Athletes urged to try hard with vengeance

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan urged athletes to promote dignity and reputation of the people and country by competing in sports events with a vengeance at the ceremony to award best athletes for 2010 jointly organized by MOC and Sports Writers Federation at the Thingaha Hotel here yesterday.

The Union Minister presented cash awards, medals and trophies awarded by MOC and President of Myanmar Sports Writers Federation Dr Tin Tun Oo presented cash awards given by the federation to the outstanding teams and players.

For 2010, Maung Sithu Lin (Sepak Takraw) grabbed the best sportsman award, Ma May Zin Phyo (Sepak Takraw) the best sportswoman award, and U Than Lwin (Sepak Takraw) the best coach award respectively. Sepak Takraw stands as the most triumphant sports event and Yadanarbon FC as the best football club.

The Union Minister presented special award to a winner who secured third prize in swimming event in Asian Paralympic Games.

On behalf of the winners, Best Sportsman Award winner Maung Sithu Lin spoke words of thanks.

Thanatpin gets on with farming summer paddy

Thanatpin Township in Bago Region grows rice, peas and edible oil crops on a commercial scale. Under the arrangements by Manager U Ye Ko Ko of Thanatpin Township Myanmar Agriculture Service, we visited the paddy field of U San Shwe Oo.

U San Shwe Oo said that he grew summer paddy for 29 acres; that paddy was at harvest at the age of 160 days; that the paddy strain he chose was Manawthukha; that using farm machinery saved time and money but boosted production of paddy; that paddy per acre yield was 95 to 100 baskets; that farmers were getting on with farming as the prevailing price of a basket of paddy was around 350,000 kyats; and that the chief minister of Bago Region toured summer paddy fields.

We noticed that they used combine harvesters in reaping paddy. A combine harvester can (See page 7)
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Shape drug free society

Narcotic drugs are harmful not only to addicts but also to their society. Drug abuse causes economic and social losses and tarnishes the society. The number of drug addicts abusing opium, heroin, opium oil, liquid marijuana and others are increasing day by day across the world. Likewise, stimulant tablets made of chemical precursors are spreading throughout the world. Narcotic drugs and stimulant tablets are a dangerous threat to rich or poor countries as well as large and small regions.

Especially, various kinds of narcotic drugs are dangerously spreading among the youths. As narcotic drugs are serious a problem caused by users, producers and traffickers, all the countries and regions are placing emphasis on eradication them.

Myanmar is carrying out narcotic drug elimination tasks in cooperation with the people. The narcotic drug eradication 15-year plan is being implemented in leaps and bounds to accomplish it during the period from 1999 to 2014.

Thanks to cooperation of the local people, the government has achieved success in drug eradication tasks. Momentum is being added in destruction of poppy plantations and combating of drug trafficking. In April, as opium, heroin, opium oil, low-grade opium, marijuana and stimulant tablets were seized across the nation, action was taken against 459 culprits under law.

Although narcotic drug eradication tasks are being carried out across the world, various kinds of narcotic drugs and stimulant tablets are threatening the human beings till now. Therefore, all the people are to join hands with the government in effectively eradicating narcotic drugs to be able to shape a drug free society.

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Union A&I Minister receives Italian guests

NAV PYI TAW, 19 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Managing Director Mr Alberto Piatti of International Volunteers Service Association and party from Italy at the ministry here today. They discussed matters related to cooperation in agricultural and rural development.

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Cash assistance provided for educational purposes

NAV PYI TAW, 19 May—The Ministry of Labour provided cash assistance for schoolchildren of its staff at its assembly hall here this morning.

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Dy Minister inspects Heavy Machinery Unit

NAV PYI TAW, 19 May—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soc Tint inspected heavy repair to 22 units of heavy machinery, lathe workshop, and production of concrete mixers and compactors at Heavy Machinery Unit (South) (Ywama) under Public Works in Yangon Region on 17 May.

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Myanmar Golf Team arrives back

YANGON, 19 May—Myanmar Golf Team who swept to victory in the 2011 Mercedes Trophy Masters Final Golf Tournament held in Rose Garden Country Club in Thailand on 10-13 May arrived back home on 14 May evening. They were welcomed by officials of Myanmar Golf Federation at Yangon International Airport.

Among the victors in Men’s event (U-18) were Kaung Htoo Aung, the third, Sithu Yeyint, the fifth, of Myanmar Youths Golfers Association, and Wai Yan Lin and Than Tun Aung won Most Improvement Player prizes in Men’s age-group event.

The victorious golf team included U Myo Tun as a leader, one manager, one coach and 21 young golfers.—MNA

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Ministry of Defence team scores first goal to Nay Pyi Taw Command in MOC Chairman’s Cup Hockey.

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MOC Chairman’s Cup Hockey continues

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YANGON, 19 May—Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman’s Cup Men’s Hockey Tournament jointly organized Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Hockey Federation continued at Theinbyu hockey pitch here today.

Smart Youth Gati won over Coast team 3-0 and Ministry of Defence over Nay Pyi Taw Command 5-0.

