111 and O-157 strains have been detected in many of the cases. —Xinhua

5 Mexican miners found dead, hope fades for 9 others

MEXICO CITY, 5 May—Mexican rescuers have found five bodies out of the 14 miners who were trapped underground on Tuesday after a gas explosion in a coal mine in northern Coahuila State, authorities said Wednesday.

Mexico’s Labour Minister Javier Lozano said the possibility that the remaining 9 miners trapped about 60 metres underground are still alive is “close to nil” but stressed that rescue efforts will continue.

The workers were trapped in the mine operated by the company BINSA after a powerful explosion of methane gas caused the structure where the men were working to collapse. Lozano said the mining operations had been full of irregularities and that the company had not updated relevant permits according to the law.

The Attorney General’s office (PGR) has announced it will investigate the circumstances that led to the tragedy, and Mexico’s public prosecutor Marisela Morales on Wednesday promised to “punish” anyone found criminally responsible.

The office of Mexican President Felipe Calderon issued a statement expressing condolences to the victims’ families and said that Chilean experts were scheduled to arrive at the mine later in the day to “accelerate the rescue efforts.”

Mexico’s national mining union, meanwhile, said that the “conditions in which the coal mines in the country are being operated are totally unsafe, and especially in this region” where the accident took place.

The explosion took place in the heart of one of Mexico’s main coal mining regions located some 135 kilometers south of the US- Mexican border. The region has witnessed numerous tragedies in recent years, the most serious in February 2006 when an explosion at the Pasta de Conchos coal mine killed 65 workers, the remains of 63 of them still remain underground. —Xinhua

Malaysian customs to start fingerprint check next month

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 May—Malaysian Immigration Department is due to adopt a fingerprint scanning system in all entry points of the country starting from 1 June, 2011 aiming to prevent crossborder crime and terrorism, according to local media Thursday.

The so-called biometrics fingerprint security system will request all foreigners to have both index fingers scanned at Immigration checkpoints when entering and leaving Malaysia, local newspaper "New Straits Times" reported.

The new system is necessary in curbing the increasing number of foreign criminals who usually enter and leave the country with fake travel documents and different passports and helping police tracing any criminal or overstaying record a foreigner has ever made before, the daily quoted the Immigration Department Director-General Alias Ahmad as saying.

He revealed that three percent of the 24.4 million foreigners who entered Malaysia in 2010 were involved in crimes. The new system, which is currently undergoing a trial operation, will be installed at all the 96 entry points of the country by the end of May. —Xinhua

Last male WWI veteran dies at 110 in Australia

CANBERRA, 5 May—The man believed to have been the last surviving male veteran of World War I on Thursday died in Perth of Australia aged at 110. Choules was the last known male survivor of more than 70 million military personnel during WWI, after American veteran Frank Buckles passed away in March also aged at 110.

His daughter told Australia Associated Press that Choules died in his sleep in a Perth nursing home overnight. British-born Claude Choules joined the British navy at 14, and served in the British Royal Navy during World War I and witnessed the 1918 surrender of the German High Seas Fleet. He later migrated to Australia and served in the nation’s military for more than 40 years.

In March, Choules celebrated his 110th birthday, and on his birthday, his son, Adrian, said his father was not excited about the attention he received as the last surviving war combat veteran.

“He’s a celebrity but that’s only because everyone else has died,” he told Australia Associated Press.

“He served in two wars but he hated war. He just saw it as a job.”

Choules and his wife, who passed away at the age of 98, had two daughters and a son. He also had 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. In 2009, Choules released his autobiography titled The Last of the Last, depicting his childhood and move to Australia, as well as his times at war. —Xinhua

UN panel says foreign bacteria responsible for cholera outbreak in Haiti

UNITED NATIONS, 5 May—The bacteria that caused a severe cholera outbreak and claimed the lives of more than 4,500 people in Haiti last year “did not originate from the native environs of Haiti,” a UN panel said in a report released here Wednesday.

According to the UN-backed independent expert panel’s inquiry into the source of the outbreak, the bacteria was “introduced” into Haiti as a result of human activity and infected river systems in the Artibonite Province.

“The bacteria is very similar, but not identical,” to the South Asian strains of cholera currently circulating in Asia, confirming that the Haitian cholera bacteria did not originate from the native environs of Haiti,” notes the report.

The cholera outbreak, which began on October 2010 in Haiti, left 4,549 people killed, the Haitian health authorities said in February this year.

The Artibonite region was the most affected by the epidemic with a total of 866 deaths. Cholera cases were reported in 10 provinces of the Caribbean country.

The UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) acknowledged at the time of the outbreak that its 12,000-member force was investigating allegations that one of its bases may have been the source of the spread.

The panel said the international experts panel “was not presented with evidence that the cholera outbreak was the result of a deliberate act of any country” and that the UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti should not be blamed for the outbreak.

The panel said that the bacteria leading to the cholera outbreak “may have arrived in Haiti possibly due to conditions in another country, with the help of people or goods entering Haiti over its eastern boundary.”

“While such transport of bacteria is possible, the panel cannot make a technical attribution without expert assistance from other UN agencies,” the report states.

Xinhua

Briton Claude Choules (pictured), the last World War I combat veteran, has died aged 110 in Australia.—INTERNET

An F-16 fighter of Belgium’s Red Devils air demonstration squadron trains at the Florennes base in Belgium, on 4 May, 2011.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 4 May, 2011 shows cracked soil caused by drought in Dawu County in central China’s Hubei Province. A serious drought has hit Hubei Province since November of 2010, bringing one-third of its counties and cities under serious water shortage.—Xinhua

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France to recover more Air France bodies off Brazil

PARIS, 5 May—The French justice ministry has ordered a salvage team to recover more remains of the passengers and crew of the Air France Airbus A330 from the depths of the Atlantic ocean. The aircraft was flying from Rio de Janeiro to Paris when it plunged into the sea. Flight AF 447 was carrying 228 people. Fifty-one bodies were found in 2009.

The French team now hopes that an underwater robot will recover the other bodies. Whether it was feasible to retrieve the others. However, there are fears that the remains are already in a fragile state after almost two years on the seabed.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV WAAL TRADER VOY NO (001)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WAAL TRADER VOY NO (001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 12:20 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.

INTERNET

‘Success’ in South Georgia rat eradication

ATLANTA, 5 May—Conservationists say they are pleased with early efforts to kill rats on South Georgia, in what is the biggest rodent eradication campaign in history. No-one really knows how many rats inhabit the island in the South Atlantic, but it could be millions. Introduced on the ships of sealers and whalers in the 19th and 20th Centuries, the rodents have had a devastating impact on local seabird populations. But the laying of toxic bait in part of the island seems to have had success. Some 50 tonnes of rodenticide were spread by helicopters in March over a contained zone hemmed in by glaciers.

Subsequent inspections on the ground found only dead rats. The kill represented just the first phase in the project, and covered a mere 13% of the rat-infested land area of South Georgia. Nonetheless, the South Georgia Heritage Trust says it has been hugely encouraged by the results. “Prior to the baiting, if you went out at night, there were rats running everywhere,” explained project leader Professor Tony Martin from Dundee University, UK.

INTERNET

The brown rat has been a catastrophic introduction to South Georgia.

Garden gnomes ‘in summer increase’

LONDON, 5 May—The number of garden gnomes is set to increase by 1.4 million this summer as people look to “cheer up” their homes, a report has predicted.

But the expected rise in the gnome population could also spark more thefts, warned Halifax Home Insurance. One in four people have been the victim of a “gnomenapper”, leading to a thriving online market, with some ornaments selling on auction sites for more than £600, a study of 2,000 adults by the firm showed.

Martyn Foulds, senior claims manager at Halifax Home Insurance, said: “As gardens become more of a feature of people’s homes and the contents increase and become more valuable, owners should make life as difficult as possible for opportunist green thieves. They can do this by keeping their gnomes and other garden items out of sight or under lock and key when the property is unoccupied. As this year’s must have’ home accessory, the humble garden gnome is an easy target.”

INTERNET

Thousands of new garden gnomes could soon be ‘cheering up’ homes, according to a survey.—INTERNET

Kenyan sets new marathon record

Belfast, 5 May — Jacob Chesire from Kenya has won this year’s Belfast marathon in a record-breaking time of two hours 14 minutes and 56 seconds. The previous record was two hours 15 minutes and 51 seconds, set by Marty Deane in 1985. Up to 21,000 people were taking part in events connected to the city’s 30th marathon.

Race director David Seaton said: “We have 21,000 people of all shapes, sizes and athletic abilities. “It is the biggest entry we have ever had over the years. We, as organizers, are delighted.” He said the conditions were a little warm for those running the full marathon. “It will be okay for the fun runners and, maybe, the relay runners. But for some of the marathon runners, out for three or three and a half hours, it could be pretty awkward,” he added.—INTERNET

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More than 18,000 runners took part in the 2010 Belfast City Marathon, with up to 21,000 taking part in this year’s race.
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Actress Crystal Liu Yifei poses for photos during the press release of the film “A Chinese Fairy Tale” (new version) in Seoul, South Korea, on 4 May, 2011.—Xinhua

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Actor Chris Rock poses for photos with his wife during the press conference of the film “Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted” at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Hong Kong, south China, on 3 May, 2011. —Xinhua

Acupuncture needle found in ex-S Korea president’s lung

Former South Korean president Roh Tae-woo was admitted to hospital with a bad cough and ended up on the operating table to remove an acupuncture needle from his right lung.

