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General Min Aung Hlaing welcomes Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of PRC

NAV PYI TAW, 12 May—A ceremony to welcome Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People’s Republic of China General Xu Caihou by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing was held in front of Zeyathiri Beikman here at 4 pm today.

As Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of Central Military Commission of the People’s Republic of China arrived to attend the welcoming ceremony from Nay Pyi Taw Airport to Zeyathiri Beikman by car, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing cordially welcomed and greeted him.

Next, General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou went to the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

Meanwhile the State Band played national anthems of the two countries.

Next, General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou inspected the Guard of Honour.

Then, Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou presented his entourage to General Min Aung Hlaing.

Likewise, General Min Aung Hlaing introduced Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defences to Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou.—MNA
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**Union A&I Minister receives EU Commission guests**

**Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Director Mr Dirk Meganck and party of European Commission Development and Cooperation Europe Aid.—**MNA

**Chief Minister U Myint Swe of Yangon Region and wife being welcomed by Israeli Ambassador Mr Yaron Mayer at a reception to mark 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of Israel at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon on 12 May.—**MNA

**Sagag Island Chief Minister attends opening of Sangha Hospital in Homalin**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 12 May—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye attended the opening of Sangha Hospital (100-bed) in Homalin, Khamti District on 10 May.**

After opening the new patient ward, the Chief Minister presented cash to the Sangha undergoing treatment.

Next, the Chief Minister visited Myatharaphu advanced rubber farm. A total of 3424 rubber acres have been put into cultivation in Homalin in 2010-2011.

He later inspected retaining works against erosion at Uru River-Crossing suspension bridge, construction of Namtalon Dam and self-reliant small-scale hydropower project in Nanpoaung Village, and then encouraged the patients at Nanpoaung Station Hospital.

The Chief Minister then met villagers at Dhammayon of Yadanamuni Pagoda.—**MNA**

**Thakaya Bridge on Pazundaung Creek to be suspended**

**Yangon, 12 May—Thakaya Bridge linking Dawbon and Mingala Taungnyunt townships across Pazundaung Creek will be shut down from 14 to 16 May for maintenance of the machinery functions of the bridge.**

People are urged to use Maha Bandola Bridge and Thawinna Bridge on those days to go to Dawbon and Thakaya townships. — **MNA**
Ten people killed in Spain earthquake

MOSCOW, 12 May—An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale hit southeast Spain Wednesday evening, killing at least 10 people, regional media reported.

The epicentre of the quake was in the Tercia mountain range near the town of Lorca, with a population of some 90,000.

Several buildings were destroyed, including a medieval church bell tower.

“Unfortunately people have died as a result of cave-ins and falling debris. We’re trying to find out if people have been trapped inside the collapsed houses,” Lorca mayor Francisco Jodar said.—Internet

Explosion at Singapore shipyard kills at least two

SINGAPORE, 12 May—An explosion at a shipyard in Singapore occurred on Thursday afternoon, killing at least two people, authorities said.

The Civil Defence Force said it received a call about the incident at about 1:20 pm in the afternoon, adding that the incident involved a barge undergoing maintenance work at the shipyard.

No further details were available at the moment.

Local broadcaster Channel NewsAsia quoted witnesses as saying that glass panels were broken at her office across the road. It also caused a ceiling panel to collapse but no one was injured.

German court finds Demjanjuk guilty of Nazi crimes

MUNICH, 12 May—A German court found John Demjanjuk guilty Thursday of helping to kill 27,900 Jews at the Nazi death camp Sobibor during the Holocaust.

The Munich court sentenced the 91-year-old to five years in prison as an accessory to mass murder as a guard at the Polish camp during World War Two. Defence attorneys had said during the 18-month trial they would appeal any guilty verdict.—Reuters

NATO and Afghan raid kills girl, policeman

KABUL, 12 May—NATO says its troops and Afghan forces mistakenly killed a young girl and a man who turned out to be a policeman during an overnight raid in eastern Afghanistan.

A NATO statement Thursday says a combined NATO-Afghan force was pursuing a Taliban leader in Nangarhar Province's Surkh Rod District on Wednesday, when a man came out of a targeted house threatening them with a gun.

It says the troops killed the man and then discovered he was a police officer. The troops also shot at someone running out of the back of the compound who they believed had a weapon. The soldiers later realized there was no weapon and that they had killed “an unarmed Afghan female adolescent.”

A neighbour, who goes by the name of Ayatullah, says the girl was 12 years old.—Internet

188 bodies found so far in Durango, Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 12 May—Security forces searching mass graves in the northern Mexican State of Durango have unearthed eight more bodies, authorities said Wednesday, bringing the total to 188 and making it the largest discovery yet of corpses secretly buried in regions plagued by drug-gang fighting.

The toll surpasses the 183 bodies found in pits last month in Tamaulipas, a state bordering Texas. Soldiers recovered the latest eight bodies Tuesday, and digging continued at five graves discovered last month in the state capital. Durango City, state Public Safety Department spokesman Fernando Rios told The Associated Press.—Internet

Bomb Blast kills one civilian, injures seven in eastern Afghan city

KHOST, 12 May—A civilian was killed and seven others injured Thursday morning when a bomb went off in Khost, the capital of eastern Afghanistan’s Khost Province, a health official said.

“This morning at around 8 am a dead civilian and seven injured people have been admitted to the provincial capital hospital,” head of provincial health department, Karokhil told Xinhua.

He said the injured people sustained wounds in a bomb blast in Khost city. Special Report: Afghanistan Situation.—Xinhua

Five killed in US drone strike in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 12 May—At least five people were killed in a US drone strike launched Thursday morning in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local Urdu TV channel Samaa.