Ministry of Defence team is set to stand top and secure MOC Chairman’s Cup although it still need to play one game due to its earlier comprehensive wins.

The second and third prize winning teams will appear from the matches between Defence Services (Navy) and Myanmar Police Force, and Defence Services (Air) and Nay Pyi Taw Command that will be tomorrow, along with prize presentation ceremony.—MLM
**Bombs destroy police station in Iraq, one dead**

SULAIMANIYAH, 19 May—A pair of bombs at a police headquarters in the northern Iraqi City of Kirkuk have killed at least 25 person and wounded some 70 others.

The Thursday morning explosions targeted the main police station in central Kirkuk, which collapsed in the blasts.

Kirkuk police spokesman Brig Gen Sarhat Qadir said victims were being pulled from the rubble, and the casualty count was expected to rise.

Police chief Maj Gen Jamal Taher put the initial casualty count at one dead and five injured. Kirkuk is 180 miles (290 kilometres) north of Baghdad and has been an ethnic flashpoint for years among Kurds, Arabs and Turkmen who each claim the oil-rich city as their own.

**French soldier killed, four injured in Afghan blast**

PARIS, 19 May—A French soldier was killed and four others were injured in an “accidental explosion” in eastern Afghanistan, French Defence Minister Gerard Longuet said Thursday. The blast occurred in the south of Kapisa Province, Longuet said in a statement. The victim was the 58th French soldier to die since Paris deployed troops to join the NATO international force in Afghanistan in 2001.

Injuries to the four other soldiers were not life-threatening, the statement added. The statement said that on Wednesday “an accidental explosion of a munition mortally wounded one soldier and injured four others of the same regiment who were getting ready to board an armoured vehicle in the south of Kapisa.” The injured were treated in a military hospital in Kabul, it added.

**Over 60 militants killed in N Afghanistan**

KABUL, 19 May—Afghan and NATO-led forces had killed over 60 militant during three-day military operation in Faryab Province, some 425 km northwest of capital city of Kabul, the military alliance said on Thursday.

“Afghan and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) killed more than 60 militant during clearing operations in Qaisar District, Faryab Province in a three-day operation which began Friday,” said a statement released by NATO-led ISAF here.

According to the statement, the combined force cleared the area around Ghuchghar Village after receiving reports of militant activities.

“In the ensuing engagements, the combined force reported destroying 23 motorcycles used by militant, several rocket propelled grenades, machine guns, numerous assault rifles and accompanying ammunition.”

Afghan and NATO officials often use the world “militant” for referring to Taleban militants.

However, the militant group who announced on 30 April to start spring offensive against Afghan and NATO-led international forces have yet to make comments.

**Two US men carrying a weapon arrested at Sri Lankan airport**

COLOMBO, 19 May—At least two US nationals have been arrested at the Bandaranaike international airport here for carrying a weapon, the state radio Lakhanda announced Thursday.

The radio said they were arrested Wednesday night when trying to board an aircraft with a weapon concealed in their luggage. It said the two had arrived in the country by ship and the airport police is carrying out investigations into it.

**Roadside bomb kills one civilian in NW Pakistan**

PESHAWAR, 19 May—Police say a roadside bomb targeting a police vehicle has killed a passer-by and wounded two police officers in northwest Pakistan.

Senior police official Liaquat Ali Khan said the attack happened on Thursday in a commercial area of Akora Khattak town in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. He said the dead and injured had been transported to a hospital.

No one claimed responsibility, but Pakistani Taleban often target security forces and civilians in various parts of the country.—Internet
Astronauts installing big magnet on space station

This undated image shows an artist's concept of the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, rounded module at left, installed on the International Space Station. The mammoth cosmic ray detector arrived at the International Space Station on 18 May, 2011, a $2 billion experiment that will search the invisible universe and help explain how everything came to be.

Internet

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Beidou satellite navigation system will finish comprehensive tests as of October 2011 and have the capacity to provide “preliminary” services for most parts of China, Ran said.

By 2020, about 35 satellites will form Beidou’s global satellite navigation system, Ran added. Ran forecast China’s satellite navigation sector would see about 400 billion yuan (61.84 billion US dollars) in annual output value by 2020.

Xinhua

Japanese electric car ‘goes 300km’ on single charge

Tokyo, 19 May—Japanese developers have unveiled an electric car they said Wednesday can travel more than 300 kilometres before its battery runs flat.

Electric vehicle specialist SIM-Drive, which hopes to take the car to market by 2013 but gave no projected cost, said its four-seater “SIM-LEI” had motors inside each wheel and a super-capacitor, allowing for 333 kilometres (207 miles) of motoring on one charge in a test.

Its designers say they hope the prototype, a joint project among 34 organizations including Mitsubishi Motors and engineering firm IHI, will be sold to car manufactu-

ers for mass production. Automakers such as Nissan, which launched its all-electric Leaf last year with a 160-kilometre range, are gambling that electric cars with zero tailpipe emissions will catch on and, some think, in the future, start to drive traditional petrol-guzzlers off the road.