Local media reports said Roh, 78, was released from Seoul National University Hospital Monday after surgery to remove the 6.5 cm needle.

Doctors are puzzled how the needle ended up in his lung, and acupuncturists say that none of their procedures involved penetrating the lung. “I can’t figure out how the needle got into there,” Dr Sung Myung-whun was quoted as telling reporters at the hospital after the operation. “It is a mystery for me, too.”

Roh, who served as president from 1988 to 1993, has been in poor health since 2002 when he received surgery for prostate cancer.

German mayor rescues man trapped in women’s prison

A mayor in Germany helped rescue a man who became trapped in a women’s prison after mistaking it for a shortcut to a nearby park, police in the northern city of Hildesheim said on Wednesday.

Hildesheim Mayor Henning Blum heard the man’s cries for help while passing by the prison near the city centre and notified police who came and freed the 24-year-old.

The man told police he was strolling through town and did not immediately notice he had walked into a prison.

By the time it dawned on him where he was, the gate to the jail had already closed, locking him inside. Police said they are investigating why the prison gate was open, enabling the man to wander in.

Keith Urban lends hand to Wis salon owner

NASHVILLE, 5 May—A Wisconsin hair salon owner is missing her signature storefront sculpture: a fiberglass hand shaped like a chair with images of country star Keith Urban.

Urban Style owner Denise Mackey-Natz says the hand, which was unbolted from its concrete block outside her store and stolen last month, is so close to her heart.

She bought the hand three years ago for $2,500 to benefit the Children’s Museum of Eau Claire.

Urban heard about the theft and called Mackey-Natz. He’s offering four tickets and four VIP passes to any show on his “Get Closer World Tour” to anyone with information that leads to finding the hand. The salon is offering a $200 reward.

Mackey-Natz suspects college students stole it as a prank but says she just wants it back because it is so close to her heart.

In this undated photo released by Janell Isaacson-Whitehouse, a fiberglass hand, an art installation meant as a tribute to country music singer Keith Urban is shown outside the Urban Style hair salon in Eau Claire, Wis. —INTERNET

Warner Bros buys Flixster, parent of Rotten Tomatoes

LOS ANGELES, 5 May—Warner Bros Home Entertainment Group has agreed to acquire Flixster, a top movie ratings website in its latest push into social networking, the company said Wednesday.

Flixster is the parent company of Rotten Tomatoes, a popular website that analyzes and reviews movies, giving them ratings based on feedback from movie critics.

Flixster also owns a popular movie discovery application for mobile users with some 25 million registered users.

“Driving the growth of digital ownership is a central, strategic focus for Warner Bros,” Kevin Tsujihara, president of Warner Bros Home Entertainment Group, said in a statement. “The acquisition of Flixster will allow us to advance that strategy and promote initiatives that will help grow digital ownership.” —Xinhua

News Album

A woman tries a bicycle exhibited at the 21st China international cycle show in Shanghai, east China, on 4 May, 2011. The four-day show kicked off here Wednesday, showcasing many cycles designed in an offbeat way.

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Man United advance to Barca Champions League final

MANCHESTER, 5 May—Sir Alex Ferguson said Manchester United could not afford to lose Barcelona after setting up a Champions League final showdown with the Spanish giants.

United on Wednesday romped into the 28 May showpiece at Wembley after overwhelming Bundesliga outfit Schalke 4-1 at Old Trafford with a virtual reserve team, completing a crushing 6-1 aggregate victory.

Two goals from Anderson plus one apiece from Antonio Valencia and Darron Gibson fired United into their third Champions League final in four years and a rematch with the team who beat them 2-0 in the 2009 final in Rome. Barcelona's scintillating form in recent seasons has prompted some commentators to hail Pep Guardiola's team as the greatest club side ever.

Roma's Burdisso aims for Champions and Cup double

Rome, 5 May—Roma defender Nicolas Burdisso has set his team a target of Champions League qualification and Italian Cup success to salvage their season. Having come within two points of lifting the title last season, Roma's campaign this time around has been disappointing. They currently lie sixth in the table after struggling all season long but they are just one point behind city rivals Lazio in fourth, the final Champions League qualification position.

