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

**Four economic objectives**
- Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**Government grants amnesty for prisoners**

_Nay Pyi Taw, 16 May—The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar today issued Order No. 28/2011 dated 16 May 2011. The following is a translation of the order:—_

_The Republic of the Union of Myanmar_

_President Office_

_Order No. 28/2011_

_14 Waxing of Kason, 1373 ME_

_(16 May 2011)_

**Amnesty granted**

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has emerged as a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the constitution approved by the vast majority of the people. The government had to take action in accordance with the law against those who had violated existing laws. However, it is planning to turn prisoners into citizens who will in one way or another contribute towards the process of building a new nation. On the grounds of humanitarian and out of consideration for the families of the inmates, the President granted an amnesty in accordance with Section 204 (b) of the State Constitution for those who are serving prison terms for the crimes they committed before 17 May 2011, as follows:

(a) Death sentences are commuted to life sentences.
(b) Other prison terms are commuted by one year exclusive of remission days.

_Sd/ Thein Sein_

_President_

_The Republic of the Union of Myanmar_

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**Myanmar-China crude oil pipeline project to complete in 2013**

_Nay Pyi Taw, 16 May—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay yesterday called for making efforts for completion of the Myanmar-China crude oil pipeline project across Myitnge River to complete in 2013._

The Union Minister set the deadline during his visit to the pipeline bridge project which is under construction by CNPC, South East Asia Pipeline Company, and a part of the project for transporting crude oil and natural gas from Myanmar to China. Over 64.5 per cent of the construction of the bridge has been finished.

During the inspection tour of the project, the Union Minister heard reports on the project presented by Vice-President of CNPC Mr. Cui Xin Hua and urged responsible personnel of the project to help employees of the ministry improve their pipeline construction technology, to use domestically produced materials if their quality is the same to the imported ones, to use land as little as possible and to help fertilization of the lands which are temporarily used for the project upon completion.

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**Kason Water Pouring Festival**

Myanmar people designate Fullmoon Day of the Myanmar month Kason, which falls today (17 May), as a day of religious significance. In Kason, which marks Taurus, the second sign of the Zodiac in Myanmar tradition, the flower magnolia is bloom and Kason Water Pouring Festival is celebrated nationwide.

On this very day aeons ago, Lord Buddha Dipankara prophesized that Hermit Suddhodana would become a Buddha one day.

On Fullmoon Day of Kason in 68 Buddhist Era, the would-be Buddha was born of Queen Suri Maya Devi. Born at the same moment with the would-be Buddha were Kaludayi Minister, Yasodhaya, Prince Ananda, Chandu Minister, royal horse Kandana, four large gold pots filled with jewellery, and Bo Tree.

Prince Siddhattha, the would-be Buddha, realized the Four Noble Truths and attained enlightenment on Fullmoon Day of Kason in 103 Buddhist Era. At the age of 80, Vassa of 45 on Fullmoon Day of Kason 148 Buddhist Era, the Buddha attained Nirvana in Ingyin (Pentacma suavis) Forest in Kusinar, Nenma.

Myanmar pour water onto Bayan trees to mark the Buddha’s attaining enlightenment under a Bayan tree. On this occasion, Buddhists pour water onto Bo trees and perform meritorious deeds individually or in groups in pagodas.

Kason Water Pouring Festival is a testament to the fact that Myanmar Buddhists have preserved cultural heritage and religious traditions for a very long time.

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**Cash donated to basic education schools in Kachin State**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — A ceremony to donate cash for basic education schools in Phakant Township of Kachin State was held at Kachin State Government Office this morning.

Well-wisher U Law Lu (a) U Tun Sein explained purpose of donation. The donor family donated K 20 million for all-round development of basic education schools in Phakant through Kachin State Education, Social, Religious Affairs and Culture Minister Daw Bank Ja.

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai returned certificate of honour to well-wisher U Law Lu (a) U Tun Sein and wife Daw Kyin Kin Kyein (a) Daw Ma Khine and spoke words of thanks.

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**Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives German delegation**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received a German Delegation led by Member of Parliament of Federal Democratic Party (FDP) Mr Michael Glos and Chairman of Hanns Seidel Foundation Dr H. C. Mult Hans Zehetmair at his office here at 12:30 pm today.

The meeting focused on strengthening of bilateral ties and cooperation between Myanmar and Germany.

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**Union Minister for H&T and for Sports receives Korean guests**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan received Chairman Mr Lee Yong Soo of Korea Myanmar Development Cooperation (KMDC) and Chairman Mr Nam Gyon of Korea Tourism Service (Onluntour) at the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Htay Aung, Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliers Association Dr Khin Shwe and officials.

A ceremony to sign an MoU on Korea-Myanmar tourism cooperation for traveling of about 1000 Korean tourists to Myanmar monthly followed at the ministry, attended by the Union Minister.

Chairman of Myanmar Travels Syndicate U Zay Thiha and Chairman Mr Gyoun Nam Goong of Onnuri Travel Co Ltd of ROK signed the MoU.—MNA

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**Union Minister U Tint Hsan receives KMDC Chairman Mr Lee Yong Soo and Chairman Mr Nam Gyon and party of Korea Tourism Service (Onluntour).—MNA**

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**MTF President’s Cup Tennis Tournament 2011 kicks off**

YANGON, 16 May — Myanmar Tennis Federation President’s Cup Tennis Tournament 2011 started at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyant Township here this morning. The tournament includes 12 kinds of event. Myanmar Tennis Federation will train promising athletes for XXVII SEA Games to be held in Myanmar in 2013. It was attended by MTF President U Aung Maw Thein and executives and fun.

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**Union Minister U Tint Hsan presents certificate of honour to well-wisher U Law Lu (a) U Tun Sein and wife Daw Kyin Kin Kyein (a) Daw Ma Khine.—MNA**
Sacramento. (214km) ride from Squaw Valley ski resort to over seven days, starting Monday with a 133 mile race owners. The eight-day event will now be held riders out on the course with the current forecast, "starting line and were a minute away from beginning the 118.7 miles stage in the hope of getting underway of the Tour of California Sunday.