Electric cars still face key hurdles such as costly batteries and the lack of conveniently-located recharging points, which limits their operating radius.

Internet

Gamers play Hollywood detectives in ‘LA Noire’

San Francisco, 19 May—The videogame maker behind violence-packed “Grand Theft Auto” has broken new ground with a title starring an honourable detective using wits to solve crime in 1947 Hollywood.

“LA Noire” by Rockstar Games and Australian studio Team Bondi was released on Tuesday in the United States and is to be available internationally beginning Friday.

Early reviews raved about cinematic quality of the scenes made using motion-capturing technol-

ogy to infuse animated characters with perfor-

mance of real-world actors and ranked “LA Noire” as a contender for game of the year.

The videogame “blends realistic performances with gritty action and real detective work,” said Rockstar founder Sam Houser.

Players take on the role of Cole Phelps, a decorated World War II veteran and freshly-promoted Los Angeles police detective.

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### Health

**US backs need for smallpox stockpile**

Geneva, 19 May—The United States backed up Tuesday its long-held position on the need to preserve samples of smallpox, saying keeping a stockpile of the virus counters the threat of germ warfare.

“We are concerned that the smallpox virus still exists outside the official laboratories and could be released intentionally or used as a weapon,” US Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told the World Health Organization’s 64th assembly.

“The WHO on review on the smallpox research programme concluded definitely that additional research is needed to protect public health if this occurred,” she added.

Currently only the United States and Russia maintain the last strains of the virus which was eradicated in the 1980s. For over two decades the WHO’s 193 member states have been at a deadlock on the need to preserve the samples. The WHO, the public health arm of the United Nations, has studied a proposal seeking to extend by another five years the use of smallpox samples for research, Sebelius said.

“But let me be clear, we are committed to the eventual destruction of the virus stocks,” she added.—Internet

### Business

**GM to build first electric motor plant in US**

Chicago, 19 May—The General Motors Co (GM) on Tuesday announced its plan to build an electric motor plant near Baltimore, Maryland, the first such plant dedicated to making key components for vehicle electrification in the United States.

The plant is scheduled to open in 2013. “We believe the future of sustainable transportation is electrically driven vehicles and this facility will help us maintain a leadership position within this category,” said Mike Robinson, GM vice president in charge of environment and safety policy.

GM has dedicated 269.5 million US dollars into 17 US facilities nationwide over the past two weeks led to a reduction of risky assets in portfolios. Economic data out of the United States and China also sent mixed signals.

Some investors latched on to a rise in US 10-year yields from a low for the year hit overnight because Federal Reserve officials expressed worries about inflation ahead of the expiration of a $600 billion bond purchase programme next month. A rebound in the S&P 500 index from a one-month low also played a role. A slide in Treasury futures suggested more weakness was in store for US bonds. Higher US yields supported the dollar briefly against the low-yielding yen, but not against other major currencies.

Price action suggests investors are sensitive to relative interest rate advantages, but also see the US currency bogged down with economic and fiscal imbalances.

The dollar index, a measure of its value versus six other major currencies, was down 0.2 percent (DXY) after hitting a one-month high on Monday. Xinhua

### Health Tip: Is my memory loss normal?

Everyone forgets things now and then, and remembering everything naturally becomes more difficult as you get older.

But certain types of memory loss may indicate something much more serious. The American Academy of Family Physicians says the following warning signs should not be ignored:

- Suddenly forgetting things much more frequently than you once did.
- Having difficulty remembering tasks you have performed many times.
- Having trouble learning how to do new things.
- Telling the same stories or saying the same phrases repeatedly in a conversation.
- Having problems dealing with money or making decisions.
- Having difficulty keeping track of daily events.—Internet

### Kid acetaminophen label changes

Washington, 19 May—Pediatric doses of acetaminophen—Tylenol—should be based on a child’s weight first, then age, a US Food and Drug Administration advisory panel advises.

The FDA advisory panel also recommends that infant acetaminophen should be labelled only for fever reduction in children age 2 and under, but labels may recommend acetaminophen for both fever and pain in children age 2 and older.

The panel also advises the FDA to:

- Require infant acetaminophen bottles have instructions for children ages 6 months to 2 years. Current labels warn parents of the danger of fever in children age 2 and under and instruct them to call a doctor.
- Require liquid acetaminophen manufacturers to make it harder for children to take an accidental overdose.
- Require liquid acetaminophen bottles to be accompanied with measuring devices clearly marked in milliliters.
- Require all pill forms of acetaminophen for children to come in the same concentration.—Internet

### Dollar down as commodities and global stocks rise

Singapore, 19 May—The dollar slipped on Thursday with funds sensing a rally this month is ending and expectations increasing that commodity prices have resumed an upturn, pushing up equities in Asia’s energy and materials sectors.

Investors have been struggling to find a common theme in financial markets after two routs in commodities over the past two weeks led to a reduction of risky assets in portfolios. Economic data out of the United States and China also sent mixed signals.