They are also in the Italian Cup semi-finals, although they trail holders Inter 1-0 ahead of next week's second leg in Milan. And they have a crucial game this weekend at home to champions-elect AC Milan, a game they must win if they are to have any chance of fourth spot. "We still have a chance to reach the Champions League," Burdisso told Sky Sport. —Internet

Cchillini still believes in Champions League

ROME, 5 May—Juventus centre-back Giorgio Chiellini has not given up hope of playing in the Champions League next season, despite his side sitting seventh in Serie A with three games left. Juve kept alive their faint hopes with a 1-0 victory over Lazio on Monday night that pulled them back to within four points of their opponents, who are fourth. And that's got the Italy international hoping the Turin giants can pull off a remarkable victory at the Caja Magica.

Top five Madrid tennis seeds advance as Federer toils

MADRID, 5 May—Rafael Nadal led the men's elite into the third round of the ATP-WTA Masters on Wednesday as the major names swept to solid victories and Roger Federer was made to struggle. Nadal led the way for rivals Novak Djokovic, Federer, Andy Murray and Robin Soderling on a full day's programme at the Caja Magica.

While the rest won without problems, Federer had to come through a huge battle to wear down Feliciano Lopez 7-6 (15/13), 6-7 (1/7), 7-6 (9/7), taking nearly three hours and firing 25 aces outside a Grand Slam event for the first time in his career.

Italian newspaper the Nich newspaper the Internet
Qualifications for World Chess Cup kick off in Russia’s Kazan

MOSCOW, 5 May—The qualification competitions for the World Chess Cup kicked off in Kazan, capital of Russia’s Tatarstan republic, on Thursday. The president of World Chess Federation (FIDE) Kirsan Ilyumzhinov said that chess players would participate in the qualifying tournament until 26 May.

Eight players from Russia, Armenia, Bulgaria, Israel, US and Azerbaijan participated in the qualifications. The winner will play against the current world champion Vishwanathan Anand from India, in the 12-game series in the first half of 2012.

On the eve of the competitions in Kazan, the first stone was laid in a basement of the future Chess Palace of the FIDE’s International Chess Academy, the world’s first establishment of the kind, Interfax news agency reported.—Xinhua

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.
M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Shan State, fairly widespread in Sagaing and Yangon Regions Chin State and Scattered in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Regions. Day temperatures were (10°C) below May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region (5°C) to (6°C) below May average temperatures in Bago Region and Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Lower Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Chank (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ayadaw (5.15) inches, Okpo (3.11) inches, NyaungU (2.99) inches, Natogyi (2.85) inches, Myingyan (2.67) inches, Pakokku (2.52) inches, Mada (2.17) inches, PyinOoLwin (2.05) inches, TadaU (2.01) inches, Wundwin (1.88) inches, Kyankse (1.75) inches, Meiktila (1.54) inches and Thazi (1.45) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 4-5-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 5-5-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-5-2011 was (84%).

Rainfall on 5-5-2011 was (0.51)inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (1.07)inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (0.06)inch at Mandalay. Total rainfall since1-1-2011 was (10.51) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (9.92 inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (5.12) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (6) mph from Northeast at (21:30) hours MST on 4-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 6th May 2011:

Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States and fairly widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar weaters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful
Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire

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

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

65th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day marked

YANGON, 5 May—The Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement celebrated the 65th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day along with a parade and demonstrations at its Head Office in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi presented awards to a member who was conferred Ye Thurein Medal and three members, Ye Kyawswa (See page 9)

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe observing firefighting equipments.—MNA

Evolutionary Lessons for Wind Farm Efficiency

SCIENCE DAILY, 5 May—Evolution is providing the inspiration for University of Adelaide computer science research to find the best placement of turbines to increase wind farm productivity.

Senior Lecturer Dr Frank Neumann, from the School of Computer Science, is using a "selection of the fittest" step-by-step approach called “evolutionary algorithms” to optimise wind turbine placement. This takes into account wake effects, the minimum amount of land needed, wind factors and the complex aerodynamics of wind turbines.

"Renewable energy is playing an increasing role in the supply of energy worldwide and will help mitigate climate change," says Dr Neumann. "To further increase the productivity of wind farms, we need to exploit methods that help to optimise their performance.”

Dr Neumann says the question of exactly where wind turbines should be placed to gain maximum efficiency is highly complex. “An evolutionary algorithm is a mathematical process where potential solutions keep being improved a step at a time until the optimum is reached,” he says.—INTERNET