Calm and prayers help steer stricken plane back to Singapore

Passengers on Cathay Pacific flight CX715 disembark from the aeroplane after it landed safely at Changi Airport in Singapore. Reuters

People inspect damage after a mortar landed in Baghdad's central Tahrir Square, Iraq, on 15 May, 2011. Two mortar rounds slammed into the street at about 1:00 pm, killing two pedestrians and injuring eight others, a police officer said. He said the mortar rounds were aimed at Baghdad's Green Zone, which houses Iraqi government headquarters and the US and British embassies. Two other mortar rounds landed in the Green Zone, but there was no immediate word on casualties.—INTERNET

Seven people killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 16 May—Seven people were killed and 17 wounded in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in Baghdad and the Iraqi Province of Salahudin on Sunday, the police said.

In Salahudin Province, director of Iraqi tax office and a female employee were killed when a sticky bomb attached to their government vehicle detonated in the afternoon in al-Qadsiyah District in northern the city of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In northern the province, the police found a body of a beheaded woman in the town of al-Shirqat, some 250 km north of Baghdad, the source said. In a separate incident, an explosives expert was wounded while defusing a roadside bomb near Tikrit University, in northern Tikrit, the source added.

Danish crew free Somali pirate hostages

COPENHAGEN, 16 May—A Danish warship attacked a pirate boat off Somalia, killing four pirates and freeing 16 Iranian hostages on board, Denmark's navy said Sunday.

Ten other pirates were also wounded during gun battles between the Danish vessel Esbern Snare and the pirate "mother-ship" off Somalia on Thursday morning.

"The 16 hostages are waiting to see their families," the navy said in statement. "None of them and no one among the crew of the Esbern Snare was wounded," it said.

"All the hostages are doing well given the circumstances," Kenneth Nielsen, the navy's chief of staff spokesman, told TV2 News. The 24 captured pirates are still on board the warship as Danish authorities consider criminal proceedings.

"During a patrol along the Somali coast on the morning of Thursday 12 May, the Esbern Snare was approached by a pirate mother ship," the navy said in its account.

"When the Esbern Snare tried to stop the boat using loudspeaker, it opened fire, which was immediately returned. "Shortly after the exchange of fire, several weapons were thrown overboard and there were signs of surrender. "The Esbern Snare then took control of the boat."

 Pirates continue to take boat crews hostage and demand ransoms off the Somali coast despite an international military presence in the waters. —INTERNET

NATO chopper makes hard landing in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 May—A helicopter belonging to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) had a hard landing in southern Afghan Province Kandahar on Monday, a Press release from ISAF said.

The landing site, in Panjwai's District of Kandahar Province, some 450 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul, "has been secured and all personnel are accounted for," according to the Press release. There are no casualties reported, and "the cause of the incident is under investigation," read the Press release. The Kandahar Province is the main battle field where the Afghan security forces and ISAF have been chasing Taleban. However, "there are no reports of enemy fire in the area," said the ISAF Press release.—Xinhua

One NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 May—A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed in Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast on Sunday in Afghanistan’s restive southern region, the military alliance confirmed in a statement.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today," said the statement release by ISAF here.

However, the brief statement did not reveal the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mainly from US, Britain, Canada and Australia have been stationed in the southern region within the framework of ISAF to fight Taleban militants there. Over 160 NATO soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since beginning this year.—Xinhua

Snow storm delays start of Tour of California

LOS ANGELES, 16 May—An unseasonal snow storm forced the cancellation of the opening stage of the Tour of California Sunday.

The race organizers delayed the original start time by almost three hours and agreed to shorten the 118.7 miles stage in the hope of getting underway if the severe weather conditions cleared up.

The 18 teams and 144 riders even made it to the starting line and were a minute away from beginning the race when the stage was officially abandoned.

"We were monitoring weather conditions up until start time, and we just couldn’t safely put the riders out on the course with the current forecast," said Andrew Messick, president of AEG Sports, the race owners. The eight-day event will now be held over seven days, starting Monday with a 133 mile (214km) ride from Squaw Valley ski resort to Sacramento.

Race sponsors clear snow from their cars.

Snowy conditions delay the Amgen Tour of California in South Lake Tahoe.—INTERNET

"We, the riders, are disappointed about not racing for the fans," said American Levi Leipheimer, a three-time winner of the race. "But we agreed it was too risky in the ever-changing weather."
**Science**

### Squidward, it’s you! An octopus knows who’s who

**ROME, 16 May**—When one octopus meets another octopus, the leggy animal remembers the acquaintance for at least a day, a new study indicates. A study that paired 48 octopuses has shown they are capable of a less-specific form of individual recognition. They know if another octopus is familiar or unfamiliar. To figure if the animals actually recognize the other individual, scientists would first need to know what cues, such as colour or scent, the octopuses are using, and those remain unknown, according to Elena Tricarico, the lead researcher and a postdoctoral researcher at the Universita’ degli Studi di Firenze in Italy.

One thing is clear: Octopuses are smart. They can learn tricks, like opening a jar, by watching other octopuses, and they have individual personalities. Tricarico’s octopuses became so familiar with their partners that when one arrived in the morning, they “ask” for food by stretching arms up to the surface of the water toward her.

Most octopuses are considered asocial, solitary animals; however, there are some clues indicating they may be capable of individual recognition: They communicate with one another using colour patterns on their bodies, and, even though they are territorial, octopuses occupying neighboring dens co-exist relatively peacefully, suggesting they can recognize their neighbours and do not see them as threats.

When octopuses first encounter one another, they touch each other with their suction-cup covered arms. But after getting acquainted, they prefer to stay away; the researchers used these behaviors to tell if the animals recognized each other.

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### Ancient rock carvings found in Sudan

**KHARTOUM, 16 May**—Archaeologists say they’ve found 5,000-year-old rock carvings in northern Sudan that depict scenarios they can’t explain.

Researchers discovered rock art in 15 sites in an arid valley known as Wadi Abu Dom in the Bayuda Desert, about 18 miles from the Nile River, LiveScience.com reported Friday. The drawings are carved into the rock faces of small stream beds known as “khors” that flow into the valley.

