**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
- Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- Strengthening of national solidarity
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends second day session of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the second day session of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabathuri of Nay Pyi Taw District at 8 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers, deputy ministers, Economic Ministers of Regions and States, departmental heads, economists, resource persons, responsible persons of social organizations and media fields and guests.

Agriculturist Dr Sein Hla Bo presided over section (1) of the workshop in which agricultural development, reducing production costs and technology development sectors were included. Acting Rector Dr Tin Htut of University of Agriculture (Yezin) submitted paper on production of quality paddy strain for ensuring higher income for rural farmers, Director-General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Irrigation Department on water utilization management which is the crux of the matter for agricultural development, Professor Dr Daw Li Kyaw of University of Agriculture (Yezin) on fruitful results for farmers and promoting investment in agriculture sector, and Advisor Dr Maung Aung to Ministry of Commerce on alleviation of poverty of rural people through boosting agriculture produces by expanding markets (extension of purchase centres).

At section (2) entitled Development of Agriculture, Fisheries and Integrated Farming presided over by Scholar U Hsat Aung, Deputy Director-General Dr Aung Gyi of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department submitted paper on development of production of meat and fish from manageable to commercial scale, Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of Fisheries Department on future prospects of fisheries production groups for rural economic development, and Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanmar Agriculture Service on applying technology for crop production development, reclamation of integrated farms and practising one village one product system.

In the afternoon session Ambassador U Hla Maung (Retd) presided over the Section (3) Micro Finance and Rural Areas Economic Development Tasks Sector where Deputy Director-General of Cooperatives Department U Aung Phyu read paper on tasks for survival of microfinance services run by cooperatives associations; Assistant Director from the Ministry of Commerce U Thein Myint Wai on importance of specialized companies in rural development; and Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Nay Aye on systematic extension of micro finance services for alleviation of poverty in Myanmar.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung presided over Section (4) of Rural Industrial Development, Small Industries and Long-term Rural Development Section. Professor/Dean of Economics Department of Education and Training Department Daw Tin Malar read paper on establishing industry in rural area; Assistant Lecturer of Geology Department of the same department (See page 8)
PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 22 May, 2011

Take part in National Sanitation Week activities

Good health is a great blessing. We can only survive and work to the best of our ability only if we are fit and healthy. We can enjoy happiness through good health.

National Sanitation Week (2011) has been designated from 21 to 27 May. Clean environment means clean hands, clean water, hygienic food and clean toilet.

According to the motto, ‘Good health comes from clean hands,’ hands are of utmost importance to the human body. We touch things that may be infested with germs with our hands. So, we should eat our food only after washing and cleaning our hands. The hands dealing with materials can cause a person to develop an infectious disease.

It is very important to use clean water for keeping healthy. Impure water and unhygienic food can cause contagious diseases such as diarrhea, dysentery, typhoid and food poisoning.

In keeping the environment clean, use of fly-proof toilets is necessary. Use of latrines without fly-proof can lead to an unhealthy environment and cause infectious diseases.

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Pakistan stops NATO supplies after 16 people killed in blast

ISLAMABAD, 21 May—Pakistan authorities Saturday suspended supplies to the foreign troops in neighbouring Afghanistan hours after a blast at an NATO oil tanker killed 16 persons, officials said. An official said that suspected militants attacked and torched NATO oil tankers in two separate incidents late Friday night at Landikotal, a main town in Khyber region and the border point of Torkham. When locals gathered around the tanker at Landikotal to acquire the leaked oil, the tanker blew up due to gas pressure, killing 16 persons there. Pakistan suspended supplies to nearly 160,000 US-led NATO troops after the incident, officials in the region said.

Witnesses said that hundreds of NATO supplies tracks were stranded on the main Pakistan-Afghan high-way after the blockade.

Three killed, 10 wounded in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 May—Violence across Iraq claimed three lives and wounded 10 others on Friday, local police sources said. In the northern city of Mosul, a roadside bomb detonated while some policemen were defusing it, leaving two policemen dead and eight others injured, local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, is among the most dangerous places in the country and has been the hotbed of militancy and sectarian violence since the US led invasion in 2003. Later in the day, a police colonel was killed by unidentified gunmen who used weapons with silencers in the Bayaa area southwest of the capital.

Two intelligent agents were also attacked by gunmen using silenced weapons in Harithaya area west of Baghdad, a police source said. Both of them survived the attack but were left wounded.

Out-of-control barges on Mississippi hit bridge

BATON ROUGE, 21 May—Barges broke free from a towboat and the swift Mississippi River current carried them into a bridge as America’s busiest inland waterway became even more challenging to traverse.

The Coast Guard shut down a 5-mile stretch of the river until they could make sure the area was safe.

Three barges carrying corn sank and another was taking on water after the vessels got out of control Friday. No injuries were reported and the Coast Guard said there was no damage to the levees, but the scene was clear evidence of how challenging the bloated river has become to navigate.

Six days earlier, the area was closed for hours after 25 barges under tow broke loose, and at least two of them hit the bridge. Travis Morace has been running boats on the Mississippi for two decades, witnessing all of the mighty river’s many moods. He’s seen it calm and smooth as a newly paved road and endured jarring rides filled with treacherous twists and bumps.

14 bodies found in Vietnam’s boat accident

HANOI, 21 May—Fourteen bodies were found by 02:30 pm local time on Saturday from the boat accident on Saigon River, southern Vietnam, and among them two were confirmed Chinese, according to Vnexpress. At 01:00 pm local time, the body of a 3-year-old Chinese boy, Guo Hongda, was found. Two minutes later, a body of another Chinese girl was found, Vnexpress said.

Guo Liangcai, father of the dead boy, said his family has 12 people attending the birthday party on the boat on Friday night, including his mother-in-law, his two younger brothers, his wife and two children, including Guo Hongda. Only Guo was safe from the boat sink. Guo said that he held the birthday party for his son, Guo Hongda, and invited people from his company.

Xu Mingliang, the Chinese consul-general in Ho Chi Minh City, came to the field Saturday morning to confirm the four missing residents, including three male and one female. Xu said that there were 21 people on the boat when the accident happened, only five people survived, including two Chinese. Twenty divers and five boats were used for the ongoing rescue work.

Afghanistan: Kabul hospital hit by suicide bomber

KABUL, 21 May—A suicide bomb attack on a hospital in the Afghan capital, Kabul, has left six people dead and 23 wounded.

The bomber detonated his device in a tent in the grounds ofCharsad Bestar Hospital where medical students were eating lunch.

The hospital treats Afghan military personnel and is in a heavily fortified part of the city, yards from the US embassy and international forces HQ.

Four killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 May—At least four people were killed as US drones fired two missiles at a vehicle in the Miranshah area of North Waziristan in northwest Pakistan Friday evening, reported local Urdu TV channel Duniya.

Earlier reports by Duniya said the target was a house, but it was later confirmed that the target was a vehicle suspected of carrying militants. The missiles fired by US drones also completely destroyed a nearby house, said the report.