An unmanned US aircraft.—Xinhua

Damaged vehicles and debris are seen on the street after an earthquake in Loren Spain in this image taken from TV on 11 May, 2011.—INTERNET

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Earth study to offer clues to alien life

BLOOMINGTON, 12 May—US scientists say they’ll study methane production by cold-weather microbes on Earth to help NASA search for evidence of similar microbes elsewhere.

In a 3-year, $2.4 million project funded by NASA’s Astrobiology Science and Technology for Exploring Planets programme, Indiana University Bloomington scientists will study methane release near the receding edge of Arctic ice sheets for clues of how life might exist at the edge of extraterrestrial ice sheets, an IUB release reported Wednesday. “In order to be prepared for robotic or human exploration of other habitable worlds, scientists and engineers need to thoroughly test instruments and exploration concepts in extreme environments on Earth,” IUB biogeochimist Lisa Pratt said. “These environments mimic, in some ways, the places we expect to explore for evidence of extraterrestrial life.”

Conditions that support life on Earth are the only point of reference for what’s possible on Mars, Jupiter’s moon Europa, and Saturn’s moon Enceladus, the three bodies currently deemed most likely to harbour, or to have once harboured, life, the researchers said.

Google to launch Chrome notebooks in June

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 May—Google on Wednesday introduced a series of notebook computers based on its Chrome operating system, stepping up its competition against Microsoft.

Google unveiled the “Chromebook” at its annual developers conference in San Francisco, saying that the new devices, made by Acer and Samsung Electronics, will go on sale in 15 June in the United States and six European countries.

Google said Chromebooks can boot in 8 seconds and its security system makes it require no virus protection.

Applications, documents and setting will be stored in “the cloud,” which enables users to have same experience after logging into another Chromebook. The system will get updated automatically with no update prompts.

Acer’s Chromebook will start at 349 US dollars and Samsung’s product will be priced at 429 dollars for its WiFi model and 499 dollars for 3G connectivity. The devices will be available online in the United States through Amazon.com and Best Buy’s online store.

Google said Wednesday also announced Chromebooks for Business and Education, a subscription service including Chromebooks and a cloud management console to remotely administer and manage users, devices applications and policies.

Yahoo! shares drop as Alibaba service spins off

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 May—Yahoo! stock sank on news that Alibaba has spun its online payment business out of reach of the US Internet pioneer, which owns a large stake in China’s leading online search service.

Shares dropped more than seven percent to $17.18 a share in trading on the NASDAQ exchange during the day in the wake of the news.

California-based Yahoo! filed paperwork on Tuesday notifying the US Securities and Exchange Commission that ownership of the Alipay service was shifted to a Chinese company owned mostly by Alibaba has spun its online payment business out of reach of the US Internet pioneer, which owns a large stake in China’s leading online search service.

The restructuring was done “to expedite obtaining an essential regulatory license,” Yahoo! said in the filing. The license purportedly at issue was one required by the People’s Bank of China to offer financial services in that country, according to an investors note from Citi analyst Mark Mahaney.
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Cisco to cut costs and jobs as profits stall

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Cisco’s sales rebounded from the recession, but then started stalling in the middle of last year. In the past few months, CEO John Chambers has signaled that he’s accepting long-standing criticism that the company is trying to compete in too many markets. He’s vowed to radically simplify the company.

The company is still troubled: On Wednesday, it gave a financial forecast for the current quarter that was well below analyst expectations. Chambers now wants to cut annual expenses by $1 billion, or about 6 percent. He didn’t say how many jobs he’s aiming to eliminate, mainly through an early retirement programme. If the percentage is similar to the cut in expenses, it could amount to 4,000 to 5,000 of the company’s 73,400 employees.—Internet

A baby’s head is shaved so it can be given an intravenous needle in the head as she is being treated for cholera at the Samaritan’s Purse International Relief medical centre Port-au-Prince, on 16 March, 2011.

INTERNET

Observation before CT good for kids with head injury

BEIJING, 12 May—Observation on children after head injury may help find which ones need a computed tomography (CT) scan, enabling many to avoid the radiation of an unnecessary test, according to a US study published in the journal Pediatrics Monday.

The study, led by researchers from Boston Children’s Hospital Boston and UC Davis, found that if children can be watched for a few hours when they come to the emergency department, they may not need a CT scan, thus avoiding the exposure to ionizing radiation.

Co-lead author Lise Nigrovic, of Children’s Hospital Boston, stressed that CT isn’t bad if people really need it, but it shouldn’t be used on children who are at low risk as x-rays slightly increases the risk of developing diseases like cancer.

For the study, Nigrovic and her colleagues examined a subset of data from a large prospective study by the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network. They looked at outcomes of over 40,000 children with head trauma seen at 25 different emergency departments, of which 14 percent were observed before a decision about whether to send them for CT scan was made. About 5,400, or 1 in 7, were observed. In both groups, fewer than 1 percent had a serious head injury.—Xinhua

Retailers open stores on Facebook

The Facebook homepage of Mark Zuckerberg is displayed on the Internet on 15 December, 2010. Zuckerberg, 26, has been named Time magazine’s “Person of the Year” for 2010. Zuckerberg is the CEO and co-founder of Facebook.—Internet

MENLO PARK, 12 May—The massive number of Facebook members is proving too tempting for many US retailers to resist, experts said.

Facebook now has 500 million members, about half of whom visit the Web site daily, USA Today reported Wednesday. On a typical month, members spend 700 billion minutes logged into the popular social Web site.