Some sites contain just a single drawing while others have as many as 30, Tim Karberg of the Westfalische Wilhelms-Universitat Munster in Germany said.

“We asked the local people about the rock art and they said that it would be very old, before their grandfathers,” Karberg said. A number of the images depict crosses and a church, suggesting they date back about 1,500 years to a period when Christianity was spreading in Sudan, the researchers said. One of the carvings may be of a nearby ancient monastery called al-Ghazali.

Another mysterious set of rock art appears to be at least 5,000 years old and shows a mix of geometric designs. The “oldest rock art we found are the spiral motifs,” Karberg said.

Some researchers have linked spiral motifs to some astronomical or astrological forms, Karberg said, but he thinks it might have more to do with math.

“The regularity of the spiral might be one of the earliest mathematical ideas the people developed,” he said.—Internet

### Shuttle Endeavor lifts off for final voyage

**WASHINGTON, 16 May**—US space shuttle Endeavor lifts off on Monday morning from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, to deliver to the International Space Station a 2-billion-dollar, multinational particle detector known as the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS).

It is the 25th and final scheduled flight for the space ship, a 20-year-old space exploration veteran. According to NASA TV, the shuttle blasted off at about 8:56 a.m. EDT (1256 GMT) on a tower of flame. The climb to orbit takes about eight and half minutes. AMS, a particle physics detector, is designed to search for various types of unusual matter by measuring cosmic rays. Its experiments are designed to help researchers study the formation of the universe and search for evidence of dark matter, strange matter and antimatter.

Endeavor also will fly a platform that carries spare parts, including two S-band communications antennas, a high-pressure gas tank and additional spare parts for Canadian Dextre robotic arm. These spare parts will sustain space station operations once the shuttles are retired from service. The 16-day mission will feature four spacewalks to do maintenance work and install new components.

These are the last scheduled spacewalks by shuttle crew members. NASA’s 30-year-old shuttle programme is ending due to high operating costs. When the US space shuttle program officially ends later this year, the Russian space programme’s Soyuz capsule will be the only method for transporting astronauts to and from the station.—Xinhua

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### RIM recalls 1,000 PlayBook tablets

**WASHINGTON, 16 May**—Research In Motion Ltd has recalled about 1,000 of its Playbook tablets which were shipped with a flawed operating system build that could pose problems during the initial set-up, technology blog Engadget and several other media channels reported.

In a statement to CrackBerry.com, the BlackBerry maker said the majority of the affected devices were still in the distribution channel and had not reached customers.

The company is working to replace the affected tablets, it said.

The Engadget blog reported on Saturday that the faulty batch was shipped to office supply chain Staples Inc.

RIM had hoped to turn around its fortunes with the launch of the PlayBook tablet, but the product won poor reviews and complaints it was rushed out before it was ready.

In April, RIM cut its first-quarter earnings outlook citing fewer Black-Berry smartphone shipments in the period.

Research In Motion and Staples could not immediately be reached by Reuters for comment.—Reuters
Heavy smoking tied to advanced kidney cancer

WASHINGTON, 16 May—Smoking increases the risk of advanced kidney cancer, researchers report.

In a new study, a team from Duke University Medical Centre reviewed the cases of 845 patients who had had surgery for kidney cancer— or renal cell carcinoma— between 2000 and 2009. They found that current and former smokers were 1.5 to 1.6 times more likely to have advanced cancer than nonsmokers.

Heavy smoking (smoking for a longer period of time and smoking more) was associated with advanced renal cell carcinoma. Kicking the habit reduced the risk of advanced disease by 9 percent for every 10 years that a former smoker was smoke-free, the investigators found.

The findings were slated for presentation Sunday at a special Press Conference at the American Urological Association’s annual meeting, in Washington, DC. Another study scheduled for presentation at the same briefing found that rates of bladder cancer did not fall along with lower rates of smoking in the United States. The researchers examined a national database and found that lung cancer rates declined along with decreasing per capita consumption of cigarettes, between 1973 and 2007, but the same type of consistent decline was not seen in bladder cancer rates. There may have been a decrease in bladder cancer due to smoking, but that decrease may have been offset by other factors contributing to a rise in bladder cancer over the last few decades, the researchers at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University in Syracuse said in a news release from the American Urological Association. “These two studies shed new insight into the role that smoking might have for two important urologic cancers,” news conference moderator Dr Toby Kohler said in the news release.

“For kidney cancer, it is true that kidney tumours are more often being detected these days when they are smaller. However, smoking seems to confer a much greater risk that the cancer may be more aggressive. Cessation of smoking seems to lower the risk,” Kohler said.

Japan core machinery orders up 2.9% in March

TOKYO, 16 May—Japan’s core machinery orders, a leading indicator of corporate capital spending, posted a surprise rise in March despite the devastating earthquake and tsunami, data showed Monday.

The core private-sector machinery orders grew 2.9 percent from February, beating market expectations of a fall of more than nine percent due to the severity of the 11 March disaster.

The positive core data, which exclude volatile demand from power companies and for ships, reversed a drop of a revised 1.9 percent in February, the Cabinet Office said.

Even as the 11 March earthquake and tsunami disrupted supply chains nationwide and lowered consumer sentiment, solid demand from the non-manufacturing sector helped lift overall machinery orders.

Orders from manufacturing companies in March fell 0.4 percent but orders from non-manufacturers surged 7.1 percent.

Core machinery orders for the three months to March rose 3.5 percent from the previous quarter and are expected to rise a further 10.0 percent in the April-June term, according to the Cabinet Office.

The March disaster is expected to have a severe impact on the overall economy but it is also expected to produce a spike in orders for the massive reconstruction work that will be necessary.

China needs to raise rates to tame inflation

BEIJING, 16 May—China needs to raise interest rates further to rein in inflation, which is likely to stay high in coming years due to rising global commodity prices, Li Daokui, an adviser to the People’s Bank of China said on Monday.

But Li, an academic member of the central bank’s monetary policy committee, cautioned against raising interest rates too quickly as that could lure more hot money into the country.