Friday’s US drone strike is the 31st of its kind in Pakistan since 2011.

Since this year, at least 225 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes, most of which were launched in North Waziristan, a place believed to be a stronghold of militants along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border area.
Damaged shuttle tile to get closer look: NASA

"There is nothing alarming here and we are really not concerned. We are doing what we understand and know that we need to go do in these scenarios," Cain said. Astronauts will maneuver the shuttle’s robotic arm to get a better view of the area with a digital camera and laser.

The chunks were likely gouged out by errant foam or ice, and may be repaired by astronauts during a spacewalk if needed.

“This is one that we feel pretty confident that we are going to be able to clear it once we get some higher fidelity data,” Cain said.

The shuttle Columbia disintegrated in 2003 during its fiery re-entry toward Earth after its heat shield was damaged by a piece of foam that broke off the external fuel tank during launch, weakening the shuttle’s protective cover.

NASA has taken care to closely examine the shuttle’s heat shield after liftoff ever since. Endeavour blasted off on its final mission Monday with six astronauts on board — five Americans and one Italian — and docked at the ISS on Wednesday in the second to last mission ever by an American space shuttle.

The US program is set to end after the launch of Atlantis, set for 8 July.

The Endeavour mission is being commanded by astronaut Mark Kelly, the husband of US Representative Gabrielle Giffords, who is recovering after being shot in the head at a January political meeting with local voters. —Internet

Tunisian scientific exhibit to showcase Saharan dinosaurs

TUNIS, 21 May—The Tunis Science City will host on 24 May a scientific exhibit on Saharan dinosaurs, the official press agency TAP reported on Friday.

The exhibit which will kick start on 24 May, aims at showcasing the country’s rich geological heritage.

Through an elaborate, robotized sound and light re-enactment of the epoch when dinosaurs ruled the world, the exhibit will give life to the Carcharodontosaurus, the Spinosaurus and the Iguanodon some 65 million years after their extinction.

The first dinosaur fossils were discovered in southern Tunisia in 1951.

Since then, the region has become a privileged destination for paleontologists and geologists.

In March, a team composed of Tunisian and Italian scientists discovered the intact skeleton of a new dinosaur believed to have lived some 110 million years ago.

The fossil was found near Tataouine, some 450 km south of the capital.

In 2010, fossils of large footprints of both herbivore and carnivore dinosaurs were discovered in Chenini, near Tataouine.

Students: Buy Windows 7 PC, get free Xbox

WASHINGTON, 21 May—You have the mini-fridge, the flat screen, a DVD player, and maybe a tablet. What else does your dorm room need? How about a PlayStation Network for weeks, though Microsoft experienced its own, minor issue with its Xbox Live service on Friday night. —Internet

Antivirus for Mac: It’s Time

New York, 21 May—For years, Mac owners have laughed at the frantic efforts of their PC neighbours to fend off attack by viruses, Trojans, rootkits, and other malware. Given that PCs are a vastly greater segment of the market, it’s cost-effective for the bad guys to concentrate on PC attacks. And yes, it’s true that Apple’s operating system is tougher to crack than Windows. But the days of Mac complacency may be ending.

First, some threats are completely platform-independent. If a phishing email can fool you into entering your credit card data on a fraudulent site, it doesn’t matter if you’re running Windows, Mac OS, Linux, or DR-DOS. You’re hosed.

In addition, some of the bad guys have ventured into the Mac realm, creating Mac-specific attacks like the recent MAC Defender. Delivered via poisoned search engine results, this bogus application claims to protect users, but actually harms them. It opens porn Web pages at intervals and convinces gullible users that they’re infected.

Naturally the only “cure” is to register MAC Defender.

In addition, some Macs run Windows as well as Mac OS X, a volatile combination.

A Mac running Windows is vulnerable to the innumerable Windows-based attacks already swarming the Web.

We haven’t yet observed any true surge in viruses, Trojans, or other active malware targeting the Mac, but it couldn’t hurt to be prepared. Many of the major security vendors offer Mac products; some offer combined protection for Mac OS X and Windows running on the Mac. And a few will scan the URLs you visit to help fend off phishing attacks.

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A man walks past the IBM logo at the world’s biggest high-tech fair, the CeBIT, in Hanover, Germany 2009. IBM briefly topped Microsoft in market value on Wall Street on Friday to become the second-largest technology company after Apple. — Internet

This NASA photo obtained shows the Endeavour as it began the nine-minute Rendezvous Pitch Maneuver, or ‘backflip,’ on its last visit to the International Space Station on 18 May. NASA plans to go ahead with a focused inspection of a heat shield tile that was damaged during the shuttle Endeavour’s ascent into orbit, the US space agency said on Friday.

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The Sustainability Office earned approval at the mid-year meeting of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Environmental Justice Advisory Council last week. The office was awarded a grant to develop an online resource on the topic of environmental justice.

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Wolbachia bacteria kill mosquito that spreads malaria!

WASHINGTON, 21 May — Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health have found that Wolbachia bacteria, which infect many insects including mosquitoes, reduce parasite levels and kill the mosquito that spreads malaria.

Wolbachia do not naturally infect Anopheles mosquitoes, which are the type that spreads malaria to humans.

But the researchers after artificial infection with different Wolbachia strains found that it can significantly reduce levels of the human malaria parasite Plasmodium falciparum, in the mosquito, Anopheles gambiae.

The investigators also determined that one of the Wolbachia strains rapidly killed the mosquito after it fed on blood. According to the researchers, Wolbachia could potentially be used as part of a strategy to control malaria if stable infections can be established in Anopheles.

“This is the first time anyone has shown that Wolbachia infections can reduce levels of the human malaria parasite (Plasmodium falciparum) in Anopheles mosquitoes,” said Jason Rasgon, senior author of the study.

For the study, Rasgon and his colleagues infected Anopheles gambiae mosquitoes with two different Wolbachia strains (wMelPop and wAbB).

After infection, Wolbachia disseminated widely in the mosquitoes and infected diverse tissues and organs.

Vitamins and diet supplements are seen at a health store in San Francisco. A dietary supplement of amino acid and antioxidant vitamins can reduce the risk for pregnant women of a dangerous condition called pre-eclampsia, according to a study released Friday.—INTERNET

Yoga, Tai Chi and acupuncture help in reducing chronic pain

WASHINGTON, 21 May—A research has indicated that meditative exercise forms such as yoga, Tai Chi, and ancient health practices such as acupuncture helps in reducing chronic pain.

Other complementary and alternative health practices including meditation and relaxation techniques, manual therapies such as massage and spinal manipulation also show promise for contributing to the management of pain.

“Much of health care involves helping people find solutions for tough problems like pain. I think all physicians are well aware of how difficult it is to manage chronic pain patients,” said Josephine Briggs, director of the National Centre for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health.

“For example, with back pain we see that large numbers of patients are turning to these approaches with the hope of decreasing discomfort, improving function and quality-of-life, and minimizing side effects of pharmacologic treatments,” added Briggs.