A man looks at an electronic board displaying various market indices from around the world outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 16 May, 2011.—Internet

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22 dead in plane crash in Argentine Patagonia

BUENOS AIRES, 19 May—A commercial airplane crashed Wednesday in Argentina’s southern Patagonia region and all 22 people on board are dead, said a local hospital director.

Sol Airlines said its Flight 5248 carrying three crew members and 19 passengers, including a baby, communicated an emergency while flying from Neuquen near the Andes to Comodoro Rivadavia along the coast of Patagonia. “Unfortunately there are no survivors. We see burnt remains, everything burned,” Ismael Ali, who directs the hospital in the nearest town of Los Menudos, told the Todo Noticias channel.

Todo Noticias and C5N Television reported that the propeller-driven Saab 340 iced up in the frigid air over Patagonia, but there was no official confirmation of this possible cause.

Sol said in a statement that it received an emergency communication from the plane at 8:30 pm local time, 42 minutes into the flight. Los Menudos Mayor Mabel Yahuar said they sent firefighters and ambulances to the relatively flat and remote area of Rio Negro Province.

One dead, six injured in landslide in northern Colombia

BARRANQUILLA, 19 May—At least one person died, six were injured and nine others were missing in Colombia after a landslide buried houses in a remote village in the northern Province of Santander, authorities said Wednesday.

Rumaldo Gualdon, an official in the Municipality of Santa Vicente de Chucuri, said the landslide happened early Wednesday morning after intense rains caused local river to overflow which resulted in the collapse of several tons of stones and earth. “Seven houses and 12 cars were buried” in a popular neighbourhood of that town, Gualdon told Xinhua, speaking by telephone from the site of the landslide, which killed a young child, whose body already has been found.

Nine other people living in the area known as La Bomba, are reported missing and hundreds of local residents and rescue personal are involved in the search operation. Another six were injured and have been evacuated to medical facilities in the region.

Colombia’s northern Province of Santander has been one of the worst affected by the 2011 unusually intense rainy season which since early this year has killed hundreds and left thousands homeless in the South American country.—Xinhua

Gunmen kill nine in Mexican Gulf Coast state

VILLAHERMOSA, 19 May—Gunmen opened fire on a group of people at an auto body shop in the Gulf Coast state of Tabasco, killing nine people and badly wounding another, officials said Wednesday.

Tabasco had been largely spared the drug-related violence affecting Veracruz and Tamaulipas states, to the north.

Eight people were initially killed in the late Tuesday attack in the city of Cardenas, but a ninth victim died of his wounds on Wednesday. Another badly injured person is being guarded by police at a hospital.

Some of the victims may have been customers waiting for their cars at the shop.

Police said in a statement no one has been arrested and a motive in the killings has not been determined. Cardenas city authorities on Monday found the body of a woman along with a message warning the residents to stay indoors after midnight.

Meanwhile, gunmen ambushed and killed three police officers Tuesday in a suburb of northern city of Monterrey. Guadalupe city police said the officers were attacked with assault rifles and grenades.

IMF chief resigns, denies sex assault charges

WASHINGTON, 19 May—France’s Dominique Strauss-Kahn resigned on Thursday as managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) but maintained he was innocent of the sexual assault charges against him.

“It is with infinite sadness that I feel compelled today to present to the Executive Board my resignation from my post of Managing Director of the IMF,” he said in a statement.

“I want to say that I deny with the greatest possible firmness all of the allegations that have been made against me,” the statement added.

Strauss-Kahn, a leading French politician, is jailed in New York awaiting a grand jury decision on whether to indict him on charges of the alleged sexual assault and attempted rape of a 32-year-old Manhattan hotel chambermaid.— MNA/AFP/CNA

Brazil to intensify fight against deforestation in Amazon

BRASILIA, 19 May—The Brazilian government decided on Wednesday to intensify its actions to combat illegal deforestation in the Amazon region after a report warned of deteriorating situation in the area. “The order is to reduce deforestation by July. This is a formal commitment by the government and we need to meet the goals of the National Plan on Climate Change,” Environment Minister Izabella Teixeira told a press conference.

The Federal Police, state secretaries of environment and the National Force will work together in special actions to rapidly control growing deforestation, she said. To reach this goal, the Environment Ministry will increase investment to improve satellite monitoring as well as field operations in the region.

According to a report by the National Institute of Space Research (INPE), deforestation in the Amazon region rose 27 percent in July-August 2010 to April 2011.

Xinhua
Danu Self-Administered Zone to get more electricity

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe inspected the building of 5 MVA power plant for supply of more electricity at Electrical Engineer Office in Yaksawk Township on 15 May. He inspected the site chosen for building a 66 KV power station in Pindaya Township in Danu Self-Administered Zone. Next day, he inspected Aung Thabye Power Station in Shan State (South). He toured Ingone Main Power Station in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region and arrangements for building a switch bay.