“This is the first major study that shows how small changes in one master regulator gene can cause a cascade of other metabolic effects in other genes,” said Tim Spector of King’s College London, who led the study.–Reuters

Scientists find “master switch” gene for obesity

LONDON, 16 May—Scientists have found that a gene linked to diabetes and cholesterol is a “master switch” that controls other genes found in fat in the body, and say it should help in the search for treatments for obesity-related diseases.

In a study published in the journal Nature Genetics, the British researchers said that since fat plays an important role in peoples’ susceptibility to metabolic diseases like obesity, heart disease and diabetes, the regulating gene could be target for drugs to treat such illnesses.

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Firefighters battle blaze near Las Vegas casino

LAS VEGAS, 16 May—An electrical transformer exploded early Sunday behind several Las Vegas Strip casinos, knocking out power to parts of some resorts and touching off a smoky blaze that snarled freeway traffic and sent flames 80 to 90 feet in the air. A transformer on a street behind the Monte Carlo resort blew up about 12:30 am, police said. Scott told The Associated Press.

Firefighters douse an electrical transformer station behind several Las Vegas Strip casinos early on 15 May, 2011.—INTERNET

The exterior lights of the nearby Aria Resort & Casino and Vdara hotel at CityCentre also went out, apparently because of the fire.

Fire crews established a perimeter and let the fire, fueled by oil from the transformer, burn for about 30 minutes to help alleviate a large oil spill in the area, said Stacey Welling, a spokeswoman for Clark County fire. “Crews put residual fire quickly after most of the fire had burned itself out,” Welling said.

More than an hour after the explosion, a reporter positioned about 500 yards away reported there were no visible flames and firefighters were dousing an area where smoke was emanating.

The northbound lanes of nearby Interstate 15 were shut down for a time because of debris from the explosion and poor visibility caused by the smoke, but was reopened. Scott said the transformer was likely connected to a power pole. Several people posted links to photos and videos of the blaze on Twitter, drawing widespread attention to the fire.—INTERNET

Three people killed in El Salvador small plane crash

SAN SALVADOR, 16 May—The pilot and two Chinese nationals were killed on Sunday in El Salvador when the plane they were travelling in crashed in the region of Changuinol close to the capital of the tiny Central American country, the fire department said. The Pilot Yaron Degani, a Salvadoran national of Israeli origin, was owner of the local company the Pulsar Group. The two Chinese nationals are Lee Yen and Yu Wen Kao, the National Civil Police said. Degani had lived in San Salvador for over 20 years where he launched the Pulsar Group, a company specialized in the manufacture of airplanes. Shortly after the accident, personal from the Salvadoran fire department closed of the zone of the accident and started investigating the accident. The plane had a test flight before taking off at the air base of Ilopango, which is located 10 kilometers east of the capital San Salvador.

Israel to transfer cash to Palestinian government

JERUSALEM, 16 May—Israel has agreed to transfer to the Palestinians' cash it withheld after the rival Palestinian factions signed a unity pact. Israel collects tax funds and customs fees from Palestinians who work in Israel on the Palestinians' behalf. It is supposed to transfer the money to the Western-backed Palestinian Authority.

But it held up the transfer this month, saying it feared money would reach militants in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. Earlier this month, the Palestinian Authority signed a unity deal with the Hamas.

MEXICO CITY, 16 May—Mexican security forces said Saturday they have discovered another 17 bodies in mass graves found last month in the northern state of Durango. The discovery brings the number of bodies recently unearthed in Durango to 218. That total eclipses the 183 bodies found in pits last month in Tamaulipas.

Durango's security agency said on Saturday that the excavation also turned up a bag of bones. State investigators have not speculated on a motive for the killings, but drug cartels have been blamed for mass graves found in other states. Durango authorities say some of the victims have been dead for up to four years while others were buried as recently as three months ago. Separately, Durango state security authorities said Sunday they found nine bodies dead on the street in the state capital, Durango. The Sinaloa, Zetas and Beltran Leyva cartels have been fighting for control in Durango.

Also Saturday, a clash between gunmen and police in the popular Pacific coast beach town of Zihuatenejo left at least 13 people dead, including four members of the security forces and nine civilians. The state security agency said the gunmen attacked a caravan of state security forces.—INTERNET

Walls at Vicksburg strain as Mississippi River tops record

VICKSBURG, 16 May—The temporary walls erected at Vicksburg to hold back floodwaters were under fresh strain on Sunday as Mississippi River water levels set new records.

One day after officials opened a floodway downstream to speed the flow through the lower Mississippi Valley and spare two of Louisiana's largest cities, the water at Vicksburg hit 56.48 feet on Sunday, more than an inch above the record 56.2 feet set in 1927, according to the US Army Corps of Engineers. Experts say the river will rise above the record 56.2 feet set in 1927, according to the US Army Corps of Engineers. Experts say the river will rise above the record 56.2 feet set in 1927, according to the US Army Corps of Engineers. Experts say the river will rise above the record 56.2 feet set in 1927, according to the US Army Corps of Engineers. Experts say the river will rise above the record 56.2 feet set in 1927, according to the US Army Corps of Engineers. Experts say the river will rise above the record 56.2 feet set in 1927, according to the US Army Corps of Engineers.

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Building gas blast kills two, injures 12 in NE China

DALIAN, 16 May—Two people were killed and 12 others injured after a gas explosion occurred Monday morning in an apartment building in northeast China’s Liaoning Province, police said.

Several windows of a six-floor apartment building were shattered and a balcony on the third floor was destroyed when the explosion occurred at 6:58 am in the coastal city of Dalian, according to police. All of the victims were living in the building, police said. The 12 injured just suffered slight injuries, according to police. Police have evacuated the building to run safety checks and an investigation is underway.—Xinhua

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The Buddha’s Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason

The Buddha’s Day, the fullmoon of the month of Kason falls on 17th May 2011.

We all Buddhists across the world always take great awareness and worthy of the Buddha’s Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason because over 2550 years ago, our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha was born on the day of the Fullmoon of the month of Kason, upon which He attained the Enlightenment at the age of thirty-five and also unbeknownst to us, on this very day, He attained Parinibbana (passed away) at the age of eighty.