The research was presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Pain Society.—INTERNET

ArcelorMittal to expand Quebec iron ore mining

PARIS, 21 May—Top global steelmaker ArcelorMittal announced Friday a CAN$2.1 billion ($2.2 billion, 725 million euro) investment to expand iron ore production in the Canadian Province of Quebec that will create 8,000 jobs.

“We have already announced our intention to grow our iron ore production to 100 million tonnes by 2015 and this expansion forms an important part of that,” he added.—INTERNET
Two killed in explosion at China electronics plant

BEIJING, 21 May—Two people died in an explosion at a factory in southwestern China belonging to electronics maker Foxconn Technology Group, a company official and state media reported. Foxconn spokesman Edmund Ding told reporters Saturday that a fire caused by Friday’s explosion had been quickly put out and that operations at the factory in Chengdu would not be affected. The company, which generally shies away from publicity, is the world’s biggest contract manufacturer, making iPhones and iPads for Apple Inc. and other consumer electronics for companies including Sony Corp and Hewlett-Packard Co.

Inmates stabbed in California prison riot

LOS ANGELES, 21 May—At least two inmates were stabbed Friday in a “large scale riot” at a maximum security prison in California, where gunfire was used to quell the unrest, authorities said.

S Lanka eyes better rating before $1 bin bond sale

COLOMBO, 21 May—Sri Lanka is hoping for a better credit rating to boost its plans to sell a $1 billion sovereign bond this year, an official said on Saturday, ahead of a visit by ratings agencies.

“The economy is growing steadily,” he said. “We hope there will be an improvement in our rating after the review.” The island’s $50-billion economy is tipped to grow at a record 8.5 percent this year, up from a 32-year high of 8.0 percent posted in 2010.

China calls for attacking Somali pirate bases

BEIJING, 21 May—China’s military is urging land attacks on Somali pirate strongholds in a bold call signaling the armed forces’ growing assertiveness. China’s navy has taken part in anti-piracy patrols in the Gulf of Aden since December 2008, but the government has not advocated direct attacks on land areas from which pirates operate.

However, at a news conference in Washington on Wednesday, Gen Chen Bingde said he believes land bases must be attacked in order for counter-piracy campaigns to be effective. The US and other countries taking part in the patrols have steered clear of land attacks for fear of becoming mired in ongoing campaigns in Somalia—a lawless nation where 18 US servicemen were killed in the capital, Mogadishu, in 1993.

Internet

Mexican police catch Gulf drug cartel leader

MEXICO CITY, 21 May—Mexican federal police captured a leading member of the Gulf drug cartel Friday at what appeared to have been his birthday party, authorities said.

Gilberto Barragan Balderas “is considered one of the main leaders of the Gulf Cartel” and is the subject of a $5 million reward by the US Drug Enforcement Administration, said Ramon Pequeno, head of anti-drug operations for the federal police.

Barragan Balderas was allegedly in charge of the cartel’s operations in Miguel Aleman, across the border from Roma, Texas.

No formal charges had been filed against any of the suspects.

Barragan Balderas, 41, is wanted on drug trafficking charges in the United States under a 2008 indictment.

Women walk next to a car loaded with bombs which detonated in Caldono, in the Cauca Department, 20 May, 2011. Authorities said the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) were responsible for the explosion which destroyed at least seven houses and left two injured.

Chinese police arrest leading drug trafficker

BEIJING, 20 May—A senior police official has said that authorities have captured a leading drug trafficker in China—although the cartels are believed to operate internationally.

Dharma Dheerasinghe, deputy governor of Colombo. Sri Lanka has said, ahead of a visit by ratings agencies.

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Fire at Australian factory ignites gallons of oil

MELBOURNE, 21 May—Firefighters have brought a massive fire at a Melbourne petrochemical factory under control after it ignited tens of thousands of gallons of mineral oil. The blaze started Thursday on the outskirts of the Australian city, setting off explosions and sending massive fireballs into the air. The Australian Broadcasting Corp says it raced through 130,000 gallons (500,000 liters) of mineral oil. Firefighters feared at one point that it would reach massive drums holding motor oil. Country Fire Authority spokesman Gerard Scholten said Friday that they were continuing to hose down those tanks to keep the fire from restarting there. Scholten urged residents of nearby towns to stay indoors as much as possible, even though he denied the fumes were toxic.

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The Central Bank’s deputy governor Dharma Dheerasinghe said the agencies, Standard and Poor’s and Fitch and Moody’s will begin a visit to the island next Monday to assess the its financial health.

“A shoe shop facade advertises a sale in Colombo. Sri Lanka is hoping for a better credit rating to boost its plans to sell a $1 billion sovereign bond this year, an official has said, ahead of a visit by ratings agencies.”

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Indonesian mountain-maneuvering team reaches top of Qomolangma

**JAKARTA, 21 May —** A four-strong mountain-maneuvering team from Indonesia on Friday raised national flag on top of Mount Qomolangma in Nepal to mark the National Awakening Day, the Jakarta Post reported on Saturday.

“All four team members has reached the summit of the world’s tallest mountain,” said Julius Mario, the manager of the team which is running an Indonesia 7 Summits Expedition campaign, from the base camp. Mt Qomolangma was the sixth mountain the team climbed before it completes the final phase of an expedition to conquer the seven highest summits in the world next year.

The first member of the team to reach the peak of Mt Qomolangma was Broery Andrew Shihombing, a 22-year-old mountain-climber.

He reached the 8,848-meter peak at 5:22 am local time with a guide from Mountain Experience, Hiroyuki Kuraoka, and a Sherpa guide, Pemba Nuru.

“Broery reached the summit after a seven-hour climb from Camp 4,” Julius said in a release.

The team began their ascent on 10 May when they left base camp for Camp 1, taking the Southeast Ridge route on the Nepal side. They continued their journey to Camp 2 on 11 May and stayed for two days.—Xinhua

1,500 Jaguar cars to be recalled in China

**BEIJING, 21 May—** Jaguar Cars Ltd., a British luxury car manufacturer, would recall 1,552 cars sold in China due to steering flaws, quality control authorities said.

The recall — starting 6 June — involves 1,550 XF automobiles manufactured between September 2009 and March 2010, and two XK cars produced between August 2009 and March 2010, Xinhua reported citing a statement from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.

The antisepptic plating of the steering power oil pipe was below design standards and the pipes might be corroded, resulting in possible steering problems or even over-heating, the statement said.

Jaguar Land Rover Auto Trade (Shanghai) Co. Ltd. will notify consumers that they are entitled to free checks and repairs, it said.

A hotline has also been opened to customers for consultation.—Internet

Bald eagles poisoned in Wisconsin ready for release

**MILWAUKEE, 21 May—** Seven bald eagles found poisoned and near death in April at a northern Wisconsin landfill are fully recovered and ready to be released back into the wild, a woman who helped nurse them back to health, Marge Gibson, said on Friday.