Natural Disaster Management Course opens in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Opening of Natural Disaster Management Course 3/2011 was held at Sittway of Rakhine State this morning. Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin attended the ceremony and cordially greeted trainees from 17 townships. The Chief Minister delivered an address at ceremony to assign duties to District Administrators and State-level departments.—MNA

The launching ceremony of Region-wise National Immunization Days 2011 in progress in Pakokku.—MYANMA ALIN

Chief Minister tours Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung inspected Welgyiwa Bridge Project in Einme Township, Myaungmya District, yesterday. He held a meeting with township level departmental officials, town elders, residents and social organizations at the sports complex in Wakema Township. On his inspection tour of Wakema People’s Hospital (50-bed), he consoled and presented the patients cash assistance and supplies, and donated K 500,000 to the trust funds of the hospital. The chief minister visited Daw Paik Mi Home for the Aged and provided cash for the elderly persons. MNA

Children under five given OPV in Pakokku

PAKOKKU, 19 May—The 2011 Region-wise National Immunization Days was launched in Pakokku on 14 May morning. D. Deputy Commissioner of Pakokku District General Administration Department U Lwin Ko Oo, Administrator U Aung Naing Oo and Medical Superintendent Dr Thin Thin Aye gave oral polio vaccine to children under five at the gathering points in Pakokku.

Post-primary school handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—The opening and handing over of Htingonkyaw Basic Education Post-primary School in Hinthada township, Ayeyawady Region, took place at the facility on 17 May. Hinthada Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Hay Oo unveiled the signboard of the school. U Win Lwin of Kyaw Tha Co handed the documents related to the building to the Ministry of Education.—MNA

Thanatpin gets on with farming...

(from page 1) harvest about 15 acres of paddy fields a day. He said that the per acre yield of paddy was about 100 baskets and wastage was very low due to the use of heavy machinery.

At the paddy field of U San Shwe Oo, U Ye Ko Ko explained that their township could exceed the target of 28,750 acres of paddy by 30 acres that summer; that they used such paddy strains as Manawthukha, Hsinthwelat, Theehtatyin, Yadana Aung and Yar (2); that the objectives of the Myanmar Agriculture Service were to help boost production of crops, to disseminate advanced agricultural methods, and to provide high-yield strains of crops; that the staff supervised the growing of crops in the township; that the summer paddy fields were irrigated by Bago-Sittoung Canal, whose section in Thanatpin Township was 14 miles and four furlongs long; that the canal was supported water from Moeyungyi Lake; and that the irrigated water was enough for cultivation of summer paddy.

Farmers are used to combine harvesters in Thanatpin Township.

It was very heartening to see that farmers were harvesting paddy fields with combine harvesters and weighting paddy. Indeed, farmers take part in the drive for food security of the nation. During the trip, we were tired under the glare of the sun, but it was worth observing thriving summer paddy fields.

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Myanmar, China to cooperate financial and monetary matters

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Mr Deng Ting Duo and party of China Development Bank (Yunnan Branch).—MNA

Industrial Development Committee meets automakers

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—The meeting between Industrial Development Committee and automakers in industrial zones was held at Ministry of Industry-2 here today, attended by Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein.

It was also attended by Secretary Deputy Minister U Myo Aung and committee members Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung, departmental heads and 238 entrepreneurs running auto manufacturing in industrial zones.

The Union Minister explained the purpose of forming Industrial Development Committee and its procedures and called for industrial development realizing objectives of establishment of 18 industrial zones by the State, and aims at automaking technology acquisition with the start of domestic autos manufacturing in 2001.

Deputy Minister U Myo Aung also gave supplementary speech.

Mariners’ reminder

YANGON, 19 May—Installation of Hline river crossing (Hlinethaya-Ahlon)230KV power grid will be carried out by Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise from 7 am to 4 pm from 26 May to 4 June. While installation work is in progress, the watercourse will be closed temporarily. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems of the Ministry of Transport issued a mariners’ reminder that vessels have to wait for a while outside of the worksite until permission is granted to pass by the supervisory team.—MNA

Workshop on development of private forest plantations kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Workshop on development of private forest plantations was opened at Forest Department, Ministry of Forestry, here, this morning. The purpose of the workshop was to have development of growing methods in establishing private forest plantation, to grow selected quality strains, to preserve plantations systematically and to explore effective ways by exchanging views between the Ministry and private companies and entrepreneurs, said Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun at the calling of the workshop.

The workshop was attended by Deputy Minister U Soe Thein and committee members.


The workshop started with a supplementary speech by the Union Minister.

At the call, they discussed mutual cooperation in financial and monetary matters.

Workshop was opened by Deputy Director-General U Myo Aung, the meeting was chaired by Acting Director-General U Aye of the workshop.

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NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—The opening of Thuta Pankhin Library at Ah-htoo-seik Village in Kyaukpya Village-tract, Myeik Township, was held at the library on 15 May.

Officials formally opened the building.

Departmental officials presented a 19-inch colour TV and a radio, and well-wishers, publications of various genres to the library.
Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan
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NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received President of Yunnan Province TV Station Mr Zhao Shaqing and party of the People’s Republic of China at the Ministry of Information, here, at 4.20 pm yesterday.