In commemoration of these three significant and holy events associated with the precious life of the Buddha, the Buddhist peoples celebrated the Buddha’s Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason.

The month of Kason mostly falls on one of the days of the last week of the month of April on one of the days of the first or the second week of the month of May every year according to calendar.

All Buddhists throughout the world also know that the most important of the Buddhist festivals is Vesakha or Vesakha festival. Vesakha is the name of an Indian month, the month of May. We all Buddhist communities all over the world heartily comprehend that our Omniscient Gotama Buddha attained the Enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree at Budhagaya in India early in the morning on the Fullmoon Day of Kason (Vesakha), unaided and unguided by any supernatural agency but solely relying on His own efforts, the consciousness of true insight possessed Him. Having attained the Enlightenment or Buddhahood, the supreme state of perfection, He devoted the remainder of His precious life to serving humanity.

The Sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree)
All the Buddha people know that sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree) is a sacred tree having comprehensive and significant associations with our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha. The Buddha-to-be, Prince Siddhattha fully attained Enlightenment or the Buddhahood under the shade of the Bodhi Tree, which is said to have been “born” simultaneously with Him.

Thus, the sacred Bodhi Tree is a sanctified image of worship as a worthy Paribbaga cetiya or shrine in Buddhist countries. Therefore, Buddhist people across the world pay respect to the sacred Bodhi Tree that has sacred associations with the unrivalled Omniscient Buddha.

Auspicious Celebration of the Buddha’s day or Vesakha Festival
It is learnt that all Buddhist peoples in Buddhist countries throughout the world respectfully celebrate the Buddha’s Day or Vesakha Festival in accordance with their culture and traditions every year. The generous Buddhist people in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar pay respectful visit to pagoda, shrines and monasteries in the evening of the Buddha’s Day. Fullmoon of the month of Kason to pour clean water on the sacred Bodhi Tree existed there.

Training school for the disabled children gets new assembly hall

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein inspected township manager offices of Inland Water Transport, jetties and watercrafts owned by IWT with passengers and goods onboard in Maubin, Mawlamyineygun, Bogale, Kyakklat and Pyapon in Ayeyawady Region and in Twantay Township in Yangon Region on 14 and 15 May. In meeting with the staff of the manager offices, the deputy minister left instructions on timely arrivals and departures of watercrafts, their safety, providing services for the convenience of passengers, keeping watercrafts and jetties clean and durable, equipping the watercrafts with marine equipment and life vests, constantly collecting data of weather news and efforts for earning correct income.

In 2010-2011, IWT’s watercrafts based in the delta transported 175,195 tons of goods and 5,711,893 passengers for arrivals and 178,850 tons of goods and 707,626 passengers for departures.

MNA

Inland Water Transport services inspected

FIH Youth Challenge held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein inspected township manager offices of Inland Water Transport, jetties and watercrafts owned by IWT with passengers and goods onboard in Maubin, Mawlamyineygun, Bogale, Kyakklat and Pyapon in Ayeyawady Region and in Twantay Township in Yangon Region on 14 and 15 May. In meeting with the staff of the manager offices, the deputy minister left instructions on timely arrivals and departures of watercrafts, their safety, providing services for the convenience of passengers, keeping watercrafts and jetties clean and durable, equipping the watercrafts with marine equipment and life vests, constantly collecting data of weather news and efforts for earning correct income.

In 2010-2011, IWT’s watercrafts based in the delta transported 175,195 tons of goods and 5,711,893 passengers for arrivals and 178,850 tons of goods and 707,626 passengers for departures.

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Vice-President of Myanmar Hockey Federation Mr Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing and party present hockey sticks to new generation hockey players.

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The month of Kason mostly falls on one of the days of the last week of the month of April on one of the days of the first or the second week of the month of May every year according to calendar.

All Buddhists throughout the world also know that the most important of the Buddhist festivals is Vesakha or Vesakha festival. Vesakha is the name of an Indian month, the month of May. We all Buddhist communities all over the world heartily comprehend that our Omniscient Gotama Buddha attained the Enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree at Budhagaya in India early in the morning on the Fullmoon Day of Kason (Vesakha), unaided and unguided by any supernatural agency but solely relying on His own efforts, the consciousness of true insight possessed Him. Having attained the Enlightenment or Buddhahood, the supreme state of perfection, He devoted the remainder of His precious life to serving humanity.

The Sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree)
All the Buddha people know that sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree) is a sacred tree having comprehensive and significant associations with our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha. The Buddha-to-be, Prince Siddhattha fully attained Enlightenment or the Buddhahood under the shade of the Bodhi Tree, which is said to have been “born” simultaneously with Him.

Thus, the sacred Bodhi Tree is a sanctified image of worship as a worthy Paribbaga cetiya or shrine in Buddhist countries. Therefore, Buddhist people across the world pay respect to the sacred Bodhi Tree that has sacred associations with the unrivalled Omniscient Buddha.

Auspicious Celebration of the Buddha’s day or Vesakha Festival
It is learnt that all Buddhist peoples in Buddhist countries throughout the world respectfully celebrate the Buddha’s Day or Vesakha Festival in accordance with their culture and traditions every year. The generous Buddhist people in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar pay respectful visit to pagoda, shrines and monasteries in the evening of the Buddha’s Day. Fullmoon of the month of Kason to pour clean water on the sacred Bodhi Tree existed there.

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Union A & I Minister receives IRC
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NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Country Director Ms. Catherine Elisabeth Breen Kamkong of International Rescue Committee (IRC) at his office here this morning.

They held discussions on development of agriculture sector and plans for development of rural regions.—MNA

Mandalay Region Chief Minister’s Cup Football Tourney-2011 ends

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May— The final match between Myittha Township and Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region Chief Minister’s Cup Inter-township U-19 Men’s Football Tournament-2011 took place in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Bahtoo Stadium in Mandalay on 12 May. Myittha Township beat Amarapura Township 2-1. At the prize presentation ceremony, the Mandalay Region ministers and the Mandalay Mayor presented individual awards, and President of Mandalay Region Football Federation cash awards to the two teams. Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint presented Championship Cup to Myittha Township team.