Authorities from the Fish and Wildlife Service are investigating the accidental poisoning that left one of the birds dead.

Seven of the large birds were found comatose and close to death at an Eagle River, Wisconsin-area landfill on 9 April after ingesting an undisclosed substance from a plastic container.

Gibson and her helpers from Gibson’s Raptor Education Centre were summoned from Antigo, Wisconsin, about 90 minutes away, to rescue the eagles. Their release back into the wild is imminent, she said.

More Indonesians heading to universities in China

**JAKARTA, 21 May—** More Indonesians are heading to universities in China, and the trend is expected to continue as more Chinese universities offer English-medium courses — eliminating the need for Mandarin-language proficiency.

Cost is another reason why more Indonesians choose China instead of traditional destinations like Australia, Europe and the United States. Helen Lim is among thousands of young Indonesians who are taking Mandarin-language classes in Jakarta. They are preparing to study in China. And some - like Ms Lim - are taking post-graduate courses to tap on the Middle Kingdom’s growing economic clout. Ms Lim said: “We all know about China’s economic explosion. That is the reason why I plan to study there; get their knowledge and apply it in Indonesia.”

Another Indonesian student, Recky Andrianus, said: “My father’s business is Tour and Travel. Automatically, language is very important.” Others like Belinda Ma see this as an opportunity to pursue a career in world’s second biggest economy.

She said: “I might stay.”

The majority of Indonesian Chinese do not speak Mandarin or any of the Chinese-dialects - a consequence of a decades-long anti-Chinese policy imposed during President Sukarno’s rule.

The policy was abandoned in 2002, following political reform in Indonesia.

Chinese education fairs are an annual affair in major cities across Indonesia.—Internet

**Children make rocket models during the 1st Shenyang Children’s Science and Technology Month, in Shenyang, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, 21 May, 2011. The launching ceremony of the 1st Shenyang Children’s Science and Technology Month was held Saturday at Shenyang Children’s Activities Centre, featuring the theme of “Science and Technology Make the Dream Fly”. A series of science activities will be held to stimulate children’s science interests and innovation abilities.—Internet**

**Italian diver sets record with 13 underwater loops powered by two dolphins**

**TORVAIANICA, (Italy), 21 May—** Simone Arrigoni of Italy has set an apnea diving record by completing 13 underwater loops, pushed by two dolphins named Paco and Marco, at a marine centre in Torvaianica, Italy.

Arrigoni broke his own record by completing the circuits, or ‘voltas’ as he calls them, in one minute and 53 seconds using the dynamic apnea technique, which involves holding your breath.

He previous record was of 12 ‘voltas’ in one minute 42 seconds. ‘Voltas’ is a Portuguese term used by the diver to define the circles that he constructs as he is pushed along by the dolphins.

The task is made more difficult as it requires absolute synchronisation with the animals.

And the dolphins are required to surface at least twice during the test in order to breathe, while the diver remains under the surface in a fixed position.

Trainers at Zoomarine have taught to me to listen to the dolphins and that they converse with each other in order to correct the position during the test,” The Daily Mail quoted Arrigoni, as saying.—Internet

**A bald eagle sits on a tree branch in West Newbury, Massachusetts on 17 March, 2010.—INTERNET**

**KINGDOM-UNITED STATES**: Seven bald eagles, which are on the endangered species list in the United States, are to be released at Gibson’s Raptor Education Center in Antigo, Wisconsin, on 14 May. Their release is part of a program to increase bald eagle populations in the region. The eagles will be accompanied by two dolphins named Paco and Marco, who will help the birds to stay afloat while they rest on the water. The event will be covered by a television news crew from Wisconsin and will be broadcast on national television. The release will be part of the celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Bald Eagle Protection Act, which was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy. The act was passed in 1962 to protect the bald eagle from hunting and other threats, and has been credited with increasing the population of the species. More than 800 eagles were killed in the 1960s, but the act helped to扭转局面, and today there are estimated to be around 10,000 bald eagles in the United States. The act was a major victory for conservationists and environmentalists, who had been fighting for years to protect the birds. Today, the bald eagle is one of the most iconic symbols of the United States, and is protected by federal law. The release will be a celebration of the success of the Bald Eagle Protection Act, and of the dedication of those who have worked to protect the species. It will be a reminder of the importance of conservation and the need to protect our natural resources for future generations.
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Dr May Thu Naing on cottage industries; Deputy Director of Development Affairs Department Dr Tun Lwin on long-term rural development tactics; Director-General U Than Htaik of Heavy Industry Planning Department on analysis on agriculture using machinery manufactured by the Ministry of Industry-2 to increase the number of rural produce; Deputy Director-General U Mya Than of Small-scale Industry Enterprise on small-scale industries and rural development; and Director-General of Agricultural Mechanization Department U Soe Hlaing on boosting agricultural produce practising mechanized farming.

At today’s workshop, 16 scholars read out 16 papers. The second-day session of the workshop was adjourned in the evening after those present raised queries about and discussed the submitted papers. The third-day session of workshop continues at 8 am tomorrow.

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National Sanitation Week launched in Yangon Region
YANGON, 21 May—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe attended the ceremony to mark the National Sanitation Week 2011 of Yangon Region at the hall of University of Nursing in Lanmadaw Township today. He urged officials, volunteers, social organization members and health staff to make collaborative efforts for carrying out sanitation tasks as national movements. After the ceremony, he presented prizes to winner health staff in the quiz to mark the National Sanitation Week and Yangon Region Minister for Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration U Nyan Tun Oo, winners of Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

The Chief Minister and party viewed displays to mark the National Sanitation Week at the hall.

Boosting production discussed in Sagaing Region
NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Chief Minister U Tha Aye of Sagaing Region attended the coordination meeting on boosting production of crops in 2011-2012 at the hall of Myanma Agriculture Service of Sagaing Region yesterday morning.

Departmental officials reported on plans for the projects and tasks being undertaken. The Chief Minister stressed the need to grow double and mixed cropping for boosting production of crops, transform croplands to farmlands, increase production of crops, exceed sown acreage and ensure right production.—MNA

Advanced Labour Affairs English Language Course concludes
NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—The Advanced Labour Affairs English Language Course on Labour Affairs No. 1/2011 concluded at the Ministry of Labour, here, yesterday morning. After delivering an address, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi presented prize to an outstanding trainee.

The training course lasted nine weeks beginning 7 March.
Nav Pit Taw, 21 May— A coordination meeting on seeking ways for ensuring speedier issuance of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards and household lists was held at the hall of Ministry of Immigration and Population, here, yesterday afternoon.

In his speech, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi said that it is important for the ministry to issue the CSC to the eligible citizen and not to issue the card to the person ineligible to be citizen under the law. Facts and evidence for issuing the card must be correct and accurate so it is necessary to take care of scrutinizing them. Director-General U Maung Maung Than of Immigration and National Registration Department reported on requirements for applying household lists and CSCs. Those present participated in discussions on easy ways for applying the cards.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and officials at the Union Chief Justice office.—MNA

Easy ways for issuing Citizenship Scrutiny Cards and household lists discussed

Nav Pit Taw, 21 May— Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung visited the plastic factory, packaging paper factory, Garment Factory No.18 and Thanlyin Garment Factory No.19 in Thanlyin Township in Yangon Region today.