They discussed exchange of programmes between Myanma TV and Yunnan Province TV Station, promotion of cooperation in information and media sector, and cooperation in production of movies and TV series between the two countries. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, heads of department and enterprise and officials.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint receives Finnish Ambassador Mr Pasi Mikael Patokallio and party.—MNA

Dy FM receives Finnish Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint received a Finnish delegation led by Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Helsinki Mr Pasi Mikael Patokallio at his office, here, this afternoon.

At the call, they focused on strengthening of bilateral ties, cooperation and environment issues between Myanmar and Finland.

Latter Day Saint Charities donates wheelchairs

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Latter Day Saint Charities donated 50 wheelchairs to the Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at the ministry here this morning.

Country Director Mr Dale Gilman Simpson Jr of Latter Day Saint Charities presented facts about the donation and handed over the wheelchairs to the department through Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe.

From 2005 to date, Latter Day Saint Charities has donated 1375 wheelchairs to the department, which distributes the wheelchairs to the physically-handicapped persons in cooperation with social organizations.

Pyi Myanmar Farm Machinery Factory...

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The factory is the pride of Kyaiklat as it makes huge contribution towards the nation’s economy and mechanized farming. Proprietor U Zaw Min Oo (a) Ko Kyar Kat said that he took over the family business from his father in 1998-1999; that they yearly produced 20 to 30 paddy threshers, about 100 power-tillers and about 200 water pumps, apart from many types of farm machines and wrought ironworks; that they had received an order from Htoo Company for 200 sets of farm machinery wheels; and that they made 15 sets of farm machinery wheels a year for the showroom of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at 9 Mile in Yangon. When asked about the feedback from the users, he said that their works were economical for farmers; that then, farmers used farm machinery in ploughing fields, growing crops and winnowing and threshing grains, so their goods were in demand; that their goods were cheap but effective; that they could pay taxes to the government regularly; that they were getting well on with their business and could regularly make donations to social occasions and funeral services; that their family business had entered 20 years; and that they were trying hard for greater success in their business.

Pyi Myanmar Farm Machinery Factory in Kyaiklat is proud to fulfill the wishes of farmers to an extent.

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**Whale tangled off Western Australia**

BEIJING, 19 May—A humpback whale has become entangled in ropes off the coast of Western Australia. Footage shows the 11-meter whale moving through the water with ropes from a crayfish pot wrapped around its body.

Officials from the state’s Department of Environment and Conservation have attached a satellite tracking device to the trailing ropes so the mammal can be followed and freed once weather permits.

Untangling the whale could be a difficult operation, as divers cannot be used. A small boat will pull alongside the mammal so workers can reach the ropes.

Xinhua

**Video shows ongoing recovery efforts at Fukushima**

BEIJING, 19 May—New video footage has been released by the operator of the Fukushima nuclear plant showing the scale of the destruction and workers inside buildings.

There were scenes of water pumps in use and operators dressed in protective suits surveying the damage inside some of the buildings.

Recently repaired gauges show that it is likely the fuel rods in unit One have melted.

Despite fresh data showing worse-than-expected damage inside the reactors, TEPCO still aims to bring the radiation-leaking plant to a stable cold shutdown within six to nine months.

The Japanese government also announced on Tuesday that it is continuing to work to resolve the nuclear crisis by early next year.

Xinhua

**German to cut troops by one fifth**

BERLIN, 19 May—Germany will cut its size of armed forces by nearly one fifth in the next six to eight years. Defence Minister Thomas de Maiziere said on Wednesday.

De Maiziere said the number of armed forces will be shed to between 175,000 and 185,000.

Troops will be cut by 45,000, while civilian positions will be reduced by 21,000 to 55,000.

Troops deployed overseas will increase from the current 7,000 to 10,000.

The goal of the reform was to make German army more financially sustainable and more effective for international mission through streamlining structure and reducing bureaucracy, de Maiziere said.

However, sending troops abroad was not popular for German public.

In March, Merkel’s government abstained from joining in NATO’s military operations against Libya.

Though the whole reform will be implemented within the next six to eight years, he said the major reform will take place over the next two years.

De Maiziere’s predecessor, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg started the reform process last year, which has abolished conscription for German Army.

Xinhua
Indonesia, ROK ink nine MoUs on economic coop, investment

JAKARTA, 19 May—The governments of Indonesia and South Korea on Wednesday signed nine memorandum of understandings (MoUs) related economic cooperation and investment, the Jakarta Post reported here on Thursday.

Speaking after the signing, Coordinating Minister for the Economy Hatta Rajasa said that the business partnership agreements could make Indonesia as South Korea’s main overseas investment hub in the world. The MoUs signed by the two countries’ senior government officials and business representatives cover partnership agreements in the fields of technology, textiles, machinery, maritime, aerospace, defence and solar photovoltaic, and among others.

The MoUs include hydroelectric power plant projects in Lampung Province, shipyard collaboration between Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering and PT Dok & Perkapalan Kodja Bahari to build projects for vessels and offshore facilities. “We would like to see Indonesia becoming the main destination for South Korea’s investment.”