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Banks to assist economic development of customers

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — Banks are to help develop the economic status of clients, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said at Myanma Economic Bank (Head Office) and Nay Pyi Taw Branch in Nay Pyi Taw Banks Zone here this morning.

The minister inspected banking services at Myanma Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw), and Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from LPDR

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May— A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attended the 6th Bilateral Consultations between Myanmar and Laos held on 11-14 May 2011 in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic at the invitation of Mr. Bounkeut Sangsomak, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the LPDR. The meeting held at 2 pm on 12 May at the conference room of Champasak Grand Hotel in Pakse, LPDR, which was co-chaired by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of LPDR Mr. Bounkeut Sangsomak. The meeting touched with President of Myanmar Football Federation and officials on preparation for XXVI and XXVII SEA Games. The minister urged them to impose discipline on footballers, put discipline first and success second, turn out referees who are able to take charge of international matches and to improve physical and intellectual calibers, good moral conducts

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Sagaing Region development task inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May— Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, together with Minister for Education U Tin Win and Minister for Forestry U Saw Myint Oo of Sagaing Region, met with departmental personnel, townswelders and local people at Raza Muni Pariyatti Monastery in Phaungbyin on 13 May morning and presented stationery and sport gear. Next, they inspected maintenance tasks for the river bank in Phaungbyin.

The chief minister then looked into construction of Kanhtoochuaung village high school and met with the local people. Well-wishers donated K 4.7 million for school construction. The chief minister and party visited Mawlaik District People’s Hospital where they comforted the patients and presented gifts to them. The chief minister also presented stationery and sport equipment in meeting with the local people at the gymnasium of Mawlaik. —MNA

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YANGON, 16 May—Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre today launched a basic mobile network system planning and installation course No 1/2011 with an address of Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that communication sector plays a crucial role to shape a modern developed nation. Besides, development of communication sector would help improve socio-economic status of the people.

The opening ceremony of the course was attended by Deputy Minister for CPT U Tint Lwin, Minister for Transport and for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications U Aung Khin of Yangon Region and officials concerned from Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications. The three-week course is being taken by a total of 106 trainees.

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Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Sagainn-Tagundaing section) inspected

NAV PYI TAW, 16 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected concrete paving, and construction of bridge, box culverts and underpasses on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Sagainn-Tagundaing section) on 14 May.

The union minister left necessary instructions and then inspected Taguntaing Roundabout and roadwork.—MNA

Union EP-1 Minister meets Chinese guests

NAV PYI TAW, 16 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min received Vice-President Mdm. Zhang Xiaolu of China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) and party. —MNA

They discussed matters related to ongoing Maykha, Malikha and Ayeyawady Basin Hydro-power Project and works to be done for electricity supply and installation of power grid. —MNA

Ayeawady Region Chief Minister visits General Hospital in Pathein

NAV PYI TAW, 16 May—Ayeawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung visited General Hospital in Pathein this morning. The Chief Minister comforted patients who are undergoing treatment at the hospital, and met with officials concerned at the office of the medical superintendent.—MNA

Magway Region Chief Minister receives US Charge d’Affaires ai

Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe receives Charge d’Affaires ai Mr Larry M. Dinger from Embassy of the United States of America. —MNA

YANGON, 16 May—Charge d’Affaires ai Mr Larry M. Dinger from Embassy of the United States of America called on Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe, at the Chief Minister’s Office on 10 May.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
Fire kills two, injures two at mobile phone plant in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 16 May—Two workers were killed and another two injured in a Monday fire at a mobile phone plant in suburban Shanghai, local authorities said.

The fire broke out around 9:20 am at a plant operated by Shanghai Hengqu Nanotechnology Co., a Japanese-funded company based in Jinshan District which mainly produces mobile phone parts.

The fire was put out shortly after breaking out and police are investigating the cause of the fire, according to local authorities.

Six people killed, dozen injured in US apartment fire

CHICAGO, 16 May—Six people, including three young boys, were killed and at least a dozen others were injured after an apartment in Aurora, a city in the west of Chicago, caught fire on Sunday.

The 3-floor apartment caught fire in the morning. A 10-year-old boy and two women in their 30s were also pronounced dead at the scene. Two other boys and a man were pronounced dead on arrival at hospitals, Chicago Tribune quoted Aurora Public Information official as saying.

At least 12 people were injured, two of them critically, said Aurora Public Information officer Dan Ferrelli.

The local police said that the fire started on the first floor and moved swiftly through the hallways and trapped people in the second and third floor.

The detail of the accident is still under investigation.—Xinhua

Canadian drug dealers exploit tiny Mich airports

SANDUSKY, 16 May—A Cessna airplane touched down about midnight, dropped a load of drugs and was back in the air in 90 seconds. Suddenly, the pilot of a US border patrol helicopter hovering nearby turned on a powerful spotlight and tracked an SUV fleeing with hockey bags stuffed with 175 pounds of marijuana and 400,000 Ecstasy-type pills.

The bust by federal agents didn’t happen on the southwestern border. It was in Michigan’s rural Thumb region next to a soybean field. The remote airport here in Sandusky offers a smooth runway at any hour to anyone who needs it, a perfect landing for brazen drug smugglers who can cross the Great Lakes from Canada in minutes.

“Beefed up” enforcement along the Mexican border has made smuggling more challenging for criminal cartels using the major southern routes, but drugs continue to flow across the porous northern border through airstrips like this one as officials look for new ways to fight back.

Tracking rogue planes at low altitude with their transponders off is “like trying to pick a needle out of a haystack,” said John Beutlich of US Customs and Border Protection, who oversees air and marine operations from Washington state to Maine.—Internet

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Kenya’s Olympic Champion dies after falling from balcony

NYahURUru, 16 May—Olympic marathon champion Samuel Kamau Wanjiru died on Sunday night after reportedly falling from his balcony and later succumbing to his injuries.