The deputy minister met with factory manager at Garment Factory No.18 and left necessary instruction.

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Factories in Thanlyin Township inspected

Mangrove swamps in Delta under...

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Indeed, a mangrove is a gifted tree, whose benefits are very huge. About 85% of the victims of Thayawchaung Village survived the natural disaster due to white mangroves in Kadonkani Forest Reserve, so did the majority of the survivors of enormous tidal waves, holding tight the mangroves in Byonehmwe and Mainmahla islands.

Myanmar is not far from the epicenter of the strong earthquake that triggered very powerful tidal waves in the India Ocean in 2004, but the death toll was amazingly low because of the protection of the mangrove forests, whereas the coastal areas of Somal, which is far from the epicenter, were hit hard and suffered wholesale death and destruction.

Ayeyawady Delta is not the only area where mangrove forests have protected against tidal waves many times. According to a FAO report, a village with a population of over 1700 in Tamil Nadu State was resistant to tsunami tidal waves owing to mangrove forests. Despite being very close to the epicenter of the powerful earthquake, Simeuleu Island in Indonesia suffered only remarkably low death toll due to the mangrove forests around it.

Direct and indirect benefits human beings get from mangrove forests are so many. Nonetheless, mangrove forests or natural heroes are deteriorating in consequence of man activities. Long ago, Myanmar stood as one of the 15 countries with most mangrove forests in the world and at that time, the area of mangrove swamps of Myanmar made up about 4% of the global mangrove swamp areas. According to the satellite photos taken in 2007, 74% of the Myanmar’s mangrove swamps had been degraded.

Ayeyawady Region has nine forest reserves including mangrove swamps: in Labutta, Mawlamyinegyun and Bogale townships. Now, the number of forest reserves in Ayeyawady Region has been reduced to only six — in Labutta and Bogale townships on account of cutting down mangroves indiscriminately, encroachment of people into forest reserves, extensive cultivation of rice, and breeding prawns.

The Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry was conserving and regenerating mangrove forests in cooperation with related departments and organizations, international organizations, and social organizations. To make things worse, the nation encountered the cyclone “Nargis” that destroyed some mangrove forests. The Forest Department collected a census of mangrove forests in Bogale, Pyapon and Labutta townships and started regeneration of devastated mangrove swamps.

In addition, the department, Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Forest Resources and Environmental Development Association and other social organizations are working together to regenerate ravaged areas, and setting up mangrove forests and forest reserves in the Delta. They also built four storm shelters in the project area to raise public awareness about environmental degradation.

So, ravaged mangrove swamps in the Delta will return to normal soon. Residents are urged to work more closely with the Forest Department in conserving mangrove forests.

Translation: MS Kynmon: 20-5-2011

It is pleasant to view a mangrove forest in the Delta.

Crocodiles are bred at Kyaunghtauk camp in Mainmahla Island Sanctuary, Bogale Township, and set free to grow wild.
Footballer takes legal action on Twitter

London, 21 May—A Premier League footballer is taking legal action to force Twitter to give the details of users who broke a gagging order granting him anonymity over an alleged affair, his lawyers have said.

The married player had earlier obtained an order from a judge banning publication of his identity over an alleged sexual relationship with a female contestant on the reality television show ‘Big Brother’.

“Application has been made to obtain limited information concerning the unlawful use of Twitter by a small number of individuals who may have breached a court order,” his law firm, Schillings, said in a statement on Friday.

The player is not identified in the court documents. A spokesman for US-based Twitter said: “We’re not able to comment.”

Earlier this month a Twitter user published the names of several British celebrities who have allegedly obtained anonymised injunctions or so-called super-injunctions which prevent even the mention of the order itself.

A long-awaited judicial report on Friday said that the gagging orders should only be granted where strictly necessary and that media who may be silenced by such bans should also be informed beforehand.

But senior judge David Neuberger also urged lawmakers to think twice before using their right of unrestricted freedom of speech in parliament to undermine them. On Thursday, a member of the House of Lords revealed that Fred Goodwin, the former boss of the bailed-out Royal Bank of Scotland, had won an injunction banning publication of details of an alleged affair with a colleague.—Internet

Russia tests nuclear missile amid war of words with US

Moscow, 21 May—Russia conducted its second intercontinental ballistic missile test in less than a month on Friday as it stepped up its campaign against a US-backed interceptor system for Europe.

News reports said the Sineva missile was launched from a Russian submarine in the Barents Sea and later successfully hit its target on the opposite side of the country on the Kamchatka Peninsula.

"The launch was conducted from a submerged position," defence ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov told Russian news agencies. "The warheads hit the test range on schedule," he added. The Sineva submarine-launched missile is one of the most recent additions to Russia’s nuclear arsenal and was only fully tested for the first time in 2008.

Each missile carries up to 10 warheads and has a range of more than 11,000 kilometres (6,800 miles). It was the second submerged missile launch conducted by Russia since 26 April.

Russia occasionally tests its heavy nuclear missiles as it upgrades outdated models with new features and capabilities.

But the tests are also often seen as a show of force that coincide with diplomatic tensions with the West. Russia had scaled back its testing programme as it negotiated a new nuclear disarmament treaty with the United States that went into effect after nearly a decade of tortuous negotiations earlier this year.

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UN chief “strongly condemns” attack on mission in Sudan

UNITED NATIONS, 21 May—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has expressed concern over a Thursday attack on a UN convoy in the disputed Abyei area on the border between the north and south Sudan, his spokesperson Martin Nesirky said in a statement released here Friday.

“The secretary-general strongly condemns the attack against an UNMIS (UN Mission in Sudan) escort convoy on 19 May, 2011 in Abyei,” said the statement. “At the time of the attack, the convoy was escorting 200 troops of Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) of the Sudan Armed Forces, as part of the deployment plan agreed to by the parties.”

The statement said Ban viewed the attack in the contested, oil-rich Sudanese region of Abyei as a violation of both the agreements on security in the region, and as a crime committed against the UN.

“The attack was not only a serious breach of agreements between the parties, but also a criminal act against the United Nations,” the statement said. “The secretary-general calls on the parties to immediately investigate the incident and ensure those accountable are brought to justice.”

Shanghai Futures Exchange expected to launch silver futures this year

SHANGHAI, 21 May—The Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE), China’s biggest commodities market, is expected to launch silver futures by the end of this year, the head of the SHFE said Saturday.

The statement was made by Yang Maijun, general manager of the SHFE, on the sidelines of the Lujiangui Forum in Shanghai, an annual gathering of China’s top financial officials and economists. Yang also stressed the importance of introducing crude oil futures in China, noting that about 55 percent of China’s crude oil has to be imported and that this percentage is likely to increase in the future.