While Internet users can make a few clicks and find many online retailers, a growing number of companies are opening stores on Facebook, which allows users to shop without leaving the Web site. “Expecting people to come to your Web site is expecting them to make an extra effort. They’re already on Facebook,” Janet Fouts, a social media coach, told the newspaper.

“It’s social networks like Facebook that are the centre of people’s lives. It’s where their friends are. It’s where they play games. And it’s in-creasingly becoming where they shop,” she said. Among retailers opening up online outlets on Facebook are clothing seller Express, IC Penny, and 1-800-Flowers. Delta Airlines has been selling plane tickets from its Face-book page since August last year. Electronic game retailer Game-Stop has also opened up a Facebook store, USA Today said.

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Japan to unveil nuclear operator Tepeo compensation scheme

TOKYO, 12 May—Japan is expected to unveil a scheme on Thursday that includes a $62 billion fund injection to help Tokyo Electric Power (9501.T) compensate victims of the crisis at its tsunami-crippled nuclear plant and save Asia’s largest utility from financial ruin.

The scheme, likely to be approved by Prime Minister Naoto Kan’s cabinet later in the day, is designed to protect bond-holders and will keep Tokyo Electric (Tepco) shares listed, although the utility will have to forgo dividend payments for several years, ruling party lawmakers briefed on the plan said.

Reuters
Indonesia to send black boxes of plane crash to China

JAKARTA, 12 May—The Indonesian government was to send data recorder and voice recorder of the black boxes of the Merpati airline’s plane that crashed in West Papua on Saturday and killed all 25 people on board to China for reading on Wednesday, officials said here on Wednesday.

Franswes, investigator at the Indonesian transport safety committee said that the result of the reading would really help the investigation of the accident in Kaimana gulf. “Both data recorder and voice recorder will be sent to China today (Wednesday),” he told Xinhua by phone.

But, he said that it could not be ensured whether both recorders could be read. “Should the recorders can be read, it would be really helpful for the investigation,” said Franswes. Indonesian authorities have decided to send the boxes to China as they could not be read in Indonesia, according to Tatang Kurniadi, head of the committee.

Franswes said that eight experts from China were heading to the scene to help the investigation over the accident.

“We will also hear the result of their investigation,” he said.

Rescuers have evacuated all the bodies of 25 people on board, comprising 21 passengers and 4 crew. Bambang Ezya, spokesman of the transport ministry told Xinhua.

Malaysia police hunt attackers of over 20 women

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 May—Police say they are hunting two suspects who have attacked numerous women with an acid-like liquid while roaming Malaysia’s largest city on a motorcycle.

Kuala Lumpur police official Ku Chin Wah says authorities have stepped up street patrols after receiving reports of 22 such incidents in less than three months. He says in a statement seen Tuesday that the men typically splash a corrosive chemical liquid on women who are walking alone to public transport stations.

Authorities have not determined a motive. Media reports say the latest victim was hospitalized this past weekend for damaged eyesight and minor face burns. Other victims included young female students and a mother carrying her baby. Most of them suffered skin irritation.

Brazil to expand scholarship programme for studying abroad

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 May—President Dilma Rousseff Monday reaffirmed her commitment to provide scholarships enough for 75,000 Brazilian students to study abroad, up from 5,000 at present.

It will be difficult but possible, the president said during her weekly radio address “Breakfast with the President”.

“Today, 5,000 Brazilians study abroad with government-funded scholarships, most of them are in France, Germany and United States. We want to grant 75,000 scholarships until 2014,” she said.

Rousseff also said her administration will increase the number of scholarships in technical courses through national professional education programme Pronatec.

“We will offer qualification courses for those who are already in the job market and for high school students,” she said, “the younger who want to learn a profession will be granted a scholarship and will finish high school in one shift and the technical course in another.”

The president added that the measures added to the country’s programme Bolsa Familia will also be allowed to take training courses so that they can find better jobs.

Sandstorms to abate in north China, rain to continue in south

BEIJING, 12 May—China’s meteorological authority said on Thursday that sandstorms sweeping across parts of north China would abate over the next few days, but rain would continue to pelt the country’s south.

The sandstorms, which are moving eastward, would come to an end in north China over the next two days. But temperatures in parts of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and northeast China would drop a further 8 to 10 degrees Celsius, the National Meteorological Centre said in a statement posted on its website.

The storms that hit north China had reduced visibility in some parts of Inner Mongolia to 100 to 300 metres.

Meanwhile, rain in the south of the country showed no signs of easing.

Light to moderate rain is forecast for parts of southwest China and areas south to the Yangtze River over the next 24 hours. While, heavy rain is expected to hit parts of south China as well as Guizhou and Hunan Provinces, the statement said.

Man admits driving 51 miles with wife on van hood

STOCKTON, 12 May—A Northern California man who drove 51 miles with his wife clinging to the hood of his minivan has pleaded guilty and agreed to be sentenced to five years in prison.

Christopher Carroll entered the plea to attempted murder and spousal abuse charges on Wednesday as part of a deal with prosecutors, who downgraded the murder charge to say Carroll’s actions were not premeditated.

The 26-year-old Manteca resident was arrested after the February incident, which authorities say stemmed from an argument. Carroll’s 25-year-old wife, Rebecca, stood in front of the van as he tried to drive away. The Stockton Record reports that she recounted in court on Wednesday that her husband turned up the music to drown out her screams and swerved through freeway traffic to throw her off the van.

Photo taken on 11 May, 2011, shows the bed full of cracks due to a severe drought under a bridge in the Dongting Lake in Yueyang City, central China’s Hunan Province.—Xinhua

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NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received a Norwegian delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Espen Barth Eide of Norway at his office here this afternoon.