Area police chief, Jasper Ombati said Wanjiru returned to his Mitaimani home in Nyahururu, 195km from Kenya’s capital Nairobi at 11 pms local time (2000GMT) in the company of an unnamed woman, prompting a bitter quarrel with his spouse, Triza Njeri.

The wife then ran away from their master bedroom and with her husband in pursuit. She locked the stair-case door prompting Wan- jiru to look for an alternative way out, according to police.

Wanjiru proceeded to the balcony and jumped f rom the balcony about six meters down to the first floor of his palatial home in an attempt to catch up with his fleeing wife.—Xinhua

Russia to support shipbuilding industry in Far East

VLADIVOSTOK, 16 May—Russia will prepare a law to support shipbuilding industry in Far East by next week, Vice Prime Minister Sergey Ivanov said Sunday while inspecting the construction of maritime terminal on Kunashir Island.

According to the RIA Novosti report, the document will include a number of measures aimed at economical support of the sector, among them interest rate subsidies and other financial measures.

Besides, the law will make provisions for measures aimed at ship owner’s advantages in building ships at domestic shipyards.

Meanwhile, Ivanov also said geothermal energy development is necessary for the region.

“We need to develop geothermal stations. New stations have to be built here,” Ivanov said at a conference on the islands on “Social and Economic Development of the Kuril Islands 2007-2015” under Russia’s Federal Target Programme.

Ivanov noted that the main purpose of his visit to the Islands is to check the progress on the federal target programme for Russia’s Far East, with an aim to tackle three major problems of the region — transport infrastructure, energy and social services.

The financing for the programme will amount to 15 billion rubles (0.54 billion US dollars) till 2015, which will not be affected despite the financial crisis.—Internet

Indonesia’s Army’s helicopter makes emergency landing

JAKARTA, 16 May—A helicopter belongs to Indonesia’s army made an emergency landing in Timika region of Papua Province on Monday, a private television reported here.

TVOne television station reported that the helicopter was flying in foggy mountainous area of the region and carrying 13 passengers, consisting of 10 military personnel and three civilians. Nobody was killed in the accident but four of them were badly injured.

Xinhua
German hairdresser lifts ‘best beard’ trophy

A German man scooped the title of world’s best beard on Sunday after impressing competition hosts in Norway with his facial hair featuring a moose and a Norwegian flag.

Hairdresser Elmar Weisser, 47, beat 160 hopefuls from 15 countries to take first prize in the World Beard and Moustache Championship, held this year in Trondheim.

Weisser is a veteran of the competition, held every two years, having won several times before. He said his sister helped him with the creation, starting work at 7:00 am. “When my beard isn’t styled, it goes down to my waist. It is sort of folded up,” he told AFP. Weisser took the title in 2005 in Berlin with his beard in the form of the landmark Brandenburg Gate, and two years later won in England for his recreation of the Tower Bridge.

He did not compete in the 2009 competition in Alaska. Germany and the United States traditionally dominate the eccentric contest which began in 1990 and has been running regularly since 1995.

Moustaches are judged in six categories: natural, English, Dali, Hungarian, imperial and freestyle. Contestants with what is deemed a “partial beard” compete for honours in the natural, Chinese, Imperial, Misketeer, sideburns, and freestyle categories.

While those with full beards are divided into the groups natural, natural with styled Moustache, Verdi, Garibaldi and freestyle.

Overall winner, Elmar Weisser of Germany reacts after winning first place of the Full Beards Freestyle category during The Beards and Moustaches World Championship 2011 in the northern city of Trondheim.

“He looked like a bear,” said one of his fans. “But it was a well-groomed bear.”

Near-sighted burglar drops glasses

Seattle police said a nervous and near-sighted burglar was foiled when he dropped his glasses.

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Chinese seeks world heritage status for world’s oldest wooden pagoda

TAIQUN, 16 May—Authorities in north China’s Shanxi Province said Sunday that they would finish the application for the Sakamunyi Pagoda, the oldest wooden structure in the world, by July for it to be included on the UNESCO list of cultural relics by 2013.

The Sakamunyi Pagoda, also known as the Xingyan Pagoda as it was housed in the Fogong Temple of Xingyan County, is the oldest full-wooden pagoda still standing in China and believed to be the oldest of its kind in the world. Standing 67.31 metres tall, the octagonal pagoda was built in 1,056 AD during the Khitan-led Liao Dynasty.

The government has allocated over 30 million yuan (about 4.59 million US dollars) to improve the environment surrounding the state-protected pagoda, said Zhao Chang, head of the county’s cultural relics department.

AA flight makes emergency landing

LITTLE ROCK, 16 May — An American Airlines jetliner was diverted safely to Little Rock, Ark., on Sunday afternoon after a reported engine fire, officials said. Flight 1720, an MD 80, had been making its way to Washington Dulles International Airport from Dallas-Fort Worth with 136 passengers and five crew members, when the emergency incident occurred at 3:54 pm.

Japan’s Sumitomo to invest in Chilean copper mine

TOKYO, 16 May—Japan’s Sumitomo group companies said Monday they would invest a combined $2 billion in a Chilean copper mine as they bid to secure supplies of the metal amid escalating global competition.

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Matt Kenseth pulls away late, wins at Dover

DOVER, 16 May—Matt Kenseth’s first idea was to skip pit road, take a chance he could start first on a restart and hang on for a victory. Then, he had another thought. Why not just take two tires on pit road instead of four? With his No 17 Ford on the front row, Kenseth called the audible and told crew chief Jimmy Fennig he wanted two.

“Two tires! Two tires!” Fennig said. His crew made the switch before they dropped back to 2-2 draw with Newcastle on Sunday.

But with doubts surrounding Ancelotti’s future, the Italian conceded he was unsure whether he was signalling a final farewell to the club’s supporters after two seasons in charge. Chelsea’s failure to win silverware this season and the team’s alarming dip in mid-season has thrown the focus on Ancelotti’s position despite his success in guiding the club to its first ever league and FA Cup double last season.