“Developing crude oil futures has a bearing on national energy security and economic security, and the SHFE hopes to step up its efforts to launch crude oil futures,” he said. However, “this will be determined by the domestic spot market and how much of its production and logistics is market-based.” Yang said.

More than 40 killed in dust storm in northern India

NEW DELHI, 21 May—More than 40 people were Saturday killed and several others injured in different parts of the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh as dust storm, accompanied by high velocity wind and rains, hit several districts of the state, reported Press Trust of India. Eleven people, including four children, were killed in Lakhimpur district in incidents of house collapse and uprooting of trees during dust storm Saturday morning, the report quoted Additional District Magistrate Tulsi Ram as saying.

While four persons each were killed in Lakhimpur and Gola tehsil, two deaths were reported from Mohammadi and one from Dharaura. In Gola, a couple was killed when their hut collapsed during the storm. In Shahdahanpur district, 16 people were killed in dust storm related incidents, ADM Rama Shanker Maurya said. Eleven people were killed in Tilhar tehsil, three in Piwayan and two in Sadar tehsil.—MA/INXHUA

Cambodia’s King Norodom Sihamoni greets during the annual Ploughing Festival in Phnom Penh on 21 May, 2011. Cambodia hosts the annual ploughing festival during which royal oxen will have to choose between seven bowls including rice, corn, green beans, grass, sesame, water and wine to predict the future of the farming season. The tradition, which is hundreds of years old, is followed closely by people in Cambodia, the majority of whom are farmers.—INTERNET

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Somali pirates plead guilty to yacht hijacking

WASHINGTON, 21 May—Three Somali men pleaded guilty Friday to piracy charges related to the hijacking of a yacht off the coast of Oman in February that left four Americans dead. Mohamed Hirsh Issa Ali, 32, and Mohamud Saladin Ali, 35, and Ali Abdi Mohamed, 35, pleaded guilty in a federal court in the eastern state of Virginia, according to US prosecutors. The owners of the yacht Quest, Jean and Scott Adam, were Christian missionaries based in California who were sailing around the world at the time of the hijacking. They were shot to death, along with their companions Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay from Seattle, Washington, several days after being taken hostage and as negotiations were taking place with US Navy officials.

Issa Ali and Salad Ali pleaded guilty to acts of piracy and hostage taking resulting in death, as part of plea agreements that will allow them to avoid the death penalty. They face life in prison. The two men “acknowledged in connection with their pleas that they served as leaders of the piracy operation,” prosecutors said in a statement. The third man, Abdi Mohamed, who also made a plea deal, acknowledged “that he fired a rocket propelled grenade in the course of the crime.” He pleaded guilty to piracy. He also faces life in prison.—INTERNET

This undated photo courtesy of a family friend shows the S/V Quest yacht that belonged to Jean and Scott Adam. Three Somali men pleaded guilty on Friday to piracy charges related to the hijacking of the yacht that left four Americans dead.—INTERNET

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Indian PM congratulates space department on GSAT-8 launch

NEW DELHI, 21 May—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Saturday congratulated the country’s space department for successfully launching communication satellite GSAT-8 from Kourou in French Guiana in the wee hours, highly placed sources said.

“The Prime Minister called up Indian Space Secretary K Radhakrishnan at the launch site and conveyed his greetings for the successful launch of the satellite which will give a boost to direct-to-home services in the country,” they said.

The 3,100-kg high-powered satellite, built by the Indian Space Research Organization, was put into space by European launcher Arianespace’s ST-2.”

Mobile wallet offered to UK shoppers

LONDON, 21 May—The first service that allows users to pay for purchases via their mobile phone has been launched in the UK. Among shops signed up to the system are McDonalds, EAT, Pret-a-Manger and some Boots stores. Users wishing to use the system — dubbed Quick Tap — will need Orange and Barclaycard accounts as well as a handheld mobile phone.

Rare baby zebras make appearance at Edinburgh Zoo

EDINBURGH, 21 May—Two rare zebras born on Edinburgh Zoo on the same night nearly three months ago have made their public debut. They are Grevy’s zebras, distinguished from other types of zebra by their narrow stripes and large ears. The species is endangered in the wild, with a population of between 2,000 and 2,500 animals - less than 20% of what it was 30 years ago. The zoo also announced the births of two Nyala antelopes, in March and February. All the recent arrivals will live in the Plains of Africa area of the Zoo, sharing the enclosure that overlooks Scotland’s capital.

Four killed in chopper crash in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, 21 May—Four people were killed in a pilot surviving in a police chopper crash in the sea off the coast of Beykoz of the Istanbul Strait on Friday, the semi-official Anatolia News agency reported. According to the report, the bodies were brought to a port belonging to Istanbul Strait Command.

Police sources said that the pilot survived the accident and he was identified as Kemal Oezdemir, deputy chief of the Istanbul police department, said the report. The police identified one of the passengers as Ragip Ali Birgen, head of the police information department. It’s not immediately known what caused the crash.

Chicken egg yolk helps UK mum give birth after IVF failed

LONDON, 21 May—A UK mother who was being struggling to get pregnant for eight years has finally given birth thanks to an injection of chicken egg yolk.

Leanne Blackwell, 38, and her husband Andy, 48, from Grantham, had been trying to conceive since 2003 and spent 15,000 pounds of IVF without success.

In early 2010, Dr George Ndukwue from Care Fertility in Nottingham discovered that the couple had incompatible immune systems and suggested injecting Leanne with protein taken from a chicken egg.

After reading about the possible effects of her immune system on pregnancy, Leanne requested an immunology test. The Chicago Test revealed that Leanne body was producing a high number of killer cells, which would treat any fertilised embryo as a foreign body.

Leanne was given an intralipid solution containing a combination of egg extracts and soy oil through a drip, before being inseminated with the couple’s fertilised eggs.

The 24-year-old contestant Riza Santos (L). Front) poses after she was crowned Miss World Canada 2011 in Richmond of Vancouver, Canada, on 19 May, 2011. As a Canadian of Chinese, Filipino and Spanish ancestry, Riza Santos will represent Canada in Miss World 2011 to be held in London this November.—Internet

Many hundreds of moon rocks were brought back from the Apollo missions.—Internet

Mammals’ large brains evolved for smell

LONDON, 21 May—A highly developed sense of smell kick-started the development of mammals’ big brains. Scientists used very high-resolution scanning to study the skulls of two of the earliest known mammal species. Comparing the shape of their brain cases to those of slightly earlier animals, or “pre-mammals”, revealed that the first brain

The researchers scanned the fossilised skulls of tiny, very early mammals. Areas of the brain involved in the sense of smell over-developed in those associated with the sense of smell.

The findings are published in Science. An improved sense of smell may have allowed tiny, furry ancestors to hunt at night. The researchers were able to create 3D images of prehistoric animals’ brains using the latest computed tomography, or CT, scanning methods. “Before CT, one had to break open a fossil to get to the internal anatomy,” explained Professor Timothy Rowe from the University of Texas at Austin, one of the researchers involved in the study.