The meeting focused on boosting of bilateral ties and cooperation between Myanmar and Norway. — MNA

**Industrial zones to place emphasis on implementation of light industry, import-substitute industry, labour intensive industry**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—The Industrial Development Committee held a meeting with the Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee at the Ministry of Industry-2, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein said that the government and the private sector are to join hands for development of Myanmar industries while carrying out their respective sectors. The Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee is playing an important role for improvement of private sector. With the aim of developing the industries, the industrial zones are to place emphasis on implementation of the light industry that manufactures personal goods, the import-substitute industry, the export-oriented industry and the labour intensive industry so as to contribute much to economic development of the State.

He stressed the need to supervise factories of personal goods and import-substitute goods to be able to satisfy the market demand instead of running the automobile industry relying on foreign countries to get profit without gaining technology transfer. Special priority is to be given to manufacturing quality automobile at industrial zones.

Secretary of the Industrial Development Committee Deputy Minister U Myo Aung and member Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin explained tasks for development of industries in the industrial zones.

The Region/State Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee submitted the reports on future plans.

Before concluding the meeting, the Union Minister reviewed the reports. — MNA

**Union Commerce Minister receives ambassadors**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Singaporean Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua at 10 am, and Philippines Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Maria Hellen M Barber at noon today at his office here.— MNA

**Union Transport Minister meets Vietnamese, Singaporean Ambassadors**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung met Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung and Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua at his office here at 9 am and 11 am today separately.

They held discussions on cooperation in transport sector and enhancing aviation sector between Myanmar and Vietnam and signing of MoU on aviation sector for boosting cooperation in transport sector between Myanmar and Singapore and investment matters. — MNA
General Min Aung Hlaing meets Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing held discussions with a delegation led by Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of the Central Military Commission of the People’s Republic of China at Zeyathiri Beikman here this evening.

It was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Hla Hia Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and senior military officers. The delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and embassy staff.

At the meeting, General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou exchanged views on China-Myanmar bilateral ties, international and regional issues and political, economic and social affairs of the two countries.

Next, a ceremony to sign an agreement between the two armed forces followed. The General and the Central Military Commission Vice-Chairman signed the agreement and exchanged emblems of Armed Forces. — MNA

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He later comforted the patients at Phakant Township People’s Hospital. He then oversaw works for conservation of creeks. On 7 May, he met staff, social organization members, locals and gems entrepreneurs at Township General Administration Department and inspected dredging works in Uru Creek. He later called on entrepreneurs to work gems mining in compliance with the laws. — MNA

Union H&T Minister meets entrepreneurs of Muse, Tachilek

Kachin State Chief Minister makes inspection of Phakant region development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai met with tourism entrepreneurs of Muse and Tachilek regions at the ministry, here, this morning.

The entrepreneurs of Star Travels Company of Muse, Golden Triangle Zone and Allure Hotel of Tachilek reported on their respective sectors. The Union Minister attended to the needs. — MNA

Myanmar, China to cooperate in electric power sector

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People’s Republic of China General Xu Caihou and party arrived at Nay Pyi Taw by air this afternoon.

The Chinese delegation was welcomed there by Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of the Ministry of Defence, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, senior military officers, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military, Naval & Air Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei. — MNA

Union EP-2 Minister U Khin Maung Soe receives Vice-President Mr Wang Bo and party of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd of the PRC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe received Vice-President Mr Wang Bo and party of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd from the People’s Republic of China, at the minister’s office here on 10 May.

At the call, both sides discussed mutual cooperation in electric power sector. — MNA
Union Information and Culture Minister meets
Ambassadors of Singapore, Philippines, DPRK

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Singaporean Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua Hian Kong at the Ministry of Information here at 9 am today. Similarly, the Union Minister met Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ms. Maria Hellen M. Barber and Ambassador of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Kim Sok Chol at 10.30 am and 11.30 am separately. The meetings focused on bilateral cooperation in information and media and cultural matters and signing of MoUs to develop information sector.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win and Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandar Khin, departmental heads and officials of the two ministries.

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Workshop on reduction of carbon emission from deforestation held

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—The Ministry of Forestry and the Forestry Department of the Republic of Korea co-organized workshop on reduction of carbon emission from deforestation at the Forest Department here this morning.

Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Committee Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun in his speech said Myanmar signed agreements on international environmental conservation and is cooperating actively with the international community. It inked United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 2 June 1992, and Kyoto Protocol in 2003.

Nine papers are read at the workshop that continues tomorrow with representatives from ASEAN countries, departments and organizations.

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Mines Ministry, companies to venture mining

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik sat down with entrepreneurs and officials in charge from mining companies at the Ministry of Mines here 10 May.

He said that the ministry will encourage early start of joint-venture projects, and entrepreneurs have to meet the targets, pay taxes to the State, and learn manufacturing methods.

The managing director of No (1) Mining Enterprise reported on mining processes. The Union minister assessed the reports by the entrepreneurs.

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Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik holds discussion with officials in charge from mining companies.—MNA

Union Health Minister receives UNAIDS, UNOPS officials

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin met Country Coordinator Dr Sun Gang of UNAIDS, Chair of the 3DF Mr Ulrich Sorensen of UNOPS, First Secretary Mr. Shaanti Sekhon from Embassy of Commonwealth of Australia in Myanmar, and a delegation led by Director and Resident Representative Mr Sanjay Mathur of UNOPS (Myanmar) and party, at minister’s office here yesterday separately.