In this light, we seek to broaden our trade and investment ties with South Korea,” Hatta said in his opening remarks at the meeting. South Korea is currently the sixth largest investor in Indonesia, with cumulative investment of $3.35 billion US dollars over the last 10 years — excluding investments in the oil and gas and banking sectors — covering around 1,400 projects. MNA/Xinhua

66 years after WWII separation, family reunited

BERLIN, 19 May—A man who was separated from his mother at the end of World War II and raised in New Zealand is meeting his German family for the first time after discovering his true identity.

The International Tracing Service in the town of Bad Arolsen says it helped 69-year-old George Jaunzemis find his family, 66 years after he was separated from his mother at a Belgian displaced persons camp and adopted by another woman.

Jaunzemis’ mother searched for her lost son for years, but he was living in New Zealand with a Latvian woman who found him in the camp and spirited him away from authorities.

Jaunzemis stumbled across his story while trying to trace his family’s Latvian roots.

He is meeting his family in Germany this week and receiving his 150-page file at the ITS on Thursday.—Internet

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Astronomers find planets wandering without orbits

BEIJING, 19 May—Astronomers have found potential planets wander through a slice of the Milky Way galaxy instead of being anchored to a host star, according to a study published in the British science journal Nature on Wednesday.

In a two-year scan of the cosmos, 10 planets with roughly the mass of Jupiter, the largest planet of our Solar System, have been found at such enormous distances from the nearest star. Some of them could be said to float freely through the Milky Way. Scientists believe planets are formed when disks of dust that orbit stars form clumps, so that these clumps—the planets—remain in orbit. Maybe the newfound objects started out that way, but then got tossed out of orbit or into distant orbits by the gravitational tugs of larger planets, the researchers suggest.

The work suggests that such a tossing-out process is quite common, said one author of the new study, physicist David Bennett of the University of Notre Dame. The new planets were found in a search of the Milky Way. Scientists believe planets are formed when disks of dust that orbit stars

Coffee 'cuts prostate cancer risk' US study suggests

NEW YORK, 19 May—Coffee has been linked to a reduced risk of dying from prostate cancer in a study of nearly 50,000 US men. Those who drank six or more cups a day were found to be 20% less likely to develop any form of the disease—which is the most common cancer in men. They were also 60% less likely to develop an aggressive form which can spread to other parts of the body. But charities say the evidence, reported
Russia arrests man who ate human liver with potatoes

Russian police said on Tuesday they had detained a man who was caught eating an acquaintance’s liver.

Police tracked down the suspect after a trail of severed body parts including limbs and a head were found across Moscow.

“When the police came to arrest the suspect, he was eating a human liver with potatoes,” a police spokeswoman for the Moscow’s western district said by telephone.

The rest of the human liver was found in a refrigerator in the suspect’s flat.

The police spokeswoman said the cause of the acquaintance’s death was not clear.

The suspect “admitted his crime and that he had eaten part of his acquaintance’s liver,” the prosecutor general’s main investigative unit said in a statement.

Wisconsin man eats 25,000th Big Mac

A Wisconsin man downed his 25,000th Big Mac on the 39th anniversary of the first time he ordered McDonald’s signature sandwich. Don Gorske of Fond du Lac reached his milestone at 3:30 pm Tuesday while a cheering crowd and about eight television cameras looked on, The Fond du Lac Reporter said Tuesday.

The restaurant was also host Tuesday to a band playing Dixieland music in celebration of Gorske’s accomplishment. Willy Zeamer, who works with Gorske at the Waupun Correctional Institution, assembled the band for the occasion. “For today, we’re called the ‘Big Macs,’” Zeamer said. “Normally, we play with several jazz groups. We put this together for Don Gorske’s big day. “I told the fellas about Don, his personality and kind nature. What better guy could we play for?” he said.

Dave Rouse, owner of the McDonald’s at 699 S Military Rd, said he is glad to have Gorske as a regular customer.

Taylor Swift ‘always ready to fall in love’

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WASHINGTON, 19 May—Singer Taylor Swift who recently went through two failed relationships has revealed that she is always ready to fall in love because there are no rules when it comes to love.

Her recent relationships with Jake Gyllenhaal and Joe Jonas ended in heartbreak, but the Love Story hitmaker is optimistic she’ll find the right guy—eventually. “There are no rules when it comes to love. I just try to let love surprise me because you never know who you’re going to fall in love with,” Contactmusic quoted her as telling InStyle magazine.

“You never know who’s going to come into your life and, for me, when I picture the person I want to end up with, I don’t think about what their career is, or what they look like. I picture the feeling I get when I’m with them. “I’m really a daydreamer and a hopeful person. When it comes to ‘happily ever after’, I always have a tendency to write a happy ending to my songs. That’s probably wistful thinking on my part,” she added.

Leonardo DiCaprio romancing Blake Lively?

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WASHINGTON, 19 May—Following his split from supermodel Bar Refaeli, actor Leonardo DiCaprio is reportedly getting close to “Gossip Girl” star Blake Lively. Both DiCaprio and Lively were seen at the hotel du Cap Eden Roc, enjoying a romantic stroll in the garden, reports dailystar.co.uk.