The 24-year-old contestant Riza Santos (L). Front) poses after she was crowned Miss World Canada 2011 in Richmond of Vancouver, Canada, on 19 May, 2011. As a Canadian of Chinese, Filipino and Spanish ancestry, Riza Santos will represent Canada in Miss World 2011 to be held in London this November.—Internet

Woman held in California for ‘trying to sell moon rock’

LOS ANGELES, 21 May—An American woman is being questioned in California for allegedly trying to sell a moon rock for $1.7m (£1.05m). The woman, whose identity has not been revealed, was held in a sting operation when she showed the rock to a NASA investigator in Lake Elsinore. Moon rocks are considered national treasure in the United States and their sale is illegal.

The rock was recovered but NASA investigators have not yet determined whether it is genuine. The sting operation had been planned for several months and took place at a restaurant. Gail Robinson, NASA’s deputy inspector general, told the Los Angeles Times: “It’s possible this is a moon rock, but it has to be tested first.”

It quoted Ms Robinson as saying the woman was in custody but had not been formally arrested. Many hundreds of kilograms of rock were collected from NASA missions to the Moon, mainly during the Apollo 15, 16 and 17 missions. Hundreds were handed out as gifts to foreign nations and US states, and scores of those remain unaccounted for.

Two interns stole a small amount of moon rock from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, in 2002.—Internet

Chicken egg yolk helps UK mum give birth after IVF failed

LONDON, 21 May—A UK mother who was being struggling to get pregnant for eight years has finally given birth thanks to an injection of chicken egg yolk.

Leanne Blackwell, 38, and her husband Andy, 48, from Grantham, had been trying to conceive since 2003 and spent 15,000 pounds of IVF without success.

In early 2010, Dr George Ndukwue from Care Fertility in Nottingham discovered that the couple had incompatible immune systems and suggested injecting Leanne with protein taken from a chicken egg.

After reading about the possible effects of her immune system on pregnancy, Leanne requested an immunology test. The Chicago Test revealed that Leanne body was producing a high number of killer cells, which would treat any fertilised embryo as a foreign body.

Leanne was given an intralipid solution containing a combination of egg extracts and soy oil through a drip, before being inseminated with the couple’s fertilised eggs.

The 24-year-old contestant Riza Santos (L). Front) poses after she was crowned Miss World Canada 2011 in Richmond of Vancouver, Canada, on 19 May, 2011. As a Canadian of Chinese, Filipino and Spanish ancestry, Riza Santos will represent Canada in Miss World 2011 to be held in London this November.—Internet

Many hundreds of moon rocks were brought back from the Apollo missions.—Internet

Mammals’ large brains evolved for smell

LONDON, 21 May—A highly developed sense of smell kick-started the development of mammals’ big brains. Scientists used very high-resolution scanning to study the skulls of two of the earliest known mammal species. Comparing the shape of their brain cases to those of slightly earlier animals, or “pre-mammals”, revealed that the first brain set up for contactless payments. The idea of the mobile wallet is gaining popularity around Europe. The service is made possible by Near Field Communication (NFC), the short-range wireless technology that underpins many wireless payment systems. Quick Tap is a collaboration between Orange and Barclaycard. It will require a NFC-enabled Samsung Tocco Late handset, which also goes on sale on Friday. Only purchases up to a value of £15 can be made using the service but users can preload their mobile with up to £100.—Internet

Rare baby zebras make appearance at Edinburgh Zoo

EDINBURGH, 21 May—Two rare zebras born on Edinburgh Zoo on the same night nearly three months ago have made their public debut. They are Grevy’s zebras, distinguished from other types of zebra by their narrow stripes and large ears. The species is endangered in the wild, with a population of between 2,000 and 2,500 animals - less than 20% of what it was 30 years ago. The zoo also announced the births of two Nyala antelopes, in March and February. All the recent arrivals will live in the Plains of Africa area of the Zoo, sharing the enclosure that overlooks Scotland’s capital.

A spokesman for the zoo said: “The babies have been making themselves at home under the watchful eyes of their mums.” Grevy’s zebras are now largely confined to Kenya and Ethiopia, but have lost some habitat to human settlements and agriculture.

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Robber removes hood, shows face to cameras

Authorities said they got a clear picture of an Ohio bank robbery suspect’s face when he complied with the facility’s “no hats, no hoods” policy. FBI Special Agent Harry Trombitas said the man, described as a white male appearing to be in his 20s, was waiting in line at the PNC Bank on South Hamilton Road in Columbus about 4 pm Monday when a bank employee told him he would have to take off his hood, which was concealing most of his face, The Columbus Dispatch reported Thursday. Trombitas said the man complied, allowing security cameras to get clear photos of his face before he got to the front of the line and handed a note to a teller demanding money and saying he had a gun. The robber, estimated to be about 5-foot-5, fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Law enforcement credits PNC Bank employees with enforcing the ‘no hats, no hoods’ policy, which caused the man to take down his hood, revealing his face to surveillance cameras,” Trombitas said. Investigators are working to identify the man, Trombitas said.

Teacup poodle chases bear up a tree

A Washington state man said his teacup poodle chased an approximately 200-pound black bear up a tree in his back yard. Robert Carroll of the Rose Hill neighborhood in Kirkland said he ran outside when his 21-year-old daughter shouted there was a bear in the back yard about 9:30 am Tuesday and he watched as the family poodle, Shmoo, charged the bruin and chased it up a tree, the Kirkland Reporter reported Wednesday. “The bear was really startled — I was not too worried about the dog at the time,” Carroll said. “I was only thinking, bear in yard! Rose Hill! I have seen coyotes and deer in this neighbourhood, but not in a million years did I ever think seeing a bear in this neighbourhood was possible.” Carroll said he clamped his hands at the bear and it jumped from the tree into a neighbour’s yard.

Alicia Ames, who has lived about a mile from Rose Hill Junior High for 12 years, said she spotted a bear that may have been the same animal about 6 am Tuesday. She said her dogs barked at the bear, and it climbed her fence and fled the area. Ames said it was the first time she had heard of a bear being in the area.

Singer Doherty back in jail

London, 21 May—British rock star Pete Doherty was back behind bars on Friday after being given a six-month jail sentence for pleading guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge David Radford told the 32-year-old former singer of The Libertines that he had an “appalling record” of committing offences. But Doherty showed no emotion as he was sentenced at Streatham Court in London. Doherty was arrested in January last year by police investigating the death of heirress Robyn Whitehead, who was making a documentary about Doherty when she died of a suspected overdose.

Doherty, a previous boyfriend of British supermodel Kate Moss, has twice been jailed before and has repeatedly admitted possessing drugs.

He had been due to give a sold-out concert in Glasgow on Friday, but a spokesman for the Barrowland venue said the gig was now postponed.

Prosecutors said last week that Doherty would not face criminal charges over the death of a partygoer who fell from a balcony shortly after the pair had a row at London party in December 2006.