At the calls, they discussed fight against AIDS, research and surveillance, fight against three major diseases, providing more support for child specialists, rebuilding of rural health care centres for newborns and child health care and more support for child immunization.—MNA

UN S-G’s Special Adviser calls on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, 12 May—UN Secretary-General’s Special Adviser (UN Under-Secretary-General) Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at her residence on University Avenue in Bahan Township, here, at 4.45 pm today.

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Modern version of “Romeo and Juliet” to be shown

BEIJING, 12 May— We are all familiar with Shakespeare’s tragic love story “Romeo and Juliet.” But today the new generation in Britain has modernized this 17th-century play with a few novel ideas. Audiences are dazzled upon seeing the old-fashion Romeo turned into a handsome black young man, and Juliet surprises you in her gorgeous chic dress. This adaptation has transformed the classical Elizabethan play into a modern musical. According to the Youth Artist League, they are thrilled to have the opportunity to perform this new version of “Romeo and Juliet” for the Queen in Buckingham Palace.

Russia voices concern over US court’s indulgence over children abusers

MOSCOW, 12 May — Russia was surprised and concerned with the indulgent attitude of a US court toward a married couple who are accused of abuse over three children of Russian descent. Russia’s Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday, “Information about possible release on probation as a result of a plea bargain of Leshchinskys who are accused of abuse over three adopted children from Russia causes serious concern.” Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement published on its official website.

It said that such a forgiveness of a court in Colorado was considered “strange”, especially because the crimes against children usually are punished quite severely in the US. The ministry’s spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said that the Russian Foreign Ministry and the Russian Embassy in Washington would assist the three underage girls in securing their rights and decent living conditions. The court’s hearing has been scheduled for 23 May, Interfax news agency reported. Edelwina and Steven Leshchinsky have been arrested in the US.

Russia and the US have been in lengthy talks over an agreement on child adoption.—Xinhua

Italian police arrest mafia head, seize assets

ROME, 12 May— Italian police on Tuesday arrested a suspected top boss in the Neapolitan Camorra mafia, local news agency ANSA reported.

Police, meanwhile, also seized 600 million euros of mafia assets including 300 apartments in Rome.

Felsicano Mallardo, the suspected clan leader, was arrested with six others after a police operation, said Justice Minister Angelino Alfano. The operation has “annihilated” the Mallardo clan, which was based in the sprawling Naples hinterland town of Giugliano, Alfano said. Meanwhile, Interior Minister Roberto Maroni said the “extraordinary” operation was proof that the government’s strategy of focusing on asset seizes was “striking the mafia in the heart.” Investigators said the Mallardo clan had shifted much of its interest to the Rome area and invested “enormous sums” in the capital. The gang had also started speculating in the construction business around Rome, where several of its building sites and more than 200 pieces of real estate were impounded. In all, 900 apartments and 23 firms were impounded while 200 bank accounts and scores of company stakeholdings were frozen. Dozens of luxury cars and motorbikes also were seized, police said.—Xinhua

Pakistanis policemen attend a training session during 25th passing out parade in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on 11 May, 2011.

Hamas, Fatah delegates to meet in Cairo

GAZA, 12 May — Delegations from Palestinian rivals will visit Cairo Saturday to start discussions on forming a unity government, a Hamas official said Wednesday. The delegations will represent Hamas and President Mahmoud Abbas’s Fatah party, said Salah Al-Bardawil, a Hamas official in Gaza.

Last week, the two movements signed a reconciliation agreement brokered by Egypt. The pact is sought to end political split between the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip and the West Bank, where Fatah holds sway.

Al-Bardawil said that the delegates will talk about the technocratic government that they agreed to form to prepare for holding elections in a year. He also revealed that Arab committees comprising Egypt and Qatar were formed to follow up the implementation of the reconciliation agreement.

In 2007, Hamas routed pro-Abbas forces and took over Gaza, setting up its own government and security services. The Fatah-led Palestinian National Authority remained confined to the West Bank. According to Al-Bardawil, security services in the West Bank and Gaza will remain unchanged until after elections.—Xinhua

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Diarrhea patients receive treatment at the International Centre for Diarrheal Diseases Research of Bangladesh (ICDDRB) in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh, on 11 May, 2011.—Xinhua

File photo taken on 20 Feb, 2011 shows two staff members carry a giant panda cub to receive training for release to the wild in China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda in Wolong, southwest China’s Sichuan Province. After three years of reconstruction, Wolong Nature Reserve and China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda in Wolong, which were badly damaged by the quake, has recovered. Local residents were moved to valley region for better living conditions while giant pandas enjoy more territory, advanced new center are under construction and will be put into use the next year, and a series of research programmes such as training of giant pandas for release to the wild are carrying on.—Xinhua

India’s Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Minister Praful Patel (L), German Ambassador to India Thomas Matussek (R) and Andreas Schaaf (C), President of BMW India pose in the unveiling ceremony of the company’s vision efficient dynamics concept car in New Delhi, India, on 10 May, 2011.—Xinhua

Palestinians stand by a symbolic huge key during an activity marking al-Nakba Day in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah, on 11 May, 2011.—Xinhua

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Former US house speaker announces 2012 presidential bid

WASHINGTON,—Former US House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Wednesday formally announced that he will seek the Republican nomination to run for presidency in 2012. “I believe we can return America to hope and opportunity,” he said in a YouTube video. “We’ve done it before, we can do it again.”

As a co-author of the 1994 Contract with America, Gingrich was in the forefront of the Republican Party’s dramatic success in that year’s mid-term elections and subsequently was elected Speaker of the House.

However, following Republican losses in the 1998 mid-term elections, Gingrich resigned both his Speakership and his congressional seat.