Arsene Wenger: no complaints over Arsenal boos

LONDON, 16 May—Arsene Wenger admits he could have no complaints about the angry reaction from Arsenal fans who booed their team during and after the 2-1 defeat against Aston Villa at the Emirates Stadium.

Wenger’s team were jeered at half-time and then again at the final whistle, while some fans voiced their disapproval during the players’ lap of appreciation following Arsenal’s latest defeat of a miserable second half of the season.

The Gunners were two goals down in the first 15 minutes as Darren Bent struck twice for Villa and Robin Van Persie’s late goal wasn’t enough to rescue a point. Arsenal have now gone six seasons without a trophy and, with ticket prices set to rise next season, the Emirates faithful have clearly had enough of paying through the nose to see their team of underachievers.

Choi outlasts Toms in a Players playoff

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 16 May—K.J Choi did everything demanded of the winner at The Players Championship. Not only did he hit the island green on the 17th hole at the TPC Sawgrass, he did it in three times in one day.

With the tournament on the line, he got up-and-down for par from 80 feet on the final hole on Sunday. Despite everything Choi did to win, this Players Championship might be remembered as much for how it was lost.

David Toms, who hit 6-iron out of a divot and made an 18-foot birdie putt on the hardest hole to force a playoff, missed a 3 1/2-foot par putt on the 17th to hand Choi the biggest win of his career.

“Nothing, no spike marks, no ball marks, no playing through the nose to see their team of underachievers.”

Blame me, says sacked West Ham manager Avram Grant

WIGAN, 16 May—Avram Grant shouldered responsibility for West Ham’s relegation from the Premier League as he paid for the London club’s demotion to the Championship with his job.

The Hammers had still to leave the DW Stadium when the club announced Grant had been sacked after losing 2-0 at Birmingham and 2-1 at Wigan, who could yet be relegated themselves, fought back to win 3-2. —Internet

West Ham United’s Israeli manager Avram Grant

Don’t forgive title run won’t last forever, says Nadal

ROME, 16 May—Rafael Nadal has warned Novak Djokovic that he is unbeaten start to 2011 won’t last forever. Djokovic beat Nadal 6-4, 6-4 in the Rome Masters final to deny the Spaniard a sixth title here in seven years and take his winning streak to 37.

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Redknapp reveals secret of Spurs’ success

LIVERPOOL, 16 May—Harry Redknapp inspired Tottenham to a 2-0 win over Liverpool by warning his players they will have to return early from their holidays if they don’t clinch a Europa League spot.

Redknapp’s side leapfrogged Liverpool into fifth place in the Premier League thanks to Rafael Van der Vaart’s early goal and Luka Modric’s second half penalty at Anfield on Sunday.

It means a win against Birmingham on the final day will secure Tottenham’s place in Europe’s second-tier competition next season. —Internet

Ward dominates Abraham to reach WBA Super 6 final

LOS ANGELES, 16 May—Andre Ward’s speed and power proved too much for Arthur Abraham as Ward earned a unanimous 12-round decision over the German to retain his World Boxing Association super middleweight title.

Ward on Saturday also secured his place in the final of the Super Six tournament designed to unify the division’s belts. He now awaits the winner of the other semi-final between Carl Froch and Glen Johnson on 4 June in Atlantic City.

“We’re going to the finals, baby,” Ward said. Ward, a 2004 Olympic gold medallist, improved to 24-0 with 13 knockouts. He displayed his trademark tactical style, methodically wearing down Abraham.
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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Ayeyawady Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Regions, Shan, Kayin and Mon States. Isolated in Mandalay Region, Kachin and Rakhine States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Rakhine State, (6°C) above May average temperatures in, Taninthayi Region, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Chauk (42°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kengtung (1.38) inches, and Shwegyin (1.26) inches.

Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets challenges Real Madrid defender Marcelo during the Spanish Cup final at the Mestalla Stadium in Valencia on 20 April, 2011.

Busquets cleared for Champions League final

GENEVA, 16 May—Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets will be able to play in the Champions League final against Manchester United later this month after being cleared of racist abuse by UEFA on Monday. European football’s governing body confirmed they have dismissed claims from Barca’s Spanish rivals Real Madrid that Busquets racially insulted Brazilian full-back Marcelo during the controversial first leg of their European semi-final last month.

A UEFA statement read: “The chairman of the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body, acting as a judge sitting alone, has today decided to dismiss the report made by Real Madrid concerning racial abuse against its player Marcelo by FC Barcelona player Sergio Busquets due to a lack of strong and convincing evidence.” A statement on Barca’s website read: “UEFA has notified FC Barcelona they have dismissed the claims of Real Madrid. Sergio Busquets will play in the Champions League final.” Barcelona will play Manchester United in the final at Wembley on 28 May.
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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Hotels to improve services

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NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan met hoteliers of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone at the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism here this afternoon and discussed matters to form Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, reinforce laws, conduct hotel courses and standardize hotels.
Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung and Chairman of the Myanmar Hoteliers Association U Khin Shwe reported on requirements to be fulfilled to improve hotel services in the Hotel Zone Association and hotels, and follow-up programmes.

On behalf of the hoteliers, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone Association U Tha Htay held discussions about hotel services and announced the names of the executive members of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone Association.

General Manager U Aung Zaw Win of the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services dealt with courses to be organized at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone and Director U Htay Win of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, the issuing of hotel licences and standardizing hotels.

Ronaldo equals Spanish record with 38th goal

Real Madrid’s Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo

Danish crew free Somali pirate hostages

Crew members of the Danish navy board a zodiac in 2010. A Danish military ship has attacked a pirate boat in Somalian waters, killing four pirates and freeing 16 Iranian hostages on board, Denmark’s navy said on Sunday.

Thuta Arman Library opened in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—The opening of Thuta Arman Library in Bagyishaung Village, Thamok Village-tract, Myeik Township, took place at the facility yesterday.
The heads of the township General Administration Department and the Information and Public Relations Department formally opened the library.

The Head of district IPRD touched upon programmes for sustainable development of the library, increasing the number of publications, and raising funds.
Departmental officials donated a 19-inch colour TV and a radio, and well-wishers, cash and periodicals to the library.

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