Bees snarl operations at Philippine airport

Swarms of bees mysteriously appeared at several air bridges at the Philippines main international airport on Thursday, briefly interrupting the boarding of passengers, an airport spokesman said.

The bees swarmed around the control panels of six air bridges, the mobile corridors that connect the aircraft to the terminal, preventing the operators from using the equipment, said airport media officer Consuelo Bungag.

“What we did was use the vacuum cleaners to clear them out of the control panels. We also resorted to manual swatting to hasten the process,” she said. Passengers on two domestic flights were forced to board their flights using mobile corridors that were connected to the aircraft by using mobile stairs because of the insects, said Bungag. Airport authorities are working with the quarantine bureau to find out where the bees could have come from, she added.

Family finds $45,000 in new home — then returns it

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Ancelotti relaxed about Chelsea farewell

LONDON, 21 May—Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti admitted he did not fear the sack on Friday as he prepared for what could well be his final match in charge against Everton on Sunday. Ancelotti’s position at Stamford Bridge has come under intense scrutiny after a trophy-less campaign under intense scrutiny after a 1-0 loss to Manchester City on Monday as he prepared for what could well be his final match in charge against Everton on Sunday.

Ferguson, Vidic land season awards

Manchester United’s Serbian player Nemanja Vidic

LONDON, 21 May—Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson and skipper Nemanja Vidic landed the Premier League manager and player of the season awards on Friday. Ferguson and Vidic won the 12th Premier League title, and 19th English league success overall, plus the Champions League final win.

Ronaldo eyes goal record, six fight for survival

MADRID, 21 May—Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo is looking for personal glory on Saturday when the Portuguese star aims to beat the all-time La Liga goals record of 38 on the final day of the season. Ronaldo equalled the record, set by Athletic Bilbao’s Telmo Zarra in 1955 and matched by Real Madrid’s Mexican icon Hugo Sanchez in 1990, last weekend and can post a new landmark when Real host already relegated Almeria at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Denilson eyes Arsenal exit

LONDON, 21 May—Arsenal midfielder Denilson is determined to leave the club after ending another trophy-less season with the Gunners, it was reported on Friday. The 23-year-old Brazil international joined Arsenal from Sao Paulo in 2006, and has become increasingly frustrated at the club’s failure to challenge for silverware in the five years since his move. Denilson told The Sun he has already met Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger and informed him of his decision to leave.

Another 62 gives Toms 7-stroke lead at Colonial

FORT WORTH, 21 May—David Toms has gone from a disappointing playoff loss to matching the PGA Tour scoring record for the first 36 holes of a tournament. Toms shot his second straight 8-under 62 at Colonial on Friday to open a seven-stroke lead. Coming off a playoff loss on Sunday to K J Choi in the Players Championship, the 44-year-old Toms tied the mark of 124 set by Pat Perez in the 2009 Bob Hope Classic. Perez had rounds of 61 and 63.

Heat, Bulls expect another physical test in Game 3

MIAMI, 21 May—They were bloodied, bruised and battered. Just about everyone had icepacks strapped to various regions of their bodies, and many all but limped toward the bus out of the arena. That was the Miami scene after Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals. Imagine what the losing team must have felt like. The East finals resume with Game 3 in Miami on Sunday night, when the Heat host the Chicago Bulls with a 2-1 series lead at stake.

Wrestler known as ‘Macho Man’ dies in Fla wreck

NEW YORK, 21 May—Randy “Macho Man” Savage, the professional wrestler known for his raspy voice, the sunglasses and bandanas he wore in the ring and the young woman named Miss Elizabeth who often accompanied him, died in a car crash Friday in Florida. He was 58.

Indy drivers gear up for wild qualifying weekend

INDIANAPOLIS, 21 May—IndyCar drivers can’t afford to make a mistake on Saturday. Otherwise, they might not get a second shot at the coveted Indianapolis 500 pole.

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ACROSS
5 Legend
6 Swiftest felines
9 Meat-juice
10 Body of soldiers
11 Employing
14 Beseech
16 Light wind
17 Defensive dress
18 Immense
20 Film award
24 Headlong rush of herd
25 Nose of pig, etc
26 Brave
27 Newly-married woman

DOWN
1 Fruit of oak
2 Coalesce
3 Wicket
4 Alter
6 Tidious
7 Intensely hungry
12 Captive
13 Cheaponed
14 Garden plot
15 Cleft
19 Mean
21 Spruce
22 Time (mus)
23 Very poor
**INDIANAPOLIS, 21 May—Alex Tagliani posted fastest time during an eventful Indy 500 practice session on Saturday morning.**

Tagliani’s fastest lap was 228.184 miles per hour. That was just ahead of 2004 Indy 500 winner Max Papis, who posted the fastest time during an eventful Indy 500 practice session on Saturday morning.

**Tagliani posts fastest time at Indy 500 practice**

**WEATHER**

**Saturday, 21st May, 2011**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Saganag Region, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Ayeyawady Region, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Upper Saganag and Bago Regions, scattered in Magway and Yangon Regions and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfall in Upper Saganag Region. Day temperatures were (7°C) above May average temperatures in Taninthayi Region, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Upper Saganag and Magway Regions, (5°C) below May average temperatures in Kachin State and about May average temperature in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.79) inch, Katha (5.63) inches, An (2.55) inches, Chaungzong and Taunggup (1.93) inches each, Kyakikaivar (1.87) inches, Kyakkhame (1.73) inches, Manauag (1.65) inches and Pyapon (1.57) inches.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 20-5-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 21-5-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-5-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 21-5-2011 was (0.79) inch.

**Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)**

Maximum temperature on 20-5-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 21-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-5-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 21-5-2011 was (0/71) inch.

**Rainfall on 21-5-2011 was (0.79) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.80) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (11.78) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (17.96) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.78) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast at (06:30) hours MST on 21-5-2011.**

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of the 22nd May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Saganag, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Upper Saganag Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the Sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22nd May 2011:

- One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
- Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22nd May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
- Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22nd 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

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Basic education school administration refresher course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye delivered an address at the conclusion of basic education school administration refresher course No. 5/2011 of the Ministry of Education at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Basic Education High School No. 6 this afternoon. The Union Minister presented first, second and third prizes to headmistress Daw Khin Nwe Win of Ywathit Basic Education High School in Einme Township of Ayeyawady Region, headmistress Dr Myint Myint Aye of No. 1 BEHS in Lashio of Shan State (North) respectively.

Deputy Ministers U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department and Director-General U Ohn Myint of Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Mangrove swamps in Delta under regeneration

Byline & Photos: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

Thanks to the rehabilitation and reconstruction projects, the ravaged areas in the Delta have risen from the nightmare of the cyclone “Nargis” and are now toasting better living conditions than previous to the catastrophe. However, a project is to be underway as long as the Delta exists: to conserve and nurture mangroves in it. (See page 9)

Pakistan stops NATO supplies after 16 people killed in blast

Damaged shuttle tile to get closer look: NASA

Denilson eyes Arsenal exit