Gingrich is the first major 2012 candidate to enter the race, though there are other potential candidates who also indicated intention to run. Republican House Representative Ron Paul, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, former Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer and former Godfather Pizza CEO Herman Cain have all established exploratory committees, a move that might lead to a formal bid.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Musical Ride performs at the RCMP stables in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on 10 May, 2011. Held for the first time in 1887 in Regina, Saskatchewan, the event showcases the equestrian skills performed by thirty-two members of the RCMP.

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Flying robot to track security threats

London, 12 May—A deadly new flying robot, named Aeryon Scout, promises to replace the CCTV camera and track down criminals and security threats with greater effectiveness.

Mounted to a place on Google Maps on its touch-screen controller and the robot flies there at 30 mph to record high quality video that can be beamed to an iPhone in real-time.

The robot, manufactured by Canada-based Aeryon Labs Inc, is touted as the world’s most sophisticated intelligence system. It can go up to 500 ft above the ground and can zoom in to a close-up from a 300 metres away, meaning it may not even be seen while on a mission. The four rotor blades also ensure it is practically silent when hovering. It beams its pictures to any electronic device, be it a remote computer or even an iPhone, the Daily Mail reported. The Scout and its laptop-style control panel fits into a suitcase so it can be deployed easily over any crowd and carried away covertly.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MOROTAI VOY NO (154)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (154) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2011 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 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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All Banks will be closed on 17th May (Tuesday) Full Moon of Kason 2011, being Public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act

Central Bank of Myanmar

Archaeologists hunt for Mona Lisa model
BEIJING, 12 May—Italian archaeologists are digging the remains of Lisa Gherardini, a 16th-century woman who is widely believed to be the model for the famous portrait Mona Lisa, AFP reported on Wednesday. The team of historians say they will try to find the remains using geo-radar equipment and then try to re-create a likeness of what the woman, Lisa Gherardini, would have looked like to compare her to Leonardo Da Vinci’s Mona Lisa.
Gherardini (1479-1542), also known by her married name as Lisa del Giocondo, was the wife of a Florentine silk merchant and is widely believed to have been the model for the portrait that now hangs in the Louvre in Paris. But the issue has never been settled definitively and mystery still shrouds the model’s enigmatic expression and other details of the portrait.—Xinhua

Largest US film studio outside Hollywood opens in Chicago
Chicago was touted anew as “a world class film destination” with the opening of a state-of-the-art film and television studio, said to be the largest facility in the United States outside Hollywood.
Joined by Emmy Award-winning actor Kelsey Grammer and the producers of the new Chicago-inspired TV series “Boss,” Illinois Governor Pat Quinn announced that the state is investing five million US dollars into the new privately-owned Cinespace Chicago Film Studios. “We want to make sure that Chicago, Illinois, is a place where when you come to make a TV show or a movie, you get a great studio space,” Quinn said following a stop at the southwest side facility, which was originally a steel mill. —Internet

Honduran police kill 6 suspected drug traffickers
Tegucigalpa, 12 May — Police says six alleged drug traffickers were killed and two police officers and a teenager injured in a three-hour gun battle in a rural province in eastern Honduras.
Security Minister Oscar Alvarez says a group of criminals shot at officers when they were patrolling in the city of Catacamas, 62 miles east of the capital and near the border with Nicaragua.
After the Tuesday night clash, police arrested seven suspected criminals and confiscated an arsenal that included 19 high-powered rifles. —Internet

This 2 Feb, 2011 photo shows pork medallions with blueberry-balsamic ketchup in Concord, NH. Besides being a delicious addition to your diet, blueberries have been linked to numerous health benefits. —Internet

In this photo provided by Breitling, Swiss adventurer Yves Rossy is seen before his flight over the Grand Canyon in Arizona on 7 May, 2011, in his custom-built jet suit. The 51-year-old Rossy was airborne for more than eight minutes, soaring 200 feet above the canyon rim on the Hualapai Reservation. Rossy’s sponsor, Swiss watchmaker Breitling, announced the successful flight on 10 May, 2011.—Internet

Alarming combo: Bedbugs with ‘superbug’ germ found
ATLANTA, 12 May—Hate insects? Afraid of germs? Researchers are reporting an alarming combination: bedbugs carrying a staph “superbug.”
Canadian scientists detected drug-resistant staph bacteria in bedbugs from three hospital patients from a downtown Vancouver neighbourhood. Bedbugs have not been known to spread disease, and there’s no clear evidence that the five bedbugs found on the patients or their belongings had spread the MRSA germ they were carrying or a second less dangerous drug-resistant bacteria.
However, bedbugs can cause itching that can lead to excessive scratching. That can cause breaks in the skin that make people more susceptible to these germs, noted Dr Marc Romney, one of the study’s authors.
The study is small and very preliminary. “But it’s an intriguing finding” that needs to be further researched, said Romney, medical microbiologist at St Paul’s Hospital in Vancouver.—Internet

Diagnosis positive: Male nursing satisfies
BEIJING, 12 May—Liu Lijun won’t be surprised if he is overlooked today on International Nurses Day. “Many people think I’m a doctor,” said the 24-year-old Shanghai native, whose smile beams through his mask. “I wish I were.” Of more than 1,300 nurses at the Shanghai Xinhua Hospital, only 14 are male.
“People always returned a compliment when my parents said their son was studying at a prestigious medical school. But their expression of approval soon turned to astonishment after my parents added that I was specializing in nursing,” said Liu, laughing at the stereotype people usually hold toward the nursing profession. “Many people think that nursing is an occupation for females, and this holds many young men back from what could be a very satisfying career,” Liu continued, referring to his two years of practice as a nurse.—Internet