“They walked around the grounds together. It looked like they were a couple,” a source told the New York Post gossip column PageSix.

The 36-year-old split from Refael earlier this month and was introduced to Lively by director Baz Luhrmann in November last year.—Internet

Lady Gaga’s mum ‘used to cut her hair as she slept’

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WASHINGTON, 19 May—Lady Gaga has revealed that her mother used to cut her long locks while she was sleeping.

The singer has said that her new single ‘Hair’ is about how her parents tried to change her look after she dressed up to go out, without realizing how important your haircut is as part of your personality.

“When I was young my mom and dad used to ask me not to leave the house dressed a certain way and asked me to change my hair,” Contactmusic quoted Gaga as telling UK radio station KISS.

“Mom would even cut my hair when I was asleep because I had really long split hairs, because I liked it really long like a hippy,” she added.—Internet

US sues Starbucks for firing dwarf from barista job

The US government is suing Starbucks Coffee Company for firing a barista in El Paso because she is a dwarf. When the employee asked for a stool or small stepladder to perform her job, Starbucks denied the request and fired her that same day, claiming that she could be a danger to customers and workers, according to the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The commission, which filed the lawsuit on Monday, said that Starbucks violated federal law by denying a reasonable accommodation to the employee, who was hired in July 2009 and was fired after three days of training. “Starbucks has become a virtual icon of modern American culture, appealing to an incredibly diverse customer base,” Robert Canino, a commission lawyer in Dallas, said in a statement. “We’d hope that when considering hiring a person with a disability, Starbucks would choose to enhance its brand with the mark of equal opportunity and access.” Starbucks did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Tuesday.

A McDonald’s Big Mac and a small side of fries, containing a combined 1,200 mg of sodium, almost half of the daily recommendation, is seen at a McDonald’s restaurant in New York on 11 Jan, 2010. The city’s health department is calling on food mac.

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LONDON, 19 May — Singer Peter Andre says he is losing his looks as he is ageing. “I don’t think I ever looked really horrible, but I am noticing a few lines here and there. I’m Mediterranean, tanned and not as good as I was,” he told Heat magazine. But Andre is not afraid to show off his body, reports contactmusic.com. “Have I ever been skinny dipping? Yes, many times. The last time was at home in Cyprus. I’ve done it jumping off cliffs.”

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What next for Macheda after Sampdoria flop?

Manchester United’s Italian forward Federico Macheda

ROME, 19 May—Two seasons ago Federico Macheda was the new dar-ling of the Stretford End and seemed on the verge of becoming the next great top-level players possess. But two years on and Macheda, although still only a teenager, seems to be stuck in limbo. When he arrived at United he was behind Wayne Rooney, Dimitar Berbatov and Carlos Tevez in the pecking order. Tevez left but Michael Owen was brought in and Macheda was still at best a fourth-choice striker, although with Danny Welbeck and Mame Biram Diouf also on the club’s books, there was no certainty of that.—Internet

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China sets up first 7 national ocean parks

BEIJING, 19 May—China’s State Oceanic Administration (SOA) announced Thursday that the country has named its first seven national ocean parks to ensure sound ecological environment and sustainable development for coastal tourism.

The seven parks are sprawled along China’s coastal areas, with two in Guangdong, two in Shandong, and one in Jiangsu Province.

According to the SOA, the largest park covers an area of 51,455 hectares and is located in Lianyungang, Jiangsu Province. The SOA also announced the expansion and improvement of five national special marine reserves in eastern Shandong Province.

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr., M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Lower Sagarag Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Region scattered in Upper Sagarag, Mandalay Regions and Kachin State, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mon State and isolated heavy falls in Kayin State. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagarag Region and (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Lower Sagarag, Mandalay Regions and Shan and Kayin States, (5°C) below May average temperatures in Bago Region and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thayetkay (5.67) inches, Thaton (4.09) inches, Bilin (3.94) inches, Hpa-an (3.82) inches, Mawlamyine (3.78) inches, Kyeekhame (3.62) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 18-5-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 19-5-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-5-2011 was (84%).

Rainfall on 19-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)
Maximum temperature on 18-5-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 19-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-5-2011 was (79%).

Rainfall on 19-5-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 19-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (1.42) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (10.99) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (17.68) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.50) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (6) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 19-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 20th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagarag, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagarag Region and Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Coastal Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire

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

Pyi Myanmar Farm Machinery Factory in Kyaiklat

Ayeyawady Region growing more rice than any other region in Myanmar stands as the nation’s granary. Today, mechanized farming has become popular among farmers, so farm machinery and tools are in high demand. Pyi Myanmar Farm Machinery Factory on U Sandar Street, Ward (4), Kyaiklat, produces varieties of user-friendly farm machines to satisfy the demands of the farmers in Pyapon, Maubin and Hinthada districts and the showroom of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at 9th Mile in Yangon.

PORTO WIN EUROPA LEAGUE TITLE

Porto’s Brazilian goalkeeper and captain Helton (C) lifts up the trophy at the end of the UEFA Europa League final in Dublin.

A thresher produced by Pyi Myanmar Farm Machinery Factory.