Suspect of Palace Museum theft caught by police
BEIJING, 12 May—Beijing police said Wednesday night that they have apprehended a person who is suspected of stealing several art pieces from the Palace Museum in Beijing’s heavily-guarded Forbidden City.
The suspect, named Shi Baikui, male, 28, from east China’s Shandong Province, was caught by police at 7:40 pm Wednesday in Fengtai District in Beijing, 58 hours after the relics were stolen, police said.
Tenacious dog escapes Oregon veterinarian office

After three late-night escape attempts from an Oregon veterinarian’s office, a German shepherd named Jack finally made it. The Medford Mail Tribune reports the crafty canine managed to pull open his kennel, trip the dead bolt on the clinic’s back door and pull down the handle to get outside. He set off three motion-detector alarms on the way and managed to rip open four bags of food.

The dog roamed seven miles from the vet’s office, but only made it home when animal control officers took him to a shelter where he was reunited with his worried family. A veterinarian calls the dog’s recovery from flu-like symptoms “impressive.”

Beyoncé names new album “4”

NEW YORK, 12 May—Beyoncé’s upcoming fourth solo album will be called “4,” a title she says was inspired by her fans.

“Everywhere I look, I see them calling it ‘4,’” she told Billboard. “I had a whole other name and concept, but I keep seeing that the fans love the name ‘4,’ and I think it would be a really nice thing to let them name the record.”

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GMA Summer Concert Series kicks off with Lady Gaga

NEW YORK, 12 May—“Good Morning America” is waking up its audience to Lady Gaga and a summer-full of other big acts. Lady Gaga will kick off “GMA’s Summer Concert Series” on 27 May, airing live from New York’s Central Park during the ABC News morning programme.

She will perform songs from her new album, the network said in its announcement on Wednesday. Headliners booked for subsequent Friday concerts include Beyoncé (bee-AHN’-say), Mary J Blige, Jennifer Hudson and Brad Paisley.

Debbie Gibson and Tiffany will appear on stage together for the first time. And nostalgia band The Go-Gos will make their final TV appearance, ABC said.

“Good Morning America” airs from 7 to 9 am Eastern weekdays on ABC.

Medical examiner: NYC jazz musician was stabbed

NEW YORK, 12 May—The New York City medical examiner’s office says a jazz musician was stabbed to death before his body was stuffed into a storage chest in his home. Stanley Wright had wounds in his torso and neck, and his death was ruled a homicide Wednesday. He was reported missing by his family a day earlier. Police checked his Brooklyn home and found his body.

Relatives say the 62-year-old Wright once taught music at a Brooklyn middle school and played at Lincoln Centre for the Performing Arts. Wright played the bass, piano and drums and gave lessons. Wright was a widower and lived alone. Relatives say he was the father of three, including actress N’Bushe Wright, who co-starred in the 1998 Wesley Snipes action movie “Blade.”

No arrests have been made.—Internet
Barcelona wins 3rd straight Spanish league title

Barcelona, 12 May—Barcelona players sprayed each other with bubble-bath and fans celebrated by lighting flares. A title that had appeared inevitable for weeks finally was clinched with two games to spare when Barcelona tied 1-1 at Levante on Wednesday night to win Spain’s La Liga for the third straight season.

“We have been very united this year. That has been very hard because we were up against a tough rival in Real Madrid,” Barcelona star Lionel Messi said. “Now, it is time to enjoy it.” Seydou Keita headed in Xavi Hernandez’s pass to put Barcelona ahead in the 28th minute, but Felipe Caicedo tied the score in the 40th after Gerard Pique fouled an attempted clearance.

Barcelona (29-2-5) won the league for the 21st time in its 111-year history and fifth in seven seasons. The Blaugrana took a six-point lead and holds the tiebreaker over Real Madrid (27-4-5), which is assured of its third straight second-place finish. Real has won a record 31 La Liga titles Barcelona, which no longer can become the first team in Spain to reach 100 points, also clinched the 2005 title at Ciutat de Valencia stadium. Messi, Xavi, Andres Iniesta, Carles Puyol and Victor Valdes remain from that team.—Internet

Inter beat Roma to set up Palermo Italian Cup final

Rome, 12 May—Inter Milan joined Palermo in the Italian Cup final after seeing off Roma 2-1 on aggregate following a 1-1 draw at the San Siro on Wednesday. Inter’s top scorer Samuel Eto’o bagged the opening goal of the night, taking his tally for the season in all competitions to 34, before Marco Borriello equalized for the visitors. Palermo had booked their place in the 29 May final with a 4-3 aggregate success against AC Milan. And it was a double celebration for Inter as captain Javier Zanetti played his 1,000th match as a professional. In an unequalled first period, Roma had the better chances.—Internet

Leipheimer seeks fourth Tour of California title

Los Angeles, 12 May—Three-time champion Levi Leipheimer of the United States will lead a field of more than 140 riders from 18 teams in the sixth Tour of California cycling stage race that begins on Sunday. Leipheimer won the eight-day trek over nearly 1,300km from 2007 through 2009 before surrendering the crown last year to Australian Michael Rogers, who will not defend his title because of a virus that reduced his training time. The preliminary completing schedule for the 99-rider field will be announced Wednesday.—Internet

Gamba into Asia’s last 16 with late show

Singapore, 12 May—Japan’s Gamba Osaka stunned Tianjin Teda with two late goals to supplant the Group E leaders and reach the AFC Champions League last 16 on Wednesday, as Melbourne Victory’s charge fell just short. In a tense night at Expo 70 Stadium, Gamba were in danger of elimination until Yashuto Endo’s opener on 74th minutes, before Takashi Usami made it 2-0 in the dying seconds.

China’s Tianjin were the only team already qualified from Group E, with Victory and Jeju United all in the running for the second spot heading into the final round. Jeju and bottom-placed Victory fought for a spot in South Korea, but the result was immaterial after Gamba’s late double put the J-League side through alongside Tianjin.—Internet

Nadal survives scare as dominant Djokovic cruises in Rome tennis

Rome, 12 May—World number one and undisputed clay king Rafael Nadal survived a scare on Wednesday at the Rome Masters as he overcame a sloppy start to beat World number three Novak Djokovic who took his winning streak this year to 33 matches with an embarrassingly one-sided 6-0, 6-3 destruction of Pole Lukasz Kubot. World number three Roger Federer was also largely untrodden as he saw off Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 6-2. Following his defeat to Djokovic in the Madrid final last week, the 24-year-old Nadal came close to losing a second successive match on clay for the first time in his career before eventually romping home in the deciding set. “It’s difficult for me to talk about the match today,” admitted Nadal...—Internet

Foreman likes Hopkins’s chance at boxing age mark

Montreal, 12 May—Bernard Hopkins will try to eclipse George Foreman as the oldest fighter to win a major world title bout when he faces Jean Pascal next week for the World Boxing Council light heavyweight crown. Hopkins will be 126 days beyond his 46th birthday when he meets Canada’s Pascal on 21 May at Montreal’s Bell Centre in a rematch of a controversial draw last December that allowed Pascal to keep his title. Hopkins will try to bump heavyweight legend Foreman from a unique place in boxing history as the oldest recognized elite-level ring king in any division. “This is a bittersweet opportunity for me because of George’s legacy,” said Hopkins. “But it’s in good hands. George.” Foreman, now 62, says Hopkins will need a knockout of Pascal to win it but a triumph would give the sport a much-needed boost.—Internet

Puel on brink asAuxerre shatter Lyon’s title hopes

Paris, 12 May—Claude Puel’s long term position as Lyon coach looked increasingly untenable on Wednesday as they slumped to their worst defeat since 2006 with a 4-0 drubbing by Auxerre to end both their outside hopes of winning the title and extend a three-year trophy drought.

The title now rests between leaders Lille and defending champions Marseille, who trail by four points with three matches remaining after easing to a 3-0 home win over struggling Brest. Marseille coach Didier Deschamps was delighted that his side had reacted in the best possible manner after their 3-2 defeat by Lyon on Sunday as they took the three points with goals by Loic Remy, Jordan Ayew and veteran Gabriel Heinze. “I am very happy with our performance and the result,” said Deschamps.—Internet

6,000 volunteers needed for Euro 2012

Kiev, 12 May—Ukraine and Poland need 6,000 volunteers for Euro 2012 soccer championship, the Tournament Director for Ukraine said Thursday. “The volunteer is a real co-organizer of the tournament. Therefore, he should do everything possible to help Ukraine and Poland to hold the championship on the high level,” Markian Lukbizkyv said as the volunteer logo and volunteer programme presentation ceremony in Kiev. The Tournament Director for Ukraine stressed that the volunteers can apply on the UEFA official website from 14 June this year.—Xinhua

Algerian Widad Bouhmdene (C) celebrates after scoring a goal during the French L1 football match Auxerre vs Lyon, at the Abbe-Deschamp stadium in Auxerre. —INTERNET

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New contract for Spain international Martinez

MADRID, 12 May—Spain international midfielder Javi Martinez this Wednesday signed a new contract with Athletic Club Bilbao to keep him at the club until the end of June 2016. The player confirmed the news on his Twitter account after the story appeared in the Spanish press during the afternoon.

The 22-year-old Martinez, who joined Athletic from Osasuna when he was just 17 years old, has signed a two-year extension.

The contract sees Martinez’s buyout clause increased to 40 million euros, meaning that adding on the corresponding taxes, any club wanting to buy him would have to pay over 60 million euros, meaning that adding on the corresponding taxes.

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Jung Young-sik (L) and Kim Min-seok of South Korea play against Kazuhiro Chum and Kenji Matsudaira of Japan during their men’s doubles quarter final match at the World Table Tennis Championships in Rotterdam on 12 May, 2011.

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7:15 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadow

7:25 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:30 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Health Programme

8:30 am
7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:10 am
8. Teleplay (Traffic)

8:25 am
9. Musical Programme

5:30 pm
3. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kaladyozathwin

6:00 pm
4. Evening News

6:15 pm
5. Weather Report

6:20 pm
6. Internet Garden

7:00 pm
7. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
8. News

9:00 pm
9. International News

10:00 pm
10. Weather Report

11:00 pm
11. Just For Laughs

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**Local Transmission**

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* Music Gallery
* News
* Culture Stage
* News
* Safari park Nay Pyi Taw’s Fresh Appeal
* News
* Myanmar Movie “Guilt Over Love”
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

UNSG’s Special Adviser calls on Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker
U Mya Nyein, Union Ministers

Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein receives UN Secretary-General’s Special Adviser (UN Under-Secretary-General) Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building—MNA

Hlawga Park to be kept open on Fullmoon Day of Kason
YANGON, 12 May—Forestry Department opens Hlawga Park from 8 am to 5 pm daily. For public recreation, the Park will be kept open from 8 am to 6 pm on 17 May (Fullmoon Day of Kason).—MNA

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Significant day temperatures (12-5-2011)
Chauk (43°C)
NyaungU (40°C)
Minbu (40°C)
Magway (40°C)
Gangaw (